



St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish

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Seventeenth Week Ordinary Time Sunday 30th July 2023, Year A
Readings: Kings 3:5,7-12, Romans 8:28-30, Matthew 13:44-52

Reflection

Saints Abdon and Sennen, are recognized by the Catholic Church and Eastern Orthodox Church as Christian Martyrs, with a feast day on 30 July.

A Persian nobleman who suffered martyrdom with his companion, St. Sennen. St. Abdon, and St. Sennen were venerated as early as the third century. The martyrs were exposed to persecutions in the reign of Emperor Decius and were carried in chains to Rome around 250 A.D. There, they were put in an arena with wild animals but remained unharmed as the animals refused to slay them. Gladiators were sent in to kill them as a last resort.

Abdon and Sennen are patron saints of Calasparra, in Murcia, Spain. The feasts days celebrated in their honour in this Spanish town date back to the 16th century. (*Catholic Voice Foundation USA – Catholic Online*).

Could you be a martyr? That's the ultimate test. But every day you can be a martyr to the things that upset you. **Be a starter martyr.** The younger you start the easier to continue. Opportunities are all around us. We can all start, as 3 year olds or as 93 year olds.

This is my starter list. You can work on yours.

- Getting up early when asked to;
- Going to bed when you need to;
- Saying please and thank you;
- Being a Consoler for a friend in pain;
- Doing a good deed and not telling anybody;
- Volunteering when volunteers are asked for;
- Helping a family member with a task;
- Helping a stranger in trouble;
- Having a hug ready for a friend in need of one;
- Saying sorry and meaning it.



Kahutia Bernard Whaanga

Parish Information

First Friday Morning Tea - 4th August

Everyone is very welcome to enjoy morning tea following Exposition and Service on Friday, 4th August. Hospitality: Linda and Nick Polaschek.

Feast of the Assumption - 15th August

Assumption and Christmas are the only two Holy Days of Obligation in New Zealand.

There will be 3 Masses in our Parish for the Feast of the Assumption, as follows:

Monday, 14th August - Vigil Mass at 7pm

Tuesday, 15th August - St Benedict's School Mass at 11.30am

Tuesday, 15th August - St Brigid's School Mass at 1.45pm

Everyone is welcome at any of these Masses

Synod

The Synod will be in two parts.

Section A has "the aim of focusing with greater clarity on the fundamental characteristics of a synodal Church, starting from the experience of walking together lived by the People of God in these two years and gathered in the documents produced during the first phase".

"The Assembly is asked to conduct its work in an integral manner considering the experience of the People of God as a whole in all its complexity".
(Remember the original commitment: nothing will be lost).

"The Assembly will then proceed to address the three priority issues that emerged from the consultation phase". These are,

1. How can we be more fully a sign and instrument of union with God and with the unity of all humanity?
2. Co-responsibility of Mission: how can we better share gifts and tasks in the service of the Gospel?
3. Participation, governance and authority: what processes, structures and institutions are needed in a missionary synodal Church?"

"Five worksheets correspond to each of the three priorities".

Joe Green

Appeal

The Parish is helping a Newlands solo mum after a house fire on Monday 24th July. Please see the [parish website](#) for details of an appeal.

Jo-Anne Carley

St Benedict's School Grandparents' Day Mass

Our Grandparents' Day Mass is a special event on the St Benedict's School Calendar.

This year we celebrated it for the first time in the St Francis of Assisi Parish Church and with Monsignor Gerard Burns leading our Mass - an old boy of St Bens.

To help with getting to the new venue we put on a bus for our Grandparents and other whānau, separate from the children. We had a great uptake of this, and we will provide it again next year.



We were delighted to have several of our Grandparents' take part in the liturgy with their Grandchildren by taking up offertory, reading a prayer or as Eucharistic Ministers.

After mass we headed back to school for a light luncheon provided by St Ben's for our Grandparents, cards, and an ice block for the children.



As our mass celebrated, our Grandparents are a special taonga for us all and we enjoyed spending time with them at church and at our school.

If you are a nearby Grandparent, we hope we might see you at our Library Liturgy sessions held on Thursday at St Ben's.



Sacramental Programme

The final session for the First Communion Programme will be on Sunday, 30th July at 2.00pm.

There will then be a final meeting and practice for all those that have completed the day programme and the Sunday sessions.

This will be held on, **Friday, 4th August - 4.30pm - 6.00pm.**

First Communion Mass - will be on:
Sunday, 6th August at 2.00pm.

All Welcome to attend this Mass with the children.

For those that would like to participate in the Confirmation Programme, this will begin on **Sunday, 13th August from 2.00pm - 4.30pm.** [Click here](#) for full dates.

If you have not already registered and would like to, please [click here](#) for details, or contact Ana Baice on 021 227 3754 or the Parish Office, ph: 04 478 7137.

Confirmation Mass will be held on **Sunday, 10th September at 2.00pm**

Weekly School Liturgy with The Youth Ministry Team at Challenge 2000

Next Tuesday, **1st August**, we will be having our liturgy with St Brigid's School, at St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Church. It will start at **9:15am.**

Next Thursday, **3rd August**, we will be having our liturgy with St Benedict's School, in the library at **9.00am.**

If you would like any further info please contact Ana Baice, ph: 021 227 3754.

All are welcome, we would love to see you there praying with our children.



IS THERE MORE TO LIFE THAN THIS?

Are you a young adult searching for the meaning of life?

We have an invitation for you!

Alpha is coming to our parish - a place to connect with others as you explore the big questions in life.

Join us and bring your mates along for a shared meal, an episode on a topic of faith, a chance to ask questions and share ideas.

All are welcome to attend.

Join us for a **PROMO NIGHT** on **Tuesday 8th August, 6:30pm** in our church hall.

To register, email alpha@sfrancisohariu.nz.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Lucienne Hensel



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**What's my
purpose?**

**You're not the
only one with
questions.**

Try Alpha



Other Events/Notices

Life in the Spirit Seminar

The Lamb of God Christian Community, Wellington branch is hosting a Life in the Spirit Seminar (LISS).

This series is a wonderful opportunity for people to learn more about or experience anew the love of Christ and the gifts of the Holy Spirit over a weekend seminar.

When: Saturday, 12th August - 9.30am - 4.30pm. Lunch provided. And Sunday, 13th August - 1.30pm - 4.30pm.

Where: St John's Anglican Church, 18 Bassett Road, Johnsonville

Email: lifeinthespirit.log@gmail.com

To register please click the link - <https://forms.gle/8pq3Mc3a83co4ztUA>

There is no charge to attend.

Notices from Titipounamu Study & Joy

Women in the Bible with Kieran Fenn fms.

Mondays, 07/14/21 Aug & 04/11/18 Sep, 7-8.30pm. ZOOM.

Fee: \$20/session or \$90/series. All sessions are connect but also stand alone.

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2023/07/10/women-in-the-bible/>

Liturgical Spaces with Prof Thomas O'Loughlin.

Series on Muffin Talk radio programme freely available online at:

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2023/07/17/liturgical-space-thomas-oloughlin/>

For more information: www.studyjoy.nz

Game On - A Parenting Course Just for Dads

Facilitated by Ian and Duncan.....we look at what our kids need, what is our role as Dads, communication, discipline and boundary setting, what makes a great family and more.

For further information please contact - Catholic Social Services. **Email:** reception@wn.catholic.org.nz or

Phone: 04 385 8642 or **Text Ian:** 021 374 593



ST BRIGID'S PRESENTS

Shade Sail Fundraiser Quiz

AMAZING RAFFLE
PRIZES!!

1841
BAR · RESTAURANT

Sunday 13 August - 7pm start



Staglands
Wildlife Reserve & Café

**HANGDOG INDOOR ROCK
CLIMBING CENTRE**



NEW WORLD



MASS INTENTIONS



We ask for your prayers - Masses have been offered for:

Anniversaries: Shaun McElwee, Bill Smith

Prayers for the Sick: Eugene Crosby, Domingo Basilio Navera Jr, Janet Scapolo, Gerard McDonagh, David Clarke, Jessie Hensen, Tau So'oa, Jocelyn Whitehouse, Diana Helm, Fr Frank Whitaker, Augafa & Sefine Pelelo, Fr Maurice Carmody, Penelope Corich, John Fanning, Joe Godinet, Tony Bordignon, Fr Frank Maguire, Fr Peter O'Connell, Fr Kevin Purcell.

MASS & LITURGY TIMES Saturday 29th July - Friday 4th August

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Sat:	5.00pm Vigil Mass
Sun:	10.00am Mass
Mon:	9.00am Liturgy
Tue:	9.00am Liturgy (at the Brigidine Convent)
Wed:	11.00am Mass - Followed by Morning Tea
Thurs:	9.00am Liturgy
Fri:	8.30am Exposition and 9.00am Liturgy – Followed by Morning Tea

Please note, **Reconciliation** is held on the first Wednesday of the month, at 10.30am before the 11am Mass.

Our Parish Vision

**We are missionary disciples of Christ,
in a community of communities,
being transformed in our lives,
and transforming others and our world.**

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