



St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish

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Eighteenth Week of Ordinary Time, 31st July 2022 Year C

Readings: *Ecclesiastes 1:2,2:21-23, Colossians 3:1-5,9-11, Luke 12:13-21*

Reflection

There is a story of two men meeting on a street corner discussing events of the day.

One says, "Hey, did you hear that the rich guy in our town just died?"

"Really," says the other guy. I wonder how much he left behind?"

His friend thinks for a moment and says, "All of it."

This wonderful Parable, calls for the wisdom to keep our priorities in the right place. Let our lives be rich and Christ centred because as we do this it will keep our hearts in the right place.

Do your best in this life and if that leads to wealth or riches that is fine, just don't make that your sole pursuit.

Pursue God and don't define your blessing by how much stuff you have, define it by how much of God you have in your life.

This not only produces blessing for this life but also for all eternity.

Yes, we are challenged to give to the poor—not because they need our charity, though they do—but because our giving to them is the only way we can stay healthy. Amen.

Pete Roem



The Rite of Celebration of the Word with Holy Communion outside the Mass

The Church has long provided for the *Celebration of the Word and Holy Communion outside the Mass* as part of wider Eucharistic worship – it is one of the Rites of the Catholic Church and gives the faithful access to Holy Communion. Not enabling the Rite to be used when necessary might, arguably, equate to refusing the faithful access to Communion.

As our start point we remember that the celebration of the Eucharist in the Mass is the very centre of the Christian life, for the Eucharist contains the Church's entire spiritual wealth, that is, Christ himself. The celebration of the Eucharist in the sacrifice of the Mass is truly the origin and purpose of the worship that is shown to the Eucharist outside the Mass.

Christ is present in the celebration of the Mass in four ways: in the assembly of the faithful; in the Word; in the person of the Priest; and finally and above all in the Eucharistic elements. In the *Celebration of the Word and Holy Communion outside the Mass* Christ is present in three of these four ways – therefore this is not a Mass, and does not substitute for the Mass. It is however Eucharistic worship in its own right.

The rite for *Celebration of the Word and Holy Communion outside the Mass* provides that the minister may be ordained or lay. Lay people appointed to lead worship of the Eucharist, including *Celebration of the Word and Holy Communion outside the Mass* carry out this responsibility by virtue of their baptism and confirmation.

Lay led ministry does not replace the ordained ministry, but works in collaboration with it to enable the faith community to gather as the Body of Christ, and to be nourished by both the Word and Holy Communion. In unforeseen circumstances, and indeed in many parts of the world, this occurs at the Sunday celebration in the absence of a priest.

It is important to always remember that the Eucharistic celebration in its fullness cannot take place without a priest, and that the Eucharistic communion received during the Rite of *Celebration of the Word with Holy Communion outside the Mass*, whether led by an ordained or lay minister is closely connected to the Mass.

The wording in the rite reminds us of this.

Joe Green

Parish Information

Congratulations to our First Holy Communion Children and their families

This month 70 children made their First Communion at two separate masses at St Benedict's and Ss Peter and Paul Churches.

The children came from a number of different schools and had keenly and happily participated in the Sacramental programme meetings facilitated by members of the Challenge 2000 Youth Ministry team and parish volunteers.

The programme had covered topics such as: Eucharist as a Sacrament, being one body in our church, sharing what we have like the child in the gospel of the Loaves and Fishes, the importance of sharing a meal around the parish altar/dining table, the big decision of saying AMEN - YES - I believe when receiving Jesus and then how after receiving Jesus we become his body, his hands, his eyes and his heart in our families, schools and communities today.

Both celebrations were wonderful occasions. The children looked fantastic, had important roles in the two masses and made their First Holy Communion with reverence and joy.

We have received some amazing feedback from parents and children and look forward to the next stage in our Parish Sacramental journey.

Thanks to you all who helped with the programme or who contributed to making this such a wonderful experience.



Confirmation Mass

The Confirmation Mass for children who were part of the sacramental programme in 2020 and 2021 is on **Sunday August 7th at 10:30am**.

If you would like to be involved in any way or would like information, then please contact the parish office or Mihi/Kitty.

Feast of the Assumption - 15th August

Please note on this day the following Liturgies & Mass times.

9.00am - Liturgy of the Word with Communion, Ss Peter & Paul Church

6.00pm - Fr Pete will celebrate Mass at 6pm, Ss Peter & Paul Church.
All welcome.

Property Review Decision from Cardinal John

Dear fellow parishioners,

We know that a clear path forward has been years in the making – and for many it has been years in the waiting! Acknowledging this, the LFT wish to report that Cardinal John has now responded to our SFOA parish property review and proposal.

Copies of + John's letter are available in the foyers of our churches and on request from the Parish Office.

Decision:

After consulting with his Council of Priests, +John has given his decision that our Parish's main centre of worship – our church for the future – should be situated in Johnsonville.

In communicating his decision +John has made the following main points:

- Our future church should be able to accommodate the weekend Mass count in no more than two Masses.
- Consideration should be given to closing St Benedict's and St Andrew's in the near future. (No timeframes are specified.)
- Maintenance expenditure on these two churches should be avoided.
- What happens with the Newlands and Khandallah properties (churches and presbyteries) will be determined by the parish.
- Time frames proposed by the parish for actions should be shortened. Major change benefits from momentum.
- The parish should provide resources to ensure accommodation for a Diocesan Priest.
- Future needs of the two schools and Catholic education must be considered.
- Priority should be given to funding a new church without debt.

Parish Information

- Many difficulties and issues arise around parish involvement in social housing. Any involvement needs to be deeply considered.
- In due course, consideration should be given to possible Parish boundary changes to bring Crofton Downs (and possibly Ngaio) within either the Otari or Cathedral parish (because of those suburbs' closer proximity to their churches).

Next steps:

These decisions - whether or not anticipated - will bring great sadness and sense of loss to many. There will be lots of questions about the implementation of the decision and +John's related recommendations. At this stage we may not have all the answers.

Over the next few weeks – and to the extent that COVID restrictions allow – we will hold public meeting(s) for the Parish to consider these decisions/recommendations, their implementation and their consequences (especially pastoral).

We will also prepare and post on the Property Review page of the parish website a list of FAQs and their answers.

The LFT will work towards establishing a governance group to manage the various work streams that will need to be progressed as a result of this decision. Details of each work stream will be available in the next few weeks. It will be essential that parishioners are involved. Please consider if you have skills and experience to contribute to the success of this in the next few years (and contact the Parish Office or a Parish leader).

Finally:

...and above all, we would ask you to:

- mull prayerfully over +John's decision and recommendations,
- embrace this new direction for our local church here in St Francis of Assisi Parish,
- see it as a time of grace, gratitude, growth – and HOPE!
- support and love one another – and particularly those of us who will experience this as a time of grief and loss.

Leadership Formation Team (LFT)

Parish Information

Reverence for Life Group - Promoting a Culture of Life

This is such an important mission in the Church today. But our group is ageing and needs reinforcements.

Please consider joining this Parish-wide group. We would welcome your involvement.

The time commitment is: a meeting every 2 months or so; helping to collect material for the Book of Life; being prepared to help to present the book at Mass; being present when a day has been set aside for prayer and reflection at the church - usually twice a year.

Come to a meeting and 'try the waters'. Is this where God would like you to be?

Please contact: Ewen and Gillian Laurenson ph. 04 4787108 or 0276844718 or Pat Collier 021 02989504.

RCIA - If you have an adult friend or family member who is interested in becoming a Catholic and participating fully in the sacraments, please have them contact : Michael and Jo-Anne Carley.

Email: jamcarley@xtra.co.nz and/or phone 022 300 7413.

The teaching occurs over a period of accompaniment.

Couples for Christ - Christian Life Programme

Join us in a journey of faith. This is a free event.

Saturday, 6 August 2022; 1.30pm - 4.30pm

Sts Peter & Paul Church Hall

37 Dr Taylor Terrace, Johnsonville

Contact: Joel (021 0245 2281), Glenn (022 432 6254), Lerma (022 393 4552)

For further info, visit us at couplesforchristwellington.nz

Other Events/Notices

Notices from *Titipounamu Study & Joy*

Online Sessions (Evening):

Mary of Nazareth with Prof Thomas O'Loughlin and Kieran Fenn fms.

Monday, 22 August, 7-8.30pm. ZOOM. Koha/Donations welcome.

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2022/07/12/mary-of-nazareth/>

Muffin Talk Radio Programme recordings and video clips on religion, interfaith and community available at <https://www.studyjoy.nz/category/resources/muffin-talk/>

For more information and registration: www.studyjoy.nz

Other Events/Notices

Liturgical Reception for Archbishop Paul Martin SM

Parishioners are invited to a Liturgical Reception for Archbishop Paul Martin SM at St Teresa's Church, Karori on **Friday, 12th August at 6pm.**

To be followed by light refreshments



A Mass of the Dedication of St Mary of the Angels in Wellington as the National Shrine to Mary, Mother of God, Assumed into Heaven will be held at St Mary of the Angels on **Sunday 14 August 2022 at 2pm.**

Everyone is welcome to attend, from anywhere in Aotearoa New Zealand.

Details will be posted on the website of Te Ara a Maria (Mary's Way): <https://www.tearaamaria.nz/>

The Mass will be live-streamed, with details to come.

St Mary of the Angels - Celebrating 100 years

Please join the Parish of St Mary of the Angels in celebrating the centenary of the consecration and opening of the Church.

There will be a weekend of liturgy, music and events from **Friday, 12 August 2022 until Sunday 14 August 2022.**

Please see the website www.smoa.org.nz/100years for the programme, or contact the Parish Office on 04 473 8074 or office.manager@smoa.org.nz for more information.

Ignatian Retreat in Daily Life - The Wellington Christian Life Community invites you to an Ignatian First Spiritual Exercise retreat in daily life. Open to all and will be held at the Home of Compassion, 2 Rhine Street Island Bay, Wellington, over five Sunday afternoons from 2 to 4 p.m. – 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th August, and 4 September 2022.

The cost (including materials) is \$50, but sponsorship is available if the cost would prevent you from attending. **Attendance by Zoom is an option.**

To register or for further information, contact Sarah Dench on 021 0814 4424 or email christianlifecommunitywqtn@gmail.com

MASS INTENTIONS



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

Recently Deceased: Anne Gallagher, Sheila Cantwell

Anniversaries: Shaun McElwee, Olga D'Souza, Bill Smith

Prayers for the Sick: Joanne Gordon, Augafa & Sefine Pelelo, Fr Brian Cummings, Margaret Blight, Joe Godinet, Penelope Corich, John Fanning, Tony Bordignon, Tau So'oa, Fr Frank McGuire, Fr Peter O'Connell, Monsignor John Carde, Fr Kevin Purcell, Fr Maurice Carmody

Please also remember in your prayers those that are supporting them.

Let us pray for all those in the Ukraine and their New Zealand families at this time. We pray for peace in our World. We also pray for parishioners and their friends & contacts who have been affected by Covid-19.

MASS & LITURGY TIMES Saturday 30th July - Saturday 6th August

St Andrew's Church 29 Trebann St Newlands

Sat: 30th July - Vigil Mass

Sat: 6th August - Word & Communion

St Benedict's Church 3 Everest St Khandallah

Sun: 9.00am - Mass
Mon: 9.00am - Liturgy
Mon: 7.00pm - Meditation
Tues: 9.15am - Liturgy
Wed: 9.00am - Liturgy
Thurs: 9.00am - Liturgy
Fri: Exposition 8.30am and Liturgy at 9.00am

St Peter & Paul's Church 37 Dr Taylor Tce, Johnsonville

Sun: 10.30am - Word & Communion
Mon: 9.00am - Liturgy
Tues: 9.15am - Liturgy
Wed: 11.00am - Mass with morning tea
Thurs: 9.00am - Liturgy
Fri: 9.00am - Mass

Please note, **Reconciliation** is held at St Peter and Paul's on the first Wednesday of the month, at 10.30am before the 11am Mass.

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