



# St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish

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**Easter Sunday 04 April 2021 Year B**

**Readings: Acts 10:34,37-43; Colossians 3:1-4; John 20:1-9**

# Jesus is Risen

# Alleluia!

Throughout our lives we experience joy and anxiety, hope and despair, surety and anxiety, fear and faith, aloneness and relationship, and crucifixion and resurrection. Today with Jesus we celebrate our humanity in knowing that Jesus is risen and is calling each one of us to live our lives to the full, to rise up, and be people of hope!

On behalf of the parish office team, the leadership formation team, Fr Pete Roe and his Marist Confreres we thank you for what you are doing and what you have done in our parish community.

HAPPY EASTER to everyone, with many blessings, no matter who or where you are.

## Easter Reflection

Easter. It is the very heart of our Christian faith. Through this wondrous feast we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus risen from the dead. We celebrate the victory of life over death; we celebrate the gift of eternal life that is offered to all who believe.

Jesus' death on the cross freed us from our sins. In believing in Jesus, and the forgiveness He offers us, we receive the gift of eternal life. Jesus said to Martha "He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die" John 11:25-26

The resurrection of Jesus demonstrated this truth. Death could not hold Jesus. Neither shall death hold us because through our faith in Jesus we have received eternal life.

Paul writes "I am convinced that neither death nor life—nor anything in all creation can separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 8:38-39

Let us celebrate the wonder of Easter with joy and hope in our hearts. While the world may seem chaotic around us we can journey on in confidence being sure of our goal of eternal life spent in the presence of God.

As we celebrate, remember we are an "Easter Sunday people living in a Good Friday world."

May our Easter joy and hope encourage others to believe in Jesus so as to be set free from sin and receive the gift of eternal life.

Ewen Laurenson



## The Holy Week Diary

### Day 1 Sunday

After the crowd going wild, waving palms and shouting *Hosanna Son of David*, we spent the night in Bethany with Martha and Mary and Lazarus, (who is, incidentally, looking remarkable, all things considered.)

### Day 2 Monday

Back to Jerusalem. Jesus cursed a fig tree because it hadn't borne any fruit. Bit tough on the tree.

At the Temple, the courts were full of corrupt money changers. Jesus went ballistic - overturning their tables and shouting things like, "the Temple has been turned into a den of thieves" He's not making any friends!!

Stayed in Bethany again.

### **Day 3 Tuesday**

Back to Jerusalem.

At the Temple, the religious leaders were upset that Jesus had set himself up as a spiritual authority. They were getting organized wanting to place him under arrest. Jesus didn't help, calling them "Blind guides- Snakes! Sons of vipers! Who will be judged by Hell."

Later that afternoon, we went up to the Mount of Olives. Jesus went on about the destruction of Jerusalem, speaking in parables and symbolic language, I got a bit lost really -on about the end times and His Second Coming and the Final Judgment.

Returned to Bethany to stay the night. Judas stayed in the City .

### **Day 4 Wednesday**

Spent the day resting in Bethany. The Locals are big fans.

### **Day 5 Thursday**

Jesus sent Peter and John to set the Upper Room for the Passover Feast.

We all gathered after sunset. It was Jesus who washed our feet. He does not just say that we should love one another—he actually walks the talk. For all the attention he gets, he is a humble guy.

We shared the feast. At the last blessing cup he told us to remember him in the future by sharing the bread and wine.

It was late when we went to the Garden of Gethsemane, to pray together. I must admit I nodded off and woke up to see Jesus being arrested by the Sanhedrin. It was a set up and Jesus was taken to the home of the High Priest, where the whole council had gathered to begin making their case against him. We had warned him.

### **Day 6 Friday**

Worse day ever.

I heard that Judas Iscariot hanged himself. Apparently, he had ratted Jesus out.

After multiple unlawful trials, Jesus was sentenced to death by crucifixion.

Roman soldiers nailed him to the wooden cross on Calvary. Those who were there said that his last words were "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit."

By the time the Sabbath began Nicodemus and Joseph of Arimathea had taken Jesus and laid him safely in a tomb.

### **Day 7 Saturday**

It gets a bit sketchy – we all instinctively found each other last night and locked ourselves away. We heard that the body was guarded by Roman soldiers. When the Sabbath ended at 6 p.m., Jesus' body was ceremonially treated for burial.

### **Day 8 Sunday**

Early this morning, several women (Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Salome, and James' Mother) went to the tomb. Now they reckon that the large stone covering the entrance had been rolled away. They say that they were told that Jesus had risen from the dead. I reserve judgment.



## St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish Prayer

Our Parish is at a crucial time in the implementation of a New Model of church in our community. We are 9 months away from the conclusion of our trial period in partnership with the Archdiocese, the Society of Mary and our St Francis of Assisi Ohariu community. We have all prayed regularly throughout the last 30 months for our Parish both privately and in our Prayers of the Faithful at Mass. A prayer for our Parish has been prepared to be formally prayed as the concluding prayer at the end of our Masses over the months ahead .

The prayer has been prepared against the background of our Parish Vision "We are baptised as missionary disciples in a community of communities to follow Christ's gospel teaching."

We are all encouraged to go to the Parish website and print out this prayer and use it in our prayer groups, meetings or at home with your family.

With thanks to those parishioners who contributed to the creation of this prayer for us all to pray. St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish Prayer.

St. Francis of Assisi pray for us.



## Prayer for our Parish of St. Francis of Assisi Ohariu.

**Loving God**, as members of our Parish of St. Francis of Assisi Ohariu, we come before you in a spirit of love, prayer and thanksgiving.

We pray you bind us together in love. Whatever our age, cultural background and individual roles within our parish, may we be one together in Jesus. May we accept, affirm and support one another.

In your service we offer you our talents and gifts so as to build your Loving Presence amongst us. May our Parish be vibrant with your love and always a place of welcome

May your Holy Spirit anoint us, inspire us, and send us out into the community as witnesses to you and your love and teaching. May we have the courage and compassion to reach beyond our church to the peripheries to those who are most vulnerable and in need.

May your Holy Spirit draw others to you through us.

We ask this in Jesus' name.  
Amen

St. Francis of Assisi pray for us, and guide us.



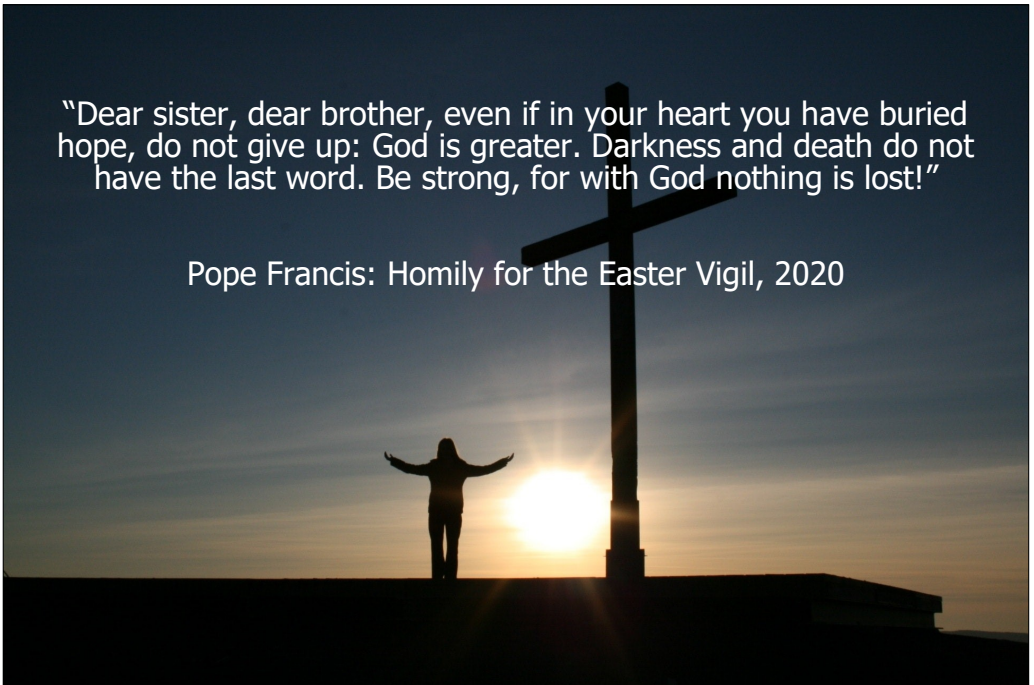
O Risen Lord. In your resurrection you bring light from darkness, life from death. Strengthen us, your servants, sent to proclaim this good news among your people today.

Through our service, may hearts and minds -our own included- be opened, renewed and made joyful, by the awareness that your love overcomes all things. **(J.B. Lyons 'Your Blessing Please')**

### Holy Week at St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish

Holy Week Mass	Date	Church & Mass Times
Holy Thursday - Parish Mass	Thursday 1st of April 2021	St Peter & Paul - 7pm
Good Friday - Stations of the Cross	Friday 2nd of April 2021	St Peter & Paul - 10am
Good Friday - Ecumenical Walk	Friday 2nd April 2021	Meet at Uniting Church Dr Taylor Tce—11am
Good Friday - Liturgy	Friday 2nd of April 2021	St Peter & Paul - 3pm
		St Benedict - 3pm
		St Andrew - 3pm
Easter Vigil - Parish Mass	Saturday 3rd of April 2021	St Andrew - 8pm
Easter Sunday	Sunday 4th of April 2021	St Benedict - 9am
		St Peter & Paul - 10.30am

2nd Week of Easter 10/11 April	5pm Vigil St Andrew's	9am St Benedict's	10.30am St Peter & Paul's
MUSIC	Cesar	Margaret Blight	KPF
GREETERS	Severina and Maxi Vaz	Andrea Lai	Helen Cross, Monica Sorensen
WELCOME/PRAYERS OF FAITHFUL	Antonette Jayme	Ita Delahunty/ Etevis Kalolo	Mike Watson
1st PROCLAIMER	Rose Ohlsson	Ita Delahunty	Mary King
2nd PROCLAIMER	Rose Ohlsson	Etevis Kalolo	Gillian Laurenson
OFFERTORY	Feleta D'Souza Family		Ballesteros Family
COLLECTION			Sy Family
EUCARIST	Bingo Jayme	Robyn Wishart	Tina Ballesteros, Sandra Parish, Ewen Laurenson
ALTAR SERVERS	Maegan D'Souza, Aiden Pandit		Christine Ballesteros, JC Historillos
CHAIRS & DOORS			Shane and Erosini Thomas
HOSPITALITY		Margie Crook	
CLEANERS		Karen Wilkinson	



"Dear sister, dear brother, even if in your heart you have buried hope, do not give up: God is greater. Darkness and death do not have the last word. Be strong, for with God nothing is lost!"

Pope Francis: Homily for the Easter Vigil, 2020

### Upcoming Parish Events/Notices

#### **Easter Vigil 8.00p.m. St Andrew's church Saturday 3rd. April**

Come to pray with us as we celebrate the "Service of Light", 3 beautiful readings and psalms followed by the "Resurrection Mass". Each family will hold a candle during the "Service of Light". You may bring your own candle or hold one provided at the church. The blessed Easter holy water will be available at the end of the celebrations. Because of covid ONE person will be on hand to fill the container you bring with you.

**St Brigid's School** warmly welcomes you to join us at our **school liturgies** to be held in Sts Peter and Paul's Church.

-Easter/Resurrection Liturgy at 9.15am on Thursday 8th April.

#### **Children's Liturgy St Peter & Paul's during Easter.**

There will be no Children's Liturgy at Sts Peter and Paul's Church during Easter. They will start again on 11th April 2021. There will also be no Children's Liturgy during the school holidays from 16<sup>th</sup> April until the 9<sup>th</sup> May.

**St Benedicts 1st Friday Morning Tea:** 9 April in the foyer, following Exposition and 9am Service. Hospitality: Linda and Nick Polaschek. All welcome.



### **St Benedict's Volunteer Wanted—Rosters**

Are you a good at coordinating people and have basic computer skills? We are looking for someone to take on managing the St Benedict's Mass Ministry Rosters. If you are willing and able to help or would like to know more information please contact the parish office on 04 478 7137 or [office@stfrancishariu.nz](mailto:office@stfrancishariu.nz)

### **Paid Cleaner Wanted St Peter & Paul's**

We are looking for a cleaner at Sts Peter and Paul. Approx 2 hours a week, to sweep and wash hard floors, ensure the kitchen surfaces are clean and clean the toilets. We would require you to invoice the Parish for your work. Please call Helen De Gregorio in the Parish office for more information 04 478 7137

## **Other Events & Notices**

### **St Vinnies Looking for Donations.**

Vinnies rely on the generous donation of goods from our local communities to continue providing welfare and support services to Wellington.

Not only are our op shops the main source of funding for services, they directly assist people experiencing hardship through the provision of quality furniture, clothing and household goods at no cost.

We are currently running low on quality donations, including furniture, homeware and clothing. You can book a free pick-up for donations by calling 04 389 7122, or book online via [www.vinnies-wellington.org.nz/donate-goods](http://www.vinnies-wellington.org.nz/donate-goods).

### **Joshua Fellowship**

Come and join other men for a cuppa, prayer and short talks on Thursday 15th April 2021 at 7:30pm (Note: fellowship from 7:00pm for 7:30pm start). New venue 'Loaves and Fishes' next to Anglican Cathedral of St Paul, corner Hill and Molesworth Streets. Speakers: Twin Testimonies – Marshall Garrett, Orlando Basabas. Want to know more? Ring Steve Ready 027-356-9555 email: [joshua.wgtn@gmail.com](mailto:joshua.wgtn@gmail.com)

### **Day of Reflection for Mothers – "Come away with me"**

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> May** *This Mother's Day weekend, give yourself the gift of time to find rest in the presence of the Lord.* 10am-3:30pm at Our Lady's Home of Compassion, Rhine Street, Island Bay. To register please contact Lucienne Hensel at Family Ministry: [l.hensel@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:l.hensel@wn.catholic.org.nz) or 04 496 1715 / 021 164 5800

### **Feast of Divine Mercy Sunday Celebration on 11 April 2021**

Feast of Divine Mercy Sunday Celebration will be on 11 April 2021 at St Teresa's Karori - Pro Cathedral, 301 Karori Road, Wellington. 2:00—5:00pm. Contact: Shirley O'Brien 04 976 3457 or 0211260544.

**The Bach Choir of Wellington presents Dvořák's Stabat Mater, Op. 58, 3pm Saturday 17 April at Queen Margaret College, Thorndon.** In his setting of the 13th Century poem describing Mary at the foot of the cross, Dvořák captures his own faith journey through sadness, solace, acceptance, and affirmation, after losing his three young children in the span of one year. The choir is joined by soloists Michaela Cadwgan, Linden Loader, Jamie Young, and Simon Christie, accompanied by Douglas Mews, and is under the direction of Shawn Michael Condon. Tickets available from Eventfinda: \$30/\$25, schoolchildren free entry.

# MASS INTENTIONS

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

*RIP— Mary Davis, Ignatius Anthony William, Marietta Roa, Teofila Gatbonton, Mary Duignan*

*RIP Anniversary—*

*We ask for prayers for parishioners and their friends & contacts who have been affected by Covid-19.*



**We welcome into the parish community those  
newly Baptised:**  
Inés Loyer de Wittz

## Parish Newsletter

Currently we send the newsletter to about 700 of the 1100 parishioners on our parish register. If you're not receiving the newsletter it's because we don't have your email address. Please send an email to the parish office [office@stfrancisohariu.nz](mailto:office@stfrancisohariu.nz) or add your email to the list in the church foyer to receive the newsletter by email. You can also sign up to receive the newsletter by visiting the link on the parish website. If you would like to put something into the newsletter we ask that you please have it clearly written and emailed to the parish office by End of Day Wednesday. Thank you.

## Parish App -Please download our Parish Church App!

We encourage you to download the app so we can easily communicate Covid-19 and other parish updates with you. To download the app search for **ChurchAppsNZ**. Then select St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish.

After downloading the app please make sure you select which **ALERTS** you wish to subscribe to by going to MENU (the 3 Lines on the left hand corner) and selecting your subscriptions. We are finding it a useful tool providing updates (including Covid updates), liturgical guides and prayer resources. It's free for Parishioners to download. The app is available on iPhone and android. Contact the parish office if you would like help to download it.



## MASS & LITURGY TIMES 5—11 April

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

Mon: 9am Liturgy  
Tues: 9.15 Liturgy  
Wed: 10.30am Reconciliation, 11am Mass  
Thurs: 9am Liturgy  
Fri: 9am Mass  
Sunday: 10.30am Mass

### St Andrew's Church 29 Trebann St Newlands

Friday: Divine Mercy  
6.30pm  
Saturday: 5pm Vigil Mass

### St Benedict's Church 3 Everest St Khandallah

Mon: 9am Liturgy,  
7pm Meditation  
Tues: 9.15am Liturgy  
Wed: 9.00am Liturgy  
Thurs: 9am Liturgy  
Friday: 9am Liturgy  
Sun: 9am Mass

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