



St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish

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Third Sunday of Lent 7 March 2021 Year B

Readings: Exodus 20:1-17; 1 Corinthians 1:22-25; John 2:13-25

Covid-19 Update:

Again in this past week we have experienced the immediate impact of Covid-19 on our parish and wider communities. We have been unable to meet as usual in our churches but we are able to pray in our smaller bubbles or alone, read scripture, watch YouTube reflections or read articles with a Lenten heart.

The disruption to our lives is minimal compared with our friends and family in Auckland or overseas in more significant lockdown levels.

It is important that we do have effective ways to communicate with parishioners during this period of time. We use emails, the parish website and parish app **"ChurchAppsNZ"** to do this. These only work when we have your email or you have the parish app. If you are not receiving the newsletter by email please contact the parish office with your contact details. The staff in the parish office can also assist you to download the parish app if you do not already have this on your phone.

If you are talking to other parishioners ask them if they receive the newsletter or have the parish app too.

Pope Francis reminded us in his Lenten message that regardless of Covid-19 and local and international challenges:

"I wish everyone a good journey in this Season of Lent. And I recommend you fast, a fast that will not make you hungry; a fast from gossip and slander. It is a special way. In this Lent I will not speak ill of others; I will not gossip... And we can all do this, everyone. This is a good fast. And do not forget that it will also be helpful to read a passage of the Gospel, to carry a small Gospel in your pocket, in your purse, and pick it up when you can, any passage. This will make the heart open to the Lord." Pope Francis

Leadership Formation Team

Sacramental Programme: Covid-19 dependent we will begin the Reconciliation Programme on Sunday March 7th. The programme can only go ahead in Level 1.

Session 1: will be held at St Benedict's Church starting at 10 am and finishing at 11.30am. Everyone is invited to Mass at 9am if they can attend.

Session 2 will be held at SS Peter and Paul's Hall starting at 2pm and finishing at 3.30pm.

The sessions at each venue are identical and we are running them like this to make options available to children and families.

This Sunday there will also be a Parents Information Session from 3.30pm till 4.30pm. This is for parents who have not attended the previous Parents evenings and would like to find out more about the programme. Leaders will look after the children while parents attend.

Changes to the programme because of Covid alert levels will be via email, parish app and the schools. Should we remain at Level 2 this Sunday the sessions will be postponed.

Upcoming Parish Events/Notices

Stations of the Cross at St Benedict's

There will be stations of the cross on Wednesdays at 7pm (provided we are back in Covid Alert Level 1): 17 March, 24 March. The stations on 24 March will be led by the St Benedict's School Catholic Character Team.



Onslow Catholic Women's League

There will not be a social meeting of the CWL in March as several of our members are very involved in the CWL Regional Meeting at Our Lady of Kapiti, Paraparaumu, on March 18th. Meetings will resume in April.

24 Hour Caritas Challenge 2021

ATTENTION all young people who want to do your bit to create a more Just, Kind, Equitable world. BACK AT IT AGAIN!!! The Youth Ministry team will be running the Caritas Challenge, which will be taking place on 19th - 20th March at Challenge house, 27 Dr Taylor Terrace. The Theme for the Challenge this year is "A new way forward - HE ARA WHAKAMUA, HE ARA HOU". CALLING ALL YOUNG PEOPLE (Year 7 - 13) far and wide to come along and take up our Challenge this year. For more information, please contact Sio 02108160396. This 24 hour sleep over will end with a Youth and Parish Lenten Social Justice Mass at St Andrew's church. We need musicians, readers, actors, artists - join in this Lent to make a new way forward.

The Book of Life will be presented on the 6th of March at St Andrew's and 14th March at St Peter & Paul's. Any articles or items for the book can be emailed to carol.may.ryan@gmail.com or left in the box at Sts Peter and Pauls Church.

Respect Life Group We are planning to have a Prayer time on March 13th Saturday from 10 am -3pm at Sts Peter and Paul Church starting with Mass/Liturgy at 10.00am. With what is happening in the world and even in our communities Prayers are needed so this is an opportunity for people to come to spend some time in silent Prayer. We are planning to have The Stations of the Cross, Recite the Rosary and finish with Benediction. Contact: Joanne Gordon for more information at janhopelucky@gmail.com

Youth Caritas Lenten Programme: Meets on Wednesdays at 5.30pm till 7pm at the Marist Challenge Centre, 1 Wanaka Street Johnsonville. All College students are invited to attend. Call Sio 021 08160396 for more information.

Volunteers Wanted

The Johnsonville OpShop is after some volunteers to help at our cleanup after Sale Day. The other groups all provide 2 people to help with the cleanup which is on a Monday once a month after our last Saturday of the month. It is one Monday a month starting at 9am and for 1 to 2 hours. As Ann Zouch and Adrienne Whooley have retired from this after many years of dedicated service there is a need for some new people. Contact Carol Burns: office@wellingtonsouthcatholic.org

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 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@stfrancisohariu.nz

Healing Service

Fr John Rea SM will conduct a Healing Service at Sacred Heart Church 41 Britannia St Petone on Tuesday 16 March beginning at 7.30 pm. Please bring those who need Jesus' healing. This event will go ahead providing we are in Alert Level 1.

Saint Andrew's Parking Co-ordinators

Are you someone who likes the outdoors, fresh air and giving back to your Parish Community? If the answer is Yes! That's Me!! Then it's a win/win for our Parish. We are looking for volunteers to help guide Parishioners/visitors, into our carparks and the back lawn area. This will help to ensure that we can safely accommodate everyone wanting to attend Mass. Safety is our priority, so we need at least two people, at a time, performing this important ministry. High Vis vests will be supplied. Please leave your contact information with our Parish Office team and we will be in touch with you shortly. Kia ora.

Other Events & Notices

The Archdiocese is seeking applications for the Safeguarding Advisor role.

This is a permanent, part time role focusing on Safeguarding in the Archdiocese. Please refer to this month's edition of Welcom or the ADW website for further information.

Engaged Encounter Weekend

There is still time to register to attend an Engaged Encounter weekend to build a solid foundation for your marriage. The next available weekend is on 20th and 21st March. There are other weekends in July and October 2021 (see our website www.cee-wellington.co.nz) Here's what one couple said after they attended... "We have grown to love each other more....we had not thought this was possible. Thanks." For information or to register ring Simon & Kate 027 486 0700

Joshua Mass: Everybody is invited to the Joshua *MASS* (provided we are in Level 1!) followed by supper on **Thursday 18th March 2021 at 7:30pm in St Joseph's Church**, 42 Ellice Street, Mt Victoria (between Basin Reserve and Mt Victoria tunnel). **Celebrant: Fr Peter Ewart sm, Joshua chaplain Bring something to share for supper! Thanks. Want to know more?** Ring Steve Ready 027-356-9555 or email: joshua.wgtn@gmail.com

The Shine TV Mass returns from this coming Sunday 7 March. Shine TV will broadcast Mass at 2pm on free-to-air TV Channel 25 and Sky Channel 201. This Sunday, Monsignor David Tonks will lead us in prayer from St Joseph Church, Takapuna.

4th Sunday of Lent 13/14 March	5pm Vigil St Andrew's	9am St Benedict's	10.30am St Peter & Paul's
MUSIC	Cesar's group	Margaret Blight	KPF
GREETERS	Severina and Maxi Vaz		Oni Villanueva, Pauline White
WELCOME/PRAYERS OF FAITHFUL	Antonette Jayme	Natalie Brockie/ Amanda Gardner	Nick Borthwick
1st PROCLAIMER	Rose Ohlsson	Natalie Brockie	Marita Basabas
2nd PROCLAIMER	Rose Ohlsson	Amanda Gardner	Philippa Wilson
OFFERTORY	Feleta D'Souza family		Ibarra Family
COLLECTION			Martinez Family
EUCARIST	Bingo Jayme	Elizabeth Lucas	Maria Kennedy, Pauline White, Ted White
ALTAR SERVERS	Maegan D'Souza Aiden Pandit		Liway and Alab Kisteria
CHAIRS & DOORS			Merlyn Bonaparte
HOSPITALITY		Kelleher Family	
CLEANERS		May and Ra Ratia	Karen Porter

MASS INTENTIONS

We ask for your prayers - Masses have been offered for

RIP— Noeline Gregory

RIP Anniversary— Neil Dorrington



**We welcome into the parish community those
newly Baptised:**

Nia Analise Grace Sloan, Kianna Grace Benedict,
Florence June Kerrisk, Montague Sebastian Kerrisk

Caritas Lenten Reflection Week 3

Passover is a celebration of belonging, remembering how the Israelites were “passed over” during the tenth plague in Egypt by marking their doors with the blood of a lamb. The animals that Jesus saw in the temple would have been sold to be sacrificed as part of the celebration; those who could afford it would buy the cattle and sheep, while the poorest would buy a dove, if they could afford to participate at all. When we call Jesus the Paschal lamb, we are remembering that Jesus became the new sacrifice, transforming peoples’ relationship with God by offering a new way forward to him. Jesus’ actions and words in the temple are deliberate and incisive, not the raw or wild emotion that we may normally associate with anger. We see his deliberation as he takes the time to make a whip out of cords. As Jesus overturns the money changing tables, he also overturns familiar but misguided visions on where God is to be found. He provokes those in the temple to consider a new way: that it is the people and their relationship with each other and with their Creator, not the structure of the temple or the tradition of the celebration, that are most important to God. This kind of jarring incident is meant to challenge any complacency within us and lead us to a new perspective. What did we learn from the experience? How should we change? The people in the temple ask for a sign from Jesus. In the Old Testament, it was common for God to speak to people through an obvious sign and with clear instruction. The people are so set in their expectations of how God interacts with them that they don’t understand what Jesus is saying. The process of remembering, as the disciples did – both remembering the event and remembering scripture – helps us to see Jesus as the new way that God has chosen to come into our lives to lead us to deepen our relationship with him.

MASS & LITURGY TIMES 8-14 March (Covid Permitting)

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

Monday: 9am Liturgy
Tues: 9.15am Liturgy
Wed: 11am Mass
Thurs: 9am Liturgy
Fri: 9am Mass
Sunday: 10.30am Mass

St Andrew’s Church
29 Trebann St
Newlands

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

St Benedict’s Church
3 Everest St Khandallah

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

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