



St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish

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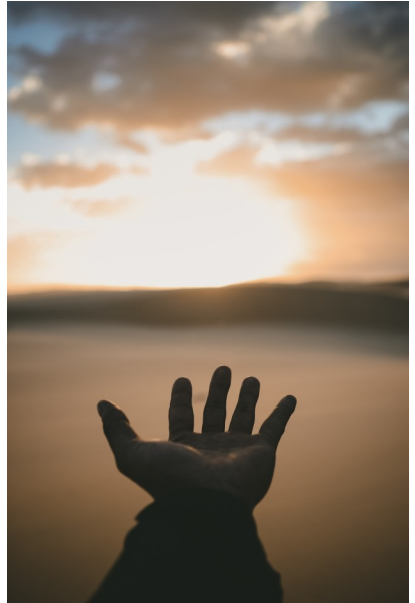
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Second Sunday of Easter 11 April 2021 Year B
Readings: Acts 4:32-35; 1 John 5:1-6; John 20:19-31

Reflection: From Tragedy and Grief to Joy and Life Everlasting

What an incredible experience those first disciples had been through. All the feelings that go with horrifying tragedy; the unbelievable happenings accompanied by the incredulity, the guilt, the shame. They had experienced the full gamut of emotions from abject fear and despair to wonderment and joy. At one stage they surely must have wondered if the past 3 years had been wasted; if the life that they had seen in this man Jesus and the love and hope that his life had imbued them with was, after all, just a pipe-dream and that the bubble had been severely, brutally pricked.

No wonder that Thomas was unconvinced and skeptical. Thank God for Thomas. We are all prone to Thomas moments! But Jesus said to Thomas, "Put your finger here. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe." The Gospel writer, John, says that he has written this all down 'that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name.'



The disciples experiences of living and working alongside Jesus were, after all, not pie-in-the-sky but more real and more true than anything else had ever been. Now you too, 'who have not seen and yet have believed,' are exhorted to reach out and allow your Lord to take 'hold of your right hand' and He says to you, "Do not fear; I will help you." (Isaiah 41: 15). And again, "I will take hold of your hand. I will keep you..." (Isaiah 42: 6).

I pray that the excitement, the enthusiasm and the energy of love that gripped those first disciples will imbue the Parish of St Francis of Assisi so that we will step forward into the future with our Lord's hand in ours, without fear or anxiety or doubt, but with all the confidence that our faith in the risen Lord inspires in us.

Gillian Laurenson

WE ALL GOT THERE IN THE END. AND WHAT A WAY TO GET THERE!

A big thank you to everyone that put in hard work to make Easter a success in our Parish this year. Thank you to all the volunteers and staff who contributed to make it all happen.

Lenten Reflection Groups, School liturgies, Palm Sunday, Communal Reconciliation Service, Holy Thursday, Good Friday Liturgies (People Led), Easter Vigil, Easter Sunday Masses.

There are just so many of you to thank, for your generosity, your creativity, your prayerfulness, your unity, your time, and your courage of stepping out into the deep with our Good Friday Ceremonies.

"The communicators of God's Word must show the true, the right, the real, the good, the sad and the beautiful, and this is done with the soul and with the body with the mind, with the heart, with the hands; we communicate with everything." (Pope Francis)

I couldn't agree more, so true Francis.

Yes, the greatest communication is love: in love there is the fullness of communication: love for God of One Another and of our World.

Our Parish of St Francis of Assisi Ohariu, over these weeks of Lent and Easter, Fleshed and brought alive the deep beauty of God's Word and love for each one of us.

How grateful we can all be.

Pete



Pictured:

1. Ss Peter & Paul's 10.30 Easter Sunday Mass Musicians
2. Good Friday at St Andrew's Church

Our Parish Prayer

We ask that you please continue to pray the St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish prayer for our community.

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

You can access the parish prayer here: <http://stfrancisohariu.nz/updates/sfoa-prayer/>

St. Francis of Assisi pray for us.



Kia ora!

The Youth ministry team is on the hunt for a trumpet player for the ANZAC DAY Youth and family mass on the 25th of April @ 10:30am at St Peter & Paul's Church.

If you are a confident player and would love the opportunity to play at the Youth and family mass. Please contact Sio on 021 0810396.

We would love to hear from you!



Sponsor Caritas Challenge - Are you able to help?

Kia ora Whanau,

The Youth Ministry team with the help of amazing volunteers have organised the annual Caritas Challenge to be held right here in our Parish next weekend (Friday the 16th to Saturday the 17th).

There will be a bunch of young people from all around Wellington taking part in this event! (If you are aged between 11-17 & are interested in taking part email Aroha on arohaallen@challenge2000.org.nz)

We are currently asking for help in sponsoring our young people.

Any koha/money you are able to give helps these many young people to experience:

Live it - Living in a cardboard box overnight.

Sweat it - Exercising to create awareness of the hardships our brothers and sisters face in gathering the basics like food and shelter.

Stop it - Gaining insight into the Social Injustices our community, country and world face during this time of COVID 19.

Move it - Consistently looking and moving towards finding new ideas and ways to make a difference.

If you are able to help donate to this event please contact Sio on 021 081 60396.

or drop off your koha to the church office and the youth ministry team will gather this koha to send to Caritas on behalf of our young people.

We also ask that if you are needing to use the space at St Peter & Paul's during this time that you are careful and vigilant as there will be young people and volunteers using this space.

Please keep us in your thoughts and prayers during this exciting time!

- S.F.O.A Youth Ministry Team.



Feast of the Divine Mercy Sunday

In a series of revelations to St. Maria Faustina Kowalska in the 1930s, our Lord called for a special feast day to be celebrated on the Sunday after Easter. Today, we know that feast as **Divine Mercy Sunday**, named by Pope St. John Paul II at the canonization of St. Faustina on April 30, 2000.

In short, Jesus has promised to pour out extraordinary graces to those who come to Him on this day focused on His Mercy. He has promised complete forgiveness of sins and punishment for those who take part by doing what He has instructed.



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.

Upcoming Parish Events/Notices

Children's Liturgy St Peter & Paul's during School Holidays

There will be no Children's Liturgy during the school holidays from 16th April until the 9th May. We hope you have a lovely break.

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.

Thank you for helping Vinnies support your community.

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

Can you help? Donations of buggies and high chairs needed.

The waitlist is growing for assistance with buggies and high chairs. If you have one of these items that you no longer need, please consider donating it to the Vinnies Pregnancy Assistance service - providing free material support to new mums and their babies.

Donations can be dropped off at your local Vinnies Op Shop or directly to our Welfare and Support Hub - 207 Riddiford Street, Newtown. Alternatively, you can call the Vinnies team to organise a free pick-up on 04 389 7122.

Saturday 8th May

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

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 or 04 496 1715 / 021 164 5800

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.

3rd Week of Easter 17/18 April	5pm Vigil St Andrew's	9am St Benedict's	10.30am St Peter & Paul's
MUSIC	Connie's Group	Music Group	David Dobson
GREETERS	Joanne Gordon	C Patete	Oni Villanueva, Ewen Laurenson
WELCOME/PRAYERS OF FAITHFUL	Solomon Concessio	John Lawson/Mary Corry	Peter Byrne
1st PROCLAIMER	Anushka D'Souza	John Lawson	John Kleinsman
2nd PROCLAIMER	Anushka D'Souza	Mary Corry	Lily Ong
OFFERTORY	Dela Cruz Family		Kooistra Family
COLLECTION			Martinez Family
EUCCHARIST	Barbara Diggins	Ann Sowry	Phillip Henty, Vivian Gonzalez, Maria Kennedy
ALTAR SERVERS	Sherize Concessio, Ann Almeida		Gerard Villanueva, Yenal Rathnayake
CHAIRS & DOORS			Adeline and Kin Lee
HOSPITALITY		Quinn Family	
CLEANERS		Bernard Whaanga+1	Gordon Correa

MASS INTENTIONS

We ask for your prayers - Masses have been offered for

RIP— Mariano Dancel, Teofila Gatbonton, Andres Gatbonton, Mick O'Meara, Alfonso Eveve

RIP Anniversary— Danilo Sy, Stephanie Sy, Jill Clarke, Jaime Estipona

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



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 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 12-18 April

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

Mon: 9am Liturgy
Tues: 9.15 Liturgy
Wed: 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
Sat: 9am Liturgy
Sun: 9am Mass

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