



St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish

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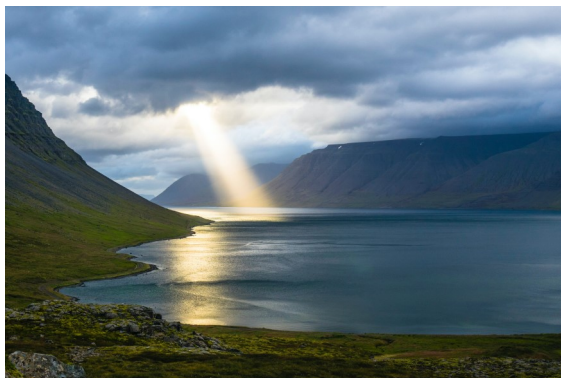
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Third Sunday of Easter 18 April 2021 Year B

Readings: Acts 3:13-15,17-19 ; 1 John 2:1-5; Luke 24:35-48

"Nothing is ever out of God's reach."

The second reading for the 3rd Sunday of Easter reminds us that Jesus Christ, the righteous one, is our Advocate with the Father. The Responsorial Psalm also picks up this theme: the Lord will hear us when we call upon him; the Lord brings security to our dwelling and a sense of peace that brings us deep sleep. The theme of the Risen Lord's powerful presence amongst us, even when we least expect it, continues in the Gospel of the day.



Claire Lucas writes in a recent article on Earthbeat that there is nothing that prayer cannot cover – *"Nothing is beyond the reach of blessing and intention. Nothing is ever out of the reach of the Holy One."* What this means for her is that she needs to *"pray as if I actually trusted that God permeates and touches everything, that nothing is ever out of God's reach"*.

For Lucas, key to being able to adopt such a prayerful stance is a strong sense of sacramental imagination.

"The sacramental imagination holds that God is always already present as we move about the world and in each moment of our day-to-day lives. This understanding is connected to the theology of the incarnation: God is here, with us, in the world and in our personal and public lives, which are broken and painful and always teeming with seemingly unending complexity. God never fails to meet us where we are."

Creation bursts forth with evidence of God's unending love in subtle and apparent ways. This is empowering and affirming, insisting that the more we pay attention to the Sacred in our very midst, the closer we grow to God. The demand of the sacramental imagination is a grounded attentiveness ..."

We don't get the same opportunity to touch the Risen Lord's wounds as the first disciples did ... but in prayer we can allow ourselves to be touched by God and, just as importantly, as we move beyond formal times of prayer, practicing a sense of grounded attentiveness will open our eyes to God's sacramental presence everywhere.

John Kleinsman

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

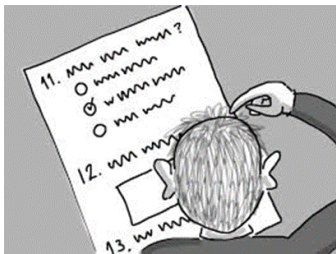
St. Francis of Assisi pray for us, and guide us.

Communication Survey

The Leadership Formation Teams believes in the importance of Communication. To improve our communication, we have invited participation in a short survey regarding the way the Parish communicates.

Many have already answered this online and for those who don't receive their Newsletter via email or haven't replied to the survey via email there are hard copies of the Survey to be found in the foyer today.

Please fill one out and return so we can understand what is important to you in our newsletter and on the website.



Tax Receipts & Planned Giving Envelopes

Thank you all for your donations this past year. We expect to have tax receipts and planned giving envelopes available in each church next weekend.



ANZAC Day Youth and Family Remembrance and Peace Mass Sunday April 25th Ss Peter and Paul's Church Johnsonville.

This mass will remember those who served for our country in the hope that we would all have a peaceful and just Aotearoa New Zealand and world.

On ANZAC day we will remember them. We will also commit to bringing about peace, hope and justice in our time.

We invite you to bring photos or memorabilia to place in the display in front of the altar. We invite children or adults to wear their own or their family's medals and poppies too.

If you have any photos that we can place in the powerpoint then please email them to pikiboyle@challenge2000.org.nz

If you would like a role in our Mass then please contact Sio 021 0816 0396 or Kitty 021 491 459. Everyone is welcome to contribute.

After the mass we will have a cup of tea and ANZAC biscuits. All are welcome! Feel free to bring along ANZAC biscuits or a plate to share—if you are able.



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.

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



Onslow Catholic Women's League

The next social meeting for the Onslow CWL will be held on Tuesday 27 April at 7.30pm in St Benedict's Church foyer. Our speaker will be Andrea Adams, one of our parishioners, who will talk about her career as a Secondary School Liaison Officer for WelTec. Supper will be served, and a gold coin donation for our Mission cause would be much

appreciated.

Malvina Major Anointing Mass:

Tuesday 20 April 2 30pm in Reflection Room Chapel:
All welcome.



Other Events & Notices

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.

Gloria in Excelsis—'Beauty in the Midst of Chaos' is at St Mary of the Angels, Boulcott Street, Wellington on Sunday April 25th at 2pm. Entry is free.

Taizé Prayer

Friday 7 May, 7pm

Venue: The Chapel of Our Lady of Compassion, 2 Rhine Street, Island Bay
 A reflective time with simple songs and scripture that brings us to stillness and silence. ALL are welcome.

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

A Quiet Day with Suzanne Aubert

Thursday 13 May, 10am to 2pm

Venue: The Chapel of Our Lady of Compassion, 2 Rhine Street, Island Bay

A time for gentle reflection on insights from the life and works of Venerable Suzanne Aubert.

A simple lunch is provided – or bring your own. There is no fee, however a koha is greatly appreciated.

Online Sessions (Evening): The Resurrection of Jesus Christ with Br Kieran Fenn

Monday 03, 10, 17, 20 May, 7-8.30pm. Fee: \$25/session. ZOOM.

All sessions are connected but also stand alone.

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/the-resurrection-of-jesus-christ-with-br-kieran-fenn-5/>

4th Week of Easter 24/25 April	5pm Vigil St Andrew's	9am St Benedict's	10.30am St Peter & Paul's
MUSIC	Cesar	St Bens Music Group	C2K TBA
GREETERS	Severina & Maxi Vaz	D & K Byrne	C2K TBA
WELCOME/PRAYERS OF FAITHFUL	Jade Arboleda	Marie Crook, Tony de Joux	C2K TBA
1st PROCLAIMER	Nima D'Souza	Marie Crook	C2K TBA
2nd PROCLAIMER	Nima D'Souza	Tony de Joux	C2K TBA
OFFERTORY	Feleta D'Souza & Family		C2K TBA
COLLECTION			C2K TBA
EUCCHARIST	Katherina Dobson	Dermot Byrne	C2K TBA
ALTAR SERVERS	Aiden Pandit & Maegan D'Souza		C2K TBA
CHAIRS & DOORS			C2K TBA
HOSPITALITY		Lawson Family	
CLEANERS		Sowry Family	Karen Porter

MASS INTENTIONS

We ask for your prayers - Masses have been offered for

RIP— Mark Day (Adelaide), Charito Antonio

RIP Anniversary— Angeline D'Souza

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



Notice from Cardinal John Dew's Newsletter

Please continue to pray for the sick and frail clergy especially, Monsignor John Carde, Frs Maurice Carmody, Don Morrison, Colin Durning and Kevin Connors.

Please pray for the diocesan priests who have gathered for our Clergy Assembly this week. Also pray for the Bishops of New Zealand who will be meeting in Hamilton from 18th – 23rd April.



We welcome into the parish community those newly Baptised:

Joseph David Priddey

MASS & LITURGY TIMES 19-25 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 Anzac
Day Youth & Family 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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