



St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish

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Second Sunday of Lent 28 February 2021 Year B
Readings: Genesis 22:1-2,9-13,15-18; Romans 8:31-34; Mark 9:2-10

Parish Sacramental Programme

The Parish Sacramental Programme for Children begins 28th February. There will be two venues offered with the same session every week so that children and families can choose which to attend. For registration forms contact the parish office. Other information call Sio or Kitty. Registration brochures available in all church foyers or at St Brigid's/St Benedict's.



St Peter & Paul's Church Cleaning.

Thank you to those who gave their names to Pat Collier last week. We still do need more people in order to lighten the load for everyone.

Do please speak to Pat after Mass or alternatively email the office.

The cleaning involves vacuuming the main church area and dusting there only.

The hall part, kitchen and bathroom

area is done by another person.



Caritas Lenten Reflection Week 2 of Lent

Six days before the events in the Gospel reading took place, Jesus told his disciples of the suffering and death that he would have to endure. To his disciples, this sounded like the utmost scandal and humiliation. How could the Messiah resign himself to this fate?

Peter rebuked him, and Jesus told him, "Get behind me, Satan!" Jesus knew that his disciples didn't understand what he was telling them. He knew that they weren't prepared for the trials they would all have to face. The transfiguration on the mountaintop was a wake-up call for Peter, James and John, giving them a glimpse of the brilliant light that was on the other side of the darkness ahead.

The transfiguration of Jesus revealed a passage from the age of law into the age of grace. Jesus was shown to be the fulfilment of the law, represented by Moses, and the prophets, represented by Elijah. That fulfilment and the legacy of grace was reflected in the conversation between

Moses, Elijah and Jesus; in this moment, we are all pointed definitively toward Jesus as the new way to God. He commands the disciples very clearly: "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" That same call to listen to Jesus applies in our lives.

The grace which God shares creates a space in us for transformation. When we see how Jesus is transfigured, we can begin to understand what it means to be in the presence of God in his kingdom. We know that Jesus is trying to lead us there. But we must remember the conversation that took place six days previously; such a transformation requires sacrifice. To engage with Jesus, we must be ready to suffer with him as well, to carry our cross so that we can rise with him.

Upcoming Parish Events/Notices

Lenten Giving Envelope Packs are available in church foyers. You can either use the weekly donation envelopes or use a single donation envelope. You may either return your donation envelopes during the parish offertory collection or send them to Caritas directly. A freepost envelope is available for this option. NZ Post specifies that cash must not be sent through the post.

Donations received by Caritas in these envelopes by 31 March 2021 will be sent receipts for the 2020/2021 tax year. Donations received by Caritas after April 1st will be sent receipts for the 2021/2022 tax year. Thank you for your generous support.

Stations of the Cross at St Benedict's

There will be stations of the cross on Wednesdays at 7pm: 3 March, 10 March, 17 March, 24 March. The stations on 24 March will be led by the St Benedict's School Catholic Character Team.

Memorial Mass for Judith Wheeler at St Benedict's **9am 5th March**. Everyone Welcome.

1st Friday Morning Tea at St Benedict's Church **5th March** following exposition Mass. Hospitality Margaret Dunne, Christine Patete.

Children's Day Mass

In celebration of our tamariki in Aotearoa. We will be having a Children's day Mass on the **7th March 10:30am at SS Peters and Pauls**. Bring your friends, family and kids along!! Please bring a plate of food to share. For more information or if you would like to help, please contact **Sio 02108160396**

The Book of Life will be presented in March. 6th 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 sometime in silent Prayer. We are planning to have The Stations of the Cross, Recite the Rosary and finish with Benediction.

Young Caritas Lenten Reflection programme.

In the upcoming weeks, the youth ministry team will be running a lenten reflection programme prior to the Caritas Challenge, which will be held in late March. The final session will be on the 24th March after the Caritas Challenge. If you would like to come along and want more information please contact **Sio 02108160396**

Caritas Challenge 2021

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, 27/37 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. For more info, please contact **Sio 02108160396**

World Day of Prayer (WDP) Friday 5 March 2021 at 10 am

This year's WDP service is to be held at the Salvation Army, 125 Johnsonville Rd (Main Rd), Johnsonville at 10 am, Friday 5 March 2021. The service has been prepared by the World Day of Prayer Committee of Vanuatu. It is an ecumenical service and five local church groups are presenting the service. Please feel welcome to come along and be part of such a special event. Morning tea follows. For any inquiries please phone Jo 4785639 or Maria 4776374.

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

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.

XLT Wellington (eXaLT) is a monthly youth event involving food and fellowship, live praise & worship, Reconciliation and Eucharistic Adoration. XLT is aimed at Year 9 – 13 Students (but open to all!). Please contact Teresa Rayner at teresacrayner@gmail.com or 022 0344 657 before the 12th of March.

2nd Sunday of Lent 6/7 March	5pm Vigil St Andrew's	9am St Benedict's	10.30am St Peter & Paul's
MUSIC	Connie's choir	Judith Shroff	Challenge 2000
GREETERS	Rebecca and Jimmy Millar	Thomas Davis	Helen Cross Ewen Laurenson
WELCOME/PRAYERS OF FAITHFUL	Anna MH		Challenge 2000
1st PROCLAIMER	Agustilia Rodrigues	John Lawson	Challenge 2000
2nd PROCLAIMER	Agustilia Rodrigues	Eteise Kalolo	Challenge 2000
OFFERTORY	Ione Haines, Patricia Maguire		Perera Family
COLLECTION			Kooistra Family
EUCCHARIST	Paulette McElroy	Steeve Greene	Justin Shaw, Paul Betham
ALTAR SERVERS	Ria Kulathinal, Enrico Vaz		Yemal Rathnayabe
CHAIRS & DOORS			Eroshini and Shane Thomas
HOSPITALITY		Robyn & Peter McKenzie	
CLEANERS		Ruth Burns & team	

MASS INTENTIONS

We ask for your prayers - Masses have been offered for

RIP— Gwen McMahon, Noeline Gregory, Judith Wheeler

RIP Anniversary— Jose Realubit Jr, Gordon O'Sullivan



Covid-19 Update: A new church season in Covid Time:

As we are back to Alert Level 1 all church masses, gatherings and liturgies are back on. We encourage you to download the parish app, sign up for the covid-19 updates email group which can be done on the parish website and keep an eye on the parish website for updates as cases still continue to pop up in Auckland.

Planned Giving Update

Thank you to everyone for their donations this year so far. Please see below the planned giving statistics for January. If you are able to do so we encourage you to swap to automatic or direct credit payments as we continue to transition away from planned giving envelopes. If you would like to know more about this or require help please contact the parish office. There are multiple ways to set up an automatic payment, such as through online banking or popping in to your local bank. We thank everyone for their generosity and continued support.

Planned Giving	Monthly			Year to Date		
	Jan-20	Jan-21	Diff	Jan-20	Jan-21	Diff
Automatic Payments	8,936	11,889	2,953	84,401	114,194	29,793
Cash & Envelopes	13,490	11,052	- 2,438	159,242	91,695	- 67,547
Total	22,426	22,941	515	243,642	205,889	- 37,754

MASS & LITURGY TIMES 6-7 February

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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