



St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish

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18th Sunday in Ordinary Time 1 August 2021 Year B
Readings: Exodus 16:2-4,12-15; Ephesians 4:17,20-24; John 6:24-35

Food for the Journey



Here's food for thought... After a long day of work or school, the first thing that I would do is go through the pantry looking for something to eat or drink. This is a reminder on the importance that food will replenish us physically and ensure that we stay nourished and hydrated.

As we gather for mass each weekend, we join together to celebrate by listening to the stories that are shared through the readings and through the breaking of bread during Communion. It is by receiving the body and blood of Christ that we are replenished Spiritually.

In today's Gospel, Jesus says to the crowd on the boat "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty".

It is through our faith and works of God that we received Jesus, through the breaking of bread. We are challenged to share this with others.

Do you have a Unifying and Animating Presence?

Background Information:

In our Parish, setting up and meeting the Pastoral needs of the Parishioners is a large part of my role.

In some Parishes, the role of Lay Pastoral Leader would work/minister alongside and with the 'Parish Priest' to assist with the Pastoral needs of the Parish.

Our Parish model is different without a Priest in charge and we have a Leadership Formation Team where I, as the Administrator, have the responsibility and Portfolio of Pastoral Care in this team. As a large part of my role is looking after the Pastoral needs of the Parish and I need assistance to fully meet this important area in the Parish.

Therefore, I am setting up a Pastoral Team for this Parish, see this advertisement below, if you are interested, please let me know - Blessings
Father Pete Roe.

Parish Pastoral Team

Our Parish Vision:

We are baptised disciples of Christ, a Catholic Community of communities commissioned to transform our world.

Pope Francis Vision: Evangelii Gaudium, from paragraph 28)

*"The parish is the presence of the Church in a given territory, an environment for hearing God's word, for growth in the Christian life, for dialogue, proclamation, charitable outreach, worship and celebration. [27] In all its activities the parish encourages and trains its members to be evangelizers. [28] It is a **community of communities**, a sanctuary where the thirsty come to drink in the midst of their journey, and a centre of constant missionary outreach. We must admit, though, that the call to review and renew our parishes has not yet sufficed to bring them nearer to people, to make them environments of living communion and participation, and to make them completely mission orientated."*

Are you well known in the Parish ?

Do the parishioners know who you are from St Benedict's, St Peter & Paul's or St Andrew's ? And are you actively involved in one of the 3 churches in the Parish ?

Do you have certain skills that can be utilised in the Parish? For example: Good personal listening/ relationship skills and a unifying and animating presence for the whole parish.

If your answer is yes – and you have fire in your belly to the above, then we are looking for members from the St Benedict's, St Peter & Pauls and St Andrew's communities who are interested in developing pastoral skills to assist in the Parish.

With the 'Priest Administrator' the role of the Pastoral Team is to work

alongside and with one another as a team; then reaching out to the wider communities of our Parish in Pastoral Care.

Your commitment per month: to attend 3, 1 hour meetings per month & provide community engagement in your community and wider parish. Prior to commencement there will be 3 1 hour personal development training sessions. Tenure on the Pastoral Team: 1.5 – 2 years
Formation Training and Personal Development will be provided for the Team.

Please email your interest to **Father Pete Roese** by Monday 9/8/2021.

St Francis of Assisi Property Review

We have now heard from all of our speakers who kindly shared their property review experiences with us.

The next stage of **Discernment for our own Parish** begins with a gathering at which parishioners will be able to share their ideas for options for our Parish. This will be:

**Sunday 1st August, Uniting Church Johnsonville,
5pm – 6.30pm followed by soup and rolls**

More details about the conversation and property review can be found on the parish website here:

<http://stfrancisohariu.nz/updates/building-and-property-review/>



CONFIRMATION 2021

Calling any child, young person or adult who would like to make a commitment to their faith and to live like Jesus did. If you wish to enrol in the Confirmation programme or find out more about this big step then please call Sio on 02108160396, Kitty 021491459 or the parish office 04-4787137. If you or your family members have previously missed out on this Sacrament then this might be the year to join with other members of our community. Please contact us if you are interested. It's a good year to just do it!

The Confirmation masses will be on the weekend of September 11 and 12. The places and times for the masses are yet to be confirmed as it will depend on how many are being confirmed, their ages and which church community they prefer.

The programme begins on Sunday August 8th. It is very likely that the children's programme will follow the format of the Reconciliation and Eucharist Sacramental programmes. That is one morning session at St Benedict's at 10am on a Sunday and the next one at Challenge 2000, 1 Wanaka Street, Johnsonville at 2pm-3.30pm. A Youth and adult programme will be held separately.

Upcoming Events/Notices

Passionist Family Group Co-Ordinators Formation Day

Saturday 7 August - 2pm – 6pm - SS Peter & Paul church, Knights Rd - Lower Hutt – presented by Paul Traynor Themes: Connectedness... Inclusion ... Life ... Hope... God Followed by Mass at 6pm with Pizza and a Shared Meal. All Welcome. Contact: Kerry or John on 027 3116618 or kleinsklan88@gmail.com



Would you like to join a family group?

Our aim is to promote community in the parish by sharing our Christian life and supporting each other, especially in times of need – a family for all. Groups typically meet monthly for fun no-cost or low-cost activities.

(More info on foyer noticeboard or take a leaflet)

Phone: John or Kerry on 232 3538; email: kleinsklan88@gmail.com

Johnsonville Op Shop

A big thank you to all the people who volunteer at the Op shop. We really appreciate your time.

A request - we are low on coat hangers and would love some more. They can be dropped at the shop on Tues and Wed between 10 and 2. Fri between 11.45 and 4 and Sat between 9 and 12.

Role vacancy: Deputy Executive Officer, NZ Catholic Bishops Conference

The Deputy Executive Officer provides support for the work of the Catholic Bishops and their agencies at national level in the Catholic Church in Aotearoa New Zealand. This role is based at the Catholic Centre, Hill St, Wellington. Visit www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/nzcbc-deputyeo/ for more information.

Novena in Preparation for Rededication of New Zealand to Mary Assumed into Heaven

On Sunday August 15 our land will be solemnly rededicated by all our bishops to Our Lady at St Mary of the Angels church in Wellington. In preparation for this, the Catholic Enquiry Centre will post a short reflection and prayer each day beginning Saturday 7 August on the Catholic Discovery Facebook page. We invite all to take part in praying for our nation each day. <https://www.facebook.com/catholicdiscovery.nz>

Respect Life Sunday

Respect Life Sunday will be renamed Support Life Sunday from this year, to better reflect the active work Catholics must do to help people facing significant life decisions. Bishop Steve Lowe, Secretary of the NZ Catholic Bishops Conference, says the term "respect life" can seem passive. "Support Life reminds us that we are all called to both uphold the dignity of all life and be active in the practical work needed to support people facing significant life decisions." Support Life Sunday is Sunday 10 October, with the theme "Honouring and Supporting Health Carers." Full details: www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/respect-life-sunday-now-support-life-sunday/

Website for Te Ara a Maria: Mary's Way Project

A website has been created to help promote the bishops' renewal of the dedication of the country to Our Lady Assumed into Heaven. The renewal project has the title Te Ara a Maria: Mary's Way and runs for 12 months from 15 August.

Go here for the website: www.tearaamaria.nz

The website contains details of the project. It will be updated regularly to include the schedule of the nationwide hiko of the artwork created for the project. The hiko starts on August 18 in Invercargill.

Compassion Soup Kitchen Annual Appeal Collectors Wanted

The Compassion Soup Kitchen is holding its annual Street Day Appeal on Friday 17th September 2021.

We are looking for volunteers who can give a little time to hold a bucket for us in Wellington, the Hutt City Area, or Porirua City.

Not free on 17th September? There are other ways to get involved throughout September!

Sign up or find out more by visiting: soupkitchen.org.nz/get-involved/street-appeal/, or contact Scott ph: (04) 385 9299 or volunteers@compassion.org.nz

19th Sunday of Ordinary Time 7/8 August 2021	5pm Vigil St Andrew's	9am St Benedict's	10.30am St Peter & Paul's
MUSIC	Connie's Group	J Shroff	KPF
GREETERS	Rebecca and Jimmy Millar	Margie Crook	Helen Cross, Oni Villanueva
WELCOME/PRAYERS OF FAITHFUL	Jade Arboleda	Ita Delahunty/ Ned Hanlon	Philippa Wilson
1st PROCLAIMER	Agustilia Rodrigues	Ita Delahunty	Lily Ong
2nd PROCLAIMER	Agustilia Rodrigues	Ned Hanlon	Ronald Martinez
COLLECTION			
OFFERTORY	Ione Haines, Patricia Maguire		
EUCCHARIST	Paulette McElroy	Robyn Wishart	Robyn Watson, Patrick Sy, Maria Kennedy
ALTAR SERVERS	Aiden Pandit, Enrico Vaz		Aidan Rajapakse, Yenel Rathnayabe
CHAIRS & DOORS			Adeline & Kin Lee
HOSPITALITY		McKenzie Family	
CLEANERS		Bernie & Janice Brown	Jane Sisson

MASS INTENTIONS

We ask for your prayers - Masses have been offered for



Recently deceased— Shaun McElwee (son of Michael & Kay McElwee), Ellen Romana (Judith Shroff's cousin), Beth Dancel

Anniversaries— Rupert Perera, L Agustin, Luciyana Pieras, AlanMargot Perera, William Smith

Prayers for the Sick— Fr Brian Wysocki, Monsignor John Carde, Fr Maurice Carmody, Fr Don Morrison, Fr Colin Durning, Fr Frank Whitaker, Fr Peter O'Connell, Fr David Glendhill SM, Dianne Greene (Mother of Steven Greene),

*Please also remember in your prayers those that are supporting them.
We ask for prayers for parishioners and their friends & contacts who have been affected by Covid-19.*

Feast of the Assumption - Mass Location & Date Changes

The next occasion for joining together is going to be for the Feast of the Assumption on 14/15 August.

This is particularly appropriate this year for this feast day of Mary as we have Society of Mary priests ably and willingly involved in our Sunday gatherings.



All three Masses that weekend, 5pm Vigil and 9.00am & 10.30am will be held at St Peter & Paul's church with morning-tea after the 10.30am Mass.

Please support this initiative of the Parish Liturgy Advisory Group (aka PLAG) and spread the word amongst your friends.

MASS & LITURGY TIMES 2 —8 August

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

Mon: 9am Liturgy
Tues: 9.15 Liturgy School/
Parish
Wed: 11am Mass
Thurs: 9am Liturgy
Fri: No Mass
Sunday: 10.30am Mass

St Andrew's Church 29 Trebann St Newlands

Friday: Divine Mercy
6.30pm
Sat: 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
Sunday: 9am Mass

Please note. **Reconciliation** is held at St Peter and Paul's on the first Wednesday of the month, at 10.30am before the 11am Mass

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