



St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish

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23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 5 September 2021 Year B
Readings: Isaiah 35:4-7; James 2:1-5; Mark 7:31-37

Hey Dads! Today we pray for you. Happy Father's Day!

Fathers in Our Lives

We give our thanks, Creator God, for the fathers in our lives.

Fatherhood does not come with a manual, and reality teaches us that some fathers excel while others struggle.

We ask for Your blessings for them all and forgiveness where it is needed.

This Father's Day we remember the many sacrifices fathers make for their children and families, and the ways--both big and small--they lift children to achieve dreams thought beyond reach.



So too, we remember all those who have helped fill the void when fathers pass early or are absent; grandfathers and uncles, brothers and cousins, teachers, pastors and coaches and the women of our families.

Let us praise those men who have no children, but cherish the next generation as if they were their own.

Let us praise those men who are about to become fathers; may they openly delight in their children.

And let us praise those fathers who have died, but live on in our memory and whose love continues to nurture us.

For those who are fathers, we ask for wisdom and humility in the face of the task of parenting. Give them the strength to do well by their children and by You.

They are helping all of us to understand God's Fathering Spirit .

Happy Father's Day to the best Dad in the world (Jacob aged 15)

Just want to say: You're cool (Susie aged 16)

Thanks for everything dad (Bella aged 10)

I'd be lost without you. Thanks Dad (Sean aged 16)

I wouldn't want any other dad but you (Dominic aged 21)

In Your Holy name, O God, we pray.

Amen.

Pete sm

Covid-19 Parish Update

The Leadership formation team is meeting at least weekly on Zoom and some members are meeting more often to continue the pastoral, financial, spiritual, social programmes and connections in the parish.

We encourage you all to keep thinking about how we can continue to grow into a vibrant parish that shines the light of Christ in our community and city during these challenging times.

We ask that where possible in your bubbles or through zoom meetings and phone calls that each one of you continues to discern what role you can play in our parish to bring about our vision. This also will influence what sorts of church buildings we will require in the future. There is a lot of information on our website and perhaps you could also research other parishes both nationally and internationally to see how they utilise their buildings.

A reminder of what to do during this Covid-19 time to make a difference to its effects

Stay within your bubble.

-If you need to go out, wear a mask and remember the 2 metre social distance rule.

-If you are unwell, seek advice from your medical centre or the Ministry of Health Covid19 Health line 0800 358 5453

-Wash your hands with soap and hot water and sanitize your hands and work spaces constantly.

-Use the Tracer App when you go outside your bubble.

-Take time to reflect, wonder about our current circumstances and pray for all who are affected by this pandemic.

-Spend time talking to others in your bubble or other family/friends on the phone or by email.

-Arrange to get vaccinated.

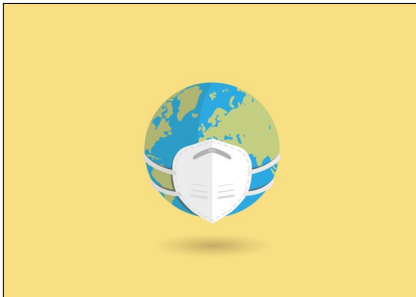
-If you are vaccinated keep all the rules so everyone is kept safe.

-Search the web for readings on theology, prayer, the mission of the church, use of buildings etc etc.

-Light a candle - real or virtual and pray for those who have died during Level 4 and Level 3.

In Level 3 there are no public masses or gatherings in our churches.

Blessings and take care everyone,
The Leadership Team



St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Challenge 2000 and St Vincent de Paul Covid Partnership

The parish is indeed fortunate to have Challenge 2000 as one community in our "community of communities". Challenge 2000 (which began in our parish in 1988) is deemed an essential service and has been able to provide back up and support to many individuals, groups and families throughout the Wellington area. In the past two weeks Challenge staff have been able to provide 150 grocery deliveries, children's activity packs, petrol vouchers and essential items throughout the Wellington area.

The Challenge staff and volunteers who are fully vaccinated take all the necessary Covid precautions when they accept food, pack it, or cook it and deliver it.

Our parish donated \$500.00 from the Tindall and Refugee fund we have in place for refugee families and the Johnsonville – Newlands St Vincent de Paul gave \$500.00 for our local individuals and families. Generous donors and parishioners also donated a further \$10,000.00 that was used to buy fresh food, milk, meat, veges and to continue to top up our canned goods and toiletries etc. A big thanks to the parishioners who have dropped off goods at Challenge's front door. And to members of our wider Catholic community who have organised tons of potatoes, rice and other goods for us!

You are great and your commitment is a real blessing. Please also make contact if you need something extra. Everything is treated in confidence and we all need support at some time in life.

If you would like to have something delivered to you or have something picked up then contact:

Steph Penny (Challenge 2000) on 021 586 024

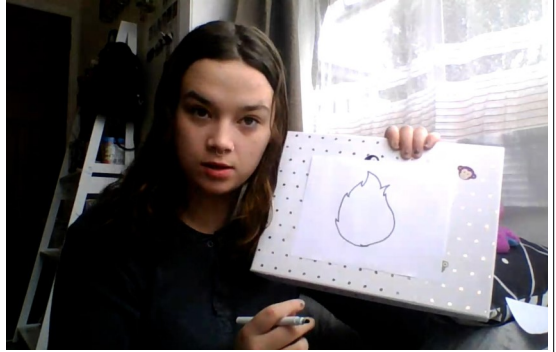
or

Ted White (St Vincent de Paul) 022 134 3816.



Confirmation Programme 2021 Update

Last Weekend, members of the Youth Ministry team put together a video for the Children on the Confirmation programme going over some of the things that we did on our first session and talking about how the Holy Spirit can fill us and strengthen us when we are finding things hard. In the video we talked about how the friends of Jesus were in lockdown and scared. Then the Spirit came and they were stronger and happier. That's a bit like us now. Kyla showed the children how to make a Holy Spirit symbol and Leo played the song Tutira mai ngā iwi which encourages love and unity.



It is unfortunate that we are not able to gather as a big group due to being at Covid-19 alert level 3. But we hope that the video clip on YouTube will help the children to keep learning and growing.

At this stage, we are still trying to aim to have our Confirmation Mass on the 25th September but this will be dependent on the Alert level.

If you are part of the Confirmation programme and you have not received the video for any reason, please email Sio at pelasio@challenge2000.org.nz or text 02108160396 and I will forward you the link of the video. If any parishioner would like to see it then please just email me!

We are also doing another video for Father's Day this Sunday starring many of our children, parishioners and Cardinal John. Just email and I can link you with that as well. Happy Father's Day to all the different sorts of fathers, grandfathers, role models, priests and men who care for us. St Joseph - our Patron and foster father, Pray for Us.



We're Hiring! St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish is currently advertising **two roles** that are available. See below for more information or Visit: <http://stfrancisohariu.nz/updates/vacancies/>

Permanent Part-time Office Manager Wanted—Closing Soon!

St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish is seeking a Part-Time Parish Manager to work collaboratively with the Parish's office team, parish leadership and volunteers. This is a challenging and exciting opportunity for an individual who can provide organisational leadership and oversight for the faith community of St Francis of Assisi Ohariu.

Ideally you will have a background of active involvement in a Catholic Parish, be an excellent communicator with well-developed interpersonal and problem-solving skills and can work collaboratively and effectively within our community of communities. Management experience required and an interest in accounting and business practices is highly valued. The role is approximately 20 hours per week - open to negotiation.

For more information or to apply online visit:
<http://stfrancisohariu.nz/updates/vacancies/>

[Click here to
APPLY NOW](#)

Applications close Wednesday 8th September 2021 at 11.59pm

Alternatively you can email office@stfrancisohariu.nz or thomas0davis@gmail.com

Permanent Fulltime — Parish Director of Mission

The Parish Director of Mission's Purpose is to:

- Provide pastoral, spiritual, and organizational leadership for the faith community of *St Francis of Assisi Ohariu*.
- Be a unifying and animating presence for *St Francis of Assisi Ohariu*.
- Invite all people of faith to carry out the mission of the Church.
- Lead new projects in response to the Vision and Mission Statements.
- Continue to develop a new model of being Church in the 21st Century.
- Represent *St Francis of Assisi Ohariu* to the Archdiocese of Wellington and other churches, communities, and government sectors.
- Follow the outcomes of the Archdiocesan Synod 2017.
- Implement the framework of operation and development of the *St Francis of Assisi Ohariu* Parish Model.
- Implement and adapt the Model of *St Francis of Assisi Ohariu* to further the mission of the Church.
- Support, promote and enhance the rituals and liturgies of *St Francis of Assisi Ohariu*.

This is a full time role. For more information email: office@stfrancisohariu.nz or thomas0davis@gmail.com

A prayer for our earth

[From Laudato Si' Pope Francis]

All powerful God,
You are present in the whole universe
And in the smallest of your creatures.
You embrace with your tenderness all that
exists.
Pour out upon us the power of your love,
That we may protect life and beauty.
Fill us with peace, that we may live
As brothers and sisters, harming no one.
O God of the poor,
Help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth,
So precious in your eyes.
Bring healing to our lives,
that we may sow beauty, not pollution and
destruction.
Touch the hearts
Of those who look only for gain
At the expense of the poor and the earth.
Teach us to discover the worth of each thing,
To be filled with awe and contemplation,
To recognise that we are profoundly united
With every living creature
As we journey towards your infinite light.
We thank you for being with us each day.
Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle
For justice, love and peace.
Amen



Pink Shoes into the Vatican

Join the campaign for gender equity in the Catholic Church – send us your worn out shoes!

'Be the Change Aotearoa' is working for gender equality in the leadership of the Catholic Church. On Sunday 19th September (Women's Suffrage Day) we will create an eye-catching installation using women's worn out shoes, some painted pink, leading from the steps of Parliament to Sacred Heart Cathedral in Thorndon, Wellington. Each pair will have a tag attached giving a short vignette of one woman's walk with the Church.

This is aimed at emphasising the fact that the Catholic Church is 128 years behind the country in recognising women's leadership skills.

Cardinal John Dew will meet us at the Cathedral and accept a petition we will ask him to convey to the Vatican.

If you'd like to participate, send a non-returnable pair of worn-out women's footwear. Please attach a tag to the shoes with your first name and a line or two about YOU and your journey with the Church. Anyone can join in.

We need your shoes and notes by 12th September. Post your shoes to 33 The Esplanade, Raumati South, Paraparaumu 5032 or deliver to 104 Majoribanks St, Mt Victoria.

If you can't send shoes, send your message to the above address or email cecilymcneill@icloud.com The event will start at 2pm and we will meet Cardinal John at 3pm. Your support would be most welcome.

Upcoming Events/Notices

Digital NZ Catholic Edition

NZ Catholic has published a special online Lockdown Edition. The continuing Level 4 restrictions in Auckland mean the paper edition can't be printed at present, and the Level 3 everywhere south of Auckland means it can't be distributed through parishes. Click here to read a PDF copy: www.catholic.org.nz/assets/Uploads/NZ-Catholic-Special-Digital-Issue-Sept.1.pdf

Dear Volunteers—Rosters

Rosters will be posted when we know we are returning to Mass. We will keep you updated via the weekly Newsletter.

Zoom Divine Mercy Prayer Meeting on Sunday

Topic: Divine Mercy Prayer Meeting

Time: Sep 5, 2021 03:00 PM Auckland, Wellington

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/79969189260>

[pwd=OzI3UIMva3lUTWwyeFhHZGFoaVk5UT09](https://us04web.zoom.us/j/79969189260?pwd=OzI3UIMva3lUTWwyeFhHZGFoaVk5UT09)

Meeting ID: 799 6918 9260 Passcode: hra2h3

Faith-filled worship in time of lockdown

The National Liturgy Office has published a page of information to help everyone manage this lockdown period without the usual access to liturgies at church.

www.nlo.org.nz/news-and-events/media-releases/faith-filled-worship-in-time-of-lockdown/

Suzanne Aubert Tertiary Scholarships

2022 Applications for Suzanne Aubert Tertiary Scholarships are open

Tertiary students in the Archdiocese of Wellington and Palmerston North entering their third year of study are invited to apply for a scholarship. Each student selected receives \$3,000 towards their studies. Applications close on 1 October 2021.

For more information and to download an application form, Visit <https://compassion.org.nz/latest-news/suzanne-aubert-tertiary-scholarship-2022>

A couple of Lockdown tips from Archdiocese of Wellington—Church Mission

Prayer at Home

The Pray As You Go app offers daily 15-minute reflections on one of the readings of the day. A gentle way to nourish your faith in lockdown.

Visit <https://pray-as-you-go.org/> or download the app on your phone.

For those who are alone at home, here are some interesting sites that provide insight into our Catholic world today:

<https://international.la-croix.com/>

<https://www.thinkingfaith.org/>

For Seniors: It can be hard when your usual routines have suddenly changed. For some helpful tips, visit:

<https://www.seniorlifestyle.com/resources/blog/self-care-for-seniors-during-covid-19/>

For Couples: Find helpful relationship tips to deepen your friendship with one another at

<https://www.gottman.com/marriage-minute/>



MASS INTENTIONS

We ask for your prayers - Masses have been offered for



Recently deceased— Chau Jong

Anniversaries— Leo & Nellie Mulqueen, Nellie Stowers

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

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.

65 Wedding Anniversary

Congratulations to **Sybil & Vince Keating** on 65 years Married.

Sybil & Vince Keating were married by Fr Jim Beban SM on 8 September 1956 at St Mary of the Angels Wellington.

MASS & LITURGY TIMES 5 — 12 Sep (COVID Permitting)

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

Mon: 9am Liturgy
(cancelled)
Tues: 9.15 Liturgy School/
Parish (cancelled)
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 (cancelled)
Tues: 9.15am Liturgy
(cancelled)
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 (Covid Permitting).

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