



St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish

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19th Sunday in Ordinary Time 8 August 2021 Year B
Readings: 1 Kings 19:4-8; Ephesians 4:30-5:2; John 6:41-51

For me there are three key messages in our readings this weekend.

Message 1 from Kings: "The journey of life is too hard unless we eat". Life is difficult, full of unexpected and unwanted events, losses, uncertainties and challenges.

To survive we need food, both physical and spiritual, that nourishes and sustains us on our journey.

Message 2 from Ephesians: "live in love, as Christ loved us." Christ became human to show us how to live. He is our role model. We are called to live and love as he did. What did he do? He loved and served unconditionally. He loved and helped the poor, the sick, the suffering, the outcasts. He fed the hungry, healed those in pain, gave hope to the hopeless and selflessly served others. He made love visible by what he did.



Message 3 from the gospel of John:

"whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world." Jesus our role model gave us himself so that we human beings can "enflesh" his mission today. He feeds us on our journey so that it won't be too hard to do as he did. When we say Amen when we receive and eat Christ we are saying Yes – I will be like you Jesus. I will be your disciple and love and serve others. The bread of life changes us, nourishes us and strengthens us to be his heart, hands, mind and body in our families, church and world today.



When you say Amen and receive Christ this weekend, reflect on how you will be his "flesh for the life of the world" this coming week.

Kitty McKinley

Reflective Workshops

If interested in attending.

Email office@stfrancisohariu.nz (attention Fr Pete)
Seminars will be presented by Richard Kerr-Bell and Pete Roe SM & a representative from the Archdiocese of Wellington.



'A Healthy Life means a Healthy Leader, a Healthy Leader means a Healthy Ministry'. Pete Roe SM
During September, a series of four, 1.5 hour Personal Development Workshops including a time of prayerful reflection on Pope Francis's "JOY OF THE GOSPEL".

Each Workshop will cover these topics. (So as to receive the benefits of these workshops attending the 4 would be fruitful).

- Reaction – contemplation – Response. Between Stimulus and Response there is a space. In that space is our power to choose our response. In our response lies our growth and our freedom.
- Building Relationships: Communication skills are the building stones of any community or organisation or relationship – the strength of all that we do.
- Attitudinal Barriers in ministry: How does one change an attitude that is no longer useful, outdated and insensitive in today's climate for effective ministry?
- Bi-Culturalism & Multi- Culturalism: To effectively communicate with an individual or group or a culture different to our own, we need to have an understanding and sensitivity to that different culture.
- Conflict Management in ministry: Conflict management is the practice of being able to identify and handle conflicts sensibly, fairly, and efficiently. Since conflicts in a community are a natural part of their existence, it is important that there are people who understand conflicts and know how to resolve them.
- Stress – Distress – Eustress: Recognising warning signs and strategies to assist in ministry.
- Wellness Wheel – identifying in yourself areas that may need more attention in your ministry – circles of support and developing resilience for ministry.

After each or the four workshops a time of reflection and Prayer on Pope Francis's *Evangelii Gaudium*: THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL.

- The Joy of the Gospel
'I wish to encourage the Christian faithful to embark upon a new chapter of evangelization marked by this joy, while pointing out new paths for the Church's journey in years to come.' Pope Francis
- The Smell of the sheep
Calls on the world to bring the healing power of God's grace to everyone in need, to stay close to the marginalized and to be "shepherds living with the smell of the sheep." Pope Francis
- Principles of Evangelising
"If the whole Church takes up this missionary impulse, she has to go forth to everyone without exception. But to whom should she go first? When we read

the Gospel we find a clear indication: not so much our friends and wealthy neighbours, but above all the poor and the sick, those who are usually despised and overlooked, "those who cannot repay you" (Lk14:14). There can be no room for doubt or for explanations which weaken so clear a message"
Pope Francis

- The Church that Goes Forth

"The Church which 'goes forth' is a community of missionary disciples who take the first step, who are involved and supportive, who bear fruit and rejoice." Pope Francis

St Francis of Assisi Property Review

Thank you to those that attended the St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish Discernment for our Parish Meeting on Sunday 1st August.

Below is an audio link to the Parish Property Review meeting held on Sunday 1st August 2021.

<http://www.r2.co.nz/pprmeeting2>

Click on the speaker on the black timeline to enable the audio.

The LFT has decided to continue the discernment by hosting several casual conversations with Parishioners to discuss further the future of our parish.

These will be:

Sunday August 15th 12-1pm St Peter and Paul.

Wednesday August 18th 7-8pm St Peter and Paul.

Saturday August 21st 4-5pm St Andrew's.

Sunday August 22nd 10.30-11.30am St Benedict's

Additional dates and locations will be confirmed next week.

All Welcome.

More details about the property review can be found on the parish website here: <http://stfrancisohariu.nz/updates/building-and-property-review/>



Adding to our reflection around the Church Property Review is this article:

A Theological Reflection on Church property in the Diocese of Dunedin: Conversations That Count

that contributed into a wider discussion in the (Anglican) Diocese of Dunedin around property.



"Any decisions around the future use of Church Sanctuaries and other properties can generate strong emotional responses. For many of us they become a second home, a place we are safe, loved and in community with other. So, to talk about changing or selling the buildings affects us emotionally (as it should).

It is important therefore to take this discussion sensitively and in the love of Christ when talking with others about this topic.

In all things we give this decision to God in prayer:

*Heavenly Father, we come into your presence
placing our burdens at your feet.*

*We ask you to help us with decisions that need to be made so that your
kingdom can be here on earth as in heaven.*

*Lord Jesus Christ who promised your Spirit to be with us to the end of time,
help us to consider and decide wisely.*

May our hearts not be hardened to receive Your word.

*May our eyes not be blinded, so we can see your truth and be obedient to
Your will.*

Amen."

An excerpt from **A Theological Reflection on Church property in the Diocese of Dunedin: Conversations That Count**

Author: John Graveston, Diocese of Dunedin Child Youth & Family Educator

The full article can be found on our website:

<http://stfrancisohariu.nz/assets/Documents/Property-Review/Theological-Reflection-on-Church-Property-2020-3-1.pdf>

Te Ara a Maria : Mary's Way Rededication of Aotearoa New Zealand to Mary Mother of God Assumed into Heaven

On Sunday 15th August, the Solemnity of the Assumption, there will be a special Mass at St Mary of the Angels when Aotearoa New Zealand will be rededicated to Mary, Mother of God, Assumed into Heaven. The country was first dedicated to Mary under that title in 1838. This will be a National celebration with representatives from the six Dioceses of New Zealand present with the Apostolic Nuncio and the New Zealand Bishops. A new artwork honouring this occasion has been commissioned and will be presented that day. The next day the artwork will begin a Hikoi of the country to significant places (with especially Marian connections). The artwork will be brought back to St Mary of the Angels on the Feast of the Annunciation next year. The hikoi will also coincide with the Centenary of the Opening of St Mary of the Angels Church.

The **National Liturgy Office** has prepared two YouTube videos (links below) to help Catholics across the country to sing the himene Mō Maria, which was composed by Bishop Pompallier. Over the years the versions, pronunciations and melodies of the hymn have varied from Pompallier's original. This has made it more difficult for us to sing the hymn harmoniously. The August 15 rededication of the country to Mary gives us an opportunity to promote Mō Maria as a national Catholic anthem.

Mō Maria – An Introduction: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sDFehbr8g6w>

Mō Maria – A Hymn: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c2Yq4rl6Ml8>

These videos return to the source, the Hokianga, to learn the original text and melody from the locals. The first is a documentary style introduction to the hymn, the second has the words onscreen to sing along with. All are welcome at St Mary of the Angels on **Sunday 15th August at 1.30pm.**

CONFIRMATION 2021

URGENT : Confirmation Programme and Mass date Change

Due to unforeseen circumstances the Confirmation Mass Dates have had to be changed.

The First Confirmation Mass will be at St Andrews's Church at 5pm on September 25th 2021.

The second Confirmation Mass will be on the morning of October 3rd at either 9am or 10.30am. The church venue is yet to be decided.

The First Programme Sessions will be held on Sunday August 8 at 10 am at St Benedict's School Library and at 2pm at Challenge 2000,

1 Wanaka Street Johnsonville. The content is the same for both sessions so that children and families can choose which one to attend so they can balance their commitments.



If you need any further information about the Confirmation programme please contact Kitty on 021491459 or Sio 02108160396 or Helen at the Parish office 044787137.

There will be no Confirmation programme sessions next week on August 15 as it is the Feast of the Assumption and the programme leaders are involved in local and Diocesan celebrations.

The programmes will resume on August 22nd.

Upcoming Events/Notices

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.

A Message from Judith Shroff

Thank you for praying for my cousin Ellen Romana during her illness & now for the repose of her soul, & for the kind messages and prayers for her family and thanks for assistance with the music roster.

Judith Shroff

Adult Programme: Seasons for Growth weekend course for adults:

For people who have been touched by change, loss, bereavement, separation, divorce, redundancy, this provides an opportunity to process what has happened and gain skills to respond well to such experiences. We may not choose the changes in our lives – but we can choose how we meet them.

Catholic Social Services is offering a weekend programme to adults:

- Dates: Friday 22nd October (6.00-8.00pm), Saturday, 23rd October (9.00am-8.00pm), to Sunday 24th October 2021 (12.30-3.00pm)
- Venue: on application - Johnsonville
- Cost: \$40 covering materials and research.
- Registration: closes Monday, 4th October.



"It didn't just help me with the past. It is helping me with the future as well ... I developed tools that have helped my recovery" - participant

For more information, please contact

Katrin Eickhorst Trainer/Coordinator Seasons for Growth, Catholic Social Services
T: (04) 385 8642 M: 021 374 405, seasons@wn.catholic.org.nz

Pa Maria Marist Spirituality Centre. "Revelation – the First and the Last": a spiritual theology course presented by Michael Young SM. Begins Thursday 9 September at 7.30pm and runs for 10 weeks. Cost: \$50.00. For more information and/or to register please contact Brian Cummings SM at bgcummings@xtra.co.nz

Joshua Fellowship

Come and join other men for a cuppa, prayer and small group activity on Thursday 19th August 2021 at 7:30pm (Note: fellowship from 7:00pm for 7:30pm start).

Venue: 'Loaves and Fishes' next to Anglican Cathedral of St Paul, corner Hill and Molesworth Streets

Intro then sharing in small groups. "Bloom where you're planted"

Want to know more? Ring Steve Ready 027-356-9555

email: joshua.wgtn@gmail.com

A musical evening with Fr Chris Skinner, supported by St Catherine's College students, at 7pm on Sunday 22 August at St Joseph's Church, Ellice St, Mt Victoria. \$20 cash at door or go on line to www.trybooking.co.nz/ HZW . Booking fee is 30 cents. Fr Chris's cds will be available to purchase www.chrisiskinner.org.nz

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

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary 14/15 August 2021	5pm Vigil St Peter & Paul's	9am St Peter&Paul's	10.30am St Peter & Paul's
MUSIC	Cesar's group	Music Group	David Dobson
GREETERS	Edmund Becker	Vera Sullivan	Chitra Paul, Joseph Paul
WELCOME/PRAYERS OF FAITHFUL	Antonette Jayme	Mary Corry/ Bernard Quinn	Mary King
1st PROCLAIMER	Rose Ohlsson	Mary Corry	Lizza Martinez
2nd PROCLAIMER	Rose Ohlsson	Bernard Quinn	Mike Watson
COLLECTION			
OFFERTORY	Volunteers		
EUCCHARIST	Bingo Jayme, Katharina Dobson	Vera Sullivan	Helen Cross, Justin Shaw, Fiona D'Souza
ALTAR SERVERS	Ria Kulathinal, Sherize Concessio		Ethan Gempesaw, Shemiah Thomas
CHAIRS & DOORS			Kerry & John Kleinsman
HOSPITALITY			Helen Cross & Pat Collier
CLEANERS		Greene Family	Ernest Perera

MASS INTENTIONS

We ask for your prayers - Masses have been offered for



Recently deceased— Shaun McElwee (son of Michael & Kay McElwee),
Olga D'Souza, Juana Leal

Anniversaries— Marie de Joux

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 Gledhill 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.

Additional parking will be available for all 3 masses at St Brigid's school.

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

MASS & LITURGY TIMES 9 —15 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: 9am Mass
Saturday: 5pm Vigil Mass
Sunday: 9am Mass,
10.30am Mass

St Andrew's Church 29 Trebann St Newlands

Friday: Divine Mercy
6.30pm
Saturday Vigil held at St
P&P for the Feast of the
Assumption

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 Mass held at St P&P for
the Feast of the Assumption

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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St Benedict's School Principal Michael Hinds Resigns Dear Parish Community

I write to let you know I've tendered my resignation as Principal of St Benedict's School. This wasn't an easy decision, but I'm now at peace with it. My last day in post will be Sunday 17th October (the end of Term 3). The Board, Staff, Student and Parent Community have all been informed.

St Benedict's School will always be a huge part of my life and a place where I truly feel I belong; with family still in the school, I'll remain part of the community and parish. Through a range of stakeholders: The ADW, Board of Trustees, Staff, Students, Parents, our St Francis of Assisi Parish, the Ministry of Education, along with many businesses and contractors - I have always felt incredibly valued, blessed and supported as our school's Principal and also as a person. I am certainly going to miss the collegiality and connections, but feel the timing is right to make a change of direction in my career.

I'm really proud of what has been achieved together during my four years; when the dust settles at the end of Term 3, I'll look back on this privileged time and have a lot to be proud of. Much has been accomplished - together. St Benedict's School is in a great space. I feel now's the right time to leave - with the school being in such a good space. It's now set for the next Principal to continue the journey.

I also genuinely feel it's better for the school for me to depart at the end of Term Three as it gives the new Principal time to bed in, see the school in action and get a feel for it, so that come Term 1 next year, they're in a better place to hit the ground running.

What's next? I've given 23 enjoyable years of my life to education. And feel that now is the right time to have a change of career. I've been offered and have accepted a new job, and so come Term 4, will become an Estate Agent for Just Paterson. This is a line of work I've always been interested in and is something that excites me; I'm looking forward to a new challenge and experience.

A sincere thanks for all the wisdom and knowledge that has been shared with me over the last four years. I have thoroughly enjoyed my experiences with the St Benedict's School family and wider community and am immensely proud of what has been achieved during this time. I will always be eternally thankful and grateful for your ongoing support and guidance, and I look forward to business as normal for the remainder of this Term.

Blessings and continued prayer for you all.

Ngā mihi nui,
Michael Hinds

