



St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish

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28th Sunday in Ordinary Time 10 October 2021 Year B
Readings: Wisdom 7:7-11; Hebrews 4:12-13; Mark 10:17-30

Covid-19 Update The Wellington Region is in Covid-19 Alert Level Delta 2. All Masses, liturgies and parish gatherings are Cancelled. Take care.

This Sunday's Gospel includes Jesus' words:

"It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God" (Mark 10:);

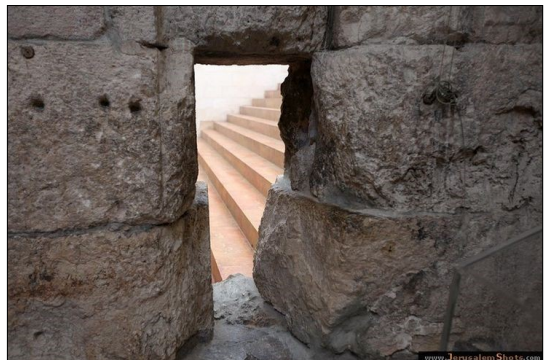
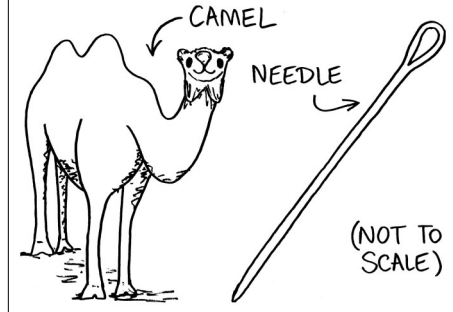
The American Franciscan, Richard Rohr OFM, observes that "Jesus reserves his most damning statements for matters of social justice where power is most resistant. His foundational bias is against false power and in favour of the powerless. If you do not make such points absolutely clear history shows that humans will almost always compromise on issues of justice, power, money, and inclusion."

Rohr points out how his own country, the United States, "always has all the money it needs for war, weapons, and bailing out banks, but never enough for good schools, low cost housing, universal health care, or welcoming refugees.

Jesus offers clear, contrasting statements about issues of ultimate significance and calls us to decide between them. His point is always our transformation. Unfortunately, Christians have largely managed to avoid most of what Jesus taught so unequivocally: nonviolence, sharing, simplicity, loving our enemies."

Adapted from Richard Rohr *An Unequivocal Call to Justice*
Sunday, June 10, 2018

John Lawson



Liturgies, Masses and general parish activities over the next few weeks.

Greetings friends from the Leadership Team

These are very difficult and challenging times in leadership as we attempt to honour both the spiritual and faith needs of our communities and also the safety and wellbeing of those same communities.

We can assure you all that we are trying to do the best for you.
So where are we at right now?

Many meetings, phone calls and correspondence has been sent and received with parishioners, the Parish Liturgy Advisory Group (PLAG), the Cardinal and the ADW, since the government announcement on Monday. There is also more clarification being sought by the Cardinal relating to numbers and masses.

What we are all attempting to do is set consistent, parish-wide guidelines that will keep all people safe and our communities and city safe and well. To do this we need a comprehensive Risk Management and Pastoral and Spiritual Support Template (which we are currently finalising) that ensures Level 2 Delta guidelines are met and we have the people to implement the practices. This is what members of the Leadership Team are currently finalising as information comes to hand.

So as this newsletter is published:

- ◆ There will be no Sunday Masses this weekend
- ◆ Next week beginning Monday October 11 there will be no Weekday Liturgies, before Wednesday by which time we hope to have the people in place who can take responsibility for safely implementing the Covid Delta guidelines in the Parish template
- ◆ We need people who are vaccinated and at low risk of contracting Delta to volunteer to clean before and after Liturgies/Masses/Parish events, to take responsibility to count numbers and ensure social distancing is maintained, masks are worn and the Ministry of Health and Parish guidelines are kept.
- ◆ We need one person to take responsibility for supporting and ensuring that all the actions described on the Parish Risk template occur for EACH Liturgy and Mass.
- ◆ We also need you to access the parish app, website and be on our email database or have the number of a parishioner who you can phone, so you can be updated as changes occur.
- ◆ We also ask for your prayers for our community and country in these challenging times .
- ◆ We also encourage you to be vaccinated and reach out to those who need support to be vaccinated. As the Pope says: *"this is an Act of Love - of self, others and our global village."*

As more information becomes available and systems are set in place we will let you know.

In Christ,
The Leadership Formation Team

“Spirit” Holiday Programme for children

The Youth Ministry team offered a holiday programme on **Thursday October 7th** in our Johnsonville church. For Covid Safety reasons the children were all from St Brigid's School. 25 children attended the Holiday Programme. Thursday was a day filled with fun, laughter, drawing, colouring, music and many fun games.

We did some artwork together that they could take home to their families and we finished the day off with a movie.

Thanks to our College Youth Leaders Frankie, James, Miguel, Kelly and Leo and to Phoebe for the music, Steph and Kirsty for your wisdom and support. A wonderful Spirit Filled Day and I am sure that the Children had a great day. If you are interested in sending your child to our Holiday Programme next week, please let me know **02108160396**. Our maximum number will be 30. Everything of Course depends on Covid and the safety level our community and church will be at.

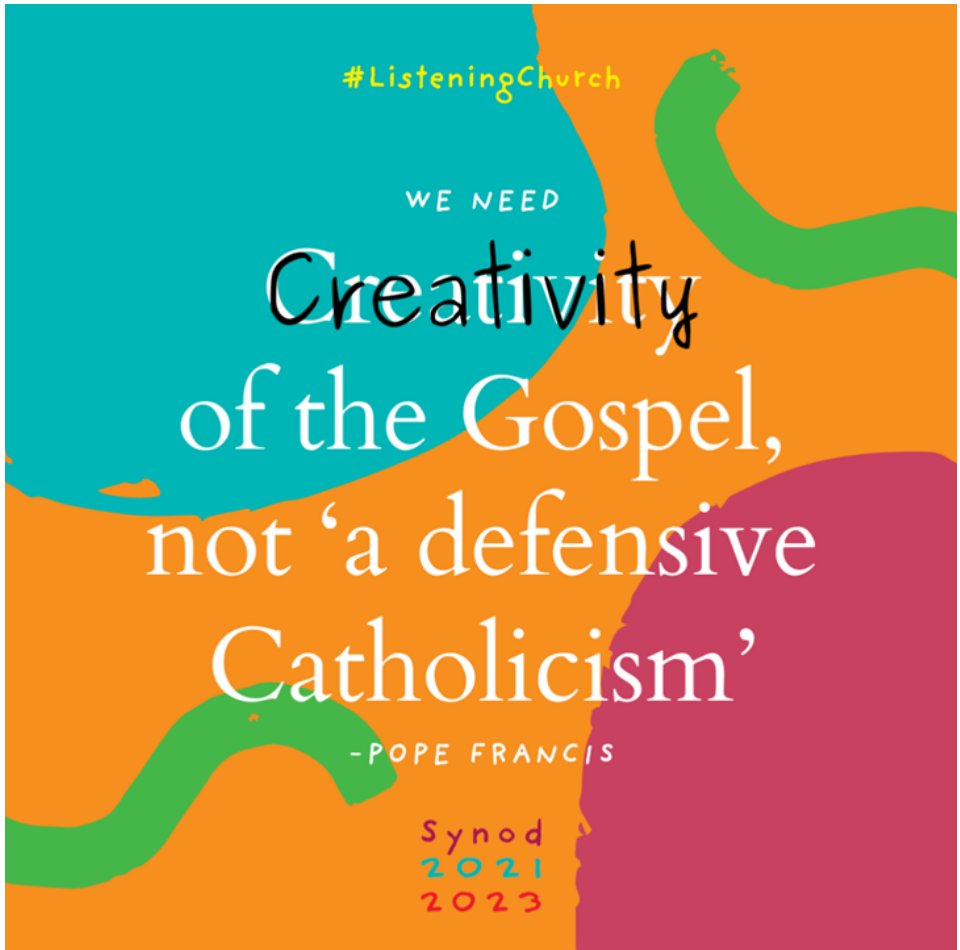


Pope Francis wants to hear from YOU!

You are invited to participate in the first phase of a global Synod consultation process. Pope Francis wants to hear from the whole People of God so that all the voices are heard. If you are reading this, we want to hear from you!

Visit <https://www.wn.catholic.org.nz/about/archdiocesan-synod/> to see how you can participate.

Be inspired by Pope Francis's October 2-minute video <https://thepopevideo.org/>



Parish Update - Property Review

Thank you to those who have been following along and contributing to the Property Review process so far.

Unfortunately due to the recent Covid-19 Delta outbreak we have not been able to hold the meetings we had planned for the property review. Once we are able to meet in person we will reschedule those meetings.

In the meantime we would appreciate getting some input from you for the property review. We have prepared a survey which we would like you to complete.

Before doing the survey it would be useful to read the Background Information available on the website. [Click Here](#)

To access the survey please [Click Here](#). We will share the results with you.

We ask that you continue to pray for the Parishes discernment. Blessings,
Leadership Formation Team



We're Hiring!

Permanent Fulltime — Parish Director of Mission

St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish is seeking a **Full-Time Parish Director of Mission** 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 pastoral leadership 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. Formal studies in scripture, liturgy, ecclesiology, morality, and parish ministry is desirable.

The role is Full-Time, based in Johnsonville.

To view the full job description or Apply Visit <http://stfrancisohariu.nz/updates/vacancies/>

Applications close 19th October 2021 at 11.59pm.

For more information on the position please email office@stfrancisohariu.nz or thomas0davis@gmail.com



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He Inoi mō te Hātotanga o te Kahurangi nei a Meri Hōhepa

E te Ariki e Hēhu Karaiti, nāu mātou i whakaako mēnā ka puaki atu mātou i te pūaroha mō te iti, arā, ngā tēina, ngā tuākana, ngā tuāhine me ngā tungāne, kātahi ka whakaatu mātou i te pūaroha ki ā koe.

Whakarongo mai ki ā mātou inoinga ki a Meri Hōhepa te Wahine Kahurangi nāna i te aroha te iwi Māori. Nāna i awhi ngā tāngata pōhara, ngā tūroro, me ngā tāngata rawakore. Meatia tēna, kua karanga rawa atu te Hāhi i tētahi tāngata o āu pononga tapu, o āu tāngata māhaki hoki. Ā te wā tonu, mā te katoa e mōhio mai tōna Hātotanga.

Āmene.

Prayer for the beatification of Suzanne Aubert

Lord Jesus Christ, you taught us that as often as we show compassion to the least of your brothers and sisters, we show it to you.

Hear our prayers that Venerable Suzanne Aubert, who loved the Māori people and devoted her life to the poor, the sick and the underprivileged, and whom the Church has declared to be one of your true and humble followers, may soon be recognised as a saint.

Amen



Goodbye for now Ellen Giltrap: Our Parish is sad to see you go

After working in our Parish Office for 18 months Ellen is now moving on. Ellen has done an amazing job across many fields in the parish. The Parish Executive Assistant role is a big and demanding one that is often not recognised and is a critical part of our existence. Imagine a role as receptionist, communications and technology guru, financial expert, trouble shooter, purchasing, listening ear, call centre operator, logistical coordinator and parish trouble shooter. To name but a few roles!

And to add to the above roles, Ellen has introduced Infoodle our new planned giving system, updated the parish data base, developed and maintained our parish website, continually improved our newsletter, operationally managed our finances and along with other team members kept the parish cogs working administratively and pastorally. All during a time when Covid lock downs have affected our parish and its functioning! Wow it's been a big job in very changing, demanding times.

Ellen thanks for bringing our parish into a new technological era, for your patience, youthful energy, intelligence, care for others, sensitivity and willingness to learn, change, support others, accommodate and share your deep faith and self. We will miss you. Many, many thanks for who you are and what you have done. With gratitude, love and best wishes for the next stage of your journey.

St Francis of Ohariu communities and Leadership Team.



Upcoming Events/Notices

Wellington Seminarian ordained as a Deacon

Congratulations to Alfred Tong from Upper Hutt Parish, who was ordained a deacon for Wellington Archdiocese on Saturday. We pray for him as he continues on his journey to the priesthood. **PRAY, INVITE, ENCOURAGE...** Many priestly vocations have grown from a tap on the shoulder, an encouraging word or a question to a man who you see has the qualities of a vocation to the priesthood.

Compassion Soup Kitchen is open

Serving takeaway meals between 12pm and 1pm, Monday - Saturday.
If you need a hot meal, come and collect a nutritious takeaway meal. For more information visit our website: <https://soupkitchen.org.nz> or ph: (04) 385-9299

Divine Mercy Prayer Zoom Meeting

Topic: Divine Mercy Prayer Meeting
Time: Oct 10, 2021 03:00 PM Auckland, Wellington
Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/79969189260?pwd=OzI3UIMva3lUTWwyeFhHZGFoaVk5UT09>
Meeting ID: 799 6918 9260
Passcode: hra2h3

Te Ngākau Tapu parish, Porirua (next door to Bishop Viard College): Sunday Masses will resume at the parish on Sunday, 17th October at 10am (in te reo Māori) and 5.15pm (English). If you wish to attend please use the electronic registration system through the website of the Archdiocese of Wellington. The Friday 12.05pm Mass has also resumed.

Garage Sale this Sunday Afternoon

There will be a garage sale on Sunday afternoon 1-4pm at 35 Box Hill, Khandallah. Come along on Sunday. There will be the remains of things from our Early Childhood Centre, Box Hill Kids. There are small wooden chairs, wood and steel chairs, tables, low beds suitable for little ones to rest on and other items.
The entrance is down the slope behind the church at 35 Box Hill, Khandallah.
Payment is by koha on the day and items must be taken away on Sunday.
Please note - people must scan or sign in, masks are to worn and people are to avoid being in large 'clumps'. See you there!

Home of Compassion Crèche Talk and Tour

Two sessions - October 30 11.30am or October 30 1.30pm, Pukeahu Education Centre, 18 Buckle Street, Te Aro
Limited spaces, RSVP to events@compassion.org.nz or (04) 383 7769 by Oct 23.
Free but a koha to the Compassion Soup Kitchen would be appreciated.

A Historical Walking Tour of Suzanne Aubert Meri Hōhepa's Wellington

Two sessions – October 26 10am or October 30 10am, Begins at Pukeahu Education Centre, 18 Buckle Street, Te Aro
Limited spaces, RSVP to events@compassion.org.nz or (04) 383 7769 by Oct 23.

Free but a koha toward the Compassion Soup Kitchen would be appreciated.

MASS INTENTIONS

We ask for your prayers - Masses have been offered for:



Recently Deceased— Terry Twomey, Nick Lowe, Jennifer Booth

Anniversaries—

Prayers for the Sick— John Fanning, 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. We also pray for Auckland and all those working to prevent the spread of Covid-19.

MASS & LITURGY TIMES 11-17 October

Currently, during Covid-19 Alert Level Delta TWO all Masses, liturgies and in-person parish gatherings in our Parish (with the exception of funerals) are still CANCELLED . Cardinal John Dew and the Archdiocese of Wellington have reviewed these settings and advised the LFT about moving towards liturgies and then Masses under strict Covid-19 guidelines. Refer to the article on page 2 of this newsletter for more information.

Reminder if anyone needs support of any kind: food, travel assistance, information or advice during this Covid-19 time, then please let us know.

Call the Parish office on 04 478 7137 or email office@stfrancisohariu.nz and we can try to sort what you need.

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02-0524-0203642-00

