



St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish

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15th Sunday in Ordinary Time 11 July 2021 Year B
Readings: Amos 7:12-15; Ephesians 1:3-14; Mark 6:7-13

Our Mission

Last week we heard Jesus was not welcomed by people in his home town. Far from welcoming a hometown hero, the people couldn't get past him being a carpenter – who did he think he was to perform all these miracles? Instead of dwelling on this rejection, Jesus looked outwards. He commissioned his disciples to go out in pairs and gave them his authority. In today's language he also told them to stick to the basics – don't take an extra shirt, don't even take extra food. If people welcome the Good News then you will be fed, if not, don't waste time just shake the dust off your feet and move on.

Such lack of planning might not pass muster to our modern sensibilities – trekking out with no back up plan, no spare food not even a clear itinerary? What would they say about you if you got in trouble – irresponsible! Poorly prepared! Got what you deserve!

Yet this is the call of Mission – we are sent and need to focus on what is truly important, trusting in the wisdom of the one who sent us.



This week we gather together in St Benedict's Church to celebrate one of our church patrons, St Benedict. He took another path in following the mission of Jesus. Rather than going out he literally went to the hills and then others followed him as they joined him to live a more intensive Christian life as monks or nuns. They became famous for their hospitality, especially to strangers. There is more than one way to follow the call of Jesus.

What does all this mean for us today? Whatever our role in society we all have a call from Jesus to answer. We all have a part in the Mission of Jesus – through our home lives, in our schools and workplaces and in our communities.

Whatever the opportunities that present themselves, like the disciples and St Benedict we need to look outwards and know that we live our lives as a people with a mission. An outward focus not on what we wear or what we are to eat, but being a witness to the mission of Jesus to spreading the Good News by how we live our lives as his disciples.

Jo-Anne and Michael Carley

St Francis of Assisi Property Review

We have now heard from two of our speakers who are kindly sharing their property review experiences with us.

Below is an audio link to the Parish Property Review meeting held on Sunday 4th July 2021 if you wish to listen to it.

<http://www.r2.co.nz/pprmeeting1/>

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

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

The next two conversations will be:

Lesley Hooper : Wellington South Community Consultation process

14th July

7pm – 8:15 pm St Benedict's Church Foyer

Lesley was involved in designing and facilitating the consultation process for the four parish communities involved in Wellington South and lives in the Ohariu parish.

Gerard Aynsley from Dunedin Diocese

18th July

4pm – 5.30pm Followed by Soup

SS Peter and Paul Johnsonville

Gerard is normally the Parish priest for the Dunedin South pastoral area and the Vicar General for that Diocese. Although Gerard is on sabbatical at the moment he has kindly agreed to come and chat informally about his experience of reimagining churches down South.

Context: Cardinal John directed every parish to carry out a review of it's churches and presbyteries.

This review is to be with him, complete with developed proposals, no later than 30 October 2021.

St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish has begun the review that will identify how many churches the parish needs to cater for its Mass count (taking into account the availability of priests and lay pastoral leaders), and the ideal location of the church or churches.

Cardinal John reminds us that for most, if not all parishes with more than one church, this will mean reducing the number of churches in the parish.



Provision for accommodation of priests in the parish is part of the review.

His last encouragement on the directive was to be prepared to be radical in our thinking and discernment as we discern and commit to being missionary disciples bringing about the reign of God in our time.

The Leadership Formation Team invites you to be part of the Review leading up to the 30th October 2021 deadline.

As an aid to our discernment the Leadership Formation Team will be hosting a number of "Conversations" with various people who have trodden this path already and are prepared to share their experiences.

We welcome you to join.

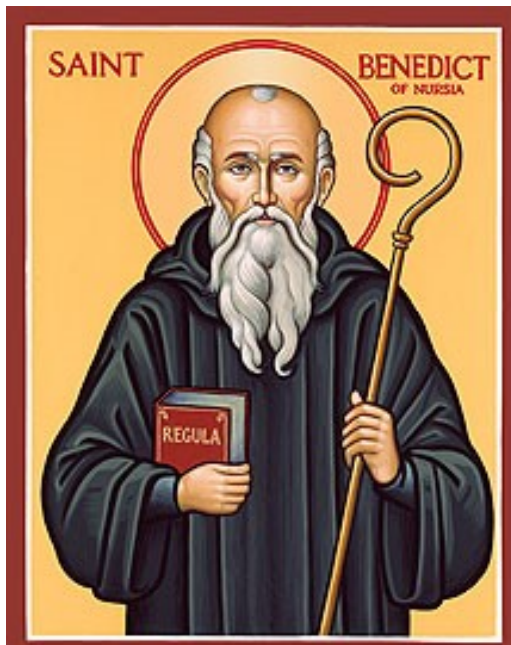
There is a printed copy of the property review overview and timetable available in each church foyer.

St Benedict's Feast Day

This weekend we as a parish gather at St Benedict's church in Khandallah for the feast of Saint Benedict.

This is a great opportunity for our St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish to join together as one community in prayer.

St Benedict is also known as Benedict of Nursia; Founder of Western Monasticism and Patron Saint of Europe. St Benedict was also the founder of the Benedictine Monks.



School End of Term Masses

This week St Benedict's and St Brigid's Schools had their end of term Masses.

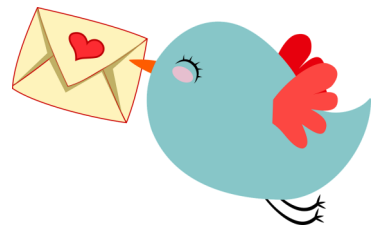
It was great to hear all the children singing and participating in Mass while also having other members of the Parish community join to pray.

Thank you to Fr Pete Roe, Sio our Youth Minister and Pat Collier for their assistance and guidance throughout the term.



Email Addresses

If you have not provided your Email Address to the Parish or your Email Address has changed, this is a timely reminder to please advise us by emailing office@stfrancisochariu.nz with your details so that we are able to communicate with you about topics such as Covid Lockdowns, property reviews etc...



Many thanks, the Parish Office

Contacting us? Need Assistance? Looking for a Priest?

A friendly reminder to you all, that under our Parish model you should contact the Parish office on 04 478 7137 for all enquires.

As we do not have a resident Parish Priest, it is important that requests for Masses, Funerals, Marriages, Memorials, Baptisms, Preference Certificates etc.. continue to go through the Parish Office 04 478 7137 or office@stfrancisochariu.nz .

If you need to contact the Parish after hours, please call the Parish phone number 04 478 7137, the phone number is monitored at all hours for emergencies and someone will be available to assist you.

Prayer for our Parish of St. Francis of Assisi Ohariu.

Loving God, as members of our Parish of St. Francis of Assisi Ohariu, we come before you in a spirit of love, prayer and thanksgiving.

We pray you bind us together in love. Whatever our age, cultural background and individual roles within our parish, may we be one together in Jesus. May we accept, affirm and support one another.

In your service we offer you our talents and gifts so as to build your Loving Presence amongst us. May our Parish be vibrant with your love and always a place of welcome



May your Holy Spirit anoint us, inspire us, and send us out into the community as witnesses to you and your love and teaching. May we have the courage and compassion to reach beyond our church to the peripheries to those who are most vulnerable and in need.

May your Holy Spirit draw others to you through us.

We ask this in Jesus' name.
Amen

St. Francis of Assisi pray for us, and guide us.

Upcoming Parish Events/Notices

Children's Liturgy at St Peter and Paul's

There will be no Children's Liturgy at St Peter & Paul's masses during the school holidays.

Talent Show

When: 4th of September 2021, Time: 7pm onwards, Where: Khandallah Town Hall
Cost: \$5 per head or \$15 per family, BYO Drinks and a plate of food to share.
Categories as follows: Groups (any age) or Individuals, under 12yrs, 13yrs to 25yrs, 25yrs and above. Your entries should be in by the 25th of July. For further details contact:
Clayton on 027 267 6263 or Nirmala on 021 108 2074; Or Blanche on 021 237 5558

Night Carer Wanted

68 year old Catholic lady requires night carer for personal care/light duties.
Accommodation available if required Phone: 027 85 90 774

Parish School Holiday Programme

Want to have a day full of fun and games? Not going away for the school holidays? St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Youth Ministry team is running a Holiday Programme on the 16th July 2021 for ages 5 - 11. This will be taking place from 10:00am - 4:00pm at SS Peters and Pauls church hall. It will be full of arts and crafts, games and different activities. If you would like to register your child for the Holiday programme.

please email Sio at pelasio@challenge2000.org.nz the following details

- Name of Child
- Age
- Any medical conditions that we need to be aware of
- parent/caregiver name and contact details

If you have any questions, also email those through to Sio at pelasio@challenge2000.org.nz



Other Events & Notices

Wednesday 4 August and Saturday 7 August

Winter Film Screening: Sisters of the River - Introduced by Sr Sue Cosgrove. Join us for a showing of this documentary which follows the 1992 pilgrimage hīkoi of the Sisters of Compassion to Hiruhārama-Jerusalem, Entry by koha. 11am, Suzanne Aubert Heritage Centre, Home of Compassion, 2 Rhine Street, Island Bay, Wellington. For more details email: events@compassion.org.nz or ph: (04) 383 7769.

Joshua Fellowship

Come and join other men in this special thanksgiving celebration on Thursday 15th July 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

Celebration: Fr Peter Ewart's 80th birthday – prayer, song, stories, video clips and fun quiz.

Want to know more? Ring Steve Ready 027-356-9555
email: joshua.wgtn@gmail.com

Young Adults

A Life in the Spirit Seminar will be held at the Connolly Hall Chapel and Cathedral foyer on 6 successive Wednesday evenings from 7 July – 11 August beginning at 7.30 pm. This will be a wonderful opportunity to have a personal encounter with Jesus through the Holy Spirit. This seminar is specifically for young adults. Registrations: asg.wlg@gmail.com

Jubilee Mass of Thanksgiving for Priestly Anniversaries

On Wednesday, 14th July all are invited to a Jubilee Mass of Thanksgiving for Priestly Anniversaries . It will be held at St Patrick's Church, Kilbirnie at 11am.

This years' celebrations will include 2020 and 2021 anniversaries as Covid-19 meant there was no Jubilee Mass last year.

Those with milestone anniversaries this year are:

65 Years - Fr John Rea SM (2020)

60 years - Monsignor Charles Cooper, Fr Des Darby (2020), Fr Frank Twiss SM, Fr Frank Whitaker, Fr Petelo Mauga (2020)

50 years – Fr Ede Condra, Fr Maurice Carmody (2020), Fr Pat McIndoe CP, Fr Arthur Toothill SM, Fr John Joliffe SM (2021)

25 years – Fr Colin Durning, Fr Joe Savesi SM (2021)

25 years – Cardinal John Dew (consecration as bishop 2020)

16th Sunday of Ordinary Time 17/18 July 2021	5pm Vigil St Andrew's	9am St Benedict's	10.30am St Peter & Paul's
MUSIC	Connie's Group	Music Group	David Dobson
GREETERS	Joanne Gordon	Andrea Lai	Monica Sorensen, Agnes Kisteria
WELCOME/PRAYERS OF FAITHFUL	Nima D'Souza	Louise Kelleher/ Mary Byrne	Gillian Laursen
1st PROCLAIMER	Augustilia Rodrigues	Louise Kelleher	Kim Sharma
2nd PROCLAIMER	Augustilia Rodrigues	Mary Byrne	Bill Cooney
COLLECTION			Sy Family
OFFERTORY	Dela Cruz Family		Ibarra Family
EUCHARIST	Barbara Diggins	Natalie Brockie	Ted White, Dennis Smith, Sharron McSweeney
ALTAR SERVERS	Enrico Vaz & Anne Almeida		Shemiah Thomas & tba
CHAIRS & DOORS			Bill Cooney
HOSPITALITY		Greene Family	
CLEANERS		Lasela & Priscilla Agius	Ballesteros Family

MASS INTENTIONS

We ask for your prayers - Masses have been offered for



Recently deceased— Marcus Perera (Father and Father in law of Roshanthi & Mahes Hettige).

Anniversaries— Francisco Z. Romero, Sr., Herbert M. Melendez, Sr., Peter Gilligan, Benjamin Naboa, Paul Andrew Coghlan, Pio F Roa, Luisa Victa

Prayers for the Sick— Ellen Romana (Judith Shroff's cousin), Dianne Greene (Mother of Steven Greene), Shaun McElwee (son of Michael & Kay McElwee), Fr Brian Wysocki. *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.

Parish Newsletter

Currently we send the newsletter to about 750 of the 1100 parishioners on our parish register. If you're not receiving the newsletter it's because we don't have your email address. Please send an email to the parish office office@stfrancisohariu.nz or add your email to the list in the church foyer to receive the newsletter by email. You can also sign up to receive the newsletter by visiting the link on the parish website.



If you would like to put something into the newsletter we ask that you please have it clearly written and emailed to the parish office by End of Day Wednesday. Thank you.

MASS & LITURGY TIMES 12 July— 18 July

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

Mon: 9am Liturgy
Tues: 9.15 Liturgy
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
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

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