



St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish

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11th Sunday in Ordinary Time 13 June 2021 Year B
Readings: Ezekiel 17:22-24; 2 Corinthians 5:6-10; Mark 4:26-34

Life has a certain rhythm. We celebrate special occasions, birthdays, baptisms, first communions and funerals. Life is marked by the seasons which are marked by Festivals – of light, of darkness, of life of death. Those imported deciduous trees that survived the Wellington winds have the remnant of their autumn display. Winter is closing.

We hunker down until Winter passes and life inevitably re-emerges at Spring. The cycle continues. So it is with the Church's Cycle

Each part of the liturgical year has either a special season or is in 'ordinary time'. A special season are things like: Lent, Easter, Advent, and Christmas. Whenever the Church isn't celebrating one of these, it is Ordinary Time.

We have been through Lent, the Easter season, and three Sundays of feast days— Pentecost, Most Holy Trinity, and Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ— and so we return to Ordinary Time.

The English name "Ordinary" is intended to translate the Latin term *Tempus per annum* (literally "time through the year"). This doesn't mean that Ordinary Time was nothing special, because Jesus preformed miracles all throughout the year. This means that, because Ordinary Time takes up more than half of the liturgical year, it is referred to as: *Tempus per annum*, or "time through the year."

Green is used as a liturgical colour during these weeks of Ordinary Time. Far from being a filler between other liturgical seasons, Ordinary Time has its own meaning, signified by its own colour.

Let's spend a little time each week preparing for the Sunday Mass by reflecting on the Gospel and follow the continuing story of Jesus whose message was simply to proclaim the Kingdom of God.



Anna Mika-Hunt Resignation from the Parish

Leadership Formation Team (LFT)

Kia Orana and Talofa fellow Parishioners,
It is with sadness I tender my resignation as a member to the Leadership Formation Team for St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my two and half years serving as a member to the Parish Leadership Team, and I thank the Newlands Community for giving me support and faith to fulfil this role in this time.

I have for a number of years had a serious health problem and lately it has been a major impact to me. It is not a health problem that cannot be managed or fixed, but I do require some time to focus on myself to meet my health goals.



There is still so much to do within the Parish and I believe this 'New Model' of being 'People Centred Lead' can still work and I have faith it will work in this Parish. Hence, I will continue working with the Parish Liturgy Advisory Group until a person with pastoral skills comes on-board. Also, I will not disappear from the Parish, always happy to sing for Challenge 2000 masses lead or joining in with other Parish choir groups. I will always be based at St Andrew's, Newlands community and I am happy to continue providing advice to the Leadership Team if called upon.

I urge you as Parishioners of St Francis of Assisi Ohariu to step forward and join one or a couple of the many Parish Ministries formed or better still, if you have Leadership Skills come join the Leadership Team in order for us to continue developing the path of this 'New Model' in this Parish.

My prayers and thoughts are with the Leadership Team members and you the Parishioners as we continue the work towards 'ONE Parish, ONE Church within communities of communities, living our baptismal call as disciples to deliver the Gospel.'

This is not a 'Good-Bye' but God Bless each and everyone of you.

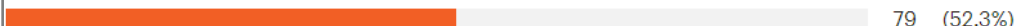
Kia manuia
Anna Mika-Hunt

Parish Communication Survey Feedback

Over the last weeks we invited you to take part in a Survey providing feedback to assist the Parish Admin and Pastoral Teams on how best to communicate with our Parishioners. We received 210 responses to the survey. Thank you to those parishioners who took the time to respond. The Newsletter was the most common way you received information about Parish Life. What you read was:

"Please Indicate What you Read in The Newsletter"

Rosters



Mass Times



Upcoming Parish Events



Upcoming Archdiocesan Events



News of what has happened in the Parish



The Front Page Reflection



The suggestions that would improve our **Newsletter** broadly fell into 3 categories. The main feedback was that the **Content** should be more about our Parish People. Many thought the Newsletter could be more than advertising events and information e.g., Mass Times and Rosters but a community paper should be about Our People.

It already takes many hours to publish the Newsletter in its current format and to realistically achieve this we may need to follow other Parishes and reduce the Sunday Newsletter to "Notices" and once a Season publish a larger edition that reports on things that have happened in the Parish, cover the work of our 24 or so various ministries, children's art, short features about parishioners that tell something of what they do to serve the church and the parishioners as an inspiration and encouragement to others. That could have a more interactive feel with "letters to the Editor" style commentary. It would probably need "reporters" to compile events.

Parish Leadership Formation Team

Mass Time and Location Changes - Ss Peter and Paul's Feast Day



This year Saints Peter and Paul are celebrating their Feast Day in a new and exciting way within our Parish.

Our *Parish Liturgy Advisory Group* would like to invite you to join us, as for the first time ever, over one week-end, all three Masses will be held in one church only.

Yes, fellow parishioners you read it here first!

The weekend of **June the 26th and 27th all three masses will be celebrated in Johnsonville at Saints Peter and Paul.**

The vigil will still be at 5 p.m., the first Mass on a Sunday will still be at 9 a.m. and the second Sunday Mass will still be at 10.30 a.m.

People from all three Mass Centres will be rostered on and fully taking part in each Mass. There will even be shared refreshments after the 10.30 a.m. Mass.

Take the opportunity to come along to one of these Masses and met people you might not have had an opportunity to say hello to yet.

And since you read it here first, please pass on this scoop to anyone else who regularly attends one of our weekend services.

See you all there,
Saint Francis of Assisi, Ohariu – Trendsetters!!

Many thanks,

Parish Liturgy Advisory Group (PLAG): Marie Paurini, Wendy Cleaver, Pat Collier, Tina Araza, Bernard Whaanga, Teresa Preston, Cesar Capistrano, Denzil D'Mello, Pete Roe & Anna Mika-Hunt.

Tax Receipts

There are still a number of Tax Receipts and Envelopes awaiting pickup from our Church Foyers.

Please collect these as soon as possible.

We will leave them in the foyers until the 21st June.

Many thanks - the Parish Office



Our Parish Covid-19 Appeal for India

The Newlands Passionist Group raised \$212 with a Pizza/Quiz night last weekend (5/6 June) to raise money for our India Covid fund. Well done!

The Parish updated total for our India Covid appeal has raised \$4044.22 so far.

We give our grateful thanks to the Parish for your support of this cause.

"We are one people: all branches of the same vine, Let us act now in love and unity. We are the human family".

Fr Pete Roe



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

Malvina Major Anointing Mass

Malvina Major Anointing Mass 15 June 2 30pm in the Chapel Reflection Room. All welcome.



St Andrews Passionist Family Group is holding a **Bingo night** on **Saturday 19 June** in St Andrews Church lounge after the 5pm Mass.

Cards are \$10 for three and there will be prizes plus complimentary soup and rolls. Please BYO drinks and nibbles.

All parishioners, friends and family are very welcome and we hope you can make it as these events are always lots of fun.

Please let Denzil and Stephanie know if you'd like to come along at stephaniedmello@hotmail.com

Onslow Catholic Women's League



The next meeting of the Onslow CWL will be held on **Tuesday 22nd June** in St Benedict's Church foyer at **2pm** (please note change of time), for a '(Mad) Hatters' Tea Party'. Members are asked to bring along a hat, and tell the



story behind it – what the reason for the purchase was, where you wore it, or any other interesting facts! (of course, if you don't possess such a thing as a hat, another item of clothing of some special significance would be just as acceptable). Afternoon tea will be provided and a gold coin donation for our Mission cause would be much appreciated.

Other Events & Notices

ADW Workshops

ADW are offering another liturgy workshop:

'Communion to the Sick' June 17th 7pm at St Joseph's, Mt Victoria. Tea and coffee available from 6.45pm.

To register contact Chris Walkerdine 04 496-1706 or email c.walkerdine@wn.catholic.org.nz

Joshua Fellowship

Come and join other men for a cuppa, prayer and a talk on **Thursday 17th June 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

Input then sharing in small groups. **'How important is Joshua in your life?'**

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

email: joshua.wgtn@gmail.com

St Patrick's College Open Day Tours

The Open Day tours for those interested in enrolling their son at St Patrick's College for 2022 will be held on **Tuesday 15 June** between 9.30 to 11.00am and from 12.00pm to 1.30pm and again on Thursday 17 June between 9.30am to 11.00am and from 12.00pm to 1.30pm. <https://www.stpats.school.nz>.

Getting married ? Engaged Encounter Weekend

An Engaged Encounter weekend builds a solid foundation for your marriage. Remaining weekends this year are 17 & 18 July and 30 & 31 October, at the Catholic Presbytery, 301 Karori Road, Karori, Wellington.

To enrol, go to our website at www.cee-wellington.co.nz

Here's what one couple said after they attended "We have grown to love each other more....we had not thought this was possible. Thanks."

For information or to register contact Simon & Kate 027 486 0700

XLT YOUTH WORSHIP

Come and encounter the Father's love at the second XLT (eXaLT) worship night of the year, as we explore the theme 'Welcome Home' (Luke 15:20).

Join us for fellowship, prayer, food, live praise & worship, Reconciliation, and Eucharistic Adoration, all centered around a theme and aimed at Year 9-13 students (but open to young and old alike!).

7 pm - 9:30 pm on Friday 25th June at St Joseph's Mt Victoria. (Search XLT June on Facebook for more details!).

12th Sunday of Ordinary Time 19/20 June 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	Robyn McKenzie	
WELCOME/PRAYERS OF FAITHFUL	Solomon Concessio	Janice Brown/ Ned Hanlon	Mary King
1st PROCLAIMER	Anushka D'Souza	Janice Brown	Lily Ong
2nd PROCLAIMER	Anushka D'Souza	Ned Hanlon	Ronald Martinez
OFFERTORY	Dela Cruz Family		Martinez Family
COLLECTION			Perera Family
EUCCHARIST	Barbara Diggins	Robyn McKenzie	Jackie Overall, Rob King
ALTAR SERVERS	Sherize Concessio, Ann Almeida		Noah Borthwick, Gerard Villanueva
CHAIRS & DOORS			Pauline & Ted White
HOSPITALITY		Quinn Family	
CLEANERS		Bernard Whaanga & Mary Railton	Jeanette Historillo

MASS INTENTIONS

We ask for your prayers - Masses have been offered for



Recently deceased—

Anniversaries— Noreen D'Souza, Paul D'Souza,

Prayers for the Sick— Diane Greene

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.

Parish App -Please download our Parish Church App!

We encourage you to download the app so we can easily communicate Covid-19 and other parish updates with you. To download the app search for **ChurchAppsNZ**. Then select St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish. After downloading the app please make sure you select which **ALERTS** you wish to subscribe to by going to MENU (the 3 Lines on the left hand corner) and selecting your subscriptions. We are finding it a useful tool providing updates (including Covid updates), liturgical guides and prayer resources. It's free for Parishioners to download. The app is available on iPhone and android. Contact the parish office if you would like help to download it.



MASS & LITURGY TIMES 14 June — 20 June

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

Mon: 9am Liturgy
Tues: 9.15 Liturgy Parish/
School
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
Tues: 9.15am Liturgy
Wed: 9.00am Liturgy
Thurs: 9am Liturgy
Friday: 9am Liturgy
Sat: 9am Liturgy
Sun: 9am Mass

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