



# St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish

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**Ascension of the Lord 16 May 2021 Year B**

**Readings: Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 1: 17-23 or 4:1-13; Mark 16:15-20**



He's gone – AGAIN! Jesus, I mean!  
That's the second time he's done it.

He did it about a month or so back when he fell foul of the occupying power – the Romans that is – he prodded them and those Jewish leaders who think they represent everybody – and don't – and they got their own back by having him crucified; at least they thought they'd got their own back on him but he rose again (that must really be narking them) but before they got their hooks into him he said he'd come back in three days.

Of course, we didn't believe him – I mean who comes back from the dead but he DID – he kept his word.

So, we're not quite so sceptical this time round; I mean – he kept his

word the first time and God knows we found that hard enough to believe – of course the funny thing was that he kept saying he was the son of God so maybe God DID know that we'd find it a bit hard to believe.

But this time he said he was going to send us someone else to help us – the Paraclete I think he said – it's one of those strange Greek words he used from time to time (I reckon he used to do that to keep us on our toes) it means a helper.

You know, I've got this funny feeling that he'll keep his word this time as well – so I'm hanging my hopes on this helper to see just what's going to come along. You know – Jews have got a feast that we celebrate fifty days after the First Fruits and I reckon he's going to make something of that and there's always heaps of blokes from all around the Mediterranean in Jerusalem at that time – so watch out for Pentecost – it could be a pretty big thing – and if he comes back then or sends his paraclete it sounds as though he's NOT going to go away a third time. So, let's all hang in there and see if he keeps his word again.

I'm betting on him keeping his promise.

-Tony de Joux

## St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish Prayer

Our Parish is at a crucial time in the implementation of a New Model of church in our community. We are 9 months away from the conclusion of our trial period in partnership with the Archdiocese, the Society of Mary and our St Francis of Assisi Ohariu community. We have all prayed regularly throughout the last 30 months for our Parish both privately and in our Prayers of the Faithful at Mass. A prayer for our Parish has been prepared to be formally prayed as the concluding prayer at the end of our Masses over the months ahead .



The prayer has been prepared against the background of our Parish Vision "We are baptised as missionary disciples in a community of communities to follow Christ's gospel teaching."

We are all encouraged to go to the Parish website and print out this prayer and use it in our prayer groups, meetings or at home with your family.

With thanks to those parishioners who contributed to the creation of this prayer for us all to pray. St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish Prayer.

St. Francis of Assisi pray for us.

## 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.

# Cooking for our community: individuals and families

Most weeks some of our parishioners and members of the St Vincent de Paul donate, prepare and deliver food for individuals and families.

If you would like to help or receive these meals then contact either Sharon at the St Vincent de Paul 04 478 3541 or Emma/Marie at Challenge 2000 or the parish office 04 478 7137.



## Experienced Social Worker Wanted

Full time role – 37.5 hours per week  
Catholic Social Services is seeking an experienced social worker to increase our team based in Wellington.

For a copy of the job description or additional information please email [reception@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:reception@wn.catholic.org.nz) or phone 04 385 8642.

Applications close at 3pm on Tuesday 8th June 2021  
Please email your CV and covering letter to [reception@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:reception@wn.catholic.org.nz)

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### **St Bernards College Lower Hutt**

St Bernard's College will be holding an Open Day on Saturday 29 May 2021 from 10.00am until 2.00pm. Prospective students and their parents are invited to visit during these hours to find out more about St Bernard's College and what it can provide. St Bernard's College is a Year 7-13 Catholic boys' college. For further information please see our website: [www.sbc.school.nz](http://www.sbc.school.nz)

or contact the office at:  
183 Waterloo Rd Lower Hutt  
Ph 560 925  
Email: [office@sbcs.school.nz](mailto:office@sbcs.school.nz)

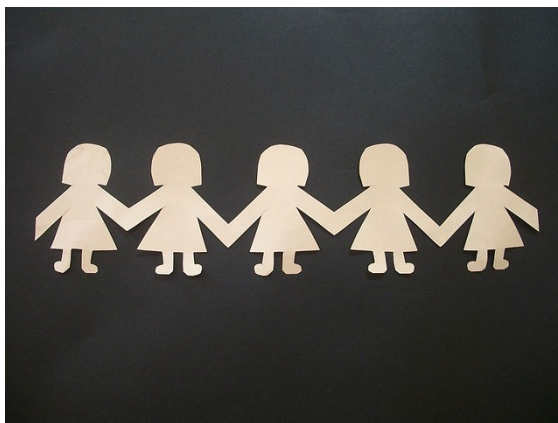
### **St Patrick's College Open Day Tours**

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 9.30 to 11.00am and from 12.00pm to 1.30pm.

To make a booking please either email [admin@stpats.school.nz](mailto:admin@stpats.school.nz) with your request or to make a booking yourself visit the St Patrick's College website: <https://www.stpats.school.nz>. On the front page of our website you will see 'Open Day'. Open this section and select "Open Day Booking Form" (an online booking form). Enter your details and make your selection regarding day/time. A reminder email will be sent closer to your booked day.

## **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**

16–23 May 2021 | 6–23 Haratua 2021



In the week between Ascension and Pentecost Sundays – 16 May to 23 May – the Christian churches celebrate the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. We are united in our desire for unity, although we know this is a long road.

In Aotearoa New Zealand the Christian churches work together in many ways – prison and hospital chaplaincy, advocacy on behalf of those who are disadvantaged and resettlement of refugees are just some examples. In some places we gather together to worship at times such as Ash Wednesday and Advent. This is a long way from the strained and often hostile relationships that have existed among Christian churches in past times. We are blessed to be living in a time when we can talk together about unity, pray together and work together for others.

The theme for this year's Week of Prayer is 'Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit' (Jn 15:5-9). If possible try to take part in the Week of Prayer in some way, with others or on your own. The prayers for the Eight Days between Pentecost and Easter can be found at <https://www.catholic.org.nz/resources/week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-2021-resources/>

or on your diocesan website, together with other information about the Week of Prayer.

Each of us has a part to play.

Cardinal John Dew  
Catholic Bishops Committee for Ecumenism

## St Mary's College Open Day 2021

All those interested in enrolling at St Mary's College in 2022 are invited to our Open Day on Tuesday 1 June 2021 at 9am - 11.00am.  
Please look at our website: [www.stmw.school.nz](http://www.stmw.school.nz) for more information.



*"To love as the Lord loves us means to appreciate the people beside us, to respect their freedom, to love them as they are, not as we want them to be."*

Pope Francis, 9 May 2021

## Family Group Activities

### May/June 2021

Crew: Coffee & Cake on Sat 22 May 2pm  
Newlands: BINGO NIGHT whole parish Sat June 19 after 5pm Mass at Newlands

Teddys: Café meet up Sunday 16th after 10.30 mass

Young Families: Cultural meal  
5pm Sat 15 May

It is great that a new group has started, many of whom have young children at St Brigids.

If you would like to join a group:  
please contact: Kerry  
027 3116618 or John 027 846 7489; or 232 3538

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MOVEMENT**



**A FAMILY FOR ALL**

## Marriage Preparation:

Getting married soon or this coming summer? Or maybe you know someone who is? Now is the perfect time to start your marriage preparation journey.

There are spaces available in the June and September Archdiocesan Marriage Preparation course called "Love is a Decision".

For more information please contact: Felicity Giltrap at [f.giltrap@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:f.giltrap@wn.catholic.org.nz) or head to <https://www.wn.catholic.org.nz/about/church-mission/marriage-ministries/> for more information and to book.





## Upcoming Parish Events/Notices

### Posters for Celebrations at Sts. Peter and Paul.

We are looking for someone who could draw posters for us on the odd occasion. If you are that person please contact Pat Collier Ph 4786230 email [tchpat.collier@gmail.com](mailto:tchpat.collier@gmail.com)

### St Andrew's Pentecost Celebration

Join St Andrew's Celebration for Pentecost Sunday at the Saturday Vigil on 22/5/21, it will be a celebration of many cultures, children wearing costumes from different countries. Also, bring a plate of food from your favourite country to share at a supper after mass. For more details contact Denzil D'Mello 021179 2924.

### St Peter & Paul's Pentecost Celebration

Next Sunday 23rd. May is Pentecost Sunday.

We remember how the people heard the message in their own language. The liturgy team from Sts. Peter and Paul's ask if as many people as possible wore their national dress for Pentecost Sunday. Also there will be a cup of tea in the hall at Sts. P & P after the 10.30a.m on Pentecost Sunday.

### Onslow Catholic Women's League

The next meeting of the Onslow CWL will be the WUCWO (World Union of Catholic Women's Organisations) Day of Prayer, and will be held on Tuesday 25 May at 7.30pm in St Benedict's Church. All members and women in the parish are warmly invited, and we will be joined by our fellow CWL members from Otari Parish. The prayer service will be followed by supper in the Church foyer. A gold coin donation for our Mission cause would be greatly appreciated.



### Annointing Mass

Malvina Major Anointing Mass Tues 16 May 2 30pm in the Chapel. All welcome.



### Thank You –Memorial Mass for Judith Wheeler

Thankyou: to Fr Des, to all who assisted with hospitality or in any way, and to those who attended the beautiful memorial Mass at St Bens for Judith Wheeler. Judith's family were most appreciative - it meant a great deal to them.

## Other Events & Notices

### Joshua Fellowship

Come and join other men for a cuppa, prayer and a talk on Thursday 20th May 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  
Speaker: Jayne Sutherland on "Mary's influence on her husband's conversion to follow Jesus" Want to know more? Ring Steve Ready 027-356-9555  
email: [joshua.wgtn@gmail.com](mailto:joshua.wgtn@gmail.com)

### Healing Service

Fr John Rea SM will conduct a Healing Service at St Teresa's Church, 301 Karori Road, Karori on Wednesday 26 May beginning at 7.30 pm. Please invite all who need Jesus' healing. All are welcome. Enquiries Ph 022 389 7460

### **Pastoral Care and Support conference**

The NZ Catholic Medical Association is holding a Pastoral Care and Support conference and retreat for Catholic health practitioners at Our Lady's Home of Compassion in Island Bay, Wellington from 3pm Friday 28 May to 3pm Saturday 29 May. Registration and details: [www.newzealandcatholicmedical.co.nz](http://www.newzealandcatholicmedical.co.nz)

**Pa Maria Marist Spirituality Centre Winter Film Series**, begins first week of June on Mondays or Thursdays for five weeks. Very limited places still available. For further information please contact Brian Cummings SM at [bgcummings@xtra.co.nz](mailto:bgcummings@xtra.co.nz) or 021 703 580

### **Johnsonville Uniting Church Fashion Parade at Ballentyne's**

You are invited to Johnsonville Uniting Church Fashion Parade at Ballentyne's store in Johnsonville – 6:45 for 7pm on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2021.

The cost for the evening is \$20:00 which covers the cost of entry and three lucky prize entries. Tickets available from Judith Dunlop – 4785 252 or Jean Mundt 4783 165. You can either pay cash or by Internet Banking to JUC-BNZ Johnsonville 02-0500-0021852-00 including your name and the reference "Fashion"

For the week following the parade Ballentynes offer 20% discount on clothes purchased. Come and enjoy an evening of fun and fellowship.

### **Seeking Accommodation/Housing**

Sweet and sensible woman in her thirties is looking for quiet housing/accommodation in the suburbs surrounding Wellington. She was a refugee and arrived in NZ alone over fifteen years ago but presently lives in social housing in the city and is seeking a safer, suburban home for the medium or long-term. A one or two bedroom flat would be ideal. She works and has her license and a vehicle. Please contact Siobhan Dilly, NZCBC Executive Officer, [sdilly@nzcbs.org.nz](mailto:sdilly@nzcbs.org.nz)

<b>Pentecost Sunday 22/23 May</b>	<b>5pm Vigil St Andrew's</b>	<b>9am St Benedict's</b>	<b>10.30am St Peter &amp; Paul's</b>
MUSIC	Cesars Group	Music Group	KPF
GREETERS	Ferdie and Giselle	Vera Sullivan	Pauline White & Ewen Laurenson
WELCOME/PRAYERS OF FAITHFUL	Jade Arboleda/POF in different languages	Mary Byrne/Robyn Radomski	Merlyn Bonaparte
1st PROCLAIMER	Marie Paurini	Mary Byrne	Lizza Martinez
2nd PROCLAIMER	Anushka D'Souza	Robyn Radomski	John Kleinsman
OFFERTORY	Children		Kooistra Family
COLLECTION			Sy Family
EUCARIST	Katharina Dobson	Vera Sullivan	Michael Watson, Patrick Sy & Helen Cross
ALTAR SERVERS	Aiden Pandit & Riya Kulathinal		Liway Kisteria & Alab Kisteria
CHAIRS & DOORS			Merlyn Bonaparte
HOSPITALITY	Volunteers	Brown Family	
CLEANERS		Ruth Burns & team	Jane Sison

# MASS INTENTIONS

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

*RIP— Ian Jones*

*RIP Anniversary— Nell Croudin*

*We ask for prayers for parishioners and their friends & contacts who have been affected by Covid-19.*



**We welcome into the parish community the  
newly Baptised:**

*Eve Rieger*

## Parish Newsletter

Currently we send the newsletter to about 700 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](mailto: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 17– 23 May

### 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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