



St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish

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25th Sunday in Ordinary Time 19 September 2021 Year B
Readings: Wisdom 2:12,17-20; James 3:16-4:3; Mark 9:30-37

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

Gospel: Mark 9: 30 - 37

Who is the greatest?

Jesus called up a young child before his disciples and said "Here is the greatest among you." It is as if the whole of mankind is queued at heaven's gates in order of what they understand to be God's preference of goodness and greatness. Jesus comes out and goes down to the farthest end of the queue, lays his hand on the head of the person closest to him and says, "Here is the greatest in my kingdom!" Jesus is surely the back-to-front, inside-out, up-side -down Man to the human way of measuring value and greatness.

We typically under-estimate the value of what is done by the 'small person'. God created every one of us in his image; he breathed his life into each one of us.

Everyone has their own part to play in God's design. I had a birthday last week and my sister sent me a card to mark the occasion. In it she says, 'Do you recall a song we learned as children?' and she quotes:

*'Jesus bids us shine with a pure clear light,
Like a little candle burning in the night.
In this world of darkness so we must shine
You in your small corner and I in mine.'*

I remember so well standing beside my mother at the piano as a 5 and 6 year old singing along to the music. And the wisdom behind these lovely words has stayed with me and is as relevant now as ever it was.

Jesus took a little child. Jesus wants the 'small'. He wants the insignificant. He does not want the arrogant or the puffed up. That means that he needs you and me - just as we are. He does need the faithful, prayerful, dedicated and always loving followers.

Gillian Laurenson



St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish Online Mass

Sunday 19th September - THIS WEEKEND

Social Justice Sunday 19th September 2021

(Social care and kindness towards one another)

This week St Francis Ohariu Parish has been fortunate enough to use the streaming and recording services at Lychgate Johnsonville Funeral Homes to record an online Mass for this Sunday 19th September 2021. The mass has been pre-recorded and therefore is available now for you to view whenever it suits you and your whānau .

Thank you to those you participated in the **online** Mass.

Jacqueleen Rodriguez (St Brigid's School)

Fiona de Souza

Kitty McKinley

Robyn Radomski

Sio Iasefo-filo

Fr Pete Roe sm

To view the mass follow the link below, then enter the login details (Event id and Password) and click login.

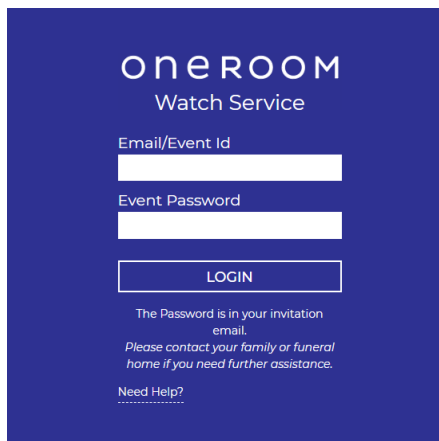
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Thank you to Lychgate Funerals for sponsoring this Mass and their continued support to provide this service to our parish when needed.



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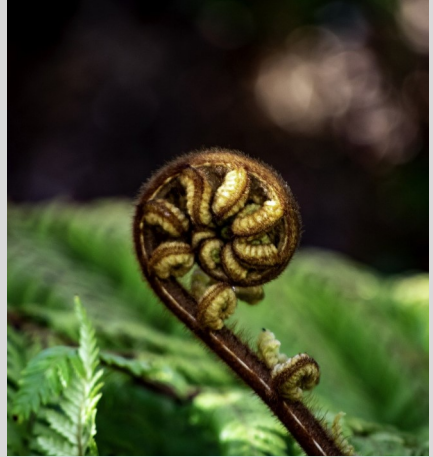
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Please contact your family or funeral home if you need further assistance.

Need Help?
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Te Wiki o te Reo Māori

To join in with Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori—Māori language week we encourage you to pray the Lord's prayer in Te Reo Māori.

E tō mātou Matua i te rangi
Kia whakatapua tōu ingoa
Kia tae mai tōu rangatiratanga
Kia whakaritea tōu hiahia i te whenua
Kia pērā anō i to te rangi.
Hōmai ki a mātou āianei
He taro mō mātou mō tēnei rā.
Whakakāhoretia ō mātou hara
Me mātou e whakakore nei i ngā hara
O te hunga e hara ana ki a mātou
Kaua mātou e tukua kia whakawaia
Engari whakaoranga mātou i te kino.
Āmene



Month of Creation

1 Sept – 4 Oct

Brother Sun
Be praised, my Lord, through all
your creatures,
Especially through my Lord Brother
Sun,
Who brings the day, and you give
light through him.

Would you like to **PRAY** each day
this week.
Lord forgive me if I wake up not
noticing the sun.
Remind me to be grateful for the
sun and all your creation.



Would you **LIKE** to take a **WALK** and give thanks for all creation.

Pat Collier [parish ecumenical group]

Youth Holiday Programme

We will be offering Spirit Holiday programmes for children aged 5-11, during these coming holidays on October 7 and October 14, 10-4pm. We will need senior College students to help us run these.

If you are interested please text Sio: 02108160396 and I will get back to you.

Some of these programme assistants positions will be paid.

13/09/21

Catholic Social Services Afghan Appeal

The appeal for household items and furniture is now closed.

Your response has been so overwhelming that we simply do not have the capacity to manage the volume of goods being offered- such is your generosity. We will honour the arrangements currently in place for delivery or pickup - but as of today we are unable to accept any new offers.

Thank you for your immediate and generous response. When we made our appeal for help we had no idea of how our community would respond. We are moved and humbled by the outpouring of support and generosity from so many people. We should have known!

If you still wish to make a contribution, there is an ongoing and pressing need for suitable housing, if you can help please contact our community facilitator

Paul Alsford at Refugees@wn-catholicsocialservices.org.nz . Any financial donations will also be welcome and can be made by going to our website <https://wn-catholicsocialservices.org.nz/>

As the families arrive in Wellington and begin settling in we will try to update you on how your gifts were applied and the difference they have made in the lives of the Afghan people making a new life here in NZ.

Once again thank you!
Kia tau te rangimarie kia koe

The team at Catholic Social Services

"We cannot remain insensitive, our hearts deadened, before the misery of so many innocent people. We must not fail to weep. We must not fail to respond." Pope Francis

Planned Giving Appeal

As Covid-19 continues to impact the world, New Zealand and our church, we have continued to miss out on Sunday Mass Gatherings. One of the side affects of being in Delta Level 2 and not having Sunday masses is of course there is no Sunday Collection.

This has resulted in fewer donations to support the ongoing expenses that we have in the parish. Like you all we still have power, phone, internet, staff costs, rates and insurance and are doing the best to manage on a limited income.



Many regularly give generously through the Mass Collection and last month the donations received were down by approximately \$5000.00. So we ask, if you are able to donate, we encourage you to do so. There are a few ways to donate:

Automatic Payment/Direct Debit: Automatic payment's can be set up so that weekly donations are paid directly into the Parish Bank Account.

One-off direct debit payments can also be paid directly into the parish's bank account. Our account is **02-0524-0203642-00** . If you have a planned giving envelope number please include this number as a reference along with your name. If you are not already a part of the Planned Giving, then please include your name as a reference.

Drop off to the Office: As some parishioners are currently doing you are welcome to simply pop your envelopes in the presbytery door at **37 Dr Taylor Terrace**. Alternatively if it's easier you are more than welcome to make a lump sum payment.

We appreciate your generosity in financially supporting the Parish to be strong in its commitment to follow Christ, creating a welcoming community and engaged in bringing about a more just and equitable society.

If you have any questions and would like to donate you can contact the parish office on **04 478 7137** or **office@stfrancisohariu.nz**.

Vinnies Street Appeal Cancelled - Help us Meet the Need

Because of current COVID-19 restrictions, St Vincent de Paul Society have had to make the tough call to cancel the Vinnies Annual Street Appeal. This doesn't stop the challenges our communities are facing and the increasing amount of support services being accessed at the Vinnies Welfare and Support Hub.

Times are tough at the moment. Vinnies need your help to meet the increasing demand for their Vinnies Welfare Services, ensuring kiwis have access to the support they need when they need it.

If you're in a position to do so, please consider making a donation to the Vinnies Annual Appeal.

Donations can be made online at www.vinnies-wellington.org.nz, or contact the team on 04 389 7122.

We're Hiring!

Permanent Fulltime — Parish Director of Mission

The Parish Director of Mission's Purpose is to:

- Provide pastoral, spiritual, and organizational leadership for the faith community of *St Francis of Assisi Ohariu*.
- Be a unifying and animating presence for *St Francis of Assisi Ohariu*.
- Invite all people of faith to carry out the mission of the Church.
- Lead new projects in response to the Vision and Mission Statements.
- Continue to develop a new model of being Church in the 21st Century.
- Represent *St Francis of Assisi Ohariu* to the Archdiocese of Wellington and other churches, communities, and government sectors.
- Follow the outcomes of the Archdiocesan Synod 2017.
- Implement the framework of operation and development of the *St Francis of Assisi Ohariu* Parish Model.
- Implement and adapt the Model of *St Francis of Assisi Ohariu* to further the mission of the Church.
- Support, promote and enhance the rituals and liturgies of *St Francis of Assisi Ohariu*.

This is a full time role.

For more information or to apply visit:

<http://stfrancisohariu.nz/updates/vacancies/>

Alternatively you can email:

office@stfrancisohariu.nz or
thomas0davis@gmail.com



Upcoming Events/Notices

"Pink Shoes into the Vatican" has been postponed due to Covid 19. This installation of women's worn out shoes between the steps of Parliament and Sacred Heart Cathedral in Wellington was to have taken place on Sunday 19 September, Women's suffrage day in Aotearoa New Zealand. But, with Auckland still at Lockdown Level 4 and the rest of the country at Level 2, the organising group felt it was too risky to try to hold even an open air event. So it has been postponed to Sunday 6 March 2022 which is two days before International Women's Day. Many thanks for your enthusiastic encouragement for the project and donation of shoes and messages.

Zoom Divine Mercy Prayer Meeting on Sunday

Topic: Divine Mercy Prayer Meeting

Time: Sep 19, 2021 03:00 PM Auckland, Wellington

Please download and import the following iCalendar (.ics) files to your calendar system.

Weekly: https://us04web.zoom.us/join/https://us04web.zoom.us/join/up0kceCpjiIoHNTjvtk65NoLMFqBL8I99Y1T/ics?icsToken=98tyKu6hpz0jG9ycsh-HR7Z5HY_oXevxiFhBao1plqnxCHYGTaZaG8RFEJ4nOYGJ

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

[https://us04web.zoom.us/j/79969189260?
pwd=OzI3UjMyYmZlUTVwvveFhHZGFoaVk5UT09](https://us04web.zoom.us/j/79969189260?pwd=OzI3UjMyYmZlUTVwvveFhHZGFoaVk5UT09)

Meeting ID: 799 6918 9260

WelCom Available Online

WelCom is titled *NauMai* this month in support of Māori Language Week, 13–19 Mahuru | September 2021.

The online link to NauMail WelCom September is:

https://www.wn.catholic.org.nz/adw_welcom/welcom-naumai-september-2021/

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-6.00pm), 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

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seasons@wn.catholic.org.nz

MASS INTENTIONS

We ask for your prayers - Masses have been offered for



Recently deceased— Nancy Garrett

Anniversaries— John Collier, Eldon Porter

Prayers for the Sick— 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.

MASS & LITURGY TIMES 20– 26 September

During Covid-19 Alert Level Delta TWO all Masses, liturgies and in-person parish gatherings (with the exception of funerals) are still CANCELLED. Cardinal John Dew and the Archdiocese of Wellington will be reviewing these settings on Tuesday 21st September 2021.

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.

Take care and let us know if you need help.

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