



St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish

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Fifth Sunday of Easter 2 May 2021 Year B
Readings: Acts 9:26-31; 1 John 3:18-24; John 15:1-8

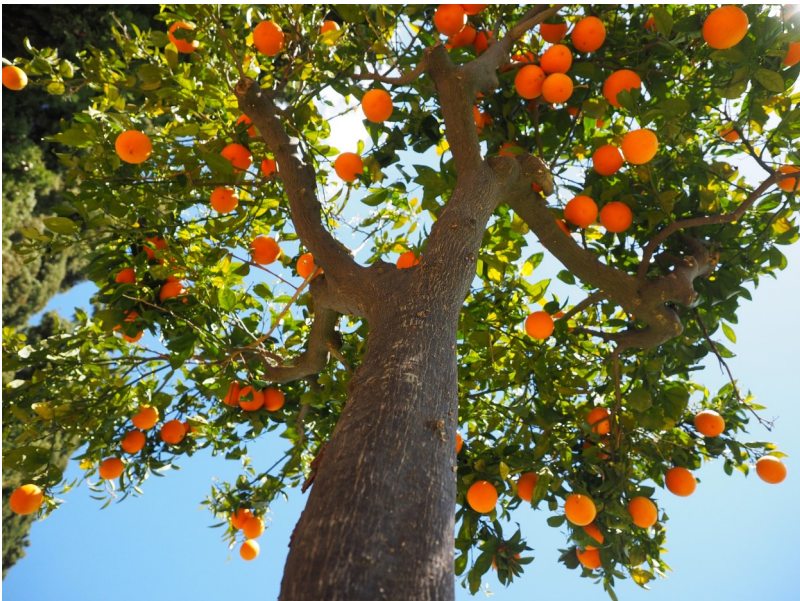
"A branch that bears fruit"

On the 4th Sunday of Easter, as we begin to enter into this time of the year, where the days are becoming shorter and the winter cold is starting to settle in, it is important that we support ourselves and each other.

In the second reading from the first letter of John, we are called to love others, not only through our words but through truth and love. I am very fortunate enough to be able to work alongside our Tamariki within the parish, particularly those who are preparing to receive Holy Communion for the first time.

This is a very exciting time for the children and their families as they learn more about the importance of the body and blood of Jesus.

Jesus refers to himself as the true vine and his father as the vine grower. We are challenged by the Gospel to be able to abide in Jesus, to take up our calling. As we grow and learn more about the calling, our branches will continue to bear fruit and be shared with others who will benefit from the harvested fruit.



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St Francis of Assisi Ohariu ANZAC Day Masses:

Each of our parish communities marked this important day in different ways. A picture paints a thousand words and these photos capture some of the depth, learning, sharing and emotion that was experienced last Sunday. Each mass provided a powerful opportunity to remember and to re-commit to the building of a church, community, country and world that are characterised by peace, justice, sacrifice and service.

In Johnsonville, Sister Cyprian's sharing of her life in the Northern Suburbs in the 1940's and what she hopes for our community and world was inspirational.

John and Kerry Kleinsman's sharing of the lives of their fathers during WWII, in Holland, Italy and Egypt was powerful and challenged us to value what we have and to work for a society where the dignity of all is respected and small things are appreciated.

Te Po Hohua's moving kōrero about his whānau who served in the 28th Māori Battalion and the way they were treated when they returned home was very powerful and deeply effected many parishioners.

Many acknowledged after that we have much to do still to build a just, equitable and peaceful Aotearoa New Zealand that honours the lives of those who went before us.

Thank you to all who were involved in the organisation of these masses, the musicians, the piper, the displays, the wreath, the prayers, the reflections, the art work, flag bearers, children who read, those who said the Ode, provided the flowers and painted the Anzac candle. There was so much work done to make these masses special- thank you, thank you, thank you.

There will be photos in the foyer of each church to view. By our attitudes, lives and actions we will remember them.

Kitty McKinley



ANZAC DAY 2021



Society of St Vincent de Paul

We help people to get food, clothing, furniture, and company; sometimes we help with travel.

If you know someone who needs help in any or all of these ways feel free to call either

**Justin Shaw phone
027 587 8467
or
Ted White phone
022 134 3816.**



Year of St Joseph

"Even through Joseph's fears, God's will, his history and his plan were at work."

(Pope Francis from Patris Corde)



Our Parish Covid-19 Appeal for India:

We have all seen on the news the humanitarian crisis and tragedy that is unfolding in India. Many of our parishioners have close family and friends in India and they are hearing bad news directly on a daily basis. People are dying every minute and these brothers and sisters of ours need significant support. It is a matter of life and death.

Our parish is committed to praying and supporting the Indian community here and overseas in any way we can. Over the next few weeks we will pray hard.



Money is urgently needed for oxygen and resources. We invite you to donate money: There will be envelopes in the parish newsletter this week that are marked "India Covid 19 Appeal." Over the next few weeks please donate by putting the envelope in the collection plate or through the slot in the front door of the Johnsonville presbytery. You can also donate through Internet banking. Please use the words INDIACOVID for the Internet banking reference. The parish account number is: 02-0524-0203642-00.

The LFT have been in discussions with CARITAS New Zealand who has been in contact with CARITAS India and we will send our donations through this channel. After each Mass this coming weekend 1&2 May, Solomon Concessio will be saying a few words about the situation in India.

We encourage everyone to pray and act to assist the people in India.

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

We are the human family.

Information for children, parents and friends for the 2021 Sacramental Programme Journey:

Our First Holy Communion programme begins this Sunday 2nd May. Dates, times and venues are:

Sunday 2nd May

9am Mass for those able to come. followed by the first Communion

Programme 10am - 11:30am St Benedict's Church:

2:00pm - 3:30pm SS Peters and Pauls, Church and hall

Sunday 9th May: Session 2

10:00am - 11:30am, St Benedict's School

2:00pm - 3:30pm, SS Peters and Pauls church/ hall

Sunday 16th May: Session 3

10:00am - 11:30am, St Benedict's School

2:00pm - 3:30pm, SS Peters and Pauls church/ hall



Sunday 23rd May: Session 4

10:00am - 11:30am, St Benedict's church

2:00pm - 3:30pm, SS Peters and Pauls church/ hall

If you would like to be involved helping with the programme in any way then lets know there is always room for you in the team. Contact Sio on 02108160396 or email if you need any further information or email Kitty: kitty.mckinley@xtra.co.nz.

Please also pass the word around that this Programme is on to your children's friends or relatives....there is always room for more!!
Parents evenings time to be advised. See you Sunday!

Tax Receipts and Planned Giving Envelopes are still available in the foyers of our 3 Churches.

If you use Planned Giving Envelopes, the new batch of envelopes and Tax Receipts for Khandallah and Johnsonville for the last financial year are available now in the foyers. If you use an Automatic Payment for Planned Giving, your receipt has been put in a sealed envelope. These have been put in a separate box in the foyer of each Church and arranged alphabetically.

It has come to our attention that there has been a technical error with the Newlands planned giving tax receipts for Envelope payers (only). Newlands Automatic Payment receipts have not been affected. We are currently working hard to resolve the issue and issue corrected tax receipts for these parishioners. Thank you for your patience while we work to resolve this.

If you have any queries or are unable to locate your Envelopes and/tax receipt please contact the Parish Office. The Parish Office hours are Monday, Wednesday & Thursday 9am - 3pm.



Thank you for your contributions to the Parish planned giving during the last year.

Upcoming Parish Events/Notices

Children's Liturgy St Peter & Paul's during School Holidays

There will be no Children's Liturgy during the school holidays from 16th April until the 9th May. We hope you have a lovely break.

St Benedict's Memorial Mass for Judith Wheeler

St Benedict's 7 May: Exposition 8.30, Mass 9 a.m. & Morning Tea. This will be a Memorial Mass for our recently deceased organist Judith Wheeler. All welcome. Hospitality by Margaret and Christine.

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

Celebrating Mothers Sunday 9th May

We will be having a little gathering to celebrate mothers after the 10.30a.m. mass at Sts. Peter and Paul's. There will be a cup of tea/coffee in the hall.

Other Events & Notices

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. Hear interesting local speakers. Mass and Reconciliation will be available. The NZ Catholic Bishops Conference supports this event. Registration and details: www.newzealandcatholicmedical.co.nz

The Parish in Transition: A seminar on worship, music, and pastoral life.

Description: Date: September 10 to 12, 2021

Venue: Diocesan building Palmerston North

The seminar begins on Friday evening September 10 and finished early afternoon September 12th. All are welcome. Please mark your calendars and let people know this event is coming. More details to follow at the end of May.

With thanks, Joe Grayland. Contact: office@pncathedral.org.nz

St Vinnies Looking for Donations.

Vinnies rely on the generous donation of goods from our local communities to continue providing welfare and support services to Wellington. We are currently running low on quality donations, including furniture, homeware and clothing. You can book a free pick-up for donations by calling 04 389 7122, or book online via www.vinnies-wellington.org.nz/donate-goods.

Thank you for helping Vinnies support your community.



Taizé Prayer

Friday 7 May, 7pm

Venue: The Chapel of Our Lady of Compassion, 2 Rhine Street, Island Bay

A reflective time with simple songs and scripture that brings us to stillness and silence. ALL are welcome.

Saturday 8th May**Day of Reflection for Mothers – "Come away with me"***This Mother's Day weekend, give yourself the gift of time to find rest in the presence of the Lord.*

10am-3:30pm at Our Lady's Home of Compassion, Rhine Street, Island Bay.

To register please contact Lucienne Hensel at Family Ministry:

l.hensel@wn.catholic.org.nz or 04 496 1715 / 021 164 5800**A Quiet Day with Suzanne Aubert**

Thursday 13 May, 10am to 2pm

Venue: The Chapel of Our Lady of Compassion, 2 Rhine Street, Island Bay

A time for gentle reflection on insights from the life and works of Venerable Suzanne Aubert.

A simple lunch is provided – or bring your own. There is no fee, however a koha is greatly appreciated.

Online Sessions (Evening): The Resurrection of Jesus Christ with Br Kieran Fenn. Monday 03, 10, 17, 20 May, 7-8.30pm. Fee: \$25/session. ZOOM.

All sessions are connected but also stand alone.

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/the-resurrection-of-jesus-christ-with-br-kieran-fenn-5/>

6th Week of Easter 8/9 May	5pm Vigil St Andrew's	9am St Benedict's	10.30am St Peter & Paul's
MUSIC	Ogie and Focolare	J Shroff	KPF
GREETERS	tba	Margie Crook	Helen Cross & Ewen Laurenson
WELCOME/PRAYERS OF FAITHFUL	tba	Terry Marks/ Natalie Brockie	Lily Ong
1st PROCLAIMER	tba	Terry Marks	Gillian Laurenson
2nd PROCLAIMER	tba	Natalie Brockie	Mary King
OFFERTORY	tba		Perera Family
COLLECTION	tba		Sy Family
EUCCHARIST	tba	Steve Greene	Ted White, Pauline White, Wendy Cleaver
ALTAR SERVERS	tba		Noah & Anita Borthwick
CHAIRS & DOORS	tba		Rob & Mary King
HOSPITALITY	tba	Kelleher Family	
CLEANERS	tba	Lasela & Priscilla Agius	Eroshini Thomas

MASS INTENTIONS

We ask for your prayers - Masses have been offered for

RIP— Mies Nobelen, Bernard Noble-Campbell

RIP Anniversary— Terrence Leamy Junior

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 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 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 26 April— 2 May

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

Mon: 9am Liturgy
Tues: 9.15 Liturgy
Wed: 10.30am Reconciliation, 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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