



St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish

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12th Sunday in Ordinary Time 20 June 2021 Year B
Readings: Job 38:1,8-11; 2 Corinthians 5:14-17; Mark 4:35-41

Sow Generously

Jesus explained the Kingdom of God in terms of seed that is scattered and then grows and flourishes - though the sower knows not how. In the same manner we, his present day disciples, are called to freely scatter seeds of love, joy and hope and so cause God's kingdom to grow.



It is however, important for us to recognise that the harvest is not for us to be concerned about. That is God's business. We may be privileged to see something of the fruit that our diligence and labour have produced but generally we won't. Our corporate world is so focussed on 'outcomes'! That is for the secular world; not for the world of the Spirit.

So let us scatter our seed generously. Let us be the first to give and - no matter what the response - give anyway.

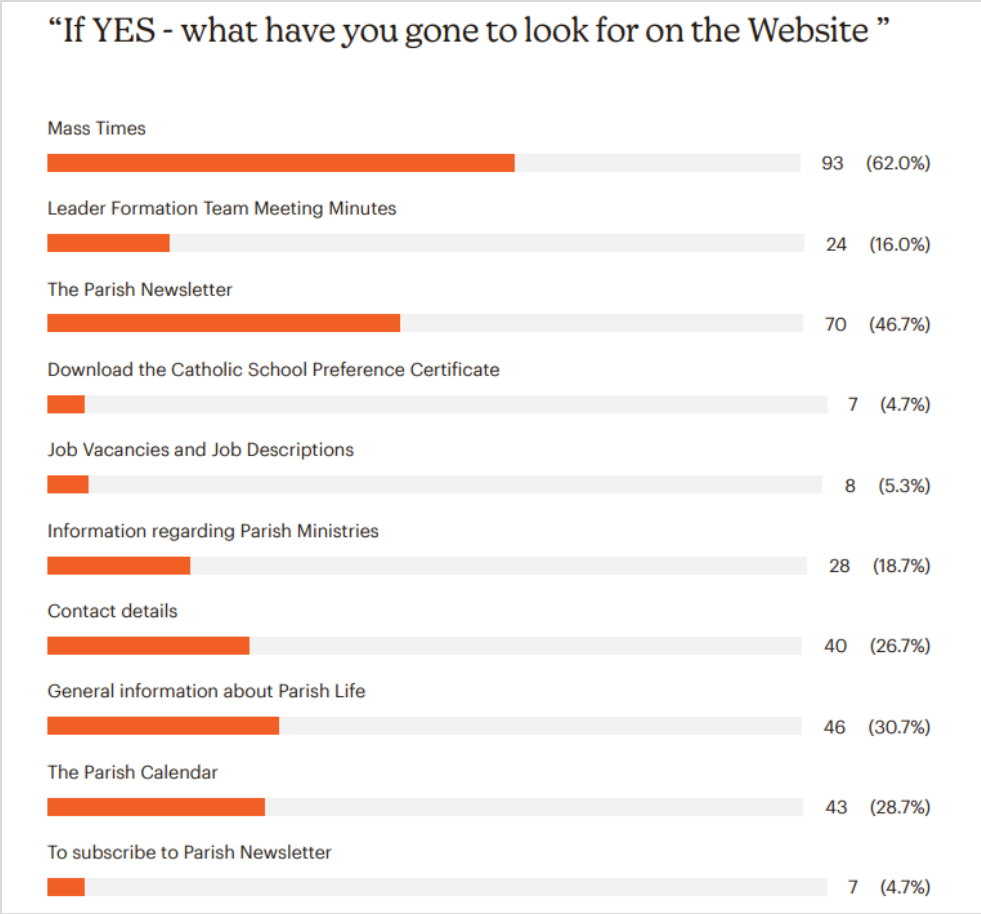
But note that when Jesus had spoken to the crowd he spoke further with his dedicated and committed disciples. We can only begin to grasp the secret of the kingdom by close companionship with Jesus. To scatter our seed meaningfully and appropriately we need to be walking closely with our Lord.

Gillian Laurenson

Parish Communication Survey Feedback

Communication - The Website

14.6% or respondents had never visited the Parish Website. Of those who had the frequency of the visits to the following pages is here:



We have received the following suggestions. Thank you for your feedback.

- "Proof read and spell check. Try using plain English. "
- "Website needs to be updated regularly - especially information about groups and activities. I would like the front page to be clearer, with easy to read headings."

Some other suggestions worth considering are:

- Focus on people and communities not buildings. The website is the Parish place.
- Input from the coordinators of the ministries themselves."
- Now that the website functions better on mobile devices it can be used more easily, and information should be more accessible to people.
- The communication emphasis on the website needs changing. We are one Parish – the emphasis on the three Church buildings doesn't help.
- "Please put information on website of people who have died as many of us don't get Dominion and may miss death notice."

"Anyway" - Mother Teresa

Mother Teresa's poem "Anyway" sums up the sacrificial giving that we are called to:

***People are often unreasonable and self centred.
FORGIVE THEM ANYWAY.***

***If you are kind people may accuse
you of selfish ulterior motives.
BE KIND ANYWAY.***

***If you are successful you will win some
unfaithful friends and some genuine enemies.
SUCCEED ANYWAY.***

***If you are honest and sincere people may deceive you.
BE HONEST AND SINCERE ANYWAY.***

***If you find serenity and happiness some may be jealous.
BE HAPPY ANYWAY.***

***Give the best you have and it will never be enough.
GIVE YOUR BEST ANYWAY.***

***In the final analysis it is between you and God.
IT WAS NEVER BETWEEN YOU AND THEM ANYWAY.***

Mother Teresa

Shared with us by Gillian Laurenson. Thank you Gillian.



Love your neighbour as yourself – get vaccinated

Following the outbreak of COVID-19 in 2020, the free Pfizer vaccine is now being offered to members of the public, starting with those most at risk. The New Zealand Catholic Bishops are urging you to get vaccinated to protect yourself, your whanau and your community. You will also be protecting those who cannot receive the vaccination; those with underlying health conditions who would be at higher risk of catching the virus and young children.

The Pfizer vaccine is safe and effective, and has been given to hundreds of millions of people worldwide. People can be reassured that any personal information gathered during the vaccination process will not be shared with Immigration New Zealand.

Love your neighbour as yourself, get vaccinated.

For more detailed information about the COVID-19 vaccine, please visit

www.get-vaccinated-catholic.co.nz.

Key Messages

- The NZ Bishops, in collaboration with the Nathaniel Centre for Bioethics, are strongly encouraging all Catholics to get vaccinated.
- The free Pfizer vaccine is safe, effective and available to everyone regardless of visa or citizenship status.
- The COVID-19 virus is particularly deadly for those over 70 and those with underlying health conditions.
- The virus affects all age groups including the fit and healthy. Young, healthy people have died from the virus or suffered long term health effects.
- It is still possible to catch the virus after getting vaccinated, but the chances of this happening is very small. Having the vaccine means you become less sick.
- You can't catch the virus from the vaccine as it does not contain any live virus.
- The vaccine teaches the body's immune system to respond quickly to the COVID-19 virus without being exposed to the virus itself.
- It is biologically impossible for the vaccine to affect your DNA.
- The Vatican has stated that all approved vaccines can be received in good conscience – their use does not implicate any one in the wrongs of abortion.
- Getting vaccinated is a charitable act as it protects not just yourself, your whanau and your community, but also those who cannot be vaccinated for one reason or another.
- For more detailed information, visit www.get-vaccinated-catholic.co.nz

Mass Time and Location Changes



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 weekend, 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!!

There will be no Children's Liturgy at any of the 3 masses that day.

P.S St Benedict's feast day will be celebrated on 10/11 July & all three masses that weekend will be at St Benedict's.

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



Upcoming Parish Events/Notices

Parish Office Hours Update

Three months ago we introduced a trial of new Parish Office hours. As the trial has now ended we would appreciate any feedback from parishioners. Please email any feedback to thomas0davis@gmail.com or office@stfrancisoheariu.nz. In the meantime office hours will continue as per the trial. The Parish Office is open Monday, Wednesday & Thursday 9am—3pm. We thank you for your ongoing support.

Monday Marian Mothers' Group

All mothers and children are warmly invited to this welcoming group that meets on the 3rd Monday of each month. We have a cuppa, the kids play, and we chat about how we bring our faith into our homes. Come along and give it a try! Monday, 21st June, 10am - 12pm, 261 Middleton Road, Glenside (Churton Park). Any questions, please call Stephanie on 021 138 0430.

St Peter & Paul's Rosters

St P&P ministry rosters for July, August & September are now being prepared. Please let me know by the end of this week if you are unavailable on any particular week-end. Many thanks. Wendy Cleaver. cleaver@actrix.co.nz



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

Sacred Heart Cathedral Strengthening Fundraising Event Featuring Guest Speaker Anand Satyanand at Malvina Major

Our fundraising outreach continues to expand thanks to the support of the wonderful Wellington community. A special afternoon tea event hosted by Father James Lyons will feature former Governor General Anand Satyanand as guest speaker. You'll also be entertained by soloist Katheryn Ennis-Wilson who will be joined by Janet van Polanen. It will be a wonderful afternoon of entertainment, in support of the cathedral restoration.

The event is made possible with the support of Malvina Major Retirement Village. Tickets at \$20 are available through Josie McCrone at Malvina Major at 04 478 3422.

Date: Saturday 10 July, 2pm

Venue: Malvina Major Retirement Village 134 Burma Road, Khandallah



Mass for Alternative Thinkers

Mass for Alternative Thinkers with Eddie Condra will be held at 4pm on Sunday 27 June at the Chapel, Challenge Marist House, 1 Wanaka Street, Johnsonville. There will be a cuppa to follow and all are welcome.

ADW Job Vacancy

The Archdiocese of Wellington is currently advertising for a **Director, Catholic Schools Education Services and Vicar for Education**, This leadership role reports to the General Manager of the Archdiocese and further details can be found on the OCG and Seek websites.

Director Catholic Schools Education Services / Vicar for Education

[https://www.seek.co.nz/job/52456516?](https://www.seek.co.nz/job/52456516?type=standout#searchRequestToken=1ed85202-4294-418c-bdb8-ae9c430d70c5)

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<https://www.ocg.co.nz/resources/jobs/director-catholic-schools-services-and-vicar-for-education/SMA69606OCG>

13th Sunday of Ordinary Time 26/27 June 2021 Feast of St P&P	5pm Vigil St Peter & Paul's	9am St Peter & Paul's	10.30am St Peter & Paul's
MUSIC	David Dobson	St Bens Music Group	KPF
GREETERS	Jimmy & Rebecca Millar, Edmond Becker	Bernard Quinn	
WELCOME/PRAYERS OF FAITHFUL	Marie Paurini, Solomon Concessio	Tony de Joux/ Bernard Quinn	Lizza Martinez
1st PROCLAIMER	Jade Arboleda	Tony de Joux	John Kleinsman
2nd PROCLAIMER	Jade Arboleda	Bernard Quinn	Carol Ryan
OFFERTORY	Felita D'Souza		Kooistra Family
COLLECTION			Villanueva Family
EUCCHARIST	Katharina Dobson, Colleen Campbell, Ruth Salasiban	Elizabeth Lucas	Joanne Byrne, Helen Cross, Patrick Sy
ALTAR SERVERS	Maegan D'Souza, Sherize Concessio		Anika Borthwick, Liway Kisteria
CHAIRS & DOORS			Tony Mulongoti
HOSPITALITY			
CLEANERS		Sowry Family	Rosemary McLaren/ Cathy Law

MASS INTENTIONS

We ask for your prayers - Masses have been offered for



Recently deceased— Michael Stevens (Brother of David)

Anniversaries— Wendy Collier, Ana Justina da Silva, Isidore D'Souza, Anthony D'mello, Victoria D'mello, Lucia Uy Tan

Prayers for the Sick— Fr Brian Wysocki, Diane Greene

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

We have been invited to join in prayer for the beatification of **Suzanne Aubert**— the foundress of the Daughters of Our Lady of Compassion (the Sisters of Compassion).



Prayer for the beatification of Suzanne Aubert

Lord Jesus Christ, you taught us that as often as we show compassion to the least of your brothers and sisters, we show it to you.

Hear our prayers that Venerable Suzanne Aubert, who loved the Māori people and devoted her life to the poor, the sick and the underprivileged, and whom the Church has declared to be one of your true and humble followers, may soon be recognised as a saint.

Amen

MASS & LITURGY TIMES 21 June — 27 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
Saturday: 5pm Vigil Mass
Sunday: 9am Mass,
10.30am Mass

St Andrew's Church 29 Trebann St Newlands

Friday: Divine Mercy
6.30pm

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

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