



# St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish

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## 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time 24 October 2021 Year B

**Readings:** Jeremiah 31:7-9, Hebrews 5:1-6, Mark 10:46-52

### ***Rise Up, Let It Go, Move On***

Jesus is moved by Bartimaeus. When Jesus heard the blind man's cry, he sent the disciples to call him, 'Have faith, have courage.'

Only an encounter with Jesus gives a person the strength to face the most difficult situations.

Thoughts for our week ahead.... Firstly, only Jesus stopped, not the disciples. When the blind man cried out, they continued to walk on. If Bartimaeus was blind, they were deaf: his problem was not their problem.

Too often, we believe that in the face of constant problems, it is better to move on, instead of letting ourselves be bothered.

Sometimes our hearts are not open. We lose wonder, gratitude and enthusiasm, and risk becoming habitually unmoved by grace. We are able to speak about Jesus and work for him, but we live far from his heart.

Pope Francis calls this a "spirituality of illusion." He says, *"we can walk through the deserts of humanity without seeing what is really there; instead, we see what we want to see. We are capable of developing views of the world, but we do not accept what the Lord places before our eyes. A faith that does not know how to root itself in the life of people remains arid and, rather than an oasis, creates other deserts."*

Jesus wants to include all those kept on the fringes who are crying out to him.

After being cured, the blind man follows Jesus on his path. He did not only regain his sight, but he joined the community of those who walk with Jesus. The Church I want to part of is one where we encounter others by listening rather than talking. Conversing rather than converting.

This what opens our Hearts for a rich encounter with another.  
Pete sm.



**Cardinal John** invites us to take part in the Synod, a two-year process from last Sunday until October 2023. This is an excerpt from his inspiring Sermon:

Last week in Rome the Holy Father asked, **“Are you prepared to take part in the adventure of this journey?”** Let’s make it an adventure: walking together with faith; listening to each other (as Francis put it, “How good is the hearing of your heart?”); engaging in a process of healing guided by the Holy Spirit; supporting one another, looking for new paths and new ways of speaking.

This Synod’s title includes three key words : ‘Communion’, ‘Participation’ and ‘Mission’. Those words give a glimpse of what Synodality means and what the Church is to be.

- **COMMUNION**.... Even our God is a communion! The word emphasises the deep bond we share in the love and the unity of the Trinity. Through our Baptism we share a common ‘instinct’ of faith and every one of us has a role to play in together discerning, working out and living God’s will for us.

- **PARTICIPATION**.... stresses that we all have gifts, a rich diversity of gifts, to share. All of us are called together to pray, to listen, to think about, to dialogue, to discern and to be involved in pastoral decision-making. Participation also means that we make every effort to bring in and listen to those who feel excluded.

- **MISSION**.....Which highlights the fact that we can never be centred on ourselves. If we are Catholic Christians we will be outwardly focused. We exist to take the Good News out to everyone. This two-year process is to help us to understand and live out the fact that the Church does not exist for itself but in service to the coming of God’s kingdom.



Do you want to be part of this great adventure? Read, listen, share, dialogue with others, have your say in the consultation process beginning today. Watching Pope Francis at Synods and listening to him, one hears over and over, **“speak with boldness; don’t be afraid; trust in the Holy Spirit who guides us.”**

Trust in God, move forward with courage, build unity through discernment, discover and help bring about God’s dream for us, be positive and enthusiastic. Take seriously that word **‘enthusiasm’** which means **‘to be filled with God!’** And filled with God, we cannot go wrong.

**Cardinal John’s Homily at the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, 17 October 2021**

**Te Kupenga - Catholic Theological College (CTC)** are currently accepting enrolments for the academic year 2022 for the Bachelor of Theology degree and the Graduate Diploma in Theology degree which starts on the 21<sup>st</sup> of February 2022.

7pm Monday Christian Meditation at St Ben's. All welcome.  
We begin again on **Monday 25th October**

### **Mass for Alternative Thinkers:**

All being well, we will gather after a very long break at 4pm on **Sunday 31** October, in the chapel at Challenge, 1 Wanaka Street, Johnsonville. Eddie Condra will lead us in prayer and discussion and Alert Level 2 guidelines will be adhered to - please scan in when you arrive. There will be a cuppa to follow and all are welcome.

### **NEW STAFF IN OUR PARISH:** Welcome to **Angela Mollo:**

Hi, my name is Angela Mollo and I have recently accepted the role of Parish Office Manager for St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish.

I am originally from Island Bay, Wellington and have spent the last 23 years living in Ireland and England, with my husband and 2 children.

We returned to Wellington late last year and have settled in Johnsonville. My children attend St Brigid's School and are involved in local sport and recreational activities.

I attended St Francis de Sales Primary School and then went on to attend St Mary's College, later attending Victoria University.

Following this, I began my travels, which lead me to settle for a number of years in Ireland and England. It feels great to be back living in NZ amongst family and friends.

I'm really looking forward to my new role within the parish and working alongside parishioners.

Angela



## Confirmation Programme Consultation :

The Sacramental Team needs you, our parents to have input into a decision about the Confirmation Masses that we had planned for the weekend of November 6 and 7. We are in Covid Delta Level 2 and we anticipate that this will be the case for another few weeks.

What this means is that only 100 people can attend each Confirmation Mass and we have 55 children hoping to be confirmed. So each child could have 2 people with them and perhaps their sponsor if that person was not a parent. Then we need space for the programme facilitators and support staff.

At level 2 we need to stay one metre apart from each other, cannot have singing or a shared meal/celebration after. It would mean that at the Masses no extended family or members of the parish community would attend. As the Sacrament of Confirmation is about making a commitment to the faith in the context of the local church this all gets very complicated!! Some parents have already suggested that we postpone to next year.

And the team is open to suggestions and it may be possible to do both.

For example, if 35 people decide to postpone until next year and 20 decide to go ahead now then this would be manageable in the sense that family members could attend and some parishioners/ community members could as well. It would still be a Covid Level 2 mass with no singing etc.

Please email or call us so we can hear your preferences and try and juggle everyone needs and dreams. We need to make a decision early next week as we will need to facilitate some extra sessions for those we have missed.

Please reply to Kitty and Sio or the parish office with any suggestions/solutions or your preference for Confirmation in our parish. AND maybe also check with our children – it's good to have their



## **We're Hiring! Permanent Fulltime — Parish Director of Mission**

**St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish** is seeking a **Full-Time Parish Director of Mission** to work collaboratively with the Parish's office team, parish leadership and volunteers.

This is a challenging and exciting opportunity for an individual who can provide pastoral leadership for the faith community of St Francis of Assisi Ohariu. The role is Full-Time, based in Johnsonville. Applications close 31st October.

To view the full job description or Apply Visit <http://stfrancisohariu.nz/updates/vacancies/>  
[office@stfrancisohariu.nz](mailto:office@stfrancisohariu.nz) or [thomas0davis@gmail.com](mailto:thomas0davis@gmail.com)

## Greetings brothers and sisters,

We hope that everyone is continuing to look after themselves, their families and other members of our community of communities in these changing and unpredictable times.

As usual there has been lots going on in our parish and communities.

- The Leadership Team has been meeting to discuss plans for the parish structure and model for 2022, how best to continue with the Property Review under Covid conditions, developing formation opportunities under Covid restrictions and how to develop and induct new Leaders who can provide differing skills to the leadership Team and parish moving forward.
- Working alongside PLAG Liturgy team members to ensure that as we return to Masses and liturgies our spaces are safe for all, 5 parishioners attended an Archdiocesan Training day on the effects of the *End of Life Legislation* that takes effect from November of this year, seeking input from parents of children in the Confirmation programme to see how this Sacrament can be held in Covid time,
- Working to integrate our new staff member into the office, supporting the business as usual ministries
- Working on pastoral care and the International Synod outreach and works; responding to needs and offers of support for others
- Managing the finances and caring for the properties.
- Working on communications, surveys and how best to hear what our parishioners hope for in relation to many different aspects of parish/ community life
- Working alongside our office staff to ensure everything is maintained and kept ticking over
- Connecting and working with the Archdiocese across a range of topics and plans
- Once again we are also grateful for everything that you all do to support the Vision and Mission of our Parish. Thanks also to the priests who so generously minister to us and to our Liturgy leaders, programme leaders and hidden and unseen back up people you are wonderful!! And please if you have any suggestions or wish to get involved at any level, then please let us know.

With gratitude and blessings

*The Leadership Team*

## He Inoi mō te Hātotanga o te Kahurangi nei a Meri Hōhepa

E te Ariki e Hēhu Karaiti, nāu mātou i whakaako mēnā ka puaki atu mātou i te pūaroha mō te iti, arā, ngā tēina, ngā tuākana, ngā tuāhine me ngā tungāne, kātahi ka whakaatu mātou i te pūaroha ki ā koe.

Whakarongo mai ki ā mātou inoinga ki a Meri Hōhepa te Wahine Kahurangi nāna i te aroha te iwi Māori. Nāna i awhi ngā tāngata pōhara, ngā tūroro, me ngā tāngata rawakore. Meatia tēna, kua karanga rawa atu te Hāhi i tētahi tāngata o āu pononga tapu, o āu tāngata māhaki hoki. Ā te wā tonu, mā te katoa e mōhio mai tōna Hātotanga.

**Āmene.**

## 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**



## A Historical Walking Tour of Suzanne Aubert Meri Hōhepa's Wellington

Two sessions – **October 26** 10am or **October 30** 10am, Begins at Pukeahu Education Centre, 18 Buckle Street, Te Aro

Limited spaces, RSVP to [events@compassion.org.nz](mailto:events@compassion.org.nz) or (04) 383 7769 by Oct 23. Free but a koha toward the Compassion Soup Kitchen would be appreciated.

Join Sr Sue Cosgrove and follow the footsteps of Suzanne Aubert Meri Hōhepa through Wellington city. The tour begins at Suzanne's Historic Crèche (now the Pukeahu Education Centre) in Buckle Street. This was one of the first successful crèches to operate in New Zealand. Around the corner is the Compassion Soup Kitchen in Tory Street, not far from its original location. The response of the Soup Kitchen to hunger and social isolation has been constant since 1901. Next we will visit St Mary of the Angel's, the church where Suzanne Aubert's funeral was held in 1926. Wellington stopped and thousands lined Willis and Boulcott Streets to pay their respects to this extraordinary women who had done so much to help people, regardless of faith or background. The tour finishes at Parliament. Suzanne walked through this part of town visiting politicians and supporters, and mixing her herbal remedies in Molesworth Street.

## Craft Gathering at the Home of Compassion

Wednesdays, 12noon

Venue: Suzanne Aubert Heritage Centre, 2 Rhine Street, Island Bay

Join us for our weekly craft gathering. For more information contact ph: (04) 383-7769 or [events@compassion.org.nz](mailto:events@compassion.org.nz)

## Upcoming Events/Notices

### Compassion Soup Kitchen is open

Serving takeaway meals between 12pm and 1pm, Monday - Saturday.  
If you need a hot meal, come and collect a nutritious takeaway meal. For more information visit our website: <https://soupkitchen.org.nz> or ph: (04) 385-9299

### Hearts Aflame needs your support

Hearts Aflame is a national Catholic event for young adults that has been running for 30 years. At Hearts, people are drawn into a deeper relationship with Christ through the Sacraments, formation, and community. Many participants describe it as life-changing. With the 30th anniversary coming up, the Hearts Aflame Planning Team invites parishioners to support this event.

If you would like to make a donation, please visit the website at [www.heartsaflame.org.nz/donate](http://www.heartsaflame.org.nz/donate). Above all, prayer is always appreciated!

You are invited to come to a Holy Hour on **Tuesday 26 October** at the Connolly Hall Chapel beginning at 7.30 pm to **pray for vocations** to the priesthood and consecrated life.

Included in the hour will be recorded hymns, prayers, scripture reading and silence, concluding with Benediction. All are welcome.

### Topic: Zoom Divine Mercy Prayer Meeting

Time: **Oct 24**, 2021 03:00 PM, Wellington

### Notices from *Titipounamu Study & Joy*

Online Sessions (DayTime):

Ignatian Imaginative Contemplation – Praying with Imagination with Laetitia Puthenpadath.

Thursdays, 04 and 22 November, 2-3,30pm. ZOOM. Koha/Donation.

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/ignatian-imaginative-contemplation-2/>

Online Sessions (Evening):

Infancy Narratives & Nativity Scenes with Kieran Fenn fms and Beate Matthies.

Mondays, 22 November and 06 December, 7-8.30pm. ZOOM. Koha/Donation.

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/infancy-narratives/> and

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/nativity-scenes/>

For more information and registration: [www.studyjoy.nz](http://www.studyjoy.nz)



# MASS INTENTIONS



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

**Recently Deceased:** . **Marina Wijesekara** who died ten days ago in Colombo, Sri Lanka aunt of Kamini Hermon.

**Phyllis Ponsford** long term parishioner of St Benedict's until 2015 passed away in Waikanae on Wednesday

**Anniversaries**— Clinton Betham (son of Paul & Tia Betham), Clare D'Souza

**Prayers for the Sick**— John Fanning, 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 Tau So'oa (father of Mel Aspinall), Patricia Davidson (mother of Scott Davidson)

*Please also remember in your prayers those that are supporting them.*

## MASS & LITURGY TIMES 24 - 31st October

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

Sun: Mass 10.30am  
Mon: 9am Liturgy  
Tues: 9.15 Liturgy  
Wed: 11am Mass (No Cup of Tea)  
Thurs: 9am Liturgy  
Fri: 9am Mass or Liturgy

### St Andrew's Church 29 Trebann St Newlands

Saturday: 5pm Vigil Mass

### St Benedict's Church 3 Everest St Khandallah

Sunday Mass 9.00am  
Monday 9.00 Liturgy  
Monday 7.00 Meditation  
Tuesday 9.15 Liturgy  
Wednesday 9.00 Liturgy  
Thursday 9.00 Liturgy  
Friday Exposition 8.30 followed by Liturgy at 9.00

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