



St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish

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Fourth Sunday of Easter 25 April 2021 Year B
Readings: Acts 4:8-12; 1 John 3:1-2; John 10:11-18



ANZAC DAY 2021

LEST WE FORGET



WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

4th Sunday of Easter: Good Shepherd Sunday Reflection



"Herd Immunity?"

*I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold.
These also I must lead, and they will hear my voice,
and there will be one flock, one shepherd. (John 10:16)*

Many would ask, why did he have to say this? Why can't it be just those who have responded to him, those he knows and know him. We have more than enough trouble alone with being one flock amongst those who know him.
He adds people who do not belong.

If we ask ourselves, why did I come to mass this Sunday? I have a feeling we will not all get the same answer. But it still got you here.

It is not our job to identify those who do not belong or those who are different to us. It is our Lord Jesus' job. Thus, there is no reason for us also to identify ourselves only with those who "belong".

We gather today with all different reasons, trusting he will make us one under his shepherding. He mixes us all together, as one herd, made into one flock, until we become "immune" to one another by hearing his voice. If not today, maybe next Sunday or the Sundays to come. But we believe we will be made as one, under one Shepherd- JESUS CHRIST.

Cesar

Caritas Challenge 2021



On behalf of the Youth Ministry team thank you to all who have supported us throughout the Caritas Challenge held last weekend! Without your help this event would not have been possible and for this we thank you!



We had rangatahi (young people) from schools all around Wellington participate in the challenge.



The highlights of the event were the construction of the boxes which were used to sleep in overnight. All participants enjoyed using paints, crafts as well as accessories to proclaim the Caritas message on their living space. It brought out the creative streak in everyone. We also walked around the community to pick up rubbish.



We had amazing speakers who brought us to both tears and laughter as they spoke of their life experiences and how we can all make, and be, the difference.



Throughout this event we raised \$1,140 through YOUR sponsorship and generous donations! We were fortunate that we had 4 local youth speakers and 2 older parishioners. A speaker from Caritas, Te Poiakino Hohua who also spoke and explained to us that every \$1 we raised turns into \$4 which will be going towards Caritas and the amazing work that they do to help those in need because of Covid-19.

A massive thank you again for your thoughts, prayers and love shown to our young people! Together we can be the difference! It's also not too late to donate. Drop your donation into the office or to Sio at Challenge 2000 or transfer directly to Caritas and put SFOA Ohariu youth donation.

Nga Mihi

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.**

Sts Peter and Paul's Ministry Rosters.

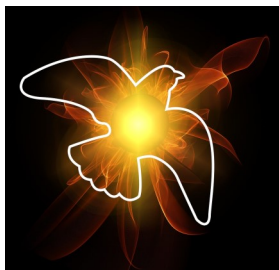
The May rosters have now been compiled and sent out.

Please arrive at church by 10.20pm when you are on duty.

Remember that it is your responsibility to find a replacement if you are unavailable.

Those on Minister of Eucharist duty are to help clean up after Mass.

Any enquires, please contact Wendy on cleaver@actrix.co.nz.



New to St. Francis of Assisi Parish

The Parish Liturgy Advisory Group[PLAG] was set up in Feb 2021. By pooling skills and resources from each of our three communities we will help plan and co-ordinate the liturgies for Parish major events and Feast Days. LFT representative and chairperson of the PLAG is Anna Mika-Hunt.

Our first task was The Easter Triduum, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil. We had our first ever Lay Lead Good Friday services in each of our churches. This was major achievement and we have had appreciative feedback from our congregations. We need your continuing support and feedback on these liturgies please. Contact your community Liturgy people with comments. Also they can tell you who the other members of the PLAG are. Our next combined mass will be the feast of St. Francis of Assisi. We will update you with our activities via the parish newsletter.

Planned Giving Envelopes - Tax Receipts

It has been very busy in the Parish office this week with extra hands on board to assist with the annual issue of Tax Receipts.

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

If you use Planned Giving Envelopes, your new batch of envelopes and your Tax Receipt for the last financial year have been placed in a sealed envelope. These have been sorted into alphabetical order and placed in boxes in the foyers of our Churches.

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. They have been arranged alphabetically.

Your Tax receipts (and Envelopes) will be at the Church that you originally set up Planned Giving at.

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



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.

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.



Onslow Catholic Women's League

The next social meeting for the Onslow CWL will be held on Tuesday 27 April at 7.30pm in St Benedict's Church foyer. Our speaker will be Andrea Adams, one of our parishioners, who will talk about her career as a Secondary School Liaison Officer for WelTec. Supper will be served, and a gold coin donation for our Mission cause would be much appreciated.

Other Events & Notices

Mass for the Feast of St Joseph the Worker

Saturday 1 May, 9.00am, St Joseph's church, Mt Victoria, Celebrant: Mgrs Gerard Burns.

A contribution to the Archdiocesan celebrations of the Year of St Joseph from the Ecology, Justice and Peace Commission

Participants are also invited to a discussion on work experiences and Catholic social teaching on workers' rights and unions following the Mass from 10-11am, followed by a shared meal.

All welcome.

There will also be **Mass at St Benedict's at 9am on the 1st of May** for the same Feast Day.

Holy Hour—Connolly Hall

You are invited to come to a Holy Hour on Tuesday 27 April 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 hymns, prayers, scripture reading and silence, concluding with Benediction.

All are welcome.

Johnsonville Uniting Church is celebrating **World Labyrinth Day** on Saturday 1st May "walk as one"— starting 12:30pm with Labyrinth Walking beginning at 1pm.

XLT Youth Worship Night is back!

Celebrate the Easter season by coming along to the first XLT (eXaLT) worship night of the year!

XLT is a night of fellowship, prayer, food, live praise & worship, Reconciliation and Eucharistic Adoration, all centered around a theme and aimed at Year 9-13 students (but open to young and old alike!). Join us at **7pm on Friday 30th April** at St Joseph's Mt Victoria. (Search XLT April on Facebook for more details!).

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/>

5th Week of Easter 1/2 May	5pm Vigil St Andrew's	9am St Benedict's	10.30am St Peter & Paul's
MUSIC	Connie's Group	Judith Shroff	Pat Collier
GREETERS	Rebecca and Jim- my Millar	Jo-Anne Carley	Pauline & Ted White
WELCOME/PRAYERS OF FAITHFUL	Anna Mika-Hunt	Janice Brown/ Charles Burns	Nandita Srinivasa
1st PROCLAIMER	Augustilia Rodrigues	Janice Brown	Bill Cooney
2nd PROCLAIMER	Augustilia Rodrigues	Charles Burns	Nick Borthwick
OFFERTORY	Ione Haines & Patricia McGuire		Aspinall Family
COLLECTION			Kooistra Family
EUCCHARIST	Paulette McElroy	Jo-Anne Carley	Martin Keen, Sha- ron McSweeney, Jackie Overall
ALTAR SERVERS	Ria Kulathinal & Enrico Vaz		Alab & Liway Kisteria
CHAIRS & DOORS			Pauline & Ted White
HOSPITALITY		Margie Crook	
CLEANERS		Lawson Family	Ballesteros Family

MASS INTENTIONS

We ask for your prayers - Masses have been offered for

RIP— Margaret McGrory

RIP Anniversary— Marie Odell

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



On ANZAC Day we remember those who served in war including those who served from our Parish.

Including Fr Francis Vernon Douglas

(Philippines 1944 – he was of this parish and is believed murdered by the Japanese in WW2 – his body has never been found.)



" Lest We Forget "

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: 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 Mass
Sun: 9am Mass

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