



# St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish

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**26th Sunday in Ordinary Time 26 September 2021 Year B**  
**Readings: Numbers 11:25-29; James 5:1-6; Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48**

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

Last Wednesday was the Vernal Equinox – that time of the year when nature officially says it's spring. And with that equinox come those dratted northerlies – the equinoctial gales – the ones that drive many of us to not sleep at nights. They're nature's way of blowing away all the last remnants of winter – all those dead leaves that have collected in the gutters and the drainage sumps. Clearing out all those reminders of winter and telling there is a new season ahead. Having it's own spring clean.



Well, we all like new things – untouched, clean, shiny, all ready for us to appreciate.

This is our big chance to have our own Spiritual Equinoxes – a time for us to look inside at ourselves and see what we can clean out of our own private spiritual winters: let's have our own equinoctial spring cleaning:

All those grumpy thoughts? Blow them away with a prayer or two and a hope that we'll do better; bad habits? Let the wind of the Holy Spirit blow into your lives and help you do better; Got that Covid down in the dumps feeling? There's always Hope – try and have confidence that there WILL be a future – one day it WILL go away.

Let the Spiritual Equinox blow into your hearts and souls and minds and begin a whole new Spring; talk to God in prayer – it doesn't have to be a fancy prayer or big or long –

Thomas Merton once wrote "The best way to pray is STOP, let prayer pray within you whether you know it or not" – sounds complicated?

Nah – all life is a prayer so if you live your life well you are praying to God: want to make it a bit more formal – recite the Our Father once a day and you might just be surprised to see what benefits you will get.

SO: let the spiritual equinoctial gales rip into your soul, clean it of all the deadwood and have a marvellous spring (even though those other gales might keep you awake at night).

And if you want a bodily spring clean – Grandma used to swear by Rhubarb Pie.

Tony de Joux

## Covid-19 Parish Update from the LFT

Greetings all from the Leadership Team as we near the end of a very different September, during Covid time.

There has been much going on in our parish, our schools, the Archdiocese, and our communities – caring for and responding to people, life and business as usual and also attempting to juggle additional Covid related plans, tasks, changes and uncertainties.

A big thank you to all those who willingly respond when situations arise and you get one of those calls, who are donating resources and money to our family support/food bank, who write and arrange recorded liturgies, to those who made our Covid “sign in” boxes and who are doing our admin, pastoral care, communications and finance, writing reflections, cleaning our churches and completing the myriad of other jobs that keep the parish and people going. You are all really, really appreciated.



At this stage we cannot say when our actual church building doors will be open for prayer, mass and silent reflection. To open and pray together under Delta Level 2 is a risk. We are planning to work through this to see when it is possible. To open will require a great deal of hourly cleaning, the support of those coming in and out to sign in and out, ensuring that social distancing is practised AND a lot more.

If any of you have suggestions and/or are prepared to help with the practical issues the Team would love to hear from you!

In the meantime: please

- Be vaccinated
- Wear a mask whenever you are in public
- Pray for the needs of our parish, community, country and world
- Reach out and Support those in need
- Breathe, appreciate all that we do have – this time will pass
- Stay updated about the mission of the church: Perhaps sign up to CathNews.

This News is a Ministry of the Society of Mary (Marists) and reports news about and of interest to the Catholic Church, both nationally and internationally. *(CathNews is an expression of the Pastoral Constitution of the Church in the Modern World. There is lots of interesting material!)*

# St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish Online Mass

## Sunday 26th September

This week St Francis Ohariu Parish has once again been fortunate enough to use the streaming and recording services at Lychgate Johnsonville Funeral Homes to record an online Mass for this Sunday 26th September 2021. The Mass has been pre-recorded and therefore is available now for you to view whenever it suits you and your whānau .

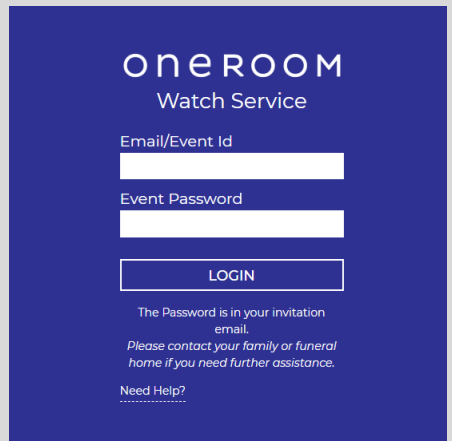
Thank you to those you participated in this week's **online** Mass and those who prepared it.

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

<https://www.oneroomstreaming.com/login>

**Email/Event id—lychgatejohnsonville**  
**Event Password– Q5YTWQ**

The login page should look like the picture provided. →



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



# 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.

Ideally you will have a background of active involvement in a Catholic Parish, be an excellent communicator with well-developed interpersonal and problem-solving skills and can work collaboratively and effectively within our community of communities. Formal studies in scripture, liturgy, ecclesiology, morality, and parish ministry is desirable.

The role is Full-Time, based in Johnsonville.

To view the full job description or Apply Visit <http://stfrancisohariu.nz/updates/vacancies/>

**Applications close 19th October 2021 at 11.59pm.**

For more information on the position please email [office@stfrancisohariu.nz](mailto:office@stfrancisohariu.nz) or [thomas0davis@gmail.com](mailto:thomas0davis@gmail.com)



## 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 (this is all dependent on the Alert levels) We will need senior College students to help us run these.

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



Some of these programme assistants positions will be paid.

## 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**.



## Month of care for creation

1 Sept – 4 Oct

### Remember Reverence

Praise to you, my Lord, through Sister Moon and the stars;  
In heaven you formed them clear and precious and beautiful.

Would you like to **PRAY** each day this week.

Lord, please help us to treasure all nature and life as HOLY.

Would you like to **COMMIT** to not being  
careless with  
people or destructive of  
nature.

Pat Collier

[parish ecumenical group]



### Volunteers in Action

It has been a very busy week in the Parish Office as preparations are being made for a time when we are able to go back into our Churches for Masses.

Part of this preparation is meeting the government's new regulations for contact tracing. This week we were joined in the office by our two 'lovely ladies' who regularly come in to fold the newsletters for us.

This week we had them making up boxes for the new contact tracing slips.

We are so very grateful for all the support they offer us and all the little things they do to help our parish.

*"Often we're living in the midst of greatness and the little things we do are the clues to that greatness" Fr Pete Roe SM. Thank you to all our volunteers.*

If you wish to volunteer to help the Parish manage the new Covid-19 requirements or any other assistance email [office@stfrancisohariu.nz](mailto:office@stfrancisohariu.nz) or call 04 478 7137. We would love to hear from you.



## 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

### Zoom Divine Mercy Prayer Meeting on Sunday

Topic: Divine Mercy Prayer Meeting

Time: Sep 26, 2021 03:00 PM Auckland, Wellington

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

Weekly: [https://us04web.zoom.us/meeting/up0kceCpjiIoHNTjvtk65NoLMFgBL8I99Y1T/ics?icsToken=98tyKu6hnp0jG9ycsh-HR7Z5HY\\_oXevxiFhBgo1plgnxCHYGTaZaG8RFEJ4nOYGJ](https://us04web.zoom.us/join/https://us04web.zoom.us/meeting/up0kceCpjiIoHNTjvtk65NoLMFgBL8I99Y1T/ics?icsToken=98tyKu6hnp0jG9ycsh-HR7Z5HY_oXevxiFhBgo1plgnxCHYGTaZaG8RFEJ4nOYGJ)

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us04web.zoom.us/j/79969189260?](https://us04web.zoom.us/j/79969189260?pwd=QzI3UIMva3lUTWwyeFhHZGFoaVk5UT09)

[pwd=QzI3UIMva3lUTWwyeFhHZGFoaVk5UT09](https://us04web.zoom.us/j/79969189260?pwd=QzI3UIMva3lUTWwyeFhHZGFoaVk5UT09)

Meeting ID: 799 6918 9260

Passcode: hra2h3Passcode: hra2h3

### Compassion Soup Kitchen Annual Appeal

September is our annual appeal month. For the last 120 years, with the generosity of our community, we have provided meals for those that need it most. During lockdown, we have been serving 200-230 meals a day, seven days a week a day so your support is more important than ever. You can help us feed Wellingtonians doing it tough by donating to our appeal online today: <https://soupkitchen.org.nz/donate/donate-money/>

### 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 22<sup>nd</sup> October (6.00-8.00pm), Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> October (9.00am-6.00pm), to Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2021 (12.30-3.00pm)
- Venue: on application - Johnsonville
- Cost: \$40 covering materials and research.
- Registration: closes Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> 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**

**T: (04) 385 8642 M: 021 374 405**

**[seasons@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:seasons@wn.catholic.org.nz)**

# MASS INTENTIONS

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



**Anniversaries**— Johan Hermon, Alex Telfar, Ray Vaughan

**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. We also pray for Auckland and all those working to prevent the spread of Covid-19.

## MASS & LITURGY TIMES 27 September—3 October

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 5th October 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](mailto: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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Parish Bank Account for Donations:  
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