

## MASS INTENTIONS

We ask for your prayers - Masses have been offered for



**Recently deceased**—Sr Loyola Galvin DOLC and Sr Maureen Richardson RNDM, Trish Devitt (grandmother of Stefan & Andre) , Alan Jansen (Sweden)

**Anniversaries** Jesus Fernandez (Nestor's dad), died 19 May 2011.  
Marcelo Buenviaje (Theresa's dad), died 25 May 2015.  
Beatrice Abadilla Manglicmot

*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 750 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](mailto: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 31May —6 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  
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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## St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish

Website: [www.stfrancisohariu.nz](http://www.stfrancisohariu.nz)  
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/st.francis.ohariu/>

Trinity Sunday 30 May 2021 Year B

Readings: Deuteronomy 4:32-34,39-40 ; Romans 8:14-17 ; Matthew 28:16-20

Winter is knocking at our doors and after the wonderful Easter Season we are back to Ordinary Liturgical Time. But today – Holy Trinity Sunday - there is nothing "ordinary": we gather to celebrate the greatest mystery of our faith.



We can meditate, contemplate, talk about the Trinity for weeks and weeks and still know and understand so little about it. Nonetheless, the extraordinary relationship of love as it is lived between the Father and the Son through the Holy Spirit characterises us all as Christians, it is our distinctive mark: we are called to *live the Trinity*. We can seek to imitate the love of the Trinity by living mutual love among us. And it might be helpful to point out the different ways in which we can have a relationship with the three divine Persons.

**The Father:** As adoptive children we pray "Abba Father" casting all our worries on Him with an act of faith, certain that he will take care of everything. And how many personal or worldly 'worries' have we entrusted to the Father!

**The Son:** the "God with us". Today 76 children of our Parish are receiving their First Holy Communion: it's their special encounter with Him. But Jesus is not only present when we gather around the altar for the Eucharist; he is in the Word, in the unity with our brothers and sisters, in the poor, in the Church, in our hearts. He walks among us, with us!

**The Holy Spirit:** He always answers when we call upon him offering us words of wisdom; he gives us comfort and light.

In the Christian tradition, when we begin our prayers, whether as individuals or a community, we do so by making the sign of the cross and invoking the Trinity. When we pray the Glory be..., we do the same. We deliberately and consciously ask the Trinity to be part of our prayer and daily life.

Perhaps on this Feast of the Holy Trinity we could say these prayers more slowly, consciously trying to nurture the relationship with each one of the three divine Persons within us.

Anna Franceschini

## Pentecost Sunday around the Parish

*“The mass held at **St Andrew’s**, Saturday Vigil was up-lifting, different and great to have many involved from different cultures and age groups.*



*Beautiful choir - Cesar and his Stars of the Ocean group, where there were hymns sung in Te Reo as well as Filipino - nice to hear the Lamb of God sung in English as well as 2 other different languages. The First Reading in Te Reo and the Prayers of the Faithful in a few different languages from e.g. Italian, Hindi, Sinhalese, Filipino, Malaysia, Te Reo and English.*

*The Holy Spirit was most certainly moving in the Parish this weekend'*

*"What a blessing you all are to have facilitated a wonderful celebration of Pentecost at **Sts P&P** this morning ! Joyful, vibrant Liturgy with participation and inclusion for all ages has been truly up-lifting, and memorable too ! Thank you so much"*

**Malvina Major:** During Sunday's Eucharistic Service, at the Sign of Peace, residents chose to extend greetings to each other using a variety of languages as well as English.

### St. Benedict's 9am.



## Parish Comms

Over the last weeks we invited you to take part in a Survey providing feedback to assist the Parish Admin and Pastoral Teams on how best to communicate with our Parishioners.

Thank you to those who responded. We found the responses at times affirming and at times challenging.

The suggestions, as to be expected, are varied. Over the next few weeks we will publish some of the ideas that we will endeavour to put into our Comms Plan.

Body & Blood of Christ 5/6 June	5pm Vigil St Andrew's	9am St Benedict's	10.30am St Peter & Paul's
MUSIC	Derrick/Emma & friends	Judith Shroff	Felicity's Group
GREETERS	Rebecca and Jimmy Millar	Eustie Kamath	Pauline White Ewen Laurenson
WELCOME/ PRAYERS OF FAITHFUL	Jade Arboleda/ Nima D'Souza	Mary Corry/Ita Delahunty	Carol Ryan
1st PROCLAIMER	Agustilia Rodrigues	Mary Corry	Marita Basabas
2nd PROCLAIMER	Agustilia Rodrigues	Ita Delahunty	Nick Borthwick
OFFERTORY	Ione Haines Patricia Maguire		Martinez Family
COLLECTION			Ballesteros Family
EUCHARIST	Paulette McElroy	Eustie Kamath	Ted White Phillip Henty Vivian Gonzalez
ALTAR SERVERS	Sherize Concessio Enrico Vaz		Ethan Gempesaw Christine Ballesteros
CHAIRS & DOORS			Shane & Eroshini Thomas
HOSPITALITY		Sullivan Family	
CLEANERS		Greene Family	Volunteer

## Upcoming Parish Events/Notices

### First Holy Communion—Sacramental Programme

First Holy Communion will be celebrated on Sunday the 30th of May at St Benedict's Church at 9am; and at Ss Peter and Paul's Church at 2pm. Please pray for our Children as they celebrate this sacrament.

**Mass for Alternative Thinkers** for 2021 will be celebrated at the Chapel, Challenge Marist House, 1 Wanaka Street, Johnsonville on Sunday 30th May at 4pm.

All are welcome and there will be a cuppa to follow. Any queries, please phone Helen Sligo 0274243365

**St Benedict's First Friday Morning Tea:** Following Exposition and 9am Mass or Service 4 June in the foyer. Hospitality Sybil and Vince Keating. All welcome.

## Other Events & Notices

### ADW Workshops

ADW are offering two liturgy workshops: **'Proclaimers of the Word'** May 29<sup>th</sup> 2pm at Ss Peter & Paul, Lower Hutt. Tea and coffee available from 1.45pm.

**'Communion to the Sick'** June 17<sup>th</sup> 7pm at St Joseph's, Mt Victoria. Tea and coffee available from 6.45pm.

To register contact Chris Walkerdine 04 496-1706 or email [c.walkerdine@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:c.walkerdine@wn.catholic.org.nz)

### Marriage Preparation:

Getting married soon or this coming summer? Or maybe you know someone who is?

Now is the perfect time to start your marriage preparation journey. There are spaces available in the June and September Archdiocesan Marriage Preparation course called "Love is a Decision".

For more information please contact: Felicity Giltrap at [f.giltrap@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:f.giltrap@wn.catholic.org.nz) or head to <https://www.wn.catholic.org.nz/about/church-mission/marriage-ministries/>

### Johnsonville Uniting Church Fashion Parade at Ballentyne's

You are invited to Johnsonville Uniting Church Fashion Parade at Ballentyne's store in Johnsonville – 6:45 for 7pm on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2021.

The cost for the evening is \$20:00 which covers the cost of entry and three lucky prize entries.

Tickets available from Judith Dunlop – 4785 252 or Jean Mundt 4783 165. You can either pay cash or by Internet Banking to JUC-BNZ Johnsonville 02-0500-0021852-00 including your name and the reference "Fashion"

For the week following the parade Ballentynes offer 20% discount on clothes purchased.

Come and enjoy an evening of fun and fellowship.

## 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.

Please continue to pray that the Holy Spirit fills the Leader Formation Team as they continue their facilitated workshops on Vision and Mission.

## 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.



## FIRST COMMUNION SUNDAY

This Sunday seventy-six children from our parish will be receiving the Eucharist for the first time.

The First Holy Communion Masses are at *St Benedict's Church* at 9am on Sunday May 30th and at *Ss Peter and Paul's Church* at 2pm on Sunday May 30th.

Many thanks to the children who are saying **AMEN - Yes I believe** to Jesus this weekend - we are proud of you!

Thanks also to the families who have supported the children on this stage of their faith journey and to the teams/volunteers that have led this programme. It has been a great opportunity to build connections and relationships.

There will be a morning tea after the St Benedict's Mass at St Bens school and an afternoon tea after the Sunday afternoon Mass. You are most welcome to come along and celebrate our children. Please bring some food to share.

Any questions call Sio(021 081 60396) or Kitty.(021 491 459)



## CHILDREN'S LITURGY UPDATE

### St Peter & Pauls.

The children are such a pleasure to work with. We are using the theme that there are so many layers of meaning to the gospel stories, and what layers are most meaningful right now.

It has been custom and practice not to have CL during school holidays and public holidays.

Therefore, there will be no CL on Queens Birthday weekend – Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> June at St Peter & Paul's.

Hei konei ra,

Jan Gould

### St Benedict's

We will hold Children's Liturgy on Queen's birthday weekend. There is no Children's Liturgy this weekend due to first communion

Angela Houston

## St Mary's College Open Day 2021

All those interested in enrolling at St Mary's College in 2022 are invited to our Open Day on Tuesday 1 June 2021 at 9am - 11.00am. Please look at our website: [www.stmw.school.nz](http://www.stmw.school.nz) for more information.



## St Patrick's College Open Day Tours

The Open Day tours for those interested in enrolling their son at St Patrick's College for 2022 will be held on Tuesday 15 June between 9.30 to 11.00am and from 12.00pm to 1.30pm and again on Thursday 17 June between 9.30am to 11.00am and from 12.00pm to 1.30pm.

To make a booking please either email [admin@stpats.school.nz](mailto:admin@stpats.school.nz) with your request or to make a booking yourself visit the St Patrick's College website: <https://www.stpats.school.nz>. On the front page of our website you will see 'Open Day'. Open this section and select "Open Day Booking Form" (an online booking form). Enter your details and make your selection regarding day/time. A reminder email will be sent closer to your booked day.



**A musical evening with Fr Chris Skinner**, supported by St Catherine's College students, at 7pm on Sunday 27 June at St Joseph's Church, Ellice St, Mt Victoria. \$20 cash at door or go on line to TryBooking [www.trybooking.co.nz/HKO](http://www.trybooking.co.nz/HKO) Booking fee is 30 cents. Fr Chris's cds will be available to purchase

## GLOBAL SOLIDARITY



The human person grows more, matures more and is sanctified more to the extent that he or she enters into relationships, going out from themselves to live in communion with God, with others and with all creatures.

Everything is interconnected, and this invites us to develop a spirituality of that global solidarity which flows from the mystery of the Trinity.

Pope Francis: [Laudato Si'](#) (paragraph 240)