



St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish

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31st Sunday in Ordinary Time 31st October 2021 Year B

Readings: *Deuteronomy 6:2-6, Hebrews 7:23-28, Mark 12:28b-34*

“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength and You shall love your neighbour as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these.”

LOVE.LOVE.LOVE. Jesus doesn't mention lots of rules, the ten commandments or the many, many laws of his faith tradition. What he does is simplify and complexify everything! He gives the Pharisees and us two laws, two requests.



Jesus tells us that Love of God and love of our brothers and sisters is the meaning of our lives as Christians, as Catholics.

Love of God and **love of neighbour** are different sides of the same coin. We can't have and live one without the other.

Jesus is saying it's not enough to love God. We must love our neighbours - our brothers and sisters too. We must see Christ in the faces of all those we come across in our parish, community and world and then be love and spread love through our words and actions. Jesus is our living example of how to LOVE. His mind, his heart, his soul, his hands had one purpose. Jesus the great lover gave and gives everything to show us what happens when God's commandment of LOVE is lived. Love is the measure of our faith. Jesus is asking, challenging us to be his disciple and to love as he loved. To follow these two great commandments above all else. This is a mind and heart provoking and inspiring gospel.

This week lets reflect on a question that Pope Francis asks himself in relation to this gospel:

“Love is the measure of faith. My faith is as I love. And faith is the soul of love.

How much do I love? Each one answer silently. How is my faith?

KITTY MCKINLEY

All Soul's Day Mass **7pm, Tuesday 2nd November**
at St Peter and Paul's, Johnsonville.

This will be the only Mass in the Ohariu Parish.

We are pleased to be able to have a Mass this day but because of constraints on numbers, everyone who wishes to come needs to reserve a place. To do this please email: angela@sfrancisohariu.nz or phone the parish office, 9am - 3pm on **4787-137** to book in.



Remembrance Mass

Sadly this year we had to cancel our Remembrance Masses in our 3 churches due to Covid restrictions. We remember with prayer and love our deceased parishioners, friends and family members who have passed away

Feast of the Holy Souls Tuesday 2 November

Guided Tour of the early Catholic section at Kaori Cemetery 1.30-3pm

Visit the final resting place of our lay and religious forebears who were buried at the cemetery from 1892 onwards. Stories retold include those of a boxer, an architect, a US civil war veteran, a military chaplain and a missionary. Included in the tour is a visit to the newly restored wooden cross installed by Archbishop Redwood in March 1892.

\$10 per person (children under 12 free). Places can be booked by emailing friendsofkaroricemeterytours@gmail.com or just turn up on the day. Gather at the wooden shelter building to start the tour – 100 meters inside the main gate. For further information see www.friendsofkaroricemetery.co.nz

Sunday 31 October 2021 - Today is Mission Sunday

Mission Sunday is being celebrated in every Catholic parish around the world! It supports missionaries who work alongside communities that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief.

By supporting **Missio-NZ**, the Pope's charity for world mission in NZ, you will help missionaries share the love of Christ with those most in need. Please pray for the mission of the Church throughout the world and give what you can to this very important collection which will sustain the future of our Church.

Please call **(09) 489 6549** (office hours) or visit Missio-NZ's website www.missio.nz/donate to give a single gift. . If you want to set up a regular weekly/monthly donation, please use **MISSIO-NZ Account ANZ 06 0411 0021447 30**

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 21st of February 2022.

Zoom Divine Mercy Prayer Meeting
Sunday Oct 31, 2021 03:00 PM Wellington
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: hra2h3



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.

Friday November 12th

Day of Reflection with Joy Cowley at Our Lady of Kapiti Church, 20 Milne Drive, Paraparaumu, 10.30 – 2pm.
Hosted by the CWL Archdiocesan Council. All who would like to attend are welcome; however, **you would need to be fully vaccinated** and have registered prior, by Monday

8th November (capped at 100), to the email address given. Please bring own packed lunch and drink bottle. Masks to be worn and Koha on entry
Enquiries to: Karen Saunders 04 476 0044 archdio.sec@gmail.com



"To be on mission is to be willing to think as Christ does, to believe with him that those around us are also my brothers and sisters. May his compassionate love touch our hearts and make us all true missionary disciples."

Pope Francis: [Message for World Mission Day 2021](#)

Confirmation Update :

Greetings all and thank you for your response to our email regarding the Confirmation Mass possibilities.

For those who have requested your child be confirmed this year s, **we have organised a Special Confirmation Mass on Saturday November 6th 2021 at 4pm at SS Peter and Paul's Johnsonville.** PLEASE note the time and venue change. The reason for the change is so parishioners can attend their "usual" Saturday night mass at St Andrew's and our numbers won't prevent them from attending. An email has been sent to you all.

A reminder that there can only be a maximum of 100 people in the church, sitting in their own bubbles and at least a metre apart, wearing masks if over the age of 12.

We have 18 children who are going to be Confirmed on **Saturday November 6th 2021. This is all we can have at this event. At this stage each child can bring four other family members = a total of 5 mass goers per family.**

This adds up to 89. The remaining 11 spaces will be for the Programme leaders and those leading the Liturgy.

PLEASE if you have less than five attending then let us know so we can then add a sibling or grandparent from another family!

PLEASE also note that we would like your child to attend a Confirmation meeting on Sunday October 31st at 3.30pm, followed by a practice at 4:45 for parents, sponsors if they are available and parent/s.

We would also like to have a final practice on Friday November 5th at 4:45pm at SS Peter and Paul's.

We are working hard to make a memorable, Spirit filled occasion for our children.

I will also attempt to meet with the St Benedict's children and the St Bridget's children at their respective schools this week.

As you know we will not be able to have community singing at this event. We will work to have some form of Music and also a slide show. If you have any suggestions regarding the Liturgy/Music or would like to help then please get back to either Kitty or Sio.

Sio, Kitty and Team

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 or thomas0davis@gmail.com

Greetings brothers and sisters,

To comply with the new COVID-19 traffic light system we will require parishioners attending Liturgies to have evidence of being vaccinated.

Under the COVID-19 Protection Framework this is necessary to allow us to have more than 100 people attending.

As you no doubt know from the media that Vaccinations have the power to change the way Aotearoa manages the virus, and give us all more possibilities.

The COVID-19 Protection Framework introduces a new flexible 3-level approach to managing COVID-19 in the community:

Green
Orange
Red

Vaccination certificate requirements

At all levels, businesses, retail, and public facilities will generally be able to remain open for vaccinated people.

Even at the Green Level our Liturgies will require all in the congregation to present a Vaccination certificate so that we do not have to limit the number who are in our Churches.

A vaccination provides you, your family and your Parish community better protection against the virus. When everyone is vaccinated, this helps to end the pandemic.

<https://covid19.govt.nz/alert-levels-and-updates/latest-updates/introducing-the-covid-19-protection-framework/>

**Unite
against
COVID-19**

Currently, during Covid-19 Alert Level Delta TWO

Reminder if anyone needs support of any kind: food, travel assistance, information or advice during this Covid-19 time, then please let us know.

The Leadership Team

**Sacred Heart Cathedral Parish Music Coordinator/ Leader
Sacred Heart Metropolitan Cathedral Parish,**

seeks applications for the new part time, position of Music Coordinator/ Leader. This is a part-time, 15 hours per week, fixed term 10-month contract. The successful applicant will be responsible for coordinating the music requirements across all parish liturgies, including the establishment of a voluntary choir to regularly lead the congregation at the Sunday morning service. The position requires flexibility and includes weekend work. Applicants should have musical training to tertiary level or equivalent professional standard, and ideally be familiar with Catholic liturgy.

Written application, enclosing a Curriculum Vitae, position description, and enquiries to Debbie Matheson,
the Parish Leader at matheson@wn.catholic.org.nz.
Applications close 30 November

Volunteer in Australia, the Pacific and Asia - The Cagliero Project, Salesians of Don Bosco

We are seeking long term (6-12 month) volunteers for January 2022 to work with young people in our Salesian communities in Australia. When it is possible and safe to do so, we will recommence sending volunteers to work with disadvantaged young people in Salesian communities in Samoa, Cambodia, Timor Leste & the Solomon Islands. Applications close November 15th. Send us an inquiry - www.cagliero.org.au or hichaaba@salesians.org.au

Join us.....A Career with a Mission

Saint Gianna's Home for Mothers and Babies, a programme of Family Life International NZ, is seeking a mature married couple, or single woman, to live in at our beautiful and well appointed home in Pukekohe - to provide acceptance, love and care for pregnant mothers in need, and for their babies and perhaps toddlers, in a faith based setting.

This is a position for a missionary minded couple, or single woman, who perhaps have a medical background, and who are passionate about the sanctity of life. The position is supported by a day time staff member, a reliever for the parents, and also volunteers.

Our work is grounded on St Pope John Paul II's Gospel of Life, and the great example of St Gianna Beretta Molla. Saint Gianna's Home caters for up to four or five mothers and their babies at any one time.

To learn more and to obtain a Position Description, and Terms of Employment, please email:

Dame Colleen Bayer DSG col.fli@xtra.co.nz

OR Mrs Clare McClean clare@fli.org.nz (Co ordinator - Gianna's Choice Pregnancy Options and Support).

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. Above all, prayer is always appreciated!

Topic: Zoom Divine Mercy Prayer Meeting

Time: **Oct 24**, 2021 03:00 PM, Wellington
Meeting ID: 799 6918 9260 Passcode: hra2h3

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

MASS INTENTIONS



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

Recently Deceased: . Sr Mary Adrian Keating (sister of Vince)

Anniversaries— Rae Evans, Rolando Dela Cruz

Prayers for the Sick— John Fanning, Tony Bordignon, Dianne Greene (Mother of Steven Greene), Monsignor John Carde, 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), Francis Williams
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 31st October - 6th November

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

Sun: Mass 10.30am
Mon: 9am Liturgy
Tues: No Morning Liturgy
7pm Holy Souls
Mass
Wed: 11am Mass (No Cup
of Tea)
Thurs: 9am Liturgy
Fri: 9am Mass

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 Liturgy
at 9.00
Saturday 9.00 Liturgy

Please note. **Reconciliation** is held at St Peter and Paul's on the first Wednesday of the month, at 10.30am before the 11am Mass (Covid Permitting).

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