

MASS INTENTIONS

We ask for your prayers - Masses have been offered for



Recently deceased— **Dennis Francis Low** - father of Susan Concessio, Desmond Low, father in law of Solomon Concessio and Andrea Low. Loved Grandfather.

Anniversaries Donata Ubaldo Anniversary 31/5
Jimmy Stewart (Betty's Husband) 1 year Anniversary 4/6/21
Pascal and Clare D'Souza

For the sick Diane Greene (mother of parishioner Steve Greene)

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 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.



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Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ 6 June 2021 Year B
Readings: Exodus 24:3-8 ; Hebrews 9:11-15 ; Mark 14:12-16,22-26

Last week we had the great joy as a parish community of joining with the parents and families of 76 of our young parishioners as they made their first communion.

The first time they have had the chance to receive Jesus in Eucharistic form. It is important that they did it with us and we were with them. For the gift of the Eucharist, the Body of Jesus the Christ is not a gift for us to keep to ourselves. It is a gift to be celebrated in full participation as a parish community, as we gather round the altar table each weekend, in worship.

And is it any less of an event because at the moment we cannot receive the Blood of Jesus as we have become used to? Not at all! It should make us all the more grateful we can freely receive the Body of Christ in the Eucharist.

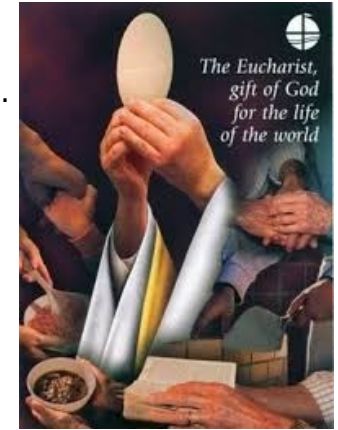
Over the last year we have experienced weeks when we couldn't gather as a full Eucharistic community. For the common good, the safety of ourselves, our fellow parishioners and our neighbours we had to stay away from the call to come together to celebrate the Body and Blood of Christ in our Eucharist. Perhaps you met instead in one of the parish's little churches or you tuned in to an Online celebration of Mass. Perhaps you simply had to go without this gift until we could gather again.

This period of absence can help us to appreciate the joy we have in being able to attend in person as a community. But it is more – when we receive the Eucharist it becomes part of us as followers of Jesus, the Son of God. Its part of us in our community, in our neighbourhood and in our world.

It can also be an act of solidarity with our fellow Christians around the world who currently cannot gather as we can. We come to the Lord's table on their behalf.

Let us today give thanks we can freely gather and hold in our worship all who follow the call of Jesus: "Take it, this is my Body."

Jo-anne and Michael Carley



MASS & LITURGY TIMES 7 June — 12 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

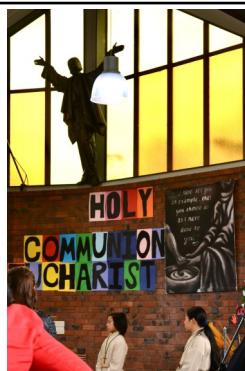
St Benedict's Church 3 Everest St Khandallah

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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On Sunday, our parish had two first Holy Communion Masses at St Benedict's and at SS Peter and Pauls. Both masses were very well attended by the Children's family, school and parish community who have been supporting and praying for our Children throughout the last five weeks. It was such a special occasion for all the Children who dressed up in their best attire, had artwork around the churches and who contributed to the mass by doing different roles.



We are all so very proud of the children for taking this next step in their faith journey. During the programme, we spoke much about *Ripples of love and kindness*. Love and kindness in our own families of origin, in the parish, in school and in our community. We explained how every time that they receive Jesus, they are receiving a booster of love so they can share with their friends, family and

others. Both the masses showed this love in action. It was wonderful to see so many grandparents and relatives of the children participating and supporting our children too - it was love that united us.

I would like to acknowledge with gratitude, **Fr Peter Roe**, who celebrated the two First Holy Communion masses and walked alongside the Children at the practise last week. Also a big Thank you to all those who helped with the music and the set up of the church-



es, the artwork for both masses and for doing all the things that often go unnoticed. Also to **Michael Hinds** for hosting the morning tea at St Benedict's school. You all really made the occasion very special and beautiful for all our Children.

Marriage Preparation:

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 or head to <https://www.wn.catholic.org.nz/about/church-mission/marriage-ministries/>

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. <https://www.stpats.school.nz>.

11th Sunday of Ordinary Time 13/6/21	5pm Vigil St Andrew's	9am St Benedict's	10.30am St Peter & Paul's
MUSIC		Margaret Blight	
GREETERS		Christine Patete	Monica Sorensen Oni Villanueva
WELCOME/ PRAYERS OF FAITHFUL	Antonette Jayme	Clive Sowry/ Andrea Lai	Bill Cooney
1st PROCLAIMER	Rose Ohlsson	Clive Sowry	Kim Sharma
2nd PROCLAIMER	Rose Ohlsson	Andrea Lai	Philippa Wilson
OFFERTORY	Feleta D'Souza family		Sy Family
COLLECTION			Aspinall Family
EUCCHARIST	Bingo Jayme	Christine Patete	Martin Keene Ewen Laurenson Mel Aspinall
ALTAR SERVERS	Maegan D'Souza Aiden Pandit		Yenul Rathnayabe J.C. Historillo
CHAIRS & DOORS			Adeline & Kin Lee
HOSPITALITY		McKenzie Family	
CLEANERS		Greene Family	Gordon Correa

Upcoming Parish Events/Notices

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.

St Andrews Passionist Family Group is holding a Bingo night on **Saturday 19 June** in St Andrews Church lounge after the 5pm Mass.

Cards are \$10 for three and there will be prizes plus complimentary soup and rolls. Please BYO drinks and nibbles.

All parishioners, friends and family are very welcome and we hope you can make it as these events are always lots of fun.

Other Events & Notices

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 11th 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.

ADW Workshops

ADW are offering another liturgy workshop:

'Communion to the Sick' June 17th 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

Joshua Fellowship

Come and join other men for a cuppa, prayer and a talk on **Thursday 17th June 2021** at 7:30pm (Note: fellowship from 7:00pm for 7:30pm start). Venue: 'Loaves and Fishes' next to Anglican Cathedral of St Paul, corner Hill and Molesworth Streets Input then sharing in small groups. **'How important is Joshua in your life?'** Want to know more? Ring Steve Ready 027-356-9555

Lastly, I would like to give a special shout out to **Kitty McKinley , Piki Boyles, Leo Richards, Kyla Blair– Hamill, Nicole Simson, Fiona Roberts, Tatjana Schaefer and Eroshini Thomas** who have been guiding and supporting the children over the last five weeks. Thank you so much for your love and for the hard work that you have put in with the Children who have learnt so much and grown throughout this programme.

Thank you, faafetai tele lava: **Sio Iaseto-Filo** - Youth Minister St Francis of Assisi

We have been invited to join in prayer for the beatification of **Suzanne Aubert**— the foundress of the Daughters of Our Lady of Compassion (the Sisters of Compassion).



He Īnoi mō te Hātotinga o te Kahurangi nei a Meri Hōhepa

E te Ariki e Hēhu Karaiti, nāu mātou i whakaako mēnā ka puaki atu mātou i te pūaroa mō te iti, arā, ngā tēina, ngā tuākana, ngā tuāhine me ngā tungāne, kātahi ka whakaatu mātou i te pūaroa 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 tūrora, 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 Hātotinga. **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

SCOOP!! HOT OFF THE PRESS – BE THE FIRST TO KNOW!! IMPORTANT NOTICE!!



This year Saints Peter and Paul are celebrating their Feast Day in a new and exciting way within our Parish.

Our *Parish Liturgy Advisory Group* would like to invite you to join us, as for the first time ever, over one weekend, all three Masses will be held in one church only.

Yes, fellow parishioners you read it here first!

The weekend of June the 26th and 27th all three masses will be celebrated in Johnsonville at Saints Peter and Paul.

The vigil will still be at 5 p.m., the first Mass on a Sunday will still be at 9 a.m. and the second Sunday Mass will still be at 10.30 a.m.

People from all three Mass Centres will be rostered on and fully taking part in each Mass. There will even be shared refreshments after the 10.30 a.m. Mass.

Take the opportunity to come along to one of these Masses and met people you might not have had an opportunity to say hello to yet.

And since you read it here first, please pass on this scoop to anyone else who regularly attends one of our weekend services.

See you all there,
Saint Francis of Assisi, Ohariu – Trendsetters!!

P.S. Moving forward we will be looking at celebrating all our Parish Feast Day Masses in this way – Saint Benedict’s and Saint Andrew’s – **in** the churches named for that Saint.
Kia ora.



Feedback from people about the First Holy Communion

I would like to express, on behalf of my family and myself, our profound gratitude for all your guidance and support that beautifully culminated yesterday with the Holy Communion ceremony. Thank you also for being with us, supporting us. " *A very proud father*"

Last Sunday was just lovely – the first holy communion service was very special for all the children, and the afternoon tea was a great way to celebrate their achievement. I’m sure we’ll all cherish the memories of this very special day for many years to come.

"*A supportive mother*"

Our Parish Covid-19 Appeal for India

The Parish total for our India Covid appeal has raised \$1606.00 so far.

We give our grateful thanks to the Parish for your support of this cause.

"We are one people: all branches of the same vine, Let us act now in love and unity. We are the human family".

Fr Pete Roe



Fr. Pete Roe, who works with our Parish, will be taking a well earned winter break this week.

Any enquiries please contact the Parish office 04 478 7137 or email the office at office@stfrancisohariu.nz

WANTED Volunteers to help Count the Weekend Collection Money.

This takes place during the week.
Contact Helen— office@stfrancisohariu.nz 478 7137