



St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish

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Sixth Sunday of Easter 9 May 2021 Year B

Readings: Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48; 1 John 4:7-10; John 15:9-17

Mother's Day

'In today's fragmented world, where we risk losing our bearings, a Mother's embrace is essential. How much dispersion and solitude there is all around us! The world is completely connected, yet seems increasingly disjointed. We need to entrust ourselves to our Mother. In the Scriptures, Our Lady embraces any number of concrete situations; she is present wherever she is needed. She visits her cousin Elizabeth; she comes to the aid of the newlyweds in Cana; she encourages the disciples in the Upper Room... Mary is a cure for solitude and dispersion. She is the Mother of con-solation: she stands "with" those who are "alone". She knows that words are not enough to console; presence is needed, and she is present as a mother. Let us allow her to embrace our lives. In the *Salve Regina*, we call her "our life". This may seem exaggerated, for Christ himself is "life" (cf. *Jn* 14:6), yet Mary is so closely united to him, and so close to us, that we can do no better than to put our hands in hers and to acknowledge her as "our life, our sweetness and our hope."



And in the journey of life, *let us allow ourselves to be taken by the hand*. Mothers take their children by the hand and lovingly introduce them to life. But how many children today wander off on their own and lose their way. Thinking they are strong, they get lost; thinking they are free, they become slaves. How many, forgetting a mother's affection, live in anger with themselves and indifference to everything! How many, sad to say, react to everything and everyone with bitterness and malice! Life is such. Showing oneself "malicious" even seems at times to be a sign of strength. Yet it is nothing more than weakness. We need to learn from mothers that heroism is shown in self-giving, strength in compassion, wisdom in meekness.

God himself needed a Mother: how much more so do we! Jesus himself gave her to us, from the cross: "Behold your mother!" (*Jn* 19:27). He said this to the beloved disciple and to every disciple. Our Lady is not an optional accessory: she has to be welcomed into our life. She is the Queen of peace, who triumphs over evil and leads us along paths of goodness, who restores unity to her children, who teaches us compassion.

Mary, take us by the hand. Clinging to you, we will pass safely through the straits of history. Lead us by the hand to rediscover the bonds that unite us. Gather us beneath your mantle, in the tenderness of true love, where the human family is reborn: "*We fly to thy protection, O Holy Mother of God*". Let us together pray these words to Our Lady: "*We fly to thy protection, O Holy Mother of God*".

**Pope Francis
1 January 2019**

2021 Sacramental Programme Journey:

Our parish first Eucharist - Holy Communion programme began last Sunday. Two identical sessions were and will be held at 10am at St Benedict's and 2pm at SS Peter and Pauls every Sunday for the next three weekends. The programme is lead by the Youth Ministry team, parish volunteers and parents who were involved in the programme last year. We were also fortunate at St Bens last Sunday to have Margie Dunne sharing memories of her First Communion, a few years ago.

The 73 children were all enthusiastic and keen to reconnect with each other and the programme leaders after the holidays and the gap between First reconciliation and this next part of their faith journey.

It's not too late to join up if you have missed this first session. All children aged 8 and over are more than welcome. This programme is child and family centred so we are really happy to accommodate you in any way. As we did previously there are plenty of opportunities for your children to "catch up" on anything they may have missed out on. To find out more talk to St Brigid's or St Benedict's school staff, the parish office or to Sio 021 0816 0396 or Kitty 021 491 459. Programme details are in the church foyers too! See you this Sunday.



Experienced Social Worker Wanted

Full time role – 37.5 hours per week
Catholic Social Services is seeking an experienced social worker to increase our team based in Wellington.

For a copy of the job description or additional information please email reception@wn.catholic.org.nz or phone 04 385 8642.

Applications close at 3pm on Tuesday 8th June 2021
Please email your CV and covering letter to reception@wn.catholic.org.nz

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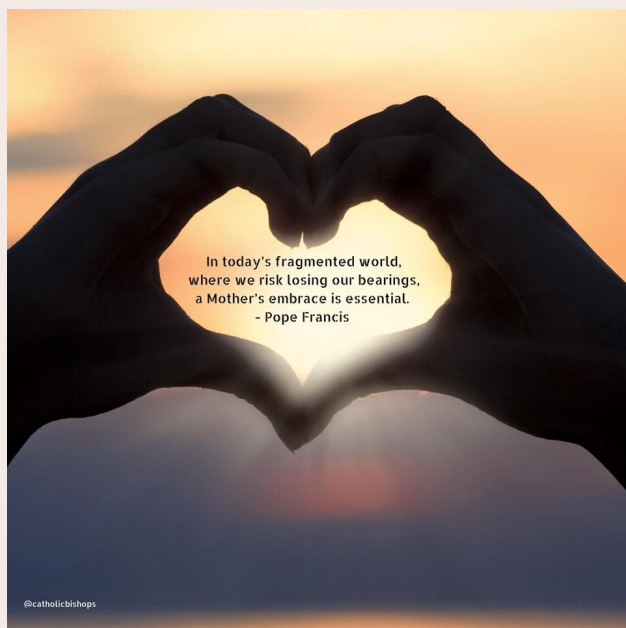
 **Archdiocese
OF Wellington**

Mother's day

Beatitudes for Mothers

Blessed are mothers...	who mixed discipline with love, they shall know mercy.
Blessed are mothers...	who gave us values with which to live the Christian life, they shall share God's kingdom.
Blessed are mothers...	who left us an appreciation of the value and dignity of work, they shall find rest
Blessed are mothers...	who pointed out our responsibilities and duties, they will be blessed.
Blessed are mothers...	who taught us how to live on earth for heaven, they will know God.
Blessed are mothers...	who showed us the meaning of service by example, they shall be served.
Blessed are mothers...	who gave us a clear picture of what a mother should be, they will live forever.
Blessed are mothers...	whose love for our fathers taught us the importance of loving God and loving each other, they shall see God.

May the blessed Virgin Mother of Our Lord, bless all women and keep them under her protection.



St Bernards College Lower Hutt

St Bernard's College will be holding an Open Day on Saturday 29 May 2021 from 10.00am until 2.00pm. Prospective students and their parents are invited to visit during these hours to find out more about St Bernard's College and what it can provide. St Bernard's College is a Year 7-13 Catholic boys' college. For further information please see our web-site: www.sbc.school.nz

or contact the office at:
183 Waterloo Rd Lower Hutt
Ph 560 9250
Email: office@sbcs.school.nz

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 9.30 to 11.00am and from 12.00pm to 1.30pm.

To make a booking please either email 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.

Our Parish Covid-19 Appeal for India:

We have all seen on the news the humanitarian crisis and tragedy that is unfolding in India. Many of our parishioners have close family and friends in India and they are hearing bad news directly on a daily basis. People are dying every minute and these brothers and sisters of ours need significant support. It is a matter of life and death.

Our parish is committed to praying and supporting the Indian community here and overseas in any way we can. Over the next few weeks we will pray hard.



Money is urgently needed for oxygen and resources. We invite you to donate money: There will be envelopes available that are marked "India Covid 19 Appeal." Over the next few weeks please donate by putting the envelope in the collection plate or through the slot in the front door of the Johnsonville presbytery. You can also donate through Internet banking. Please use the words INDIACOVID for the Internet banking reference. The parish account number is: 02-0524-0203642-00.

The LFT have been in discussions with CARITAS New Zealand who has been in contact with CARITAS India and we will send our donations through this channel. If you would like your donations to be included in a tax receipt at end of the next tax year please include your name and giving number on the envelope.

We encourage everyone to pray and act to assist the people in India.

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

We are the human family.

We need your involvement and care:

The Johnsonville branch of the St Vincent de Paul Society and Challenge 2000 are working closely together to build our parish's ability to care for parishioners and community members in different challenging times.

After a combined recent meeting we invite you to please:

- Volunteer to transport people to appointments
- Spend 1 or 2 hours per week supporting Spanish speaking Refugees to improve their understanding and use of colloquial English or invite them to your events
- Be involved in the packing and/or delivering of groceries
- Donate money to St V de P for fresh food, uniforms or sports gear
- Assist Refugees to apply for and gain accommodation; we currently have one family living temporarily in the Johnsonville presbytery
- Assist with the purchase or finding of household goods and furniture

If you are willing to give of your time or resources in any of the above ways then please call: Ted White : 042131915 or Sharron McSweeney 044783541 or Kitty McKinley 021491459.

Training will be required if needed.



Tax Receipts and Planned Giving Envelopes are still available in the foyers of our 3 Churches.

If you use Planned Giving Envelopes, the new batch of envelopes and Tax Receipts for Khandallah and Johnsonville for the last financial year are available now in the foyers. 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 of each Church and arranged alphabetically.

It has come to our attention that there has been a technical error with the Newlands planned giving tax receipts for Envelope payers (only). Newlands Automatic Payment receipts have not been affected. We are currently working hard to resolve the issue and issue corrected tax receipts for these parishioners. Thank you for your patience while we work to resolve this.

If you have any queries or are unable to locate your Envelopes and/tax receipt please contact the Parish Office. The Parish Office hours are Monday, Wednesday & Thursday 9am - 3pm. Email: office@stfrancisohariu.nz

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



Upcoming Parish Events/Notices

Children's Liturgy St Peter & Paul's

Children's Liturgy is back on this weekend Sunday 9th May. See you there.

Posters for Celebrations at Sts. Peter and Paul.

We are looking for someone who could draw posters for us on the odd occasion. If you are that person please contact Pat Collier Ph 4786230 email tchpat.collier@gmail.com

Celebrating Mothers Sunday 9th May

We will be having a little gathering to celebrate mothers after the 10.30a.m. mass at Sts. Peter and Paul's. There will be a cup of tea/coffee in the hall.

Other Events & Notices

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.

Joshua Fellowship

Come and join other men for a cuppa, prayer and a talk on Thursday 20th May 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

Speaker: **Jayne Sutherland** on "**Mary's influence on her husband's conversion to follow Jesus**" Want to know more? Ring Steve Ready 027-356-9555

email: joshua.wgtn@gmail.com

Healing Service

Fr John Rea SM will conduct a Healing Service at St Teresa's Church, 301 Karori Road, Karori on Wednesday 26 May beginning at 7.30 pm. Please invite all who need Jesus' healing. All are welcome. Enquiries Ph 022 389 7460

Pastoral Care and Support conference

The NZ Catholic Medical Association is holding a Pastoral Care and Support conference and retreat for Catholic health practitioners at Our Lady's Home of Compassion in Island Bay, Wellington from 3pm Friday 28 May to 3pm Saturday 29 May. Registration and details: www.newzealandcatholicmedical.co.nz

Pa Maria Marist Spirituality Centre Winter Film Series, begins first week of June on Mondays or Thursdays for five weeks. Very limited places still available. For further information please contact Brian Cummings SM at bgcummings@xtra.co.nz or 021 703 580

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.

The Parish in Transition: A seminar on worship, music, and pastoral life.

Description: Date: September 10 to 12, 2021

Venue: Diocesan building Palmerston North

The seminar begins on Friday evening September 10 and finished early afternoon September 12th. All are welcome. Please mark your calendars and let people know this event is coming. More details to follow at the end of May.

With thanks, Joe Grayland. Contact: office@pncathedral.org.nz

Ascension of the Lord 15/16 May	5pm Vigil St Andrew's	9am St Benedict's	10.30am St Peter & Paul's
MUSIC	Connie's Group	Music Group	David Dobson
GREETERS	Joanne Gordon	Volunteer Please	Monica Sorensen & Oni Villanueva
WELCOME/PRAYERS OF FAITHFUL	Solomon Concessio	Amanda Gardner/ Michael Carley	Sharron McSweeney
1st PROCLAIMER	Anushka D'Souza	Amanda Gardner	Philippa Wilson
2nd PROCLAIMER	Anushka D'Souza	Michael Carley	Ronald Martinez
OFFERTORY	Dela Cruz Family		Villanueva Family
COLLECTION			Martinez Family
EUCARIST	Barbara Diggins	Margaret Dunne	Denis Smith, Rob King & Robyn Watson
ALTAR SERVERS	Sherize Concessio		Yenil Rathnayabe & Gerarg Villanueva
CHAIRS & DOORS	Ann Almeida		Tony Mulongoti
HOSPITALITY		Greene Family	
CLEANERS		May & Ra Ratia	Ernest Perera

MASS INTENTIONS

We ask for your prayers - Masses have been offered for

RIP— Elizabeth Rapson, Mies Nobelen

RIP Anniversary—

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



**We welcome into the parish community those
newly Baptised:**

Tanielu Heinrich-Agius

Parish Newsletter

Currently we send the newsletter to about 700 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.



MASS & LITURGY TIMES 10– 16 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 Liturgy
Sun: 9am Mass

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