

St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish



Trinity Sunday 7 June 2020

Readings: Exodus 34:4-6,8-9; 1 Corinthians 13:11-13; John 3: 16-18

We are one, you and I. Together we exist and live and love, together we suffer and die - and forever we will re-create each other in God. In this we are joining in the life of the TRINITY!

GOD IS COMMUNITY –

The Trinity that is God is a flow of loving relationships of friendship, hospitality, sharing and receiving to be experienced in community, family, parish, and society. When we live inside of these relationships, God lives inside of us and we live inside of God. Scripture assures us that we abide in God whenever we stay inside of family, community, parish – and, yes, even in harmony with our wonder-filled world of creation. Let me explain.



On the one hand:

If our idea of God is judgmental, we will be judgmental.

If our idea of God is exclusive, our lives and churches will likely be exclusive as well.

If our idea of God is distorted or self-serving/ self-entitled - that probably tells us something about ourselves as well.

On the other hand:

If our idea of God is Trinitarian – rooted in the loving relationships among Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – then our lives and faith are likely to more Eucharistic, more servant-like, more communal, more cooperative, more balanced, more whole, more relational, and by definition more complete - in the sense of filled up or fulfilled.

The truest insight we have of God is that given to us by St John in his Gospel: 'God is love'. And it is because of this Love that you, and I and everything else exists.

We were created by Love in order to love.

And this is where the practical consequences come in:

Our whole purpose in life is to learn what love is or, better put, to learn how to love. That's the Trinity in our lives.

Our challenge here in St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish is this;

From the example of the Cross we can see that inside the Trinity there is no bitterness, vengeance, loss of patience, or lack of graciousness (not a single trace). When the veil inside the temple is torn, when the side of Jesus is pierced, what we see, what flows out, is only forgiveness, patience, gentleness, understanding, and warm invitation. Only a community that reflects and begins living like this can ever catch a glimpse of the relationships in the Trinity, the loving heart of the living God.

Pete Roe sm

Our Parish in Level 2

On Sunday we remain in Alert Level 2. This means that as a Parish we will operate at Alert level 2 and diligently follow the guidelines provided by our Bishops.

The New Zealand Bishops have reiterated that those who are vulnerable to the virus, those who feel anxious and anyone who is not well should stay at home. All people continue to be dispensed from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass during this time.

In order to enable as many parishioners as possible to attend a Saturday evening or a Sunday Mass, we have scheduled Masses across the three churches. For us to resume Parish Masses while meeting all the Government's requirements in Level 2, a huge commitment is put on volunteers needed to keep our gatherings safe but also rich in worship and communion.

If you are able to help with ushering or cleaning the church after Mass, kindly contact Carol at the Parish Office. Every offer of help is welcome.

Although the cap on gatherings is 100, we are limited by the capacity of our church buildings, taking into consideration the requirement for 1 metre social distancing.

Our Parish will be offering the following Eucharistic Celebrations for this Saturday and Sunday, the Feast of the Most Holy Trinity.

1. The Little Churches Live stream Mass will take place at 0930.
2. There will be a Mass celebrated at

**St. Andrew's at 5pm Saturday 6th June,
St Benedict's at 9 am on Sunday 7th June
SS Peter & Paul's at 1100 on Sunday 7th June**

In accordance with the Covid-19 Restrictions this will be for a limited number of parishioners. In choosing who will be able to attend, priority will be given to those parishioners who do not have access to the internet and who are not able to be part of a Little Church.

3. Parishioners who for health or other personal reasons are unable to attend either the Parish Mass or a Little Church, can request that Communion be brought to their house. We will have protocols in place for this to happen safely.

If you wish to be considered for a place at the public Parish Mass please either ring 04 478 7137 or [CLICK](#) below to fill out the form to register.

If you know of any parishioner who does not have email access please let them know they can ring to register.

Your registration of interest does not mean you will automatically be able to attend. You will be notified by Saturday morning.

We thank those parishioners who are participating safely in their Little Church for allowing others who do not have access to the internet to attend the live Mass.

If you wish to attend an established Little Church, or want to establish and host your

own Little Church with your family, friends and neighbours, please register by emailing tim.gordon@stfrancisochariu.nz

[PLEASE CLICK HERE IF YOU WISH TO REGISTER YOUR INTEREST IN ATTENDING MASS ON SUNDAY 7 June 2020](#)

Opportunities for Prayer and Service in our Community

St Peter and Paul's is now open every day for private prayer from 9-5 and it's been lovely to see so many parishioners popping in and praying. Please remember to sanitise and leave your contact details. Also we appreciate volunteers to help clean the churches. Contact Carol or Tim.



Last Sunday Fr Pete Roe celebrated Mass for the Little Churches on line at 9.30am at St Peter & Paul's Church in Johnsonville.

Representatives from the Little Churches were present to take the Eucharist back to their groups.



Sacramental Programme



St Benedict's Khandallah

First Reconciliation for the children will be resuming soon

The next children's session will be **Sunday 14th of June at 10.15am** St Benedict's Church

The Reconciliation Ceremony will be **Tuesday 23 June at 7pm** at St Benedict's Church. Contact Mike or Clare at mike-clare@xtra.co.nz

St Peter & Paul's & St Andrew's

14th June : The second Reconciliation Recap video will be sent out to all parents to show their children. You should have already received one last week so please let us know if you haven't.

21st June: Meeting for children 2pm at St Peter and Pauls Church

28th June: 2nd Meeting/ Practise 2pm at St Peter and Pauls Church for children

4th July: 1st Reconciliation 2pm at SS Peters & Pauls.

We will also be in contact with you all as there may be opportunities after school to also catch up with children who may not feel quite ready for the sacrament of reconciliation. Please contact either Sio or Kitty if you need additional information.

St. Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish App

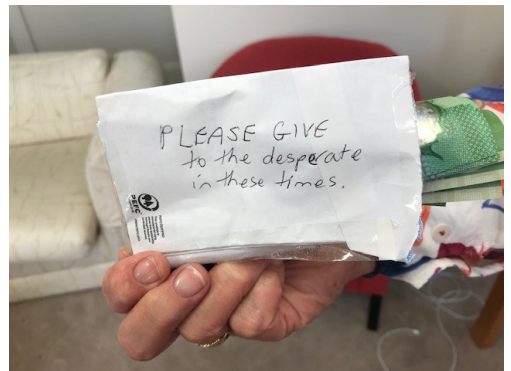
To further our communication, the Parish has signed up for a month's trial of 'ChurchAppsNZ', which is already in use by many Parishes and Schools. Due to the Lockdown, we have been granted another month's free trial. As come into Level 1 we will really test its value to our Communication staying in contact with our Parishioners, providing updates, liturgical guides and prayer resources. You can access the app download [here](#)



A Pentecost Gift:

One of the gifts of the Holy Spirit is understanding and a fruit of the Spirit is kindness. Last week this envelope was left in the letter box in the door of the presbytery by one of our community.

Whoever you are THANK YOU. Your gift to another member of our community in need moved us and the person we gave it to, to tears. They appreciated your understanding of what is effecting so many and your kindness it giving so generously. Indeed a Pentecost inspired gift to another.



Thank you for your work:

For the past two weeks SFOA has been fortunate to have Sophia and Ling volunteering at Challenge 2000 and in our parish. Sophia and Ling were both commissioned as Columban Lay missionaries at St Peter and Paul's Johnsonville before the lockdown and were supposed to be heading to London to serve there. This plan is currently on hold so they are now serving in our community. One real blessing was that they are both Mandarin speakers and they have been able to help with a local tragedy. The Spirit moves and makes all things possible. We are also blessed to welcome Gerson who will be also working at Challenge 2000 two days per week as he discerns priesthood as an option. At this time our three new volunteers are making a huge difference alongside our parish and Challenge team.



Help wanted URGENTLY

We've reached a stage where our Parish can only provide for your Spiritual and Material needs if we get help. To fulfil our Parish Mission, we need more people actively involved. Our Leadership Team is stretched thin managing Youth, Education, Formation, Spirituality, Mission, Service to the Poor, to the Sick, to the Housebound, Digital Ministry, Worship, Liturgy, Financial Management and Communications Portfolios. We welcome any contribution of time and skills. If you would like to be more involved, you can reach us on tim.gordon@stfrancisohariu.nz or contact any of the Leadership Formation Team

2020 Open Day at St Patrick's College WELLINGTON

Open Day is a chance for parents of Year 8 students to visit our College and learn about the opportunities and experiences that we offer across Years 9-13. Due to the 100 person gathering limit we have changed our Open Day format this year from one large gathering to a number of smaller groups who will meet our Rector and receive a tour of the College. To attend an Open Day 1 hour tour of the College, bookings are essential. For COVID-19 contact tracing purposes we will require your contact details when you make your booking.

How to Book a College Tour: Please make a booking by phoning the College on 939 3070 and advising which of the six tour options you would prefer:

Tuesday 16 June 11.30am–12.30pm OR 12.30pm–1.30pm

Thursday 18 June 11.30am–12.30pm OR 12.30pm–1.30pm

Friday 19 June 11.30am–12.30pm OR 12.30pm–1.30pm

St Mary's College Open Day Tuesday 30 June

St Mary's College is holding tours for prospective families on Tuesday 30 June. There will be three time slots offered 11.30 am, 2pm, 4pm. The tours will be one hour with a maximum of 100. Whānau will be divided into small tour groups of 10 people each, with a maximum of three per whānau. Whānau will be required to register using schoolinterviews.co.nz. the booking code is 3te25. For more information see the St Mary's College Website: stmw.school.nz. Enrolments are open for more information email: office@stmw.school.nz.

A Quiet Day with Suzanne Aubert

Thursday 11 June, 10am to 2pm

Venue: Crombie Chapel at Our Lady's Home of Compassion, 2 Rhine Street, Island Bay

"A time for gentle reflection on insights from the life and works of Venerable Suzanne Aubert. The theme for June: It is love that gives value to everything. "

A simple lunch is provided – or bring your own. There is no fee, but a koha is greatly appreciated.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED by 3pm Wed 10 June. Registration - Ph. 04 383 7769 or email – spirituality@compassion.org.nz

Joshua is on again. Come and enjoy fellowship with other men and share your Lockdown stories on Thursday 18th June 2020 at 7:30pm (Note: fellowship from 7:00pm for 7:30pm start) In CONNOLLY HALL, Guildford Terrace, Thorndon (behind the closed Sacred Heart Cathedral). Want to know more? Ring Steve Ready 027-356-9555 or email: joshua.wgtn@gmail.com

From the Cardinal's Newsletter:

I extend a very sincere thanks to ALL who have worked hard over these last few weeks to ensure the safety of all as we were threatened with Covid 19. It has been wonderful to see the efforts that clergy, lay pastoral leaders and parishioners went to in order to keep people informed about what was happening in parishes, what masses were being celebrated and where they could be found on-line, and the ways people who were sick were prayed with over the phone, pastoral care was given in difficult circumstances when there was a death. Inspiring initiatives were suggested to help families pray together and to reflect in new and different ways on the Scriptures. It is my hope that the new-found ways people have discovered to pray with the Scriptures will continue to grow and that this will be encouraged in families and groups within parishes. THANK YOU TO ALL

Cardinal John



This week at the Catholic Centre Cardinal John celebrated his Silver Jubilee as Auxiliary Bishop of Wellington.

A shared morning tea included this jubilee cake made by a staff member. Please remember Cardinal John at this time of jubilee.



Congratulations to Father Maurice Carmody who celebrated his Golden Jubilee of priesthood on 23 May and to **Father Eddie Condra** who will celebrate his Golden Jubilee on 13 June.

Urgent Cry for help

Can you help our refugee family from Columbia please. This family of one mum, a girl aged 15 and a baby boy aged one need rental accommodation. These members of our Parish need a warm and dry three bedroom house, in or around the Johnsonville area. They are currently living in a motel. and This emergency accommodation is coming to an end. **If you can help phone Steve O'Connor at Challenge 2000 on: 0211927328**



MASS INTENTIONS

We ask for your prayers - Masses have been offered for
Jimmy Stewart, Judy Hampton, Shank Lian RIP
Cheryl Fernandez, Guillerma Valencia Melendez, Francisco Z.
Romero Anniversary



For Mass Online go to:

<https://kapiti-catholic.org.nz/kapiti/mass-times>

Click on this link and it will take you to the Archdiocese's Youtube Channel
<https://www.youtube.com/c/MCSHWellington?>

Most magazine-style Catholic media may be unable to produce their usual printed editions until Covid-19 restrictions are reduced further. This may require the ability of churches to reopen so wide distribution can resume until then you can access all Catholic Media here

https://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/catholic-media-online/?fbclid=IwAR12ZA4S858k1IczsS1is4yWJMsnpIPa6BwoP1USjzH_jX2PfxFABwp0QYw

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

Tues: No Service (Open for prayer 9-5)
Wed: **11am Mass**
Thurs: No Service (Open for prayer 9-5)
Friday: No Service (Open for prayer 9-5)

St Benedict's Church 3 Everest, Khandallah

Mon: 9am Liturgy
Tues: 9am Liturgy
Wed: 9am Liturgy
Thurs: 9am Liturgy
Friday: 9am Liturgy

In Cardinal John's letter he quotes from an Italian bishop's letter to parishioners returning to Mass after lockdown. He concluded his letter reminding Catholics to not be: *"...communities that are closed in on themselves and their own organization, but communities that are open, humble, full of hope; communities infectious with passion and trust. Not a Church that goes to church, but a Church that goes to everyone. Full of enthusiasm, passion, hope, love. Believers like this will regain their desire to go to church. To go to Mass, to be fed."* Derio Olivero, Bishop of Pinerolo, Italy

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One Faith - Many Cultures

