

St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish



16th Sunday Ordinary Time 19 July 2020 Year A

Readings: Wisdom 12:13,16-19; Romans 8:26-27; Matthew 13: 24-43

The parish is not an outdated institution; precisely because it possesses great flexibility, it can assume quite different contours depending on the openness and missionary creativity of the pastor and the community. While certainly not the only institution which evangelizes, if the parish proves capable of self-renewal and constant adaptivity, it continues to be "the Church living in the midst of the homes of her sons and daughters". Pope Francis Evangelii Gaudium 28.

We all hope that our Parish "*proves capable of self-renewal and constant adaptivity*" and in doing so support our growth in faith, become strong in community, that we may be welcomed and be welcoming, be culturally safe, be inclusive and hospitable and actively engaged in bringing about a more just and equitable society.

To that end, we continue to revitalise the parish as a living Eucharistic community through a fresh approach to the various pastoral and liturgical and evangelical ministries that so many of you are committed.

As part of this revitalization, can I draw your attention to a couple of Parish events that may enable this.

We are grateful for all the years of service from our Parish Secretary, **Carol Burns** and wish her well and so we are seeking administrative and pastoral support in a full-time **Pastoral Executive Administrator** and a **Part time Assistant**. These are both critical positions that provide both strategic and effective leadership to ensure financial and operational processes support the Vision of the Parish. Both job descriptions can be found on the Website or email me for the supporting documents.

The other event is an **Open Invitation to Meeting** Sunday 9th August to Gather for a Shared Meal after SS Peter & Paul's 1030 Mass - (you may wish to bring food to share).

Then from 12.15pm – 1.45pm I will be hosting a forum to discuss **how we can manage better Liturgical celebrations**

This is an opportunity to share ideas, support, encourage and resource each other as we plan for authentic and creative celebrations.

Maybe you want to be part of a planning a group for a specific Feast Day or week that are an assigned focus by the Archdiocese. Come on down

Maybe you want to join a more permanent group with an ongoing commitment to Weekly Sunday Masses. Come on down.

Maybe you want to develop and produce unique expressions of communal prayer. Then come on down.

In today's Gospel, two short parables are sandwiched between the parable of the Weeds and its interpretation. Both the **Parable of the Mustard Seed** (13:31-32) and the **Parable of the Yeast** (13:33) promise great effects from small causes. Be encouraged by small beginnings. Manaakitia koe e te Atua

Tim Gordon - Parish Manager

THE CRACKED POT: A STORY FOR ANYONE WHO'S NOT QUITE PERFECT

A water bearer in India had two large pots, one hung on each end of a pole, which she carried across her neck.

One of the pots had a crack in it. While the other pot was perfect, and always delivered a full portion of water at the end of the long walk from the stream to the mistress's house, the cracked pot arrived only half full.

For a full two years this went on daily, with the bearer delivering only one and a half pots full of water to her master's house.

The perfect pot was proud of its accomplishments, perfect to the end for which it was made. But the poor cracked pot was ashamed of its own imperfection, and miserable that it was able to accomplish only half of what it had been made to do.

Why?" asked the bearer. "What are you ashamed of?"

"I have been able, for these past two years, to deliver only half my load because this crack in my side causes water to leak out all the way back to your mistress's house. Because of my flaws, you have to do all of this work, and you don't get full value from your efforts," the pot said.

The water bearer felt sorry for the old cracked pot, and in her compassion she said, "As we return to the mistress's house, I want you to notice the beautiful flowers along the path."

Indeed, as they went up the hill, the old cracked pot took notice of the sun warming the beautiful wild flowers on the side of the path, and this cheered it some.

But at the end of the trail, it still felt bad because it had leaked out half its load, and so again it apologized to the bearer for its failure.

The bearer said to the pot, "Did you notice that there were flowers only on your side of the path, but not on the other pot's side?"

"That's because I have always known about your flaw, and I took advantage of it. I planted flower seeds on your side of the path, and every day while we walk back from the stream, you've watered them.

"For two years I have been able to pick these beautiful flowers to decorate my mistress's table. Without you being just the way you are, she would not have this beauty to grace her house."



Moral: Each of us has our own unique flaws. We're all cracked pots. But it's the cracks and flaws we each have that make our lives together so very interesting and rewarding. We've just got to take each person for what they are, and look for the good in them. There's a lot of good out there.

Pete Roe sm

Youth Events:

Four Youth from Our Parish attended an Archdiocesan youth Event: Shaping the Mission last Friday and Saturday.

The event covered many interesting topics and was a chance to meet different people. Feedback from our team:

From the 10th to the 11th of July, I attended a youth ministry conference that took place at the Mercy conference centre in Thorndon. The conference was different and gave me a good insight into youth ministry and how to help shape it to meet the needs of young people and today. I thought that it was interesting to learn about everyone else and what they do in their parishes. The program was set out good and everybody seemed to be very interested in the topic that was being talked about which made time fly by. What the conference had left me with, was the thoughts of how we, as a youth ministry team, are able to get the youth involved a bit more. Whether it be that we create dramas for the youth to participate in, or we have masses for young people every week or so. I was also able to hear about what other people thought had the biggest impact in a young person's everyday life, which was not really surprising when we had come to the conclusion that it was social media. This made me think of how we can get young people more involved using social media as a tool. Overall I thought that I was very much blessed to have this opportunity to be able to attend such an event and look forward to what we can make happen in the future. Cassidy (18)

Sio: I enjoyed this conference and came away with some good ideas about how to develop our Youth Ministry programmes here in Ohariu for our young people. It was great to hear Cardinal John's vision and to meet lots of other young people working with young people and translating the power of the gospel today. Piki and I also have lots of ideas about how to use social media to connect and form the knowledge of our youth. That's a priority for us and Ellen our Technology expert!!!

Seasons for Growth Training

Piki and Sio our two Youth Ministers spent two days last week learning about this programme at Challenge 2000's premises. It was run by Katrin Eickhorst who is also an Ohariu Parishioner. We are looking forward to using our new understanding and skills in our communities.



Like any home there are lots and lots of little jobs that need to happen for our parish to function. Every person is an essential part of our body and has a part to play. Please have a think about what you may be able to do to support and enrich our parish communities

Extra hands Needed:

There are many little jobs that need doing in our parish community on a

- weekly,
 - monthly
 - quarterly
- and yearly basis

Tasks: include for example:

- SS Peter and Pauls Community: Opening up St Brigid's Car Park and putting chairs out for Sunday Mass and putting them away
- St Benedict's Community: Writing Prayers of the Faithful and Praying them, Making the Powerpoint when there is an Organist providing music
- St Andrews Community: packing up and putting protective weather items in the church and writing and praying Prayers of the Faithful
- Helping with the website content, Facebook and newsletter
- Preparing Art work, lectern hangings,
- making and hanging Church seasonal tapestries
- helping with sacramental programmes
- short term projects e.g. Parish Feast Day Mass October 4 2020 or Christmas / Advent Liturgies
- Helping with children's worship programmes
- Turning heaters on and off
- Being on call if Alarms go off in churches
- Collecting other parishioners or priests if transport needed



A big thank you to **Pat Collier**, our esteemed Organist, who is retiring from the Music Ministry. She will continue to play at the 11am Wednesday Mass in Johnsonville alongside **Christina MacIver** our resident soprano. Pat has been playing the organ here for many years and has also been the Music Co-ordinator for St Peter & Paul's Church. Next week we will be having a thank you morning tea for Pat after 10.30am mass on Sunday 26th July at St Peter and Paul's.

'Every month, **Fr Eddie Condra** celebrates what he terms a 'Mass for Alternative Thinkers' because it does not follow the usual format. Eddie hopes this will be a way for people to move forward into a new church.

This month, Mass for Alternative Thinkers will be held at the Marist-Challenge Chapel, 1 Wanaka Street, Johnsonville on Sunday 26 July at 4pm. All who are willing to embrace a new way of worship are most welcome to attend and there will be a cup of tea to follow.

Any enquiries, please phone Helen 027 4243365 or email newchurchdreaming@gmail.com '

Fr Kevin Head SM will be visiting St Andrew's and St Benedict's churches on the weekend of 1 and 2 August to offer subscriptions to the **Marist Messenger**. It costs \$50 per year for 11 issues. Great value for money!

No need to pay immediately. An account will be sent when any new subscriptions are processed."

Monday Marian Mothers' meeting

The Monday Marian Mothers' meeting for July will be held at 12 Elgin Way, Khandallah from 10.00am - 12pm on Monday 20th July. This is a warm and welcoming group and we'd love to see you there. There is prayer, chat, and a cup of tea, all while the little ones can play.

If you have any questions, please contact Stephanie on 479 2307.



Couples for Christ Wellington would like to invite Christian couples to a spiritual journey through the Christian Life Program

The Christian Life Program (CLP) is a series of meaningful talks touching on topics about living a spirit-filled Christian life. It is a program designed to deepen the understanding of our spirituality for a fuller experience of God's love and blessings in our lives.

Join us and learn more about this life-renewing program that has touched the lives of thousands of families and individuals worldwide.

The CLP orientation and talks starts on 2nd of August 2020 (Sunday) 1.30 to 4.30 PM at St. Bernadette's Church. 194 Naenae Road Lower Hutt. Refreshments will be served after.

Christian Meditation every Monday at 7pm, St Benedict's foyer. All welcome.

More information, contact Linda & Nick Polaschek ph 04 4797955.

Anointing Mass at Malvina Major in the Chapel
Tuesday 21 July 2,30pm. All welcome

Last Tuesday we hosted another successful **free lunch** in the St Peter and Paul's church hall. We had a lovely turn out with a range of adults and youth.

Date: Every Tuesday

Time: 12.30pm - 2.00pm

Venue: St Peter and Paul's Church Hall

Come along and enjoy some good company along with some good food.



The next part of the **Johnsonville- Newlands** based sacramental programme begins on August 16th at 1pm in the Church hall at SS Peter and Pauls Johnsonville.

The Children will then make their First Holy Communion on **Sunday September 20th** at a Mass time to be advised.

All parents and caregivers who had children involved in the First Reconciliation Programme will be e mailed these dates shortly.

A full timetable will be provided the first week of Term III.

For further info contact Kitty or Sio or email the parish office: ohariuparish@xtra.co.nz.



The Holy Communion programme at **St Benedict's** will be

1st Children Group Session Sunday 16th Aug 10.15am St Benedict's Church

2nd Children Group Session Sunday 30th Aug 10.15am St Benedict's Church

Holy Communion Ceremony Sunday 6th Sept 9am St Benedict's Church

A Quiet Day with Suzanne Aubert: Thursday 13 August 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.

A simple lunch is provided – or bring your own. There is no fee, but a koha is greatly appreciated. REGISTRATION REQUIRED – email sr.sue@compassion.org.nz

Winter Film Screening: Gardening with Soul

Join us for the feature length documentary following a year in the garden with 90-year-old Sister Loyola Galvin. The film will be introduced by Sr Sue Cosgrove. The Cloister Café will be open for refreshments. Bookings are required – phone (04) 282 1953 or email heritagecentre@compassion.org.nz.

The **Coast to Coast Rosary for Life and Faith** will be held this year on Saturday 15th August at 3 pm. Please help lead or join a group in your parish or community. For more information, please go to www.coasttocoastrosary.co.nz or phone Clare 022 1912 886

Baptisms: We welcome into our Parish
Quinn & Emmet Schultz, Michael Reynolds
 who will be Baptised in our Parish this weekend



First Friday morning Tea at St Benedict's Church
 after the 9am service
 Hospitality: Margaret Dunne



The Onslow Catholic Women's League invites all members to the next social meeting—a trip to St Benedict's School, including morning tea and a tour of the school, on Tuesday 4 August from 10am-12noon. (Transport up the drive from Nicholson Rd/Everest St to the school will be provided for those who wish.) We need to know numbers wishing to attend, so please contact Sam on sam@samsarthouse.co.nz or call 021 610804 or Margie m_crook_nz@yahoo.com by Friday 31 July.

This Sunday we will be joined by the Wellington Deaf Community at the 10.30 Mass at Johnsonville. There will be a cup of tea after the Mass in the Parish Hall



ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEK

25/26 July	Saturday 5pm St Andrews	Sunday 9am St Bens	Sunday 10.30am St Peter & Pauls
17th Sunday Ordinary Time			
MUSIC	TBA	Music Group	Pat Collier
GREETERS	Volunteers	Christine Patete	Helen Cross
			Sandra Parish
1st PROCLAIMER	Agustilia Rodrigues	Bernard Quinn	Philippa Wilson
2nd PROCLAIMER	Agustilia Rodrigues	Robyn Radomski	Mike Watson
PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL	Jay Don Silva	Grace Tulloch	Merlyn Menzies
OFFERTORY PROCESSION	Volunteers	Dermot & Keri	Volunteers
MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST	Ann-Marie Bush	Janice Brown	Robyn Watson
		Tony de Joux	Ewen Laurenson
ALTAR SERVERS	Aiden Pandit	Luke & Jacob	Divya Srinivasa
COLLECTORS	Volunteers	Volunteers	Sy Family

MASS INTENTIONS

We ask for your prayers - Masses have been offered for

Mary McKeefry, Mary Mahony, Jaypee Orlando Pedro Jamie Estipona, Victoria Kingston (*daughter of Jill & Ralph Kingston and ex teacher at St Ben's school*) —RIP

Jose Lopez, Pio and Salvacion Estipona, Elpidio Alano, Danilo Sy, Francisco Romero Sr, Herbert Melendez, Alberto Romasanta – RIP Anniversary



Mass times 25/26 July

Saturday 5pm Vigil Mass St Andrews

Sunday 10.30am Mass St Peter & Paul's

Sunday 9am St Benedicts

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

Tues: 9.15am Liturgy

Wed: 11am Liturgy

Thurs: 9am Liturgy

Friday: 9am Mass

St Andrew's Church **29 Trebann St** **Newlands**

Friday: 6.30pm

Divine Mercy in the Chapel

St Benedict's Church **3 Everest St Khandallah**

Mon: 9am Liturgy

7pm Meditation

Tues: 9.15am Liturgy

Thurs: 9am Liturgy

Friday: 9am Liturgy

Saturday 9am Liturgy

Goodbye from Carol (*the Secretary*)

Thank you to all the wonderful parishioners that it has been my pleasure to serve over the last 7 to 8 years here in Ohariu Parish. This has been a very rewarding job for me and I feel privileged to have been part of this community. I have enjoyed many conversations with a wide variety of people from all walks of life. I can honestly say that there was never a dull moment – there was always something new to deal with. Now it's time for a change of direction for me and maybe a bit more time to enjoy family and friends.



Carol was farewelled at a small morning tea on Friday July 17th! A big thank you for all the hard work over the past 8 years Carol. And all the best for the next stage of the journey.

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One Faith - Many Cultures