



St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish

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Third Week of Lent 3rd March 2024, Year B

Readings:: Exodus 20:1-17, Corinthians 1:22-25, John 2:13-25

Let us Listen and Reflect

It can be all too easy to hear or to read today's scriptures with an ear and a mind that is dulled by their very familiarity.

After all who of us does not know the passage in Exodus about the Ten Commandments being given to Moses on Mount Sinai or John's Gospel that tells of Jesus growing angry at the buying and selling in the Temple and throwing out of the Temple the people engaging in this kind of activity?

However, if we reflect on the second reading from Paul to the Corinthians, we glimpse the essence of God's plan for us. What looked like foolishness or madness to many was understood by those who heard and remembered what Jesus had told them about why he came into the world and what he was to undergo with his death and resurrection.

Jesus came to show us the way. In fact the early followers of Jesus were those who followed 'The Way'. The word 'Christian' was given to the followers later in Antioch.

Through Moses, God gave us the Ten Commandments – guidelines upon which to base our lives. Laws are not however something dry and restricting.

The psalmist sings "The Law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul.... gladdens the heart gives light to the eyes and is sweeter than honey from the honeycomb".

Let us take time today to reflect on the commandment that seems to be the guideline that invites our reflection and action this Lent

Judy McCormack

Parish Information

Weekday Liturgies

Due to changed circumstances we have made alterations to the weekday liturgy timetable.

Please note new weekday liturgy timetable below:

Monday:	NONE
Tuesday:	9.15am School Liturgy in the Church
Wednesday:	10.30am Reconciliation 11.00am Mass
Thursday:	9.00am Liturgy Church
Friday:	8.30am Exposition 9.00am Liturgy Church

This timetable will be reviewed after Easter.

Children's Day Prayer

Lord Jesus, thank you that you took children into your arms and blessed them.

May every child know the deep peace and love of being held close to you.

We especially ask you to protect all unborn children and children who are impoverished, neglected and abused.

May we your people open our hearts to bring compassion into the lives of vulnerable children.

Help us to support and encourage families and communities in the love and protection of their children.

May children everywhere grow up feeling accepted, safe and loved.

Amen





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TAMARIKI**

3RD MARCH 10AM

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**“CHILDREN ARE A
TREASURE FOR
HUMANITY”
POPE FRANCIS**

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Children's Day Mass

This Sunday, **3rd March**, is Children's Day. We will celebrate this at our 10.00am Mass.

Following Mass, there will be activities for our Tamariki. Face painting, bouncy castle & pizza.

We would love to see you all after Mass to celebrate with our Tamariki.
Ana Baice

Parish Information

Reconciliation

Details as follows for Rite I and Rite II Reconciliation in St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish and the Pastoral Area during the Lent.

Rite 1 Reconciliation

I will be available on the following Fridays during Lent while the Stations of the Cross are taking place at **6.30pm** in the Parish Church:

1st March, 8th March, 15th March, 22nd March

Rite II Reconciliation

My brother priests and myself will supply in the other parishes around the pastoral area during Lent by these now confirmed times and dates:

Sunday, 3rd March - Our Lady of Hope Parish Tawa - **7pm**

Sunday, 10th March - St Theresa's Parish Plimmerton - **4pm**

Thursday, 14th March - St Francis of Assisi Parish Ohariu (us), Jville - **6pm**

Wednesday 20th March - Holy Family Parish, Porirua East - **6pm.**

Blessings, **Father Alfred Tong**

Lenten Stations of the Cross

The Lenten Stations of the Cross are taking place every Friday during Lent. Dates as follows:

1st March, 8th March, 15th March, 22nd March

They will begin at **6.30pm** and will be held at our Parish Church, St Francis of Assisi Ohariu.

All Parishioners are welcome to join in this Lenten reflection.

If any person or group is interested in helping lead these evenings, please phone Solomon Concessio on ph: 021 201 7160 or email your details to concessio.solomon@gmail.com Kia ora

Reverence for Life

The **Reverence for Life** group exists in our Parish to promote a “Culture of Life” in which every person born and unborn, is protected and loved. If you are wanting to be part of this group – it is a prayer and action group who are actively seeking ways to show respect for life then please contact Maree, at meag@gmail.com to find out more information.

One of our activities is every three months to present at Mass the “Book of Life”. The Book of Life is a record of personal, family, church, school and community events that celebrate special occasions reflecting celebration of life. This “Book of Life” is on display in the church foyer for you to stop and have a look at what has been happening in our vibrant community.

The Book will next be presented on the weekend of the 9th/10th March.

We welcome any contributions to the Book for this presentation from family celebrations to family gatherings. Your contribution of an event not only enriches our “Book of Life” but it helps to build awareness of the preciousness and dignity of life in all its stages from conception to death.

It is easy, either leave a hard copy into the specially marked clear box in the foyer, or there are small cards in the box with Fiona Kearns’ details for you to take, or email her direct at fionakearnz@gmail.com

This year we are updating the Reverence for Life sign on the corner of Broderick Road and Moorefield Road. Look out for this updated image soon!

Thank you for your support



Parish Information

Passionist Family Group - March 2024

Teddy's Picnic at Wilton Bush	Sunday, 3rd March
Newlands Group St Pats Day Dinner	Sunday, 17th March
CD Group Afternoon Tea, Watsons	TBC
New Group Planning Meeting	Sunday, 3rd March



Would you like to join a group for fun, fellowship and community building?

Please contact - John & Kerry Kleinsman: 027 31 16618 or 027 846 7489,
or email: kleinsklan88@gmail.com

Sacramental Programme 2024

The enrollment process for the 2024 Parish Sacramental Programme has opened.

If you are interested in taking part, please complete an enrolment form and send back to the Parish:

email: sacramentalprogramme@stfrancisohariu.nz

For a copy of the form, please [click here](#).

Confirmation is scheduled for **Sunday, 18th of August at 2.00pm**. Formation for candidates and their parents/caregivers will be in the weeks leading up to this date, with the final dates and times yet to be finalised with the Sacramental Programme Team.

First communion is scheduled for the weekend **21st/22nd September**. Again, formation for candidates and parents/caregivers will be in the weeks leading up to this date, with the final dates and times yet to be finalised with the Sacramental Programme Team.

First reconciliation will be in Term 2, with the dates dependent on the availability of priests from neighbouring parishes. Dates will be published soon after Easter.

If you have any queries, please email:

sacramentalprogramme@stfrancisohariu.nz

or for further information please refer to our [website](#).

Parish Information

Weekly School Liturgy with The Youth Ministry Team at Challenge 2000

Next Tuesday, **5th March**, we will be having our liturgy with St Brigid's School, at St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Church. It will start at **9:15am**.

Next Thursday, **7th March**, we will be having our liturgy with St Benedict's School, in the school classrooms at **9.00am**.

If you would like any further info please contact: Ana Baice,
ph: 021 227 3754.

All are welcome, we would love to see you there praying with our children.



Other Events/Notices

Senior Sunday at Johnsonville Library

When: Sunday, 10th March - 4.30pm - 6.30pm

Where: Johnsonville Library, 34 Moorefield Road

What: Experience what the library has to offer in a special after hours sessions for seniors.

To Register: Ph: (04) 477 6151 or email: johnsonville.library@wcc.govt.nz

New Appointment

Father David Dowling has been appointed as the new rector of Holy Cross Seminary in Auckland. He will take over the role in April.

Further information: <https://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/rector/>

Wellington Organ Proms

On Sunday, 10th March, 2.30pm - 4.00pm, International organist Christopher Hainsworth will present a special concert on the Fernie Organ from Dubois to Mendelssohn and Bach at St Mary's of the Angels Church, 17 Boulcott St.

All proceeds go to the Maxwell Fernie Trust, supporting young New Zealand organists. Entry by koha.

MASS INTENTIONS



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

Recently Deceased: Norman Cox, Anne Cordy

Prayers for the Sick: Betty Stewart, David Ogilvie, Fr David Orange, Jocelyn Whitehouse, David Clarke, Archbishop Novartus Rugambwa, Moe Pio Tafaese, Gerard McDonagh, Jessie Hensen, Tau So'oa, John Fanning, Domingo Basilio Navera Jr, Joe Godinet, Augafa & Sefine Pelelo, Fr Maurice Carmody, Tony Bordignon, Fr Frank Maguire, Fr Kevin Purcell, Fr Peter O'Connell, Fr Frank Whitaker.

MASS & LITURGY TIMES Saturday 2nd March - Friday 8th March

St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish Timetable 37 Dr Taylor Tce

Sat: 5.00pm Vigil Mass
Sun: 10.00am Mass
Mon: **NO LITURGY**
Tue: 9.15am Liturgy in the Church with St Brigid's School
Wed: 11.00am Mass - Followed by Morning Tea
Thurs: 9.00am Liturgy
Fri: 8.30am Exposition and 9.00am Liturgy

Please note, **Reconciliation** will be held **every** Wednesday at 10.30am before the 11am Mass.

Our Parish Vision

We are missionary disciples of Christ,
in a community of communities,
being transformed in our lives,
and transforming others and our world.



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