



# St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish

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**Thirty First Week Ordinary Time 5th November 2023, Year A**  
**Readings:: Malachi 1:14-2:2,8-10, Thessalonians 2:7-9,13, Matthew 23:1-12**

## Live What You Preach So You Don't Have To Preach!



'Why don't you practice what you preach'? Have you ever said those words? Maybe someone has said them to you.

Hypocrites are people who pretend to be something they are not. They may say one thing and then do the opposite. They may act one way in a certain setting and then act another way in a different setting.



How do we practice what we preach? One way is to be careful about the words we speak. You can tell a lot about a person by the words they use.

You can tell even more by the words they use when they are distressed, angry, or threatened. James 3, tells us the tongue is very dangerous. It can set a great forest ablaze. We can tame all kinds of animals, but we cannot tame the tongue (James 3:3-6).



People are listening to the words we speak. Do our words build people up or cut them down? Do our words bring peace and calm to a situation or do they add fuel to the fire? The words we speak should match the person we claim to be. If we profess that we are followers of Christ, then our words should be a reflection of that relationship.

We practice what we preach when we live our lives as reflections of the life of Jesus. The way we act at work needs to be the same way we act at home, at church, at school, at college, in the supermarket, in a traffic jam, or waiting for a bus.

The most empowering relationships are those in which we lift the other person to a higher possession of their own being.

**Fr Pete sm**

### **Finance Committee – Request for Planned Giving Review**

The Finance Committee will be speaking at each Mass on the weekend of 4/5 November, regarding the decreasing income and increasing costs.

When we look at our normal operating costs, those day-to-day expenses the parish incurs such as the levy payable to the Wellington archdiocese for the support of the archdiocese and the clergy, our office staff wages, electricity, normal building maintenance, consumables, etc, and compare them to the level of giving we are receiving, we are forecasting to be short of funds. This forecasting is comparing income to previous years and noting it has decreased, while our costs are increasing – as they are for everyone.

If we compare our forecast planned giving this year with 2018/19, pre COVID, we have a reduction of more than \$70,000 or 24%. This is primarily due to falling mass attendance. This is not unique to our parish, the same thing is happening in other parishes.

At the same time cost of living increases also impact the parish, rates, power, insurance, repairs and maintenance just as they do for you at home.

The table (**Table A**) over the page is to assist you with considering increasing your current planned giving.

If you have not registered with the parish for a planned giving donation number, please contact the parish office by email:

[office@stfrancisohariu.nz](mailto:office@stfrancisohariu.nz)

By having a donation number, we will supply a tax certificate each year so you can claim the tax refund of 33 cents back in each dollar of every donation made.

The Finance Committee is also reviewing costs including staff costs, along with other income such as rentals. It is important to note that the proceeds from any future sale of buildings will be kept specifically for the parish church building costs and not for the day to day running of the parish, which needs to be funded by weekly income.

The Finance Committee would like to thank you for your ongoing financial support to help keep this parish viable as well as vibrant.

Thank You.

## Parish Information

Parish Bank Account details as follows: **BNZ Bank, a/c: 02-0524-0203642-00**

**Table A**

Various Weekly Giving Scenarios						
	Increase by	Weekly after	Annual	IRD	Net Cost	
Weekly Giving	20%	20% increase	Giving	Refund	To Parishioner	
\$5.00	\$ 1.00	\$6.00	\$312.00	<b>\$102.96</b>	\$209.04	
\$10.00	\$ 2.00	\$12.00	\$624.00	<b>\$205.92</b>	\$418.08	
\$15.00	\$ 3.00	\$18.00	\$936.00	<b>\$308.88</b>	\$627.12	
\$20.00	\$ 4.00	\$24.00	\$1,248.00	<b>\$411.84</b>	\$836.16	
\$25.00	\$ 5.00	\$30.00	\$1,560.00	<b>\$514.80</b>	\$1,045.20	
\$50.00	\$ 10.00	\$60.00	\$3,120.00	<b>\$1,029.60</b>	\$2,090.40	
	Increase by	Weekly after	Annual	IRD	Net Cost	
Weekly Giving	50%	50% increase	Giving	Refund	To Parishioner	
\$5.00	\$ 2.50	\$7.50	\$390.00	<b>\$128.70</b>	\$261.30	
\$10.00	\$ 5.00	\$15.00	\$780.00	<b>\$257.40</b>	\$522.60	
\$15.00	\$ 7.50	\$22.50	\$1,170.00	<b>\$386.10</b>	\$783.90	
\$20.00	\$ 10.00	\$30.00	\$1,560.00	<b>\$514.80</b>	\$1,045.20	
\$25.00	\$ 12.50	\$37.50	\$1,950.00	<b>\$643.50</b>	\$1,306.50	
\$50.00	\$ 25.00	\$75.00	\$3,900.00	<b>\$1,287.00</b>	\$2,613.00	

### **Columban Calendar 2024**

These are available to purchase at a cost of **\$12 per calendar**. They can be purchased through the sacristy **at the end of both** Saturday Vigil & Sunday morning Masses.

In the event you cannot attend Mass and wish to purchase one, please contact the Parish Office: **ph: (04) 478 7137** or **email: [office@stfrancisohariu.nz](mailto:office@stfrancisohariu.nz)**



### **Synod**

Last month, the Synod took place in Rome. Both Archbishop Paul Martin and Fr Dennis Nacorda from the Archdiocese of Wellington were among the 20 selected from Oceania. The Synod Document has just been released. For a copy of this document, please [click here](#).

## Parish Information

### Welcome to the Parish

Last Sunday at our 10.00am Mass we welcomed baby Tavita Ward into our Parish Church. Tavita was baptised during mass, with family, friends and parishioners.

Thank you to the Kalolo & Ward family for a wonderful morning tea following the Baptism.



Welcome to the Parish Tavita.

### Commissioning

We will have a commissioning of Proclaimers and Eucharistic Ministers, on **Saturday, 11th & Sunday, 12th November 2023.**

We will be commissioning all those who serve as Proclaimers of the Word and Eucharistic Ministers at these two Masses.

If you are one of these, please ensure you are at one of these Masses for this special blessing.

### Weekly School Liturgy with The Youth Ministry Team at Challenge 2000

Next Tuesday, **7th November**, 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, **9th November**, we will be having our liturgy with St Benedict's School, in the library 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.



## Parish Information

# *St Francis of Assisi Ohariu* *Christmas Parish Dance*

7pm, Saturday 25 November 2023  
Johnsonville Community Centre

*Live music ☆ Spot prizes ☆ Christmas cake raffle ☆ Best dressed awards*

\$10 entry (under-13s free)  
BYO drinks and nibbles

to reserve your tickets, contact before 13 November:  
Mike Havell: 022 623 0130 / Jenny Stove: 021 115 8441  
Stephanie D'Mello: 021 118 93441 / Nirmala D'Mello: 021 108 2074

## Other Events/Notices

### Presentation of Pallium

This **Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> November at St Mary of the Angels 5pm Mass** Archbishop Paul will be invested with the Pallium.

This invitation is extended to all members of the Church in the Archdiocese of Wellington.

All are welcome to a cup of tea in the hall following Mass.

## Other Events/Notices

### Halloween

On Tuesday evening the Haunted House, that Challenge 2000 rents from our Parish was open for business. Lots of children and their families were brave enough to come and visit.

Children from many schools dressed up in their favorite costumes and adults as well!

The night was filled with screams and even a few tears. It was definitely a night to remember.

Thank you to all those children and families who came through the Haunted House of Challenge 2000 and also donated a gold coin for our foodbank.



### St Benedict's All Saint's Day Liturgy

On Wednesday morning St Benedict's School held a liturgy for All Saints Day celebration, and thank you morning tea for the Youth Ministry Team and other community members who have helped the school and students in any way.

It was lovely to network with all sorts of other helpers and professionals who are involved at St Benedict's.

Thank you for the lovely warm liturgy and morning tea. The Youth Ministry team enjoyed it.



Te paepae o te paerangi ki te paewhenua

Where heaven and earth come together



St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Mass

BETTER OFF TOGETHER  
HE WAKA EKE NOA



## WORLD DAY OF THE POOR

*"Do not turn your face away from  
anyone who is poor" - Pope Francis*

**ALL WELCOME**

Saturday 18th November at 5pm

Sunday 19th November at 10am

Ana - 0212273754 or [anabaice@challenge2000.org.nz](mailto:anabaice@challenge2000.org.nz)

Mitch - 0220218976 or [mitchelcheu@challenge2000.org.nz](mailto:mitchelcheu@challenge2000.org.nz)

Kasileta - 02108083379 or [kasiletaseko@challenge2000.org.nz](mailto:kasiletaseko@challenge2000.org.nz)



## MASS INTENTIONS



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

**Recently Deceased:** Jim Pardoe, Ron Fowler

**Anniversaries:** David Moorish, Hayley So'oa, Ramon R Medina

**Prayers for the Sick:** Tony de Joux, Jacqui Gilligan, David Clarke, Gerard McDonagh, Jessie Hensen, Tau So'oa, Domingo Basilio Navera Jr, Jocelyn Whitehouse, Diana Helm, Fr Frank Whitaker, Augafa & Sefine Pelelo, John Fanning, Fr Maurice Carmody, Joe Godinet, Tony Bordignon, Fr Frank Maguire, Fr Kevin Purcell, Fr Peter O'Connell.

## MASS & LITURGY TIMES Saturday 4th November - Friday 10th November

### St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish Timetable 37 Dr Taylor Tce

Sat:	5.00pm Vigil Mass
Sun:	10.00am Mass
Mon:	9.00am Liturgy
Tue:	9.00am Liturgy (at the Brigidine Convent)
Wed:	11.00am Mass - Followed by Morning Tea
Thurs:	9.00am Liturgy
Fri:	8.30am Exposition and 9.00am Liturgy

Please note, **Reconciliation** is held on the first Wednesday of the month, 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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