



St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish

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Sixth Week of Ordinary Time 11th February 2024, Year B
Readings:: Leviticus 13:1-2, 45-46, Corinthians 10:13-11:1, Mark 1:40-45

Dear Parishioners

Tēna tatou katoa! Thank you for the very warm welcome last weekend to Fr Alfred and myself as we get underway in our work with you.

The mihi whakatau was a wonderful way to start and on Saturday evening and a way of bringing together the St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish (SFOA) and Te Ngākau Tapu (TNT) communities to which both Alfred and myself are appointed.

That is going to be a challenge indeed. For those of you who do not know if TNT is a personal parish for Māori centred on the little church of that name sited on a section next to Bishop Viard College.

The parish is open to Māori wherever they live in the ADW and has a Sunday morning Mass (Miha) in te reo Māori (10am). It also has a Sunday evening Mass (5.15pm) in English and Māori – and sometimes Spanish or any other language we can manage -which draws people from around the Porirua basin. Fr Alfred and myself will alternate these Masses with SFOA.

I also do some work in Spanish-speaking chaplaincy and have some duties as Vicar-General for the Archbishop. So working out how we collaborate with the various parish groups and activities, schools, retirement homes, etc, is our current task.

And Lent is upon us this week beginning with Ash Wednesday. This lead-up to Easter is always a time to listen anew to the Lord Jesus and seek his word in our lives.

Ngā mihi.

Pā Gerard Burns



Parish Information

Welcome

On Saturday, 3rd February Pa Gerry and Pa Alfred were welcomed in considerable style by the parish.

Gerry, Alfred and Joe then made a commitment of service as a newly appointed Parish Leadership Team.

A big thank you and shout out to all those who contributed in any way at all.

Special thanks to Marie Paurini and the parish of Te Ngakau Tapu for enabling the mihi whakatau.



Parish Information

Pa Gerry Burns

Please note Pa Gerry will be away this coming week for about 10 days, he is off to do some tramping in Te Waipounamu.

Ash Wednesday

This coming **Wednesday, 14th February** is the beginning of Lent.

Ash Wednesday Mass will be held at **11.00am** in our Parish Church, St Francis of Assisi Ohariu.

We look forward to seeing you to begin our Lenten journey for 2024.

Morning tea will follow this Mass and will continue every Wednesday during Lent as normal.

Ash Wednesday - Ecumenical Service

This Wednesday, 14th February, there will be an Ecumenical Service involving the Parishes of the Christian Churches in the northern suburbs.

The service will be held at the Uniting Church, 18 Dr Taylor Terrace Johnsonville.

The service will begin at 7.00pm.

Everyone very welcome.

Malvina Major

There will be 2 services coming up at Malvina Major.

On **Tuesday, 20th February**, Malvina Major residents are invited to an Anointing Mass at 10.30am.

On, **Wednesday, 21st February**, there will be an Ecumenical Service at Malvina Major. This will begin at 2.00pm Everyone is very welcome.

For any enquires, please contact Judith, ph: 021 203 1144.

Parish Information

Lenten Reflections 2024

"The Time is Now"

Come along and reflect on the Sunday's gospels.

Share your Lenten journey with fellow parishioners.

Discuss practical ways of journeying through Lent.

If interested please indicate whether a day or night time is convenient for you, and if you have a preference for day of the week.

Groups will be formed according to the number of people interested.

Please email parish office if interested - office@stfrancisohariu.nz

Many thanks, Pat.

Prayer for our Parish of St. Francis of Assisi Ohariu.

Loving God, as members of our Parish of St. Francis of Assisi Ohariu, we come before you in a spirit of love, prayer and thanksgiving.

We pray you bind us together in love. Whatever our age, cultural background and individual roles within our parish, may we be one together in Jesus. May we accept, affirm and support one another.

In your service we offer you our talents and gifts so as to build your Loving Presence amongst us. May our Parish be vibrant with your love and always a place of welcome

May your Holy Spirit anoint us, inspire us, and send us out into the community as witnesses to you and your love and teaching. May we have the courage and compassion to reach beyond our church to the peripheries to those who are most vulnerable and in need.

May your Holy Spirit draw others to you through us.

*We ask this in Jesus' name.
Amen*

St. Francis of Assisi pray for us, and guide us.



Parish Information

Finance Committee Update and Office Hours Changing

The Finance Committee spoke at Masses last November about the need to increase giving from parishioners and other cost reduction plans being put in place to ensure financial sustainability.

We would like to thank the parish for the generous increase in giving. We appreciate all those who give and are pleased to report the financial situation has improved.

The Office hours are changing, and the office staff will no longer be working on Fridays and therefore the office will be closed that day.

This decision was taken after consultation with the office staff and agreement reached that Friday as a non-workday is best for them in a requirement to reduce hours. The parish still operates with considerably longer hours per week than any other parish in the Wellington Archdiocese.

The Finance Committee will work with the new Parish Priest to review the tasks that should be undertaken by parishioners, such as reinstating a Counters Roster for weekly giving, and other tasks normally undertaken by parishioners, in a bid to relieve the amount of work currently placed on the office.

The phone remains always monitored in the case of emergencies.

Thank you for you continued generosity and support.

Other Events/Notices

Joshua Wellington

Extends an open invitation to both men and women to come to a MASS followed by a light supper on **Thursday 15th February 2024 at 7:30pm** at 'Loaves and Fishes' next to Anglican Cathedral of St Paul, corner Hill and Molesworth Streets.

Celebrant: Fr Peter Ewart sm, Joshua Chaplain.

Want to know more? Ring David Monastra 027-4477-280 or email: joshua.wgtn@gmail.com

Parish Information

Waitangi Day Prayer & Reflection Hui

On Tuesday, 6th February, 30 members of our different communities attended this hui.

It was a very deep and energising experience that inspired us all to learn about Te Tiriti and understand tangata whenua and the history of our country.

The guest speakers shared their stories and Ngahuaia's words brought me to tears.

Although we were from so many different cultures and backgrounds we shared a common faith, kai and want to do what we can to make Aotearoa New Zealand a more loving, aware, accepting and just place for all.

Ana Baice, Youth Ministry Co-ordinator



Edon speaks with a group



Group whakawhanautanga



Fiona shares her Reo journey



Shared kai

Other Events/Notices

Notices from Titipounamu Study & Joy

Bible Stories - What do they mean?

Join us in unravelling Bible stories and looking for answers within a group, and with Bible Scholar Kieran Fenn fms.

Sundays, 03 Mar, 07 Apr, 05 May 2024, 5-6pm (Zoom). Koha

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2024/01/19/bible-stories-what-do-they-mean/>

The Mystery of Miracles

Mondays, 08/15/22/29 April 2024, 7-8.30pm

\$25/session or \$80/series, incl. study material.

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2024/01/11/the-mystery-of-miracles/>

The Stations of the Cross - Reflections on Wood Carvings.

Available in English and Samoan. \$7 incl. postage

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2023/08/11/reflection-on-wood-carvings/>

For more information: www.studyjoy.nz

Public Lecture:

"Something Beautiful for God: Art and the Christian in an Age of Mass Culture"

What is a work of art? How has the significance of a work of art changed in our contemporary era of mechanically copied objects and mass digital access to images and sounds? This lecture will explore these questions from a Christian perspective, and will use as a springboard the idea that modern ways of reproducing art have changed art's significance, an idea made famous by the German social critic Walter Benjamin.

Tuesday Feb 20th. 5.30pm, Loaves and Fishes Hall, Wellington Cathedral. Refreshments provided. Cost: Koha

WORLD MARRIAGE DAY - Tuesday 13 February

Tuesday, 13th February is World Marriage Day.

The National Liturgy Office has published special resources for this day.

Please go here: <https://www.nlo.org.nz/news-and-events/media-releases/world-marriage-day/>

MASS INTENTIONS

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



Recently Deceased: Daniel Clough, Tony Hull

Anniversaries: Conchita Ballesteros,

Prayers for the Sick: Fr David Orange, Tony de Joux, Jocelyn Whitehouse, Archbishop Novartus Rugambwa, Moe Pio Tafaese, Jacqui Gilligan, David Clarke, 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 10th February - Friday 16th February

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 Brigidine Convent)
Wed:	11.00am Ash Wednesday 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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