



# St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish

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**The Body & Blood of Christ 11th June 2023, Year A**  
**Readings:: Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14-16, 1Corinthians 10:16-17, John 6:51-58**

## **Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ**

The Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ – Corpus Christi we used to call it when I was growing up – same thing. Lots of place around the world called Corpus Christi – there's a city in Texas about the same size as Wellington called Corpus Christi; there's Corpus Christi College at Cambridge University founded in 1352 and there's a Corpus Christi College in Perth - Western Australia.

And it's one of only five feasts in the Catholic Calendar when the diocesan bishop **MUST** be in residence in his diocese.

Enough of the history and geography! Corpus Christi – the Body and Blood of Christ is a feast instituted about 1264 by Pope Urban IV partly because he was moved by the teachings of Thomas Aquinas. So, what did Thomas Aquinas define?

He proposed the feast to emphasise then joy of the Eucharist being the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ. Great!! Now what does that all mean? It means that when the celebrant at mass utters the words of consecration the host and the wine become the real Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. **THE REAL BODY AND BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST** – not just a representation. Which means that every time you receive the host you are receiving the real body of Jesus – **NOT** just a representation. The host is the real body.

For many today this is a bolt of a startling revelation because so many today no longer believe that fact: many believe that the host is a mere representation of the Body of Christ.

At the Last Supper Jesus knew that all the words and all the parables he had preached were of little comfort to the human body – the human body needs love and embracing and skin to skin contact ( the sort that mother gives when it's late in the afternoon and the child is grizzly and what really is needed is a hug).

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So, Jesus gave us the Eucharist, His physical embrace, a ritual within which He holds us to His Heart. He didn't say we had to understand it, anymore that He expects us to understand the Resurrection or the Holy Trinity: after all, when your mother/partner/great friend gives you a hug or a kiss they don't expect you to understand or to analyse it – you just know that it is a rather warm comfortable experience. And you know that you are embracing a real person – not a cardboard replica.

So it is with the Body and Blood of Christ – you aren't expected to understand but you are expected to have the faith that are receiving the Body and Blood of Christ – not a replica piece of flour and water.

If you're on a Skype call to that favourite person in your life and they give you an onscreen hug - you accept it as being real – so if we can do THAT we can accept the host as Christ in person.



**Tony de Joux**

### Gifting Sunday

The Second Vatican Council makes it clear that every member of the church is called to ministry in the Lord's name. This call comes out of our baptism.

This weekend of **Saturday, 10th and Sunday, 11th June** we are asking you to look into your baptismal calling.

Are you called to ministry in this Parish?

We'll ask you to indicate from a list of ministries in the parish, quite an extensive list. There'll be space for you to indicate if you feel called to a ministry that isn't listed.

At the same time we will update your contact details, and align the parish with the Privacy Act 2020.

Between now and then we ask you to pray for guidance in this.

**Joe Green**

### Migrant & Refugee Sunday

Next weekend our prayer focus during the Masses will be for Migrants and Refugees. The reflections will be migration stories from former refugees.



If you have national dress, please consider wearing your outfit, to share some of the colour and diversity of our parish.

There will soon be a world map in the foyer and you are invited to put in a pin to mark your home country.

Finally for **Sunday Mass on 18th June**, please stay for morning tea afterwards; any contributions of national finger food for this would be greatly appreciated. Many thanks

**Jo-Anne Carley**

### Organ Recital THANK YOU

We would like to advise, we have been in contact with Nuhaka Primary School, Wairoa. They lost their entire school following the devastation of Cyclone Gabrielle. At present they have joined St Joseph's Primary School in Wairoa, but this is only temporary.

We have been in contact with the Principal, Raelene McFarlane, to advise of our recital and offer the donation to the school.

Message from the Principal:

***Thank you so much for reaching out with your offer of a kind donation, we are super grateful for the kindness and the support.***

***Please know, that we really value and appreciate your kindness and will make careful choices as to how to use the money to support our students here at Nuhaka.***

We will be sending them **\$517.00** as very generously raised by you all.

Many thanks again to all those that attended and donated.

**David Dobson / Parish Office**

## Parish Information

### Recital

Our very own Rose Aldridge is putting on a singing recital (**approximately 15 minutes**) at the Victoria University New Zealand School of Music, consisting of four pieces:

Les Roses D'Ispahan (Gabriel Faure),  
Must the winter come so soon? (Samuel Barber),  
Die Stille Stadt (Alma Mahler), and  
Voi che Sapete (Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart)

All are welcome to attend on:

**Friday 16th of June 2023 at 4.10pm on the dot, at Adam Concert Room,  
81 Kelburn Parade, Kelburn Campus.**

Please call or text Anna Mika-Hunt Walsh on 021 201 7197 if you are attending. Many thanks.

### Greetings All From The Youth Ministry Team At Challenge 2000

Next Tuesday, 13th June, we will be having our liturgy with St Brigid's School, at St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Church.

**It will start at 9:15am and finish at 9:45am.**

If you would like any further info please contact Ana Baice: 021 562 690.

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

### Sacramental Programme



If you have not already registered for the Eucharist and Confirmation Programme, and would like to participate, please [click here](#).

The Eucharist Programme will begin in July.

Bookings can be made through the Parish Office. If you have any queries, you can contact Kitty on 021 491 459 or the Parish Office, (04) 478 7137.

**The Coldest Winter**



It was one of the coldest winters, and many animals were dying because of the cold.

The porcupines, realising the situation, decided to group together to keep each other warm. This was a great way to protect themselves from the cold and keep each of them warm, but the quills of each one wounded their closest companions.

After a while, they decided to distance themselves, but they too began to die due to cold.

So they had to make a choice: either accept the quills of their companions or choose death. Wisely, they decided to go back to being together. They learned to live with a few wounds caused by their close relationship with their companions to receive the warmth of their togetherness. This way, they were able to survive.

If we are ever going to change what is happening in a meaningful way - we are going to have to learn how to listen, have hard conversations, look for joy, share pain, and be more curious than defensive, all while seeking moments of togetherness.

**Pete Roe sm**

**WelCom**

Please note, there has been a delay with the June Welcom publication. The next WelCom will be a combined June /July edition.

It will be available in our church from **Sunday, 25th June.**

## Parish Information

### **Ecumenism Ministry**

Unity in diversity;  
Being in touch with the fellow Christians in our community;  
Joining with our fellow Christians in witness, worship and deed;  
Meeting together to discuss combined events in our area;  
Ash Wednesday -- combined service;  
Good Friday -- Walk of the cross;  
World Day of Prayer -- service;  
Passionist Family -- combining with Uniting church;  
Op shop -- run by group from combined churches;  
Christmas parade;  
Season of Creation -- Focolare webcam;  
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity -- service;  
Advent liturgy -- service;  
Christmas carols -- combined.

**Coordinator Ohariu Parish - Ian Hamilton**

## Other Events/Notices

### **Notices from Titipounamu Study & Joy**

**Mary in the Scriptures** with Kieran Fenn fms.

Mondays, 19/26 June & 03/10 July, 7-8.30pm. ZOOM.

Fee: free. Donation/Koha appreciated.

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2023/04/25/mary-in-the-scriptures/>

**Focus on Target - Draw Fresh Momentum** with Laetitia Puthenpadath

Tuesdays, 27 June & 04/11/18 July, 12.30-1.30pm. ZOOM.

Fee: \$20/session or \$70/4 sessions.

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2023/01/11/focus-on-target-draw-fresh-momentum/>

For more information: [www.studyjoy.nz](http://www.studyjoy.nz)

### **Pilgrimage to the Holy Land**

Fr Chris Friel from Timaru will lead a 12 day tour to important Christian sights in Israel & Jordan in April 2024.

For further information contact Peter Fleming at Pilgrimage Tours -

[www.thetravelwarehouse.co.nz](http://www.thetravelwarehouse.co.nz) - Ph. 0800 356728.

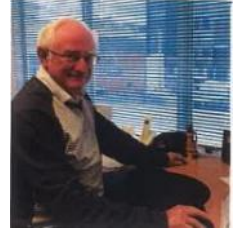
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### Directed Retreats at Pā Maria

Longing for some quiet time to share with God?

Hoping for deep sharing with skilled companionship?

Wanting to reflect in private and beautiful Surroundings?



Fr Neil Vaney SM will be offering 1, 2 or 3 day directed retreats Monday - Thursday at Pā Maria Retreat House: 78 Hobson St, Thorndon.

For further information, please email: [neilvaney45@gmail.com](mailto:neilvaney45@gmail.com)

### St Patrick's College Open Day

The Open Day tours for those interested in enrolling their son at St Patrick's College for 2024 will be held on:

**Tuesday 20 June 2023 between 10.00 to 11.30am and from 12.30 to 2.00pm**

And again on

**Thursday 22 June 2023 between 10.00 to 11.30am and from 12.30 to 2.00pm.**

Online bookings for Open Day tours are now available [click here](#).

For enrolments, please complete the online registration under 'Enrolment Information' or download and complete the appropriate forms and return via hand or post to the College or send through email through to [admin@stpats.school.nz](mailto:admin@stpats.school.nz)

Alternatively for further information regarding enrolments, please contact the College directly on 939 3070 extn 231.

### Joshua Wellington

Note change of Venue - Joshua Wellington invites men to the **FOYER** of the Sacred Heart Cathedral, Hill Street, Thorndon this coming **Thursday 15th June between 7:00 and 7:30pm**. Supper afterwards.

Speaker: Michael Powell on theme "Be light shining out of darkness"

Want to know more? Ring David Monastra, ph: 027 447 7280 or email: [joshua.wgtn@gmail.com](mailto:joshua.wgtn@gmail.com)

## MASS INTENTIONS

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



**Recently Deceased:** John Lithgow, Sister Mary Anna Baird O.P

**Anniversaries:** Gerardine Mollo

**Prayers for the Sick:** Gerard McDonagh, David Clarke, Jessie Hensen, Jocelyn Whitehouse, Diana Helm, Fr Frank Whitaker, Augafa & Sefine Pelelo, Fr Maurice Carmody, Penelope Corich, Tau So'oa, John Fanning, Joe Godinet, Tony Bordignon, Fr Frank Maguire, Fr Peter O'Connell, Fr Kevin Purcell, Jennifer Munro.

## MASS & LITURGY TIMES Saturday 10th June - Friday 16th June

### 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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