



# St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish

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**Ascension Sunday 12 May 2024, Year B**  
**Readings: Acts 1:1-11, Ephesians 1:17-23, Mark 16:15-20**

## **Why do you stand looking in the sky?**

Today we celebrate the Ascension of Christ Jesus into heaven. Forty days after Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples were with him near Bethany. Jesus just had finished speaking to them, telling them to "Go out to the whole world (and) proclaim the Good News to all creation." (Mark: 16). We read that Jesus was (then) taken up into heaven.

Far from continuing to stand looking up into the sky, the disciples got active; they went out among and people and travelling through many towns and countries they told their listeners the Good News of Jesus' coming into our world and showing us the way to live in love and peace with ourselves, with one another and with God.

Fortunately for those early disciples and for us today we are not alone in this work; Jesus the Christ is with us through the presence of the Holy Spirit encouraging us and guiding us by showing us with signs the way to go.

Let us today take time to read the beautiful blessing Paul wrote in his letter to the people of Ephesus. Let ourselves also be blessed and encouraged through Paul's words to continue our work of bringing the Good News to all we meet.

May "the fullness of him who fills the whole creation" inspire us today. (Ephesians 1: 23).

Judy McCormack



### Parish Council

Parishes in the Archdiocese of Wellington are required to have a Parish Pastoral Council.

A Parish Pastoral Council is essential if the parish is to develop, if it is to meet the spiritual, liturgical, pastoral and social needs of its people, if it is to be evangelising and if it is to play a part in the mission of the local and universal Church.

The role of the Parish Pastoral Council is to work with the pastoral leadership team (priest/s and lay pastoral leader/s) to plan and foster pastoral activities.


The main functions are to: 1. agree on a pastoral plan 2. collaborate with others to bring the plan to fruition 3. evaluate the results.

Members of the Parish Pastoral Council will:

- be people of prayer;
- listen to other's views;
- be concerned with the full mission of the parish;
- be willing to participate in formation for the position;
- take full part in discussions;
- be involved in the parish and keep in touch with parishioners and liaise with parish groups when required.

As we prepare to form a Parish Pastoral Council we ask that you pray for the spirit of discernment. During Eastertide, between now and Pentecost, we will ask you to nominate someone else as a potential candidate for this important role.

Our aim is a Council of about 10 people, with an even split between those nominated, and those with particular gifts and talents invited by the Parish Leadership Team.



Te paepae o te paerangi ki te paewhenua

Where heaven and earth come together

# ALPHA



St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Church Hall  
37 Dr Taylor Terrace, Johnsonville.

**JOIN US on Tuesday 21st May @ 7pm.**

For more information, email  
[alpha@stfrancisohariu.nz](mailto:alpha@stfrancisohariu.nz)



## Sacramental Programme 2024

Thank you to everyone who has enrolled their child in the Sacramental Programme.

The enrolment process for the 2024 Parish Sacramental Programme has been finalized, but if you are still interested for your child to participate in the 2024 Sacramental Programme, please don't hesitate to approach a member of the Parish Leadership Team or alternatively, email: [sacramentalprogramme@stfrancisohariu.nz](mailto:sacramentalprogramme@stfrancisohariu.nz)

## Sacramental Dates:

Reconciliation dates

**26th May**, Blessing of candidates at Mass, then  
11.15 – 12.15pm (Session)  
**5th June** 6.30– 7.30pm (practical)  
**12th and/13th June** First Reconciliation

Confirmation Date - **18th August - 2.00pm**  
First Communion - **22nd September - 2.00pm**



## Parish Information

### **Parking**

St Brigid's school grounds are open for Sunday Mass parking, from **9.00am – 12.00pm**. Please do not park or drive on the grass.

Please make sure you have your car out of the school grounds by **12.00pm** as the gates will be closed and locked after this time.

Can you also be mindful when parking in the church carpark that you don't block the driveway or other cars. We understand the weekends are very busy, but if you can be considerate and show kindness, it would be very much appreciated.

Many thanks for your cooperation with this.

### **Week of prayer for Christian Unity 12-19 May 2024**

*"You shall love the Lord your God .....and your neighbour as yourself."*

This year we are asked for unity in prayer for peace.

Special suggestions for each day can be found at-

<https://www.usccb.org/committees/ecumenical-interreligious-affairs/week-prayer-christian-unity-2024>

Alternatively you could say this prayer each day...

### **Prayer for Christian Unity 12-19 May 2024**

We pray, O gracious Trinity, Father Son and Holy Spirit,

That we may be one as you are one.

In our community of complete unity, we have our beginning and our end.

To you we pray, asking for the gift of visible unity among all who believe in your Christ.

As we travel through this week of prayer for Christian Unity, we are reminded of your Word that all human beings are our neighbours and that we are to love them like ourselves and in the same way we love you.

Help us to overcome the barriers and divisions we have nurtured against your will.

Gather to us, O Lord, a new spirit of love and solidarity, that we may proclaim your good news to all creation. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit are One God, for ever and ever

**Amen.**

## Parish Information

### St Benedict's Pipe Organ:

The St Benedict's organ, a much-loved parish taonga has been part of numerous St Benedict's liturgies at times of sadness and also of joy, for nearly 40 years.

A decision concerning its future at SFOA is still to be reached. The organ requires usable storage in the meantime.

We have become aware that Sacred Heart Cathedral's organ currently undergoing restoration will not be returned to the Cathedral for some time. The parish has offered to lend the St Ben's organ to the Cathedral until the Hobday organ is reinstated, or our parish needs it. This arrangement is a significant contribution for our parish to offer our mother church. It is a win- win solution for both parishes and for the organ, which will fulfil its liturgical purpose and be well cared for at no cost to the parish, at the same time meeting a need for the Cathedral.

Parishioners will see it in the Cathedral organ loft and hear it at some Cathedral liturgies

Thomas Davis and Judith Shroff

**The Archdiocesan Pastoral Council (APC)** is the canonical body that provides pastoral advice to the Archbishop. From time to time the APC holds its meetings in a parish - to get to know parishioners and parish life on the ground.

On **Friday 24 May 2024** St Francis of Assisi Ohariu is hosting the APC, starting with light finger food in the hall at **6.45pm**. This is an opportunity for parishioners to mix and mingle with the Archbishop's advisors. This meeting will be of particular interest to those active in ministry, or those contemplating becoming active in ministry. However, all are welcome. Please bring a plate with finger food to share.

### **Newlands Passionist Group - Housie Night**

**Saturday, 18th May at 6.30pm.** At the Johnsonville Community Centre. Entry \$15.00 per person / 3 games / Children FREE.

Proceeds to Wellington Free Ambulance and Ohariu Parish Refugee Fund.  
For more information please contact:

Kerry - 027 311 6618,

Kai Mei - 022 093 2652

Nirmala - 021 108 2074

Stephanie - 021 189 3441



# VARIETY CONCERT



**WE MAY NOT HAVE IT ALL TOGETHER  
BUT TOGETHER WE HAVE IT ALL**

**25 MAY**  
DOORS OPEN 6:00PM  
**7:00PM START**

**St Patrick's College Hall**  
581 EVANS BAY PARADE,  
KILBIRNIE, WELLINGTON



**FOR MORE  
INFORMATION  
CONTACT**      **021 061 0560  
04 477 6827.**

**SALZ AGAFILI** [salzagafili@challenge2000.org.nz](mailto:salzagafili@challenge2000.org.nz)



**Joshua Wellington** invites men to join us on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May at 7:30pm in 'Loaves and Fishes' next to Anglican Cathedral of St Paul, corner Hill and Molesworth Streets followed by supper.

**Theme:** The Lord God is our All-in-One"

**Speaker:** Steve Ready

**Want to know more?** Ring David Monastra 027-4477-280 or email: [joshua.wgtn@gmail.com](mailto:joshua.wgtn@gmail.com)

### St Patrick's College Open Day Tours - May 2024

Tēnā koutou katoa

It is with pleasure that I invite you to register to attend one of our Open Day Tours which are to be held on Tuesday 28 May between 10.00am to 11.30am and from 12.30pm to 2.00pm, and again on Thursday 30 May at the same times.

To make a booking please either email [admin@stpats.school.nz](mailto:admin@stpats.school.nz) with your request or to make a booking yourself visit the St Patrick's College website: <https://www.stpats.school.nz>

On the front page of our website you will see a drop down menu labelled 'Enrolment' and if you click on that and scroll down on the left hand side you will see a tab for **Open Day**.

Open this section and click on the Blue button – Sign up.  
A reminder email will be sent closer to your booked day.

Open Day is a chance for parents to visit our College and learn about the opportunities and experiences that we offer across Years 9 to 13.



**St Patrick's College**  
WELLINGTON

Hato Patariki ki Ponēke

Mike Savali  
TUMUAKI | RECTOR

### **Erskine Chapel**

All Erskine Old Girls and Staff are invited to a service at Erskine Chapel, Avon Street, Island Bay, on **Saturday 8th June at 9.30am**. Service starts at 10.00am.

The chapel will be open for old girls and staff to visit from 12.30 to 2.30pm.

Please register <https://bit.ly/3T8oEz7> , or contact [monicatresch@gmail.com](mailto:monicatresch@gmail.com)

## MASS INTENTIONS

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



**Recently Deceased:** Mike Inkson

**Anniversaries:** Robert Taylor, Mary Taylor

**Prayers for the Sick:** Ewen Laurenson, Brian Radomski, Anna Mika-Hunt Walsh, Terry Marks, Madonna Aspinall, Fr Joe Savei, Rev Fiatepa Faaee, Betty Stewart, David Ogilvie, Fr David Orange, Jocelyn Whitehouse, David Clarke, Moe Pio Tafaese, Gerard McDonagh, Jessie Hensen, Tau So'oa, John Fanning, Tony Bordignon, Domingo Basilio Navera Jr, Joe Godinet, Augafa & Sefine Pelelo, Fr Maurice Carmody, Fr Frank Maguire, Fr Kevin Purcell, Fr Peter O'Connell, Fr Frank Whitaker.

## MASS & LITURGY TIMES Saturday 11th May– Friday 17th May

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

Sat:	5.00pm Vigil Mass
Sun:	10.00am Mass
Mon:	9.00am Liturgy
Tues:	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. Reconciliation can be made by appointment through the Parish Office.

### 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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Parish Bank Account for Donations:  
**02-0524-0203642-00**