



St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish

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Third Week of Easter 14th April 2024, Year B
Readings:: Acts 3:13-15,17-19, John 2:1-5, Luke 24:35-48

Reflection

To quote John O'Donohue (1956 – 2008) on spiritual awakening:

"Once you start to awaken, no one can ever claim you again for the old patterns. Now you realise how precious your time here is. You are no longer willing to squander your essence on undertakings that do not nourish your true self. Your patience grows thin with tired talk and dead language. You see through the rosters of expectation which promise you safety and the confirmation of your outer identity. Now you are impatient for growth, willing to put yourself in the way of change. You want your work to become an expression of your gift. You want your relationship to voyage beyond the pallid frontiers to where the danger of transformation dwells. You want your God to be wild and to call you to where your destiny awaits."

Its fair to assume that most readers of this reflection are 'cradle Catholics'. That is, we caught our faith like one catches a cold at a very early age. We caught it through a kind of 'spiritual osmosis' from our parents, guardians, wider whanau, early religious experiences etc.

Sometimes words, phrases or stories stuck, but mostly, like the early disciples, our faith became planted within us from a wider series of lived experiences.

Undoubtedly the converts amongst us have much more distinct stories to tell because they can reflect, recollect and discern the changes in their lives that bought them to their faith.

May we all continue to receive the grace to allow us to nourish our true selves.

Peter Mulqueen



Parish Information

Reverence For Life



As a Parish we are always looking for opportunities to celebrate life in all its forms. Pope Francis calls us to respect the dignity of everyone, he also challenges us to think about all of creation.

On the corner of Broderick and Moorefield Road we have refreshed the Reverance for Life sign.

The new sign has silhouettes representing people of our Parish, showing its wonderful diversity. The bright colours behind the silhouette remind us of the vibrancy of life - how we are called to protect and cherish it in all its forms.

Let us take a moment when we see this sign to think about what more we can do to show respect and aroha for all of God's creation.

Fiona Kearns

Father Alfred blessed this sign on Wednesday following our 11.00am Mass with some of our parishioners.



St Brigid's School - Te Reo Course

St Brigid's School is very fortunate to have the opportunity for staff, school and Parish whānau to participate in te reo Māori classes next term.

This is a 20 week **free** course that will be held Monday evenings at school. Anyone is welcome to join us from the St Brigid's community!

What: Kāuru's takitini te reo Māori course for te Kura o Hato Pirihiti (St Brigid's School)

When: Monday nights 5.30-7.30pm, starting 29 April 2024 (Week 1 Term 2)

Where: Room 12 Classroom at St Brigid's

Duration: 20 weeks

NB: There is **no** cost to this course as it is funded by the Ministry of Education.

If you have any questions or would like the details of how to register, please contact Fiona D'Souza - fionad@stbrigids.school.nz

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Divine Mercy Devotion

The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be recited at St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish every **Friday - 6.30-7.00pm.**

A group of parishioners previously recited the chaplet at St Andrews Church, Newlands and are resuming this in Johnsonville.

The Chaplet of Mercy is recited using ordinary Rosary beads of five decades. All welcome.

For further information contact Solomon, ph: 021 201 7160.

Children's Liturgy

Last Sunday was the last session for Children's liturgy for Term 1. The first session for term 2 will be on **Sunday, 5th May at the 10.00am Mass.**

We thank the dedicated team of leaders who led the children during Term 1. We welcome Robert Lingam to the team in Term 2.

Anyone who is interested in joining this ministry please contact the Parish Office - office@stfrancisohariu.nz or Pat Collier - tchpat.collier@gmail.com

We would love to hear from you. Many thanks. **Pat**

Conversation Evening

The next gathering of the English conversation group for women who have English as a second language, takes place on **Tuesday, 16th April.** We meet 6.00pm to 8.00pm over a shared meal, at 1 Wanaka Street, Johnsonville.

Newcomers very welcome. For more detail, please contact: Jo-Anne Carley, jo-anne@stfrancisohariu.nz, or phone 022 300 7413.

Malvina Major Notices

Ecumenical Service will be held on, **Wednesday, 17th April 2.00 pm.** All Parishioners very welcome to attend and support the Malvina Major Community.

Malvina Major Residents - Holy Mass, **Sunday, 21st April at 10.30am.**
All enquiries: please contact Judith, ph: 021 203 1144.

Parish Information

ANZAC Day 2024

"When you go home speak of us and say that for your tomorrow we gave our today."

These words are written on the war memorial in the Commonwealth War Graves Commission cemetery at Kohima are now known as the Kohima Epitaph.

Challenge 2000 has used them since we began in this parish in 1988 on ANZAC day. We do this because we believe that history is hugely important and to stop the mistakes and pain of the past, we must know what happened and what our ancestors did to make our world a better place.

So on ANZAC Day we remember and honour those who served, those who worked for peace and all those traumatised by wars, pain and conflict. Then and NOW. Like in today's gospel we are today's witnesses of the past.....of our ancestors

Please look at the notice boards to see what events are organised on ANZAC Day.

If you would like to be involved in any of the 5 events then please contact Kitty, Kate, Jacob or Ana at Challenge 2000.

We will remember them. Ka maumahara tonu tātou ki a rātou.

CHALLENGE 2000 ANZAC Holiday Programme

On **Tuesday, 23rd April at 10.00am - 4.00pm**, Challenge will run an ANZAC day themed holiday programme, to be held in St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Church Hall. All welcome.

To register your child, please contact: : Anna or Kate
anabaice@challenge2000.org.nz or katenahu@challenge2000.org.nz

ANZAC Day - Remembrance Service

This will be held at **4.30pm, Thursday, 25th April** followed by Soup & Biscuits at **5.15pm**. At St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish Church, 37 Dr Taylor Tce.

Please contact: Ana - 021 227 3754 or (04) 477 6827,
email: info@challenge2000.org.nz



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ANZAC Remembrance Day

When: 25th April 2024, Glenside Halfway House

Time: 12.30pm - Picnic & Games followed by 1.30pm - Halfway House Stories, Poetry Readings, Remembrance Service

Where: 246 Middleton Road, Glenside.

Contact: Jacob Bang, Ph: 021 0820 8722.

Email: info@challenge2000.org.nz



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.

Parish Information

From Maintenance to Mission - Getting the Balance Right!

Divine Renovation (DR) is a Catholic organisation focused on parish renewal. Fr James Mallon, DR's founder, introduced DR to NZ in 2018.

The Archdiocese is delighted to welcome Mr Dan O'Rourke (D.R's current president) to Wellington for an evening specifically focussed on strategies for renewal in our parishes. Parish Pastoral Council members and everyone interested in parish leadership are warmly invited to join us for a thought-provoking evening of inspiration as we ponder where to for our parishes.

Date: Thursday, 18th April - 6:30pm (Cup of tea)
Session begins at 7.00pm- 9.00pm

Venue: St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Church, Johnsonville, Wellington

[Click here for a one-minute intro to Divine Renovation.](#) If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact Lucienne, email: l.hensel@wn.catholic.org.nz

Sacramental Programme 2024

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

For further information please [click here](#). Or alternatively, email: sacramentalprogramme@stfrancisohariu.nz

NOTE:

There will be parent / caregiver meeting for all those who have children enrolled in the programme. It is very important a representative from every family attends this meeting, as this will be an information evening about the programme, dates and content.

This will be held on **Wednesday, 1st May, 7.00pm – 8.30pm** in the Parish Church.

Sacramental Dates:

Confirmation Date - **18th August - 2.00pm**

First Communion - **22nd September - 2.00pm**



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Alpha

IS THERE MORE TO LIFE THAN THIS? Are you searching for the meaning of life? We have an invitation for you!



Alpha is a place to connect with others as you explore the big questions in life. Join us and bring your mates along for a shared meal, an episode on a topic of faith, a chance to ask questions and share ideas.

All are welcome to attend. Join us for a **PROMO NIGHT** on **Tuesday 7th May, at 7pm** in our church hall. To register, email alpha@sfrancisohariu.nz. We look forward to seeing you.

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

Liturgy Workshops

Fr Patrick Bridgman, will present 4 workshops centered on The Mass. The first will be held in our Church, on **Saturday, 20th April - 10.00am - 12.00pm.**

For further workshops and information, please [click here](#).

Other Events/Notices

Called and Sent!

A day for the whole family to explore living the Gospel and reaching out to society at large. A program for children will be provided. An initiative of the Focolare Movement.

When: Saturday 20 April 2024, 9am to 4pm – byo shared finger lunch.
Where: Home of Compassion, Rhine St, Island Bay
Cost: \$10 per adult, children by donation
Contact: Gloria - 022 1931957 or email: mariapolis.nz@gmail.com

MASS INTENTIONS



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

Anniversaries: Michael O'Meara, Father Tadgh Tierney

Prayers for the Sick: Anna Mika-Hunt Walsh, Mike Inkson, 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 13th April - Friday 19th April

St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish Timetable 37 Dr Taylor Tce

Sat:	5.00pm Vigil Mass
Sun:	10.00am Mass
Mon:	NO LITURGY
Tues:	9.15am Liturgy
Wed:	11.00am Mass - followed by Morning Tea
Thurs:	9.00am Liturgy
Fri:	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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