



St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish

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Fifth Week of Lent 17th March 2024, Year B

Readings:: Jeremiah 31:31-34, Hebrews 5:7-9, John 12:20-33

Reflection

Last year's Palm Sunday Newsletter Fr Pete quoted Richard Rohr -

"...It seems that we Christians have been worshipping Jesus' journey instead of doing his journey. The worshipping feels very religious and safe: the latter just feels human and ordinary. We are not human beings on a journey toward Spirit, we are already spiritual beings on a journey towards becoming human, which for some reason seems harder precisely because it is so ordinary....."

My mother used to often use the phrase "just offer it up".

Maybe we can spend the last two weeks before Easter Sunday doing the ordinary small human things that we need to do because this is what we can "offer up" every day instead of waiting to make a great sacrifice that will somehow make up for all the times we could have just "offered up " a little.

Bernard Whaanga



Parish Information

Holy Week Timetable

Palm Sunday Weekend - 23rd / 24th March

5.00pm - Saturday Vigil Mass

10.00am - Sunday Mass

Holy Thursday - 28th March

7.00pm Mass

Good Friday - 29th March

10.00am Stations of the Cross

11.00am Ecumenical Walk

3.00pm The Passion of Our Lord

Easter Vigil - 30th March

7.00pm Mass

Easter Sunday - 31st March

10.00am Mass

Lenten Stations of the Cross

The Lenten Stations of the Cross are taking place every Friday during Lent. Dates as follows:

15th March, 22nd March

They will begin at **6.30pm** and will be held at our Parish Church, St Francis of Assisi Ohariu.

All Parishioners are welcome to join in this Lenten reflection.

If any person or group is interested in helping lead these evenings, please phone:

Solomon Concessio on ph: 021 201 7160 or
email your details to concessio.solomon@gmail.com Kia ora



Parish Information

Reconciliation

Details as follows for Rite I and Rite II Reconciliation in St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish and the Pastoral Area during the Lent.

Rite 1 Reconciliation

I will be available on the following Fridays during Lent while the Stations of the Cross are taking place at **6.30pm** in the Parish Church:

15th March, 22nd March

Rite II Reconciliation

My brother priests and myself will supply in the other parishes around the pastoral area during Lent by these now confirmed times and dates:

Wednesday 20th March - Holy Family Parish, Porirua East - **6pm**.

Blessings, **Father Alfred Tong**

Malvina Major

An Anointing Mass will be celebrated at **10.30am on Tuesday, 19th March** in the Burma Lounge to be followed by morning tea.

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

Weekly School Liturgy with The Youth Ministry Team at Challenge 2000

Next Tuesday, **19th March**, 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, **21st March**, we will be having our liturgy with St Benedict's School, in the school classrooms 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

"Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." (2 Corinthians 9:7).

Did you know, we at St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish, have the option of "Automatic Payments" that helps you contribute online and not having to find notes/change every Sunday.

You can do this directly via an auto-debit with your bank or drop us an email at office@stfrancisochariu.nz and we can email you the set up instructions in creating an automatic payment (weekly/monthly) according to your convenience & budget.

No more envelopes, no more cash!! Moreover, we keep the records & you are entitled to a tax deduction certificate every year (March end) that gets you **33.33%** back from the IRD at the year end for all your donations to the church.

(Example: A \$20 automatic payment per week equates to \$1040 per year. IRD gives you \$346.62 straight credit back into your bank account. but the church gets the full \$1040 to use for operating costs)

Also, if you are you not a member of our parish yet but drop in every other week and are contributing cash in the collection basket!! You too have the option to simply convert it to an envelope with your details, to ensure we keep the records and provide you with a donation certificate at the end of the financial year to allow you to claim back **33.33%** of all your support during the year.

Planned Giving

We have so many heart-warming stories of planned giving to share from amongst our parish, that has benefitted so many causes and people's lives.

There are many ways to give through planned giving, including bequests, charitable gift annuities, and charitable remainder trusts. Each option helps you achieve your charitable goals.

Our team is here to help you understand your options and to answer any questions you may have.

Parish Information

Handyperson Required

As the parish has a few buildings there are small jobs that need to be done from time to time.

We would like to have a volunteer with DIY skills who can fix simple things and organise tradies to do special jobs when required. It would only be a few hours each month. Any expenses would be reimbursed.

Please contact the office if you can help.

Collection Counting

Historically parishioners have counted the collection in each parish on a Sunday for the parish staff to bank on Monday. We stopped doing this when we had collections from three churches. Now we only have one church, we would like to reinstate counting of the collection by volunteers after Mass on Sunday. It would only take an hour.

Please contact the office to join a collection counting roster.

Passionist Family Group - March 2024

Newlands Group St Pats Day Dinner - **Sunday, 17th March**

CD Group Afternoon Tea, Watsons - TBC



Would you like to join a group for fun, fellowship and community building?

Please contact - John & Kerry Kleinsman: 027 3116618 or 027 846 7489,
or email: kleinsklan88@gmail.com

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

Confirmation Date - **18th August**

First Communion - **weekend of 21st / 22nd September**

Parish Information

Newlands Passionist Group

Invites One & All

Saturday 18 th May 2024 @ 6:30pm

Johnsonville. Community Centre

Entry \$15.00 per person / 3 games

Children FREE

BBQ - Beverages & Nibbles

Proceeds

Wellington Free Ambulance

Oharia Parish Refugee Fund

Please register and confirm at the earliest
Seating limited

RSVP

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Stephanie 0211893441



Parish Information

ALPHA - Starting soon. Watch this space...

- Connect with new people in your area
- Watch an episode on a topic of faith
- Ask questions and share your thoughts



Other Events/Notices

Chrism Mass

The Chrism Mass this year will be celebrated at the Pro-Cathedral in Karori on **Wednesday, 27th March at 7.30pm**. All welcome.

Caritas Lent Appeal Bishops Statement

Please [click here](#) for a copy of the statement from the Catholic Bishops of Aotearoa New Zealand regarding the Caritas Lent Appeal.

Sonrise Service

This service will be held at the top of Mt Victoria on Easter Sunday, **31st March at 7.00am**. Celebrate the resurrection of Jesus with churches from across the city as the sun rises over Poneke.

Hosted by Capital Vineyard Church in conjunction with the Council of Wellington Churches.

For more information email: cwc1449@gmail.com or Council of Wellington Churches on Facebook.

St Patrick's Day Parade and Concert

Celebrate St Patrick's Day on **Sunday, 17th March** along the Wellington Waterfront. Entertainment begins at 12pm at Kumutoto Square (near Flamingo Joe's) with the annual Parade starting from there at 1pm.



At 1:30pm the Concert under the sails at Queens Wharf showcases Irish culture with Irish dancing and top local musicians. There's something for everyone with activities for kids and the popular 'best dressed in green'. More detail on **Facebook @wellingtonirish**

MASS INTENTIONS

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



Recently Deceased: Jim D'Ath

Anniversary: Daniel Clough (40 days passing), Marie Byrne

Prayers for the Sick: Betty Stewart, David Ogilvie, Fr David Orange, Jocelyn Whitehouse, David Clarke, Archbishop Novartus Rugambwa, Moe Pio Tafese, 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 16th March - Friday 22nd March

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Sat:	5.00pm Vigil Mass
Sun:	10.00am Mass
Mon:	NO LITURGY
Tue:	9.15am Liturgy in the Church with St Brigid's School
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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