



# St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish

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**Pentecost Sunday 19 May 2024, Year B**  
**Readings: Acts 2:1-11, Galatians 5:16-25 John 15:26-27,16:12-15**

## Pentecost Sunday

"you too will be witnesses".

It was my last day in Jerusalem. For some reason I felt drawn back to the Holy Sepulchre.

Arriving very early in the morning, I went to Mass, celebrated in the actual Sepulchre. As I sat reflecting on my pilgrimage, an Ethiopian monk arrived with an older woman and a girl of about 12, mentally and physically disabled. The monk let them into the Sepulchre, shutting the doors.

Then the doors burst open! The young girl came flying up out of the Holy Sepulchre, arms and legs wind-milling, the monk trying to catch up with her. She threw herself at me, hugged me, then sat beside me hugging my arm and stroking my shoulder. I indicated to the monk that all was OK. The older lady sat beside me. After about ten minutes the child let me go. And I wrote in my journal "this is what it's about, Christ comes when we least expect it".

I imagine the disciples had a similar experience at Pentecost. closeted away, and then that wondrous, eye-opening, mind-blowing experience.

Pope Francis puts it this way; "God infinitely transcends us; he is full of surprises. We are not the ones to determine when and how we will encounter him; the exact times and places of that encounter are not up to us".

Surprise someone!

Do something Spirit filled!

Be a witness! As that young girl was for me.

Joe Green



## Parish Information

### **Parish Council**

The parish leadership team thanks those who have made nominations for the Parish Pastoral Council. As we move forward with the discernment process we ask you to continue to pray for guidance.

### **Archdiocesan Clergy Gathering**

6th - 9th May.

Last week we attended the Archdiocesan gathering for all priests in active ministry, facilitated by Archbishop Paul, held at the Silverstream Retreat Centre in Upper Hutt. It was a wonderful time to recollect and reflect on who we are as the People of God called to be priests of the Archdiocese.

On the first day, we were asked to share our life stories with each other in small groups. This was followed on subsequent days of reflecting on both our lives as priests together in the Archdiocese who share a common calling together, as well as our role as leaders and supporters who equip others for leadership in the parishes. We also reflected on what our hopes for parishes will be, moving forward in ministering to the face of a dynamic and changing Archdiocese.

As well as the opportunity for communal prayer with brother priests, it was an opportunity to share some fun and banter with each other - with organized puzzle games, a quiz, bingo and "A minute to win it" challenges. I found out that I probably won't beat Goliath anytime with a rubber band sling! However it seems that many of my brother priests were expert hands at slinging rubber bands onto targets. Supporting one another through our gifts is universally a human need.

We thank all of you here at St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish for your generosity to avail us to attend this important gathering over the past week. As we draw strength this Pentecost from the Holy Spirit, may God move all of our hearts to respond to the mission of being the visible sign of God's presence in the Archdiocese.

Fr Alfred and Pā Gerry.

### **Malvina Major Anointing Mass:**

An Anointing Mass will be celebrated in the Chapel-Reflection on Tuesday 28 May at 10 30am.

Enquiries: Judith: 021 203 1144

## Parish Information

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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 all 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.

### 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



### Children's liturgy

There will be no children's liturgy Sunday 26th May.

## **Parish/Cathedral Information**

**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

### **Volunteers required at our Sacred Heart Cathedral**

In 2018 the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart closed for earthquake strengthening and restoration. Next month it will finally be reopening, although all the work will not yet be completed.

The Cathedral, the 'Mother church of our Archdiocese', is a beautifully restored, peaceful, and prayerful space for visitors, people working in central Wellington and parishioners to worship, and drop by for a time of prayer, adoration, and reflection.

It is desired that the Cathedral is open between 10.00am and 3.00pm weekdays. However, this is only possible with the assistance of volunteers, Cathedral Guardians. We are seeking people who to fill regular weekly, or bi-weekly time slots of either 10.00am-1.00pm or 1.00-3.00pm.

During the cruise ship season the Cathedral also receives many visitors wanting to visit the Cathedral and hear about its history. If you would like to know more about this hospitality role, please contact the Cathedral Parish Office on 496 1700 or [cathedral.parish@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:cathedral.parish@wn.catholic.org.nz)

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BUT TOGETHER WE HAVE IT ALL**

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**Youth  
week**

## Other Events/Notices

**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.



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Hato Patariki ki Poneke

Mike Savali  
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### **RELIGIOUS SCULPTURE EXHIBITION**

Be pleasantly surprised at the collection of 60 sculptured contemporary crosses made from different materials by local artist David Krstičević .

On display at The Home of Compassion 2 Rhine St. Island Bay.

**ALL of MAY, TUESDAY - FRIDAY 10am - 3pm & SUNDAY 26 MAY 12 - 2pm**

## MASS INTENTIONS

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



**Recently Deceased:** Brian Radomski

**Anniversaries:**

**Prayers for the Sick:** Ewen Laurenson, Anna Mika-Hunt Walsh, Terry Marks, Madonna Aspinall, Fr Joe Savesi, Rev Fiatepa Faatee, 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 18th May– Friday 24th 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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