



# St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish

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**Fourth Week of Easter 21st April 2024, Year B**  
**Readings:: Acts 4:8-12, John 3:1-2, John 10:11-18**

## **Called to Sow Seeds of Hope and to Build Peace**

While I was preparing the reflection for this newsletter, a friend shared the link to Pope Francis' message for this year's World Day of Prayer for Vocations which we celebrate this Sunday. I read it from beginning to end (it's not long!). We certainly need to pray for vocations, but first of all the Pope invites each of us to reflect on the precious gift of our personal call. And then, he continues:

*"As God's people in this world, guided by his Holy Spirit, and as living stones in the Body of Christ, we come to realize that we are members of a great family, children of the Father and brothers and sisters of one another. We are not self-enclosed islands but parts of a greater whole. In this sense, the World Day of Prayer for Vocations has a synodal character: amid the variety of our charisms, we are called to listen to one another and to journey together in order to acknowledge them and to discern where the Spirit is leading us for the benefit of all.*

*At this point in time, our common journey is bringing us to the Jubilee Year of 2025. Let us travel as pilgrims of hope towards the Holy Year, for by discovering our own vocation and its place amid the different gifts bestowed by the Spirit, we can become for our world messengers and witnesses of Jesus' dream of a single human family, united in God's love and in the bond of charity, cooperation and fraternity...*



*May no one feel excluded from this calling! Each of us in our own small way, in our particular state of life, can, with the help of the Spirit, be a sower of seeds of hope and peace."*

[Message for the 61st World Day of Prayer for Vocations 2024 | Francis \(vatican.va\)](https://www.vatican.va/holy_father/francis/messages/episcopal/2024/04/20240418_message-world-day-prayer-vocations_en.html)

**Anna Franceschini**

## Parish Information

### Departure of Parish Manager

With sorrow we advise that Angela Mollo is going to be finishing as parish manager on Friday, 26th April. We thank her for all her hard work in this busy and varied parish and will miss her cheery and able presence.

All the best for the future, Angela!

The parish leadership over the next few weeks will look at the role and resources needed for the various tasks Angela has carried out.

In the meantime, if anyone has skills in publishing and editing to cover the newsletter preparation for a few hours each week, please be in touch with the office.

### **Mons Gerry Burns**

### Xtra Email

Xtra email have advised that they will soon be charging current users a fee to continue with this email. If you currently have an Xtra account and are changing provider, please advise the office, so we can update our contact details and records. Many thanks.

### Tax Receipts / New Envelopes

We are currently finalising parishioners tax receipts for year end 31st March 2024.

For those who give by envelope, your new envelopes will be available to collect in the church foyer this weekend. If you cannot locate your envelopes, please contact the Parish office.

For those who have provided the Parish with an email address, we will email you through your tax receipt next week. If we do not have an email address your receipt will be printed off and ready for collection in the Church foyer.

Envelope givers please note: you may have been issued with a **new planned giving number**.

If you have any queries, please contact the Parish Office, ph: 04 4787137.

## Parish Information

### School Grounds Parking

If you are using the school grounds to park on a Sunday for Mass, can you please refrain from parking on the grass or driving over it, as it is ruining the grass area for the school children. Please park on the concrete areas only.

Many thanks for your co-operation.

### Friday Exposition

Exposition will begin again at St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish from **Friday, 5th May**. It will begin at 8.30am every Friday, before 9.00am liturgy. All welcome.

### Divine Mercy Devotion

The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be received at St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish every **Friday, 6.30-7.00pm**. For further information please contact Solomon ph: 021 201 7160.

### 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@stfrancisohariu.nz](mailto:alpha@stfrancisohariu.nz). We look forward to seeing you.

### Care for Others

As we head into winter it is timely to remind ourselves of things we can do to take care of ourselves and others. If you have vulnerabilities, consider your attendance at crowded events and venues.

If unwell, do not come to Mass - do not help the virus to spread. Wash hands regularly and well. Remember cough etiquette - cough into your elbow.

Following these simple actions helps limit the spread of winter illnesses.

Malvina Major Notices

**Malvina Major Residents - Holy Mass, Sunday, 21st April at 10.30am.**

All enquiries: please contact Judith, ph: 021 203 1144.



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

Tuesday April 23rd  
10am - 4pm

# CHALLENGE 2000 ANZAC HOLIDAY PROGRAMME



Please register your child by emailing:  
[anabaice@challenge2000.org.nz](mailto:anabaice@challenge2000.org.nz)  
or [katenahu@challenge2000.org.nz](mailto:katenahu@challenge2000.org.nz)



## Parish Information

### ANZAC DAY SERVICE

If you are free next **Thursday, 25th April**, you are very welcome to attend our Parish Community ANZAC Prayer Service on **ANZAC Day at 4:30pm**.

If you wish, we also invite you to write the name of a relative/friend who served during war and conflict on the paper provided and place it in the Poppy box in the foyer and we will add their name on the Roll of Honour that will be hung in the church during our Prayer Service.



Alternatively you can also email the name to: [katenahu@challenge2000.org.nz](mailto:katenahu@challenge2000.org.nz) or the Parish Office, email: [office@stfrancisohariu.nz](mailto:office@stfrancisohariu.nz)

Please also bring photos of those who served or family memorabilia for the altar and centre pieces.

Soup, bread rolls and ANZAC biscuits and cups of tea are provided after the Service if you wish to stay.

All are very welcome to remember, honour those who serve and have served and to pray for peace in our world. These are our peoples and our ancestors.

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

**Father Chris Skinner sm** will be joining the Challenge Youth Ministry team for both the ANZAC Day celebrations. See posters on the notice board. He will be singing his Sons of Gallipoli song and supporting both events. All his friends are welcome!

### 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](mailto:info@challenge2000.org.nz)



## Parish Information

### 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

### 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](mailto: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**



## Other Events/Notices

### Interfaith Dialogue

**Wellington Abrahamic Council of Christians, Jews and Muslims** are holding a public seminar - "Why do bad things happen to good people?" on **Tuesday, 7th May at 7.00pm**,

**Speakers:** Paul Morris (Professor of Religious Studies VUW), Neil Vaney (Catholic Priest, Marist Order), Tahir Nawaz (Senior Analyst Muslim Affairs), Maya Bernardo (Launch Our Foundation Director, ADW). For further information please [click here](#).

## Other Events/Notices

### Holy Hour

You are invited to come to a Holy Hour on **Tuesday, 23rd April** at the Connolly Hall Chapel beginning at 7.30 pm to pray for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life.

Included in the hour will be prayers, praise and worship, scripture reading and silence, concluding with Benediction. All are welcome.

### NZ Catholic

The latest edition of NZ Catholic is now out. As a promotion, a full copy of the newspaper has been made available.

Please click the link below.

<https://indd.adobe.com/view/11d1d2cb-8032-42fc-a997-f5e77a1a32e0>

### Vocation Sunday

21st April, is the 61<sup>st</sup> World Day of Prayer for Vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. Please pray that more young people will generously say yes to God's call in their lives, and that they will find a supportive community around them.

**WHO CAN YOU ENCOURAGE?** **Pray** for them. **Invite** them to consider priesthood or religious life. **Affirm** their gifts and qualities. **Encourage** them to be open to God's call.

Visit - [wellingtonpriests.org](http://wellingtonpriests.org) to explore the call to diocesan priesthood in the Archdiocese of Wellington. For more information contact:

Fr Andrew Kim at [wellingtonpriests@gmail.com](mailto:wellingtonpriests@gmail.com) or Lucienne Hensel at [l.hensel@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:l.hensel@wn.catholic.org.nz)

### The Fifth Gospel Project

Father John O'Connor's Food For Faith forum is collecting and collating for publication stories of personal experience of God. Please share this invitation, and send an experience (up to 400 words - before the end of April) by email to [john@fff.org.nz](mailto:john@fff.org.nz)

More information on this mission is at <https://foodforfaith.org.nz/2024/03/telling-the-story/>

## MASS INTENTIONS



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

**Recently Deceased:** Liam Breslin

**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 20th April - Friday 26th April

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

Sat:	5.00pm Vigil Mass
Sun:	10.00am Mass
Mon:	<b>NO LITURGY</b>
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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