



St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish

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Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time 28th January 2024, Year B
Readings:: Deuteronomy 18:15-20, Corinthians 7:32-35, Mark 1:21-28

Father Peter Roe (Pete Roe)

In our Parish he is known as Father Peter Roe, Pete and Pa Pete. Whatever name we call him does not diminish the respect and love he holds within our hearts.

When I was asked to write a few words about Pete, I knew it would be difficult. How do you find the words to even begin to describe Father Peter Roe, I wondered to myself? I will try.

A few words immediately came into my mind: Father Pete Roe is the 'Real Deal'. He is the ultimate people person, because he always has the People (Us) at the forefront of his mind.

He relates to all generations - young, old and in between as he knows how to connect us to our faith.

Pete has given great sermons at many Masses. He seems to be able to take the bible readings of the day and then relate them to our own life experiences so we can go away and then live the gospel within our everyday lives.

Pete has guided our different Ministries so that we have been able to plan, create and present life giving Liturgies.

Pete's work within our Ministries has always been collaborative and empowering. He brings a fresh and new perspective that has helped all of our teams to grow and learn.

Father Pete, you have always welcomed anyone and everyone to God's Table. You are inclusive, warm, welcoming, patient, generous, kind and joyous and sometimes your jokes are even funny.

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Parish Information

Father Pete, you have always been in touch with us, your Parishioners, through every step and action you have taken.

How do we thank you, Father Pete, for everything you have done for us, the people of St Francis of Assisi Ohariu?

We can and will thank you by continuing to collaboratively work together, listening to one another and supporting each other with all the gifts you have given us.

Thanks to you we can be Good Servants in and out of our St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish.

Aere ra Pete, na te Atua koe e tiaki e kia manuia.

Anna Mika-Hunt Walsh

Dear Pete,

You have pastored us through six turbulent years. Your arrival coincided with the Christchurch Mosques tragedy and the restructure of our parishes into one unit to be followed by Covid and lockdowns and more lately the closure of Newlands and Khandallah churches.

While all this was happening the pastoral needs of the parish grew, and you had to cope even though you were only part time with us.

As you leave us we honour you for the depth of your faith; your love of, and trust in, Jesus.

Through the turbulence you stood firm, reflecting Jesus in the way you led our services, the way you prayed, and the way you gave of yourself to meet the pastoral needs of your people.

Your pastor's heart shone through and we were all blessed.

Thank you. We will miss you.

Ewen and Gillian.

Parish Information

Fr Pete's Farewell

This weekend will be Fr Pete's last weekend here at St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish. We will be farwelling Pete at both the Saturday Vigil Mass and Sunday morning Mass.



There will be a basket in the foyer if you would like to make a contribution towards a gift for Pete.

Following both of these Masses we will have hospitality – everyone is welcome to attend. Please bring a plate to share.

THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES



PETE



Parish Information

St Brigid's Feast Day - 1st February

Happy Feast Day to the Brigidine Sisters - thank you for our Parish Schools.



We will celebrate Mass at St Francis of Assisi Ohariu, on Thursday, **1st February at 11.00am**. Followed by a cup of tea, please bring a plate. All welcome.

Finance Committee Update and Office Hours Changing

The Finance Committee spoke at Masses last November about the need to increase giving from parishioners and other cost reduction plans being put in place to ensure financial sustainability.

We would like to thank the parish for the generous increase in giving. We appreciate all those who give and are pleased to report the financial situation has improved.

The Office hours are changing, and the office staff will no longer be working on Fridays and therefore the office will be closed that day.

This decision was taken after consultation with the office staff and agreement reached that Friday as a non-workday is best for them in a requirement to reduce hours. The parish still operates with considerably longer hours per week than any other parish in the Wellington Archdiocese.

The Finance Committee will work with the new Parish Priest to review the tasks that should be undertaken by parishioners, such as reinstating a Counters Roster for weekly giving, and other tasks normally undertaken by parishioners, in a bid to relieve the amount of work currently placed on the office.

The phone remains always monitored in the case of emergencies.

Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

House Rental

The Parish are interested in renting a 3 bedroom house in the area. If you can help in any way, please contact Angela in the Parish Office, email: angela@stfrancisohariu.nz Many thanks.

Parish Information

Welcome - Mihi Whakatau

On Saturday - **3rd February at 4.30pm** we welcome Pa Gerard Burns, Fr Alfred Tong, and pre-seminarian in residence Quang to St Francis of Assisi Ohariu.

We will be following the mihi whakatau/welcoming protocol:

- At 4.30pm Gerry, Alfred and Quang and their supporters will be called (karanga) into the Church.
- Our speaker (kai korero) will address them, then a waiata/song.
- Their kai korero will respond, followed by waiata.
- Gerard, Alfred and Quang will be handed over.
- Anna will speak on behalf of the Parish.
- We will then move into the 5pm Mass- this will be followed by a cuppa and shared food.
- At this Mass, Pa Gerry, Fr Alfred and Joe will be commissioned as our new Parish Leadership Team - this is as per placement letter included in our last newsletter (24th Dec 2023). [Click here](#) for the letter.

Some Key Points:

- Parking: wardens will direct parking. Parking next to the church will primarily be for visitors (with the exception for those who need to be close for mobility reasons). The school parking will be available.
- Those who are able are asked to enter by the carpark side door.
- Ushers/Welcomers will direct people to seating.
- Parishioners need to be seated by 4.20pm. Late comers may be held back from entry to the church until just before the Mass starts at 5pm (we don't want to interrupt the event).
- A cuppa and food is planned for after Mass. We will have grace before eating.
- **BRING A PLATE WITH FOOD TO SHARE PLEASE.**

"Whakatau" describes how a feather drops, gently touching the ground on which it lands. That is what we want for our incoming clergy.

As a parish - we can do this!

Parish Information

Children's Christmas Mass 2023 - Nativity Play

A large crowd welcomed the baby Jesus at our Christmas Family Mass. Many thanks to Fr Pete and all those who participated to make this an occasion to remember.

Photos of the play will be on our website next week.

Other Events/Notices

Johnsonville Op Shop

Johnsonville Op Shop, next to the library and The Spot. Sale Day this **Saturday, 27th Jan from 9.00am - 12.00pm**. Fill a bag for \$5.

Plus for anyone looking at doing some volunteering work our cleanup is Monday 29th January from 9.30am for a couple of hours. We would love some new faces.

Viard House Chef (Cook?)

The Archdiocese is looking for a cook to prepare a midday meal for Archbishop Paul and two (?) other residents of Viard House.

12 hours a week, Wednesday to Friday (approx. 10am – 2pm), occasional extra hours when required. Inquiries to the Archbishop's Office 04 496 1766.

Notices from Titipounamu Study & Joy

Bible Stories - What do they mean?

Join us in unravelling Bible stories and looking for answers within a group, and with Bible Scholar Kieran Fenn fms.

Sundays, 04 Feb, 03 Mar, 07 Apr, 05 May 2024, 5-6pm (Zoom). Koha

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2024/01/19/bible-stories-what-do-they-mean/>

The Mystery of Miracles

Mondays, 08/15/22/29 April 2024, 7-8.30pm

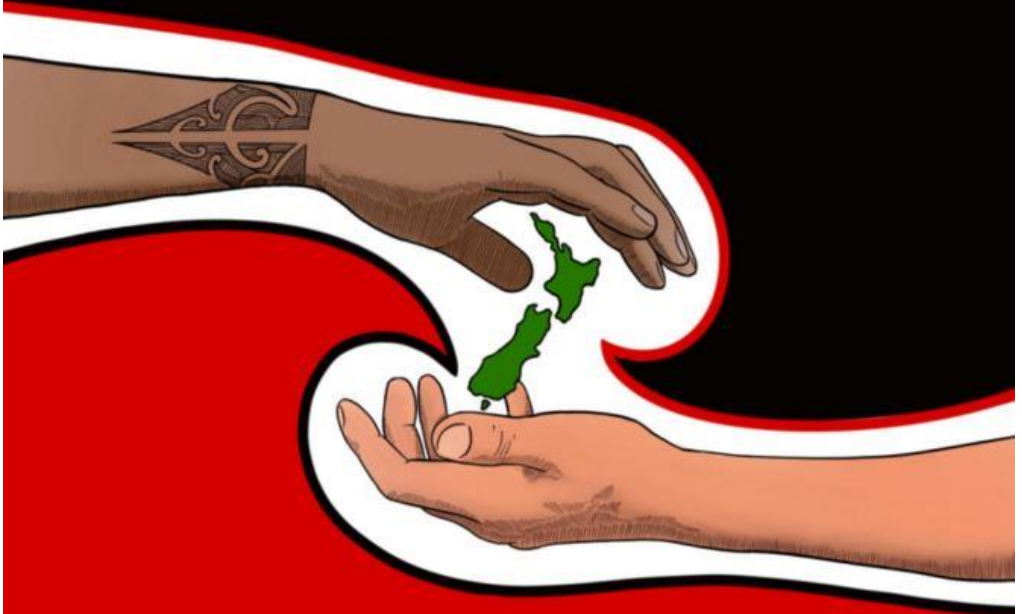
\$25/session or \$80/series, incl. study material.

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2024/01/11/the-mystery-of-miracles/>

For more information: www.studyjoy.nz

UNDERSTANDING WAITANGI DAY

ORGANISED BY CHALLENGE 2000 WHANAU



6TH FEBRUARY - ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI, JOHNSONVILLE

3 pm - 5 pm Workshops

5 pm - 6 pm Kai

6 pm - 7 pm Prayer and Reflection

Contact Mitch 0220218976

Ana 0212273754

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MASS INTENTIONS



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

Recently Deceased: Earl Perera, Diana Helm, Ember Crisostomo

Anniversaries: Mary Porter, Michael Maher

Prayers for the Sick: Fr David Orange, Tony de Joux, Jocelyn Whitehouse, Archbishop Novartus Rugambwa, Moe Pio Tafaese, Jacqui Gilligan, David Clarke, 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 27th January - Friday 2nd February

St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish Timetable 37 Dr Taylor Tce

Sat:	5.00pm Vigil Mass - Fr Pete's Farewell
Sun:	10.00am Mass - Fr Pete's Farewell
Mon:	9.00am Liturgy
Tue:	9.00am Liturgy (at Brigidine Convent)
Wed:	11.00am Liturgy - No Morning Tea
Thurs:	11.00am Mass - Feast of St Brigid - Followed by Morning Tea
Fri:	8.30am Exposition and 9.00am Liturgy

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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