



St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish

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Fifth Week of Easter 28th April 2024, Year B
Readings:: Acts 9:26-31, John 3:18-24, John 15:1-8

Dear Parishioners,

We marked Anzac Day during this past week. Always a time to think about the casualties of war. One thing I didn't realize was that there were 15,000 Indian soldiers killed at Gallipoli as well as other nationalities that were part of the British war forces. The Anzac services can arouse in us a sense of grief for losses both in the relatively distant past, and more recently, whether during war or not.

Our world is not short of current wars, both ones with plenty of media coverage (Holy Land, Ukraine) and those without (West Papua, Myanmar, Sudan, Congo). Plus myriad 'war-like' situations in Central African republic, Nigeria, Mozambique, etc. Then there is the 'war on the poor' caused by the various economic situations and structural arrangements across the world.

And the war on earth, water and air that our current economic, technological and industrial systems continue to perpetuate, means we are all caught up in a 'war'. Pope Francis calls it a 'third-world-war, fought piecemeal'. I thought this image was a bit fanciful as I imagined the first 2 world wars as involving large-scale battles whether on land, sea or air, specific sites, fixed positions, etc.

But warfare is changing to guerrilla tactics, cyber weapons, unmanned vehicles (eg, drones), paralyzing infrastructure, (energy, communications networks). A bleak picture. Yet the resurrection of Christ we celebrate over 50 days means Christ brings us peace at various levels. And makes us seek peace, be makers of peace in this world, whether through dialogue, listening, justice advocacy, disarmament work.

Peace be with you!

Mons Gerry Burns

Parish Information

Weekday Liturgies

Monday morning liturgies will recommence on **6th May at 9.00am**. Please refer to Mass & Liturgy times at the back of the newsletter.

Malvina Major

Mass at Malvina Major will be celebrated this **Sunday, 28th April at 10.30am**.

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

Children's Liturgy

Our mission is to make Jesus a real person to the children. We aim to make the children feel loved and know that they are special. In turn we hope they will love and respect all of God's creation.

The children have a special place in our church family.

Sessions for term 2 start **Sunday, May 5th** during the 10.00am mass.

Many thanks, Pat.

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 are available to collect in the church foyer. If you cannot locate your envelopes, please contact the Parish office.

For those who have provided the Parish with an email address, your tax receipt has been emailed out to you. If you do not receive this, please contact us in the Parish Office. 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

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St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Church Hall
37 Dr Taylor Terrace, Johnsonville.
Starting Tuesday 7th May @ 7pm.
To register, email alpha@stfrancisohariu.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**



ANZAC DAY 2024

It was a busy week for our Youth ministry Team and volunteers.

We had been working on our scripts, costumes and planning. The first event was the Children's holiday programme on Tuesday.

23 of our parish children enjoyed the day's activities that focused on Service and sacrifice.

We baked ANZAC biscuits, made poppies, coloured in pictures, played games and learnt about the ANZAC Spirit. To end the day we prayed and then sang our anthems.



The next Event was held at the Half Way historical house at Glenside.

Around 100 people braved the very windy conditions. Treasure hunts, simple last century games, cucumber sandwiches, ANZAC bikkies and BBQ sausages gave energy and then the Service provided an opportunity to reflect, remember and honour those who had served our country.

Many people were moved to tears. It was very powerful.



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ANZAC DAY 2024 contd.....

Later on ANZAC Day we then met at our parish church and this Service of Prayer and Remembrance was also very moving.

The drama enacted the lives of our own past parish family members, Larry and Brian Mahoney and the McNamara family. It was a real honour to have Sister Cyprian present. Her prayer and strong clear voice took us back to her Mahoney friends.

We prayed for peace and asked God for the grace to be people who served and sacrificed in our time. This Service was followed by more ANZAC biscuits, soups and rolls and cups of tea.

A big thank you to all those who helped make ANZAC Day memorable and inspirational.

Kitty McKinley



St Vincent de Paul

St Vincent de Paul Society meet every 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7.00pm, in the Parish meeting room. All new members are welcome.

For further information , please contact - Paul Cameron,
email: paulcameron55@me.com

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,
Nirmala - 021 108 2074

Kai Mei - 022 093 2652
Stephanie - 021 189 3441

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.



Te paepae o te paerangi ki te paewhenua

Where heaven and earth come together

Parish Information

Prayer Chain

Is someone you know in need of prayer because of health, poverty, hunger or any special need?

Email Katharina Dobson - dobsonkatharina@gmail.com or ph: 027 327 3609 or (04) 976 9191.



Your request will be passed on to the Prayer Chain. Would you like to join the Prayer Chain and add your voice to ours?
Call or email Katharina!

Other Events/Notices

Healing Service

Fr John Rea sm will conduct a Healing Service at Sacred Heart Church Petone, 41 Britannia St. on **Tuesday 7th May**, beginning at **7.30 pm**.

Please invite all who need Jesus` healing. All are welcome.

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.

Sunday, 05 May 2024, 5-6pm (Zoom). Koha

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

The Mystery of Miracles

Monday, 29 April 2024, 7-8.30pm

\$25/session, incl. study material.

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

For more information: www.studyjoy.nz

Erskine Chapel

All Erskine Old Girls and Staff are invited to a service at Erskine Chapel, Avon Street, Island Bay, on **Saturday 8th June at 9.30am**. Service starts at 10.00am.

The chapel will be open for old girls and staff to visit from 12.30 to 2.30pm. Please register <https://bit.ly/3T8oEz7> , or contact monicatresch@gmail.com

MASS INTENTIONS

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



Recently Deceased: Patricia Byrne

Anniversaries: Percy Aspinall

Prayers for the Sick: Anna Mika-Hunt Walsh, Terry Marks, Paulina Aspinall, Mike Inkson, Paulina Aspinall, 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 27th April - Friday 3rd May

St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish Timetable 37 Dr Taylor Tce

Sat:	5.00pm Vigil Mass
Sun:	10.00am Mass
Mon:	No Liturgy - Will recommence 6th May at 9.00am
Tues:	9.15am Liturgy
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.

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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