



St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish

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Thirtieth Week Ordinary Time 29th October 2023, Year A

Readings:: Exodus 22:20-26, Thessalonians 1:5-10, Matthew 22:34-40

Reflection

One afternoon as I was tidying the house, I found this little quote hidden in one of the shelves:

Love is always anxious. Not because we have doubts about the person we love, but because we feel responsible for enriching one another with new discoveries, inspirations, changes, which at times we don't even realise. This anxiety is, in itself, a source of happiness.

- Francis X. Nguyen Van Thuan.

This quote struck me so much I've kept it in my room ever since.

One could sense the urgency of wanting the best for the other, the passion of helping the other to reach their fullest potential.... Though it requires constant effort, it requires sacrifice but it's so worth it because as Cardinal Van Thuan implies: we find joy in seeing the others fulfilled. A joy that is deep, that takes root in our hearts & slowly transforms us.

I suppose this is why the love of God & the love of neighbour is so intertwined in the only command Jesus has for us mentioned in today's Gospel: if we manage to love people in the measure we take care of ourselves, then we can be certain we are loving God.

We can be sure of collaborating with God in the advancement of His Kingdom already here on earth.

This is a comforting thought in the midst of so much suffering that surrounds us.

Francesca Li



Parish Information

Remembrance Mass - Thursday, 2nd November at 7.00pm

All are welcome to this annual Mass where we remember our deceased family members and friends.

At the end of this Mass, please all stay for supper and a chat with others.

Welcome to the Parish

On Sunday we welcomed beautiful baby Noah into our Parish Community. Noah Gonsalves was baptised at our Parish Church with his wonderful family.



Welcome to the Parish baby Noah.

Parish First Communion

During Mass last Sunday, Malia & Michelle Azolukwan received their First Communion surrounded by their family and parishioners. It was a beautiful occasion, to enjoy & celebrate at our Sunday Mass.



Parish Information

First Friday Morning Tea

The next first Friday morning tea will be on **Friday, 3rd November**. This will follow 8.30am Exposition and 9.00am Liturgy. Everyone is warmly invited to attend the **FINAL** First Friday Morning Tea in church hall.

Hospitality will be led by Pat and Judith. All very welcome.

Columban Calendar 2024

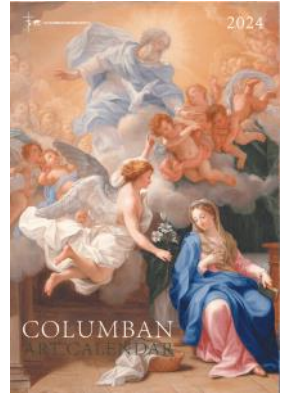
2024 Columban Calendars have arrived.

They are available to purchase at a cost of **\$12 per calendar**.

They can be purchased through the sacristy **at the end of both** Saturday Vigil & Sunday morning Masses.

In the event you cannot attend Mass and wish to purchase one, please contact the Parish Office:

ph: (04) 478 7137 or email: office@stfrancisohariu.nz



School Liturgies

Every Thursday our Challenge Youth Ministry team leads a Liturgy at the Saint Benedicts School library for the different classes.

This week we focused on Laudate Deum a document that Pope Francis gave the world and what we can all do as individuals, classes, a parish and families to care for creation. The children joined in and were fantastic.



At the end of the time they each wrote on a piece of paper, one thing they would do to show that they care for the Earth and their brothers and sisters.

Kitty and James led the Liturgy.

Parish Information

Weekly School Liturgy with The Youth Ministry Team at Challenge 2000

Next Tuesday, **31st October**, 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, **2nd November**, we will be having our liturgy with St Benedict's School, in the library 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.



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Christmas Parish Dance

7pm, Saturday 25 November 2023
Johnsonville Community Centre

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Live music ☆ Spot prizes ☆ Christmas cake raffle ☆ Best dressed awards

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\$10 entry (under-13s free)
BYO drinks and nibbles

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to reserve your tickets, contact before 13 November:
Mike Havell: 022 623 0130 / Jenny Stove: 021 115 8441
Stephanie D'Mello: 021 118 93441 / Nirmala D'Mello: 021 108 2074

A row of seven stylized green Christmas trees with yellow and red diagonal stripes and gold stars on top, set against a dark red background.

Other Events/Notices

Fundraiser in Aid of Youth Line Wellington

Please join us for our Fundraiser Dinner Dance organised by AV Funding Youth in aid of YouthLine Wellington.

When: Saturday, 4th November 2023

Where: Atura Hotel, 24 Hawkestone Street, Thorndon, Wellington

Time: 5.00 pm – 11.30 pm

Cost: Tickets - \$75pp.

Youthline gives free confidential advice and guidance to the youth who are seeking help, and support for a range of topics, for example mental health, depression, self-harm, abuse, suicide, bullying etc.

For more details please view flyer on the church notice board in the foyer.

Enquires - Vino, ph: 021 31 84 66 or Anselm: ph: 022 456 3627

Email – avfundingyouth@gmail.com

Presentation of Pallium

On **Sunday 5th of November at St Mary of the Angels 5pm Mass** the Apostolic Nuncio, Archbishop Novatus Rugambwa will invest Archbishop Paul with the Pallium.

This invitation is extended to all members of the Church in the Archdiocese of Wellington.

All are welcome to a cup of tea in the hall following Mass.

Notices - Titipounamu Study & Joy

The Gospel of Mark with Kieran Fenn fms.

Mondays, 13 and 20 November, 7-8.30pm. ZOOM. Free.

Donations/Koha are appreciated.

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2023/10/10/the-gospel-of-mark/>

YouTube Recordings

Muffin Talk radio programmes are available online at:

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/category/resources/muffin-talk/>

For more information: www.studyjoy.nz

Other Events/Notices

C2K Youth Team Presents.....

House of Horrors - Trick or Treat. All ages welcome

27 Dr Taylor Terrace, 31st October, 3.30pm - 7.00pm.

Contact Mitch for more info on ph: 022 021 8976



Gold Coin Donation - For the Food Bank

St Vincent de Paul - Johnsonville Shop

Furniture Needed - In good condition. Can drop off or ring our Vinnies in Newtown for a pick up, ph: 04 389 7122.

Any enquires, please call Diane on 04 4771220 at the Johnsonville Vinnies Shop.

We are also looking for volunteers to work in the our Johnsonville Shop.

If you have any free time, even just 2 hours per week, and able to help, please contact Diane on the number above.

Young Church Mass

Our final Young Church Mass for 2023 is happening on the **26th of November**. This Mass will be hosted by Life Teen Wellington, 5pm at St Anne's, Newtown.

All youth and young adults are invited to celebrate with us! We hope to see you there!

Follow @ADWyoungchurch on social media for more updates on what's happening in the young church.

Final XLT

Come and join us for the final XLT of the year! **Friday 10th November** at St Anne's, Newtown. Join us for an epic finish to the year with worship, adoration and reconciliation!

Bring your friends! Bring your youth groups! Everyone is invited!
Follow @XLWellington for more info

St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Mass

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**WORLD DAY
OF THE POOR**

*“Do not turn your face away from
anyone who is poor” - Pope Francis*

ALL WELCOME

Saturday 18th November at 5pm

Sunday 19th November at 10am

Ana - 0212273754 or anabaice@challenge2000.org.nz

Mitch - 0220218976 or mitchelcheu@challenge2000.org.nz

Kasileta - 02108083379 or kasiletaseko@challenge2000.org.nz



MASS INTENTIONS



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

Recently Deceased: Dominic Yii

Anniversaries: Rolando Dela Cruz

Prayers for the Sick: Tony de Joux, Jacqui Gilligan, David Clarke, Gerard McDonagh, Jessie Hensen, Tau So'oa, Domingo Basilio Navera Jr, Jocelyn Whitehouse, Diana Helm, Fr Frank Whitaker, Augafa & Sefine Pelelo, John Fanning, Fr Maurice Carmody, Joe Godinet, Tony Bordignon, Fr Frank Maguire, Fr Kevin Purcell, Fr Peter O'Connell.

MASS & LITURGY TIMES Saturday 28th October - Friday 3rd November

St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish Timetable 37 Dr Taylor Tce

Sat:	5.00pm Vigil Mass
Sun:	10.00am Mass
Mon:	9.00am Liturgy
Tue:	9.00am Liturgy (at the Brigidine Convent)
Wed:	11.00am Mass - Followed by Morning Tea
Thurs:	9.00am Liturgy
Thurs:	7.00pm Remembrance Mass
Fri:	8.30am Exposition and 9.00am Liturgy - Followed by First Friday Morning Tea

Please note, **Reconciliation** is held on the first Wednesday of the month, 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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