



St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish Te paepae o te paerangi ki te paewhenua

Where heaven and earth come together

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time, 10 August, Year C
Readings: Wisdom 18:6-9; Hebrews 11:1-2,8-19; Gospel Luke 12:32-48.

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Mon to Thursday

8.30am—2.30pm

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Mass/Liturgy Times

For the coming week

Sat: 5.00pm Vigil Mass

Sun 10am Mass

Tue:

5.00pm Reconciliation

5.30pm Mass

Wed: 10.30 Reconciliation

11.00am Mass &

Morning Tea

Thurs 5.30pm Liturgy with

Communion

****suspended for winter****

Fri: 8.30am Exposition &

9.00am Liturgy with

Communion

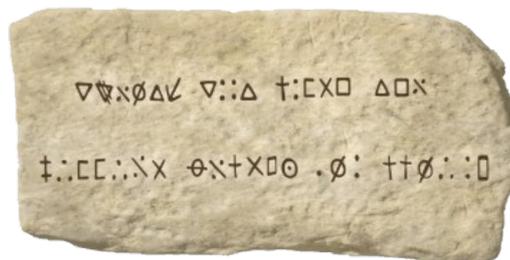
Reconciliation can also be

requested by arrangement

with office 04 478 7137

The Oak Island Money Pit.

In 1795, a teenager in Nova Scotia, Canada, was on an offshore island called Oak Island. He discovered a depression on the ground, and with a bit of help from friends, unearthed what looked like a mine shaft with wooden platforms. Fixated by a myth that a sailor had left 2 million pounds worth of treasure on the island, he was motivated to dig even further and discovered deeper and deeper platforms. They thought "Yay, we've found the jackpot!"



But they weren't able to dig any further with human power. So, they enlisted some professional company to dig with their machinery. Everyone thought the machinery was the answer. They uncovered a certain deep platform with a coded message. Some thought that read "forty feet below, two million pounds are buried".

But efforts to get down to forty feet were soon undone when unexpectedly overnight, the tides came in and flooded the shaft. Many people in the subsequent years continued the search, pouring more and more money into the project. Lives were lost when one time, a pump trying to pump water out of the shaft experienced failure and exploded. Eventually money ran out for the companies, who had to abandon the search.

Much money, but more importantly, many hearts were poured into uncovering the treasure reportedly in the Oak Island Money Pit. But their "money bags wore out" in the search for something that no-one can verify even exists. Yet, through the motivation for wealth and fame, they were determined to put trust in something that could not promise them rewards of any sort.

Imagine what God would provide us when our money and our hearts are put to uncovering the treasure that God has abundantly and generously provided us? Are we willing to invest in God's vision of generosity for us? Are we motivated by God's message to that treasure, that is clear, rather than coded?

Ngā manaakitanga, Fr Alfred.

Remembering the Holy Souls

Recently Deceased: Michael O'Leary

Anniversaries: Marie de Joux, Brigid Taylor, Jimena Basileco

Prayers for the sick, Isabel Zamorano F, Patricia Keane, Kolotita Gae'e, Fr Frank

Whitaker, Tovio Fa'I, Carmen Godinez, Anna Mika-Hunt Walsh, Lote So'oa, Madonna

Aspinall, Fr Joe Savesi, Betty Stewart, Fr David Orange, David Clarke, Saili Tafaese, Moe Pio Tafaese, Gerard

McDonagh, Jessie Hensen, Tau So'oa, John Fanning,, Domingo Basilio Navera Jr, Joe Godinet, Augafa & Sefine

Pelelo, Fr Maurice Carmody, Fr Peter O'Connell.



For the more information please visit the Parish Website - <https://www.stfrancisochariu.nz>

The Spirituality of Generosity -

We are all encouraged to know our hopes and goals as a community. This makes up our parish pastoral plan. What is God motivating me to be a part of? How do we uncover treasure with our gifts, time and talent together?

I ask myself:

- **Am I contributing adequately without overcommitting?**
- **Can I help with community planning by agreeing to weekly auto-payments?**
- **What can I afford? How can I give more regularly?**

There are many ways to give. These include cash in the plate during the Mass, giving through the envelope system, giving by automatic payment, giving by direct debit, giving by a one off donation with a bank transfer or leaving a bequest. If you wish to give, here are the bank details for St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish:

02-0524-0203642-00
Account name: **ARCHDIO OF WGTN**
ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH

In the foyer you can find a sheet that outlines options available for giving. Please feel free to take one of these home with you. If you have any questions, about giving or how to sign up, **a member of the Finance Committee and the Parish Council will be available after each Mass during August.**

Sacramental Programme 2025

Practice **1st Reconciliation Saturday 9th August 2pm** in parish church.

1st Reconciliation Sunday 10th August 2pm in parish church. We also need a **photographer for Confirmation**. Would anyone like to volunteer to take photos at the confirmation mass? Please contact **Pat Collier** tchpat.collier@gmail.com. **Please note that the Confirmation Mass will now be held at 6pm Sunday 14 September.**

Children's Liturgy No children's Liturgy on the 10th August to allow for the Sacramental Programme.

THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY!

On **August 15th at 6.00pm** all the Bishops of Aotearoa New Zealand will gather at **St Mary of the Angels** to celebrate the feast of 'Mary, Assumed into Heaven'. There will be an opportunity to meet our Bishops in the church hall with refreshments. **Extra car parking will be available** by the Baptist community in their parking building opposite in Boulcott St.

Do you know anyone interested in becoming Catholic (OCIA or Candidacy)?

The parish is accepting expressions of interest from anyone wanting to know more about our Catholic faith, wanting to be baptised Catholics (OCIA) or have been baptised but wish to obtain Confirmation and First Eucharist. Whether they are already sure or still thinking about it, we'd love to hear from them! Contact ocia@stfrancisohariu.nz or call **04 478 7137**

Pope Leo quote: "The widespread tendency to look after the interests of limited communities poses a serious threat to the sharing of responsibility, multilateral cooperation, the pursuit of the common good and global solidarity for the benefit of our entire human family... Faced with the possibility of global devastation, it is important that there be a growing desire in people's hearts for a future of peace and of respect for the dignity of all. – *World Day for Migrants and Refugees*

Malvina Major: Feast of the Assumption: **Service of Word with Holy Communion : Chapel-Reflection Room , Friday 15 August at 10.30 a m.**

St Patrick's College Kilbirnie Choir, Con Anima, is heading to The Big Sing Finale in Dunedin. They have been selected as one of only 24 choirs, from over 200 nationwide who entered. **Con Anima** is holding a fundraising concert on **Thursday 21 August 2025** at the college's **O'Shea Performing Arts Centre. 6-7pm**, doors open 5.15pm. Tickets are just \$15 each, and are available here: <https://www.trybooking.com/nz/events/>

Challenge 2000 Youth Ministry Team will again be running a **youth group this Term for students in year 7-9**. The group aims to help young people develop confidence, teamwork, and leadership skills. This will run on **Thursdays from 4:30-6pm**. The first session is next **Thursday 14th of August**, until the end of the term. If you would like to enrol, or would like more information, please email gabriellelawson@challenge2000.org.nz or semanai.aagafili@challenge2000.org.nz.

The **Confidence in English Conversation Group** will be **cancelled this week (Friday, 8th August)**. The **next session** will be held on **Friday, 15th August, 1:00 PM-2:15 PM**. If you would like to join to build your confidence in speaking English, or if you're interested in volunteering as a conversation partner, please email gabriellelawson@challenge2000.org.nz.

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Office Hours Monday to Thursday 8.30am to 2.30pm **Email:** office@stfrancisohariu.nz,

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If you need to contact a priest urgently, such as for the Anointing of someone who is gravely unwell, please call: the Parish Office 04 478 7137 and select **option 1**

Website: www.stfrancisohariu.nz

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Parish Bank Account for Planned Giving/Koha

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