



ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI

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

Where heaven and earth come together

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time 12 October 2025, Year C
Readings: 2 Kings 5:14-17; 2 Timothy 2:8-13; Luke 17:11-19

Parish Priest

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Mon to Thurs
9am to 2pm
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Mass/Liturgy Times

For the coming week

Sat: 5.00pm Vigil Mass

Sun 10am Mass

Tue: 9.15 am St Brigid Kaka
Mass

5.00pm Reconciliation

5.30pm Mass

Wed: 10.30 Reconciliation
11.00am Mass with
Morning Tea

Reconciliation can also be
requested by arrangement
with office 04 478 7137

Coming up

World Mission Sunday

19 October (Collection)

All Saints Day

Saturday 1 November

All Souls Day

Sunday 2 November

Remembrance Mass

Wednesday 5 November at
7pm.

Giving Thanks

Today we are reminded to
give thanks because all that
we have is gift.

God's love streams through
all of creation and is no
more evident than when we
experience God's love as
faithful and constant
especially when we fall short

by our words and actions. When Naaman (2nd Book of Kings 5:14-17) is cured of his disease he is thankful and wants to show his gratitude to Elisha who says 'no' because it was not Elisha who healed Naaman but the God whom Elisha served. In this way Naaman comes to know for himself a loving and faithful God and to give thanks where it belongs. The psalmist (Psalm 97) is moved to sing joyfully to God whose saving grace is revealed to all people. "Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders." Timothy (2 Timothy 2:8-13) tells Paul, and us today, that even though he found himself in chains and suffering hardship because of carrying Good News of Jesus Christ to the people, his gaolers "cannot chain up" the Good News. Through his life and death Jesus shows us The Way to the fullness of life. "If we have died with him, then we shall live with him." Only one of the ten lepers whom Jesus healed (Luke 17:11-19) turned back thanking and praising God at the top of his voice as he threw himself at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. How lovely it would be to hear Jesus say "Stand up and go on your way. Your faith has saved you." Let us remember today to give thanks to God for what God have done for us.



Judy McCormack

Remembering the Holy Souls

Recently deceased: Edmund Houston

Anniversary: Domingo Basilia Novera

Prayers for the sick: Melani Liliawati, Isabel Zamorano F, Patricia Keane, Kolotita Gae'e, Fr Frank Whitaker, Tovia Fa'i, Carmen Godinez, Anna Mika-Hunt Walsh, Lote So'oa, 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 Novera Jr, Joe Godinet, Augafa & Sefine Pelelo, Fr Maurice Carmody, Fr Peter O'Connell.



For the latest information visit the Parish Website - <https://www.stfrancisohariu.nz>

Deaf Community Events around Wellington

Friday 14 November: Social Pizza Night in Johnsonville

Saturday 15 November: Deaf Expo 3 in Lower Hutt

Saturday 15 November: Clive Morgan Deaf Awards (ticketed event)

Contact : Jess Ferroni - deafsocal2025@gmail.com

For more details visit :: <https://www.deafexpo.nz/home>

Launch Out Letters (LOL) releases its October issues https://www.wn.catholic.org.nz/adw_resource/launch-out-letters-lol/.

Support Life Sunday 2025 (Sunday, 12 October): Pilgrims for Hope – Building a Culture of Love and Life.

Each year, on the second Sunday of October, the Church in Aotearoa celebrates Support Life Sunday. As the New Zealand bishops reminded us in the 2023 document, Te Kahu o te Ora: "We do not need to look far to recognise that our world requires a lot of healing. All around us, we experience divisions that are the result of human behaviours and institutions." Find out more at: <https://catholic.org.nz/resources/>



Nostra Aetate – Celebrating 60 Years of the Church's call to dialogue with people of all faiths. The New Zealand Catholic Bishops' Committee for Interfaith Relations welcomes all who wish to join us as we acknowledge Nostra Aetate, the Vatican II document promulgated on 28 October 1965, and outline contemporary approaches to religious dialogue in Aotearoa New Zealand Today. To be held on: **Tuesday, 28 October 2025 from 7.00 – 8.00pm.** Zoom Link: <https://tinyurl.com/NA-NZ-2025>

CALLED & EQUIPPED Formation Programme -

_Applications for 2026 now open!

Are you looking for an opportunity to dig deeper into your faith, and to learn how to share it with others?

Would You like to know more about **what it means to be catholic?** Do you want to **serve in your parish community, but feel you don't know enough?**

JOIN US on an exciting journey that offers personal faith formation and equips you for ministry and service. For more information, contact **Lucienne Hensel** at l.hensel@wn.catholic.org.nz / 04 496 1715.

Parish Office Staff

Introducing **Treyvi Susan** to the team. She started on Monday 6 October and will be helping Bel in the Office. **The Office will be open from 9am to 2 pm Monday to Thursday.**

Our annual Remembrance Mass is being held on **Wednesday 5 November at 7pm.** This is an opportunity to remember all of our family members and parishioners who have passed away in the last 12 months. If you would like someone remembered, at this Mass, please email Katharina Dobson : katharinadobson@gmail.com A cup of tea served afterwards. Everyone welcome.

Greenstone Doors Final Fundraiser 2025—QUIZ NIGHT

Petone Club 45/47 Udy St, Petone , Friday 7 November, doors open at 6.30pm, Quiz starts 7pm. Cost : \$25 per person (team of 6-8people). For tickets email : office@greenstonedoors.co.nz

Joshua Men's meeting : Thursday **16th October** in Sacred Heart Cathedral FOYER . Join us from 7:00pm for a 7:30pm start followed by supper. Speaker: **Simon Rayner** on his walk of a lifetime - "**Pilgrimage of Hope**" Want to know more? Ring **David Monastra** 027-4477-280 , email: joshua.wgtn@gmail.com

The Archdiocesan **Marriage Preparation** – Love is a Decision - register online now on the Archdiocesan website for the next Course, consecutive Sundays **2 & 9 November** 10.00am-4.00pm held at St Catherine's College, Kilbirnie. Please note that couples attend both Sundays together in person to complete the course. The November course will be the last course for 2025. The first course in 2026 will be in March. Email: marriage@wn.catholic.org.nz

October is the month of the Holy Rosary

During this month, let us consider this beautiful prayer of the Rosary as a means that we too can use in order to draw closer to Jesus and Mary by meditating on the great mysteries of our salvation

Quote from Pope Leo : 'Therefore, there is life, a new possibility of life and salvation that comes from faith, because it not only helps us to resist evil and to persevere in doing good, but it transforms our lives so as to make of them an instrument of the salvation that even today God wishes to bring about in the world...

As Saint Paul VI affirmed, "it is our responsibility to proclaim the Gospel in this extraordinary period of human history, a time truly without precedent, in which, at the heights of progress never before reached, there are also accompanying depths of perplexity and desperation equally without precedent"

Pope Leo XIV, Homily, 5 October 2025.

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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.sfrancisohariu.nz

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