



ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI

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

Where heaven and earth come together

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time 13 July 2025, Year C

Readings: Deuteronomy 30:10-14; Colossians 1:15-20; Gospel Luke 10:25-37.

Parish Priest

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Parish Office Hours

04 478 7137

Mon to Thursday

8.30am—2.30pm

Office@stfrancisochariu.nz

Mass/Liturgy Times

For the coming week

Sat: 5.00pm Vigil Mass

Sun 10am Mass

Tue: 9.15 **No Liturgy**
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

Moses, as recorded in the Deuteronomy reading, issues a strong message to his people. He says they have a choice. To obey the voice of God and live by His commandments or to live by worldly standards. To choose God is life giving. Moses adds that it is easy enough to hear the voice of God. He says the Word of God is very near to us. It is within us and dwells within our hearts. In effect our conscience speaks God's word to us, if we but listen.

St. Paul writing to the Colossians describes Christ as the image of the invisible God. All things were created through Him. He holds all things together in unity. Therefore, He is Head of the church, His body. As the Head we are to listen to Him, to be reconciled to our Heavenly Father through Him.

Jesus great commandment is love; to love God with all our heart, mind and strength and to love others as we want to be loved. His story of the Good Samaritan reinforces this teaching. The injured Jew was ignored by two religious leaders in Judaism. Instead it was a disliked foreigner who took compassion on the wounded man and took the time and expense to ensure his safety and wellbeing. The Samaritan's love transcended cultural barriers to help him.

The commandment of love is written on our hearts. We are called to love. We are to be active agents of God's mercy and love. At times we can hear God speaking to us, prompting us to love, to go the extra mile if necessary. In doing so we in turn find fullness of life through our unity, our oneness, with Jesus, the source of love.

Prayer. *Lord Jesus by your grace may I love you with all my heart. I pray I will be an instrument of your compassion and love into the lives of all those with whom I live and work and those I meet on the road of life.*

Amen

Ewen Laurenson

Remembering the Holy Souls

Recently Deceased: Vicente Escudero, Peter Menino Vaz

Anniversaries: Luisa Victa, Pio F. Roa

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

Sacramental Programme 2025

The full Programme will run over term 3 and into term 4, starting with the **Parents Information Evening** on 22 July and finishing on 16 November with the First Communion Mass. For further information please refer to the home page of our Parish Website.

Please note all sessions will be held in our Parish Church and that the Sunday Sessions start immediately following the Sunday Mass.

For queries or if you would like an enrolment form, email Helen sacramentalprogramme@stfrancisohariu.nz
Blank forms are also available in the Church foyer, notice-board on the right when entering the church.

***Confirmation Mass will now be held at 6pm Sunday 14 September**

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!

They can email office@stfrancisohariu.nz or call the parish office at **04 478 7137** with their names and contact numbers.

KPF

KPF invites everyone to our Life in the Spirit Programme (LSP) starting on **Saturday 19 July 2025 1pm**, at St. Bernadette's Church, 194 Naenae Rd, Lower Hutt.

This is absolutely a free event for everyone who seeks a Catholic faith-sharing experience and wants to live a Spirit-filled Christian life.

Please contact Roy at #0225692481

or wn.klsp@kpfellowship.org.nz for any further info.

You can also check our website www.kpfellowship.org.nz

Joshua Men's Group

Come and join other men at Joshua Wellington's next meeting on Thursday 17th July from 7:00pm for 7:30pm start in Connolly Hall (next to Sacred Heart Cathedral) followed by supper.

Speaker: Jeff Drane SM on "What burdens you?"

Want to know more? Ring David Monastra 027-4477-280 or email: joshua.wgtn@gmail.com

CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON

Jubilarians Mass

11:00 am, Tuesday 15th July
Our Lady of Grace, Heretaunga

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| Fr John Rea SM | 70 Years |
| Fr Frank Twiss SM | 65 Years |
| Fr Peter Fitzgibbon | 60 Years |
| Fr Michael Gormly SSC | 60 Years |
| Fr Tony Kearns | 25 Years |
| Fr Biju Xavier | 25 Years |

Game On!

Wednesday 23rd July 2025, 6.30pm –8.30pm, 8 Week Course, at Petone Community House, 6 Britannia St, Petone, Lower Hutt, Cost: Free

For more information please contact

reception@wn-catholicsocialservices.org.nz or call Francis 021 0887 4824

Young Adult Retreat.

Special opportunity with Fr Giosue Busti at the Pa Maria Spirituality Centre, Thorndon, Wellington - **Friday 25 July - Sunday 27 July**. The Book of Revelation: The Book of Hope. email revelationsretreat@gmail.com for full details. It is not live-in and only \$50 for a great weekend of faith formation and encouragement with other young adults.

The Archdiocesan Marriage Preparation

– Love is a Decision - online registration for the next course on the Archdiocesan website, consecutive Sundays 7 & 14 Sept 10am-4pm held at St Catherine's College, Kilmorie. Register early as there are limited spaces and in case you need to defer. Please note that couples attend both Sundays together in person to complete the course. Email: marriage@wn.catholic.org.nz

Seafarers Sunday

On Sea Sunday, celebrated in 2025 on 13 July, churches all over the world come together to remember seafarers and pray for them, their families and those who support them. On this Day of Prayer for Seafarers, we pray especially for these hardworking men and women who are often forgotten.

"O God, Thy sea is so great and my boat is so small."

Parish Office: 37 Dr Taylor Tce, Johnsonville

Office Hours Monday to Thursday 8.30am to 2.30pm

Email: office@stfrancisohariu.nz, Phone: 04 478 7137

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

Facebook—<https://www.facebook.com/st.francis.ohariu/>

Parish Bank Account for Planned Giving/Koha

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