



ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI

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

Where heaven and earth come together



The Most Holy Trinity 15 June 2025, Year C

Readings: Proverbs 8:22-31; Romans 5:1-5; Gospel John 16:12-15



The Most Holy Trinity

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Mass/Liturgy Times

For the coming week

Sat: 5.00pm Vigil Mass

Sun 10am Mass

Tue: 9.15 **Tui Mass** St Brigid's
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

"(Father)(Jesus)(Spirit) in my life I see, You are God who walks with me, You hold my life in Your hands, close beside you I will stand, I give all my life to You, Help me (Father) (Jesus)(Spirit) to be true".

While four-leafed clovers are either rare or make-believe and have everything to do with sheer luck when a person finds them, they (and the experience of 'luck') are often confused with the presence of God. Perhaps you can sell a specimen of a four-leaf clover and make yourself a lot of riches and money.

Well, luck, superstition and the currency of money has nothing to do with God!

St Patrick used the ordinary shamrock - the three-leafed clover, to reveal (in formal speak, to "glorify") the true nature of God that is imprinted in all of Creation, but allows us to think of how that as beautiful individual, unique persons of God, we cannot do without a relationship between persons. The three 'lobes' of the three-leafed clover clearly demonstrate that often our imagination of God (as this unchanging 'blob' in the sky, or sitting around static like any object, money or a lump of gold) is far from the truth of God.

God simply cannot be God without relationship between the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit - equally dependent on the life of each other to even be God - the Creator that existed before all time and space was Created. God wants us to be in the currency of relationship, without money, without luck or price. It's not the wealthy or the fortunate that get to taste and experience the goodness of God's relationship. It's us, when our lives are held in God's hands in Baptism, when we are walking and standing close to God in the journey of our lives through Confirmation, when we give of our lives as the offering in front of the visible God in the Eucharist.

Our God is not only a powerful, awesome God, but an active and relational One.

Perhaps take time this week to reflect on how God's goodness is imprinted in Creation- in the stars, Matariki and Puanga, and in our connections with one another. When we care for our connected reality, the promise of hope in God's action and work in our lives "never disappoints".

Fr Alfred.

Remembering the Holy Souls

Recently Deceased:

Anniversaries: Irenia Geneta , Rodge Irvin L. Medina

Prayers for the sick, Patricia Keane, Tony de Joux, Fr Brian Wysocki, Kolotita Gae'e, Fr Frank Whitaker ,Tovio Fa'l, 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.stfrancisohariu.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 would like an enrolment form, please contact Helen sacramentalprogramme@stfrancisohariu.nz
Blank forms are also available in the Church foyer, noticeboard on the right when entering the church.

Malvina Major Anointing MassL Wed 25th June, 2pm, Chapel-Reflection Room.

"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.

Message from the ADW Ecology Justice and Peace Commission: Prayer and action for peace:

Our NZ Catholic Bishops recently issued a statement Fighting hopelessness in the Jubilee Year of Hope. They spoke of various conflicts in our world. In terms of non-violent actions in response to those conflicts you may wish to pray, donate, write letters to our Foreign Minister and Prime Minister. Following Pope Francis' and Pope Leo's calls for a ceasefire in the Gaza conflict you can fast for peace and join various groups seeking stronger government action for a ceasefire and investigation into war crimes and possible genocidal acts.

<https://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/pastoral-statement-fighting-hopelessness-in-the-jubilee-year-of-hope/> and <https://www.caritas.org.nz/holyland>.

Message from the ADW Ecology Justice and Peace Commission: Regulatory Standards Bill Submissions:

The government has introduced a Regulatory Standards Bill which has attracted a good deal of discussion. The Commission encourages parishioners to participate in growing awareness of the proposed legislation and in making submissions. Submissions close 1pm, 23 June. The EJP will be making a submission guided by Catholic Social Teaching and has also offered some thoughts at: <https://www.wn.catholic.org.nz/about/commission-for-ecology/regulatory-standards-bill-ecology-justice-and-peace-commission-guidance/>

World Refugee Week screening "Stop the Boats" Roxy Cinema, Miramar Tuesday 17th June at 5:30pm. <https://www.roxycinema.co.nz/movie/stop-the-boat>

Calling potential Altar Servers

Kia Ora! My name is Sherize, and together with Fr Gerard, we will be offering **altar server training**. If you have recently received your First Holy Communion and are interested in becoming an altar server or are currently serving, we'd love to hear from you. I can be contacted at sherizeconcessio@gmail.com, and we'll be in touch about upcoming training soon

Vocations. Join us for an hour of adoration, reflection and prayer for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. Tuesday 24th June, 7:30 - 8:30pm at Sacred Heart Cathedral. All are welcome!

100 years celebration!

Sister Cyprian celebrates her 100th birthday on Tuesday 24th June. **The Wednesday 11am Mass on June 25th** will be a celebration of her special day. All are welcome to attend and stay for morning tea and chat after. If attending the gathering, it would be appreciated if you could bring a plate.

Quote from Pope Leo

"Jesus tells us that this Gift is the love between him and the Father that comes to dwell within us. ... The Holy Spirit, brings to maturity within us the fruits that enable us to cultivate good and healthy relationships. For we are truly the Church of the Risen Lord if there are no borders or divisions among us; if we are able to dialogue and accept one another in the Church Pope Leo XIV [Homily](#), 8 June 2025.

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

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