



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

Where heaven and earth come together

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time, 17 August, Year C

Readings: Jeremiah 38:1-2,4-6,8-10; Hebrews 12:1-4; Luke 12:49-53

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Parish Office Hours

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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

***“I came to cast fire on the earth,
and how I wish that it catch fire”***

Luke wished to stress that the Christian attitude to the world involved more than awareness and responsibility; it was to first and foremost to be passionate.

To cast fire on the earth speaks of utmost intensity.

John the Baptist had spoken of the one who will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

The struggle of Jesus' pending baptism was to be shared also by his disciples. He had already spoken of their call to suffering.

One suffering that many of us today experience is that of family divisions. Our loved ones and ourselves can sometimes be held back from recognising truth and responding to it whole-heartedly.

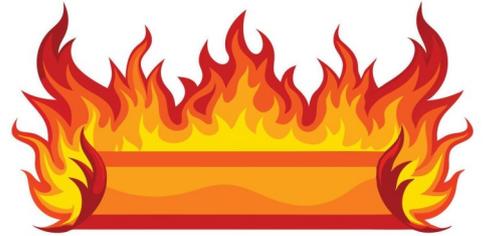
Most of us present carefully prepared facades – at least I do. This will hold us back. The Christian life is a journey of living out the reality of who we really are and who we are created to be.

The spiritual path of knowing God is inseparable from discovering our true self, our authentic identity in God.

Spiritual life is neither pious self-actualisation nor self-absorbed navel-gazing. It is a transformation of the self in God, with God, and for God.

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me a sinner.

Peter Mulqueen



Remembering the Holy Souls

Recently Deceased: Ione Haines

Anniversaries: Paul O'Donnell (14/8), John Santiago (19/8), Vittorio Canderle (16/8).

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 -

As Catholic Christians, we are part of a family: our immediate family, our parish community, our Archdiocese, and our wider Church in this country and universally. God calls all of us collectively to ministry and mission. Our gift to the Church unites all our brothers and sisters both here and further afield.

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, especially through **Planned Gifting**. 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:

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Account name: **ARCHDIO OF WGTN
ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH**

Please feel free to take one of the parish planned giving forms with you from the church foyer. 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.**

HOLY HOUR for vocations to the religious life/priesthood. JOIN US for an hour of adoration, reflection and prayer **7:30 - 8:30pm** at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Thorndon on **Tuesday 26 August** and every 4th Tuesday of the month.

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**

Sacramental Programme 2025

We need a photographer for 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.**

A Pilgrimage of Hope to Hāto Mere/St Mary's,

Pukekaraka, Otaki, Sunday, 31st August. Ngati Kapu invites all parishes of the Archdiocese to **Pukekaraka**, sited at **4 Convent Rd, Otaki**. Arrive for the **Pōwhiri at 1 pm**. Programme includes sharing aspects of Māori, Marist and Marian history and spirituality through talks, prayer, time to experience the spirit of Pukekaraka. Come with a special hope or prayer on paper to be buried under a tree planted to commemorate this Jubilee Year. **Parking available in the school and church grounds** (for early arrivals) or along **Te Rauparaha Street**, which leads to site. Formal gathering will **finish about 4 pm**. **Please email an approximate number of pilgrims coming to: pukekaraka1@gmail.com.**

Referendum on Māori wards during the local elections:

Many **city councils** and some **regional councils** will be holding referendums during the **coming local body elections, Sept-Oct 2025**. **Common Grace Aotearoa ecumenical movement** has produced **Belonging in this Land** to enable learning about the Māori wards system. It is designed to create space for curious, gracious and informed conversations in group or parish settings, grounded in the Christian faith tradition and guided by tangata whenua. For a taster see **Speakers include Church leaders Sir David Moxon, Dr Alistair Reese, Jay Ruka and Te Aroha Rountree**. Contact: **Mons. Gerard Burns** (g.burns@wn.catholic.org.nz) of the ADW EJP Commission or: commongrace.nz/maoriwards

Pope Leo quote: "Jesus exhorts us not to keep to ourselves the gifts that God has given us, but rather to use them generously for the good of others, especially those most in need of our help. It is not simply a matter of sharing the material goods we have, but putting our skills, time, love, presence and compassion at the service of others". - *Angelus, 10 August 2025*.

The Confidence in English Conversation Group:

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. Also, join us in the **Parish Hall Sunday 24th August, 12pm** for a fundraising bake sale in support of **Youth Transition Houses** in Dunedin. There will be a variety of delicious food on offer, including Turkish and other international treats. Payments can be made by cash or bank transfer. Come along, enjoy some great food, and support a worthy cause!

Parish Office: 37 Dr Taylor Tce, Johnsonville

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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