



St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish

Te paepae o te paerangi ki te paewhenua

Where heaven and earth come together

5th Sunday of Easter 18th May 2025, Year C
Readings: Acts 14: 21-27; Apocalypse 21: 1-5; Gospel John 13:31-35

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Mass/Liturgy Times

For the coming week

Sat: 5.00pm Vigil Mass

Sun: 10.00am Mass

Tue: 9.15 Mass with 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

I am Making all Things New.

On the journey of life sometimes we become weary and burdened. Wars, disappointments, the weather, illness, can diminish our joy of living and our hope for a better future.

We sorely need a break!

Today's readings speak of renewed hope and joy to enable us to recover and carry on.

In this Easter season, we rejoice that Christ is Risen and now lives among us and God's Spirit inspires us with new life and strength.

In the first reading (Acts 14:21- 23) Paul and Barnabas encourage the believers in Antioch to persevere in the faith especially when things were hard. Hardships, they reminded the faithful, are a part of life.

John (Apocalypse 21:5), in his vision heard the voice of God who is "making the whole of creation new" and will wipe away our tears and our sadness.

Our response is to be open to this gift of renewed life with grateful hearts, as with David we sing (Psalm 144) "All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord and your friends shall make known to people your wondrous deeds. Alleluia."

In John's Gospel (13: 31-35) we are reminded of the essential quality of a Christian life. A quality by which Christians everywhere are to be known.

"I give you a new commandment: love one another; just as I have loved you, you must also love one another.

By this love you have for one another, everyone will know that you are my disciples."

Judy McCormack

Remembering the Holy Souls

Recently Deceased:

Anniversaries: Jesus Fernandez

Prayers for the sick, Fr Brian Wysocki, 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, Tony Bordignon, 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.

Tuesday July 22, 7pm Parents Information Evening

Sunday July 27th 11.15am Reconciliation Session 1
Sunday August 3rd 11.15am Reconciliation Session 2
Saturday August 9th 2.00pm Reconciliation Practice
Sunday August 10th 2.00pm Reconciliation

Sunday 31st August 11.15am Confirmation Session 1
Sunday 7th September 11.15am Confirmation Session 2
Saturday 13th September 2.00pm Confirmation Practice
Sunday 14th September 2.00pm Confirmation Mass with Archbishop Paul Martin

Sunday 2nd November 11.15am Communion Session 1
Sunday 9th November 11.15am Communion Session 2
Saturday 15th November 2.00pm Communion Practice
Sunday 16th November 2.00pm First Communion Mass

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

If you have any queries or would like an enrolment form, please contact Helen
sacramentalprogramme@stfrancisohariu.nz

Blank forms are also available in the Church foyer, attached to the second noticeboard on the right when entering through the main doors.

Pentecost Sunday 7th & 8th June

On Weekend of Pentecost Sunday, the Parish will have 3 Masses, - The **Saturday 5pm Vigil, 8 am Sunday Mass and 10 am Mass.**

The **10am Sunday Mass** will be led by the St Brigid's School Community.

If you would like a special role in the 10am Mass please email Fiona D'Souza fionad@stbrigids.school.nz

You may like to wear cultural costumes to celebrate Pentecost when people of different lands were able to understand the words the apostles were speaking. Whānau are invited to bring a plate of finger food to share for the morning tea after the 10am Mass.

Masses/Liturgies with St Brigid's School

9.15am on the following Tuesday's

20th May Titipounamu Mass
27th May Kākā Liturgy
17th June Tūi Mass
24th June Titipounamu Liturgy



All Parishioners are welcome to join us.

Malvina Major Anointing Mass:

Wednesday 28 May 2 00pm in the Chapel-Reflection Room. All welcome.

College Open Days

St Mary's College open day —Tuesday 20 May
St Patrick's College Kilbirnie, open day tours ,
- Tuesday 27 May or Thursday 29 May
Please refer to the posters in the Church foyer or refer to college websites for more information.

If you require a **Preference Certificate** please click [here](#) for the request form. Please email your completed request and any supporting documentation (such as Baptismal Certificates) to office@stfrancisohariu.nz
Please include a phone number in your email.

From Lantern Light to Global Light

The Presentation Sisters warmly invite you to join Sr Anne Lyons (Ireland) as she shares the story of Nano Nagle, their courageous Foundress.
Come and be inspired by a legacy still lighting the way and relevant for today's world.
Thursday 29 May | 7–8:30 PM St Bernadette's Parish Hall, Naenae Rd

Quote from Pope Leo XIV - first blessing, 8 May 2025. 'Peace be with you all! Dear brothers and sisters, these are the first words spoken by the risen Christ, the Good Shepherd who laid down his life for God's flock. I would like this greeting of peace to resound in your hearts, in your families, among all people, wherever they may be, in every nation and throughout the world. Peace be with you! It is the peace of the risen Christ. A peace that is unarmed and disarming, humble and persevering. A peace that comes from God, the God who loves us all, unconditionally ... God loves us, God loves you all, and evil will not prevail.'

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

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Parish Bank Account for Planned Giving/Koha

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