



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

Where heaven and earth come together

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time 20 July 2025, Year C
Readings: Genesis 18:1-10; Colossians 1:24-28; Gospel Luke 10:38-42.

Parish Priest

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Parish Office Hours

04 478 7137

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: 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

A few years ago I was fortunate to attend an Understanding scripture retreat with a wise American Dominican Sister.

Patricia made me think and pay more attention to the gospels. She said to understand a piece of Scripture - read, reflect, pray with what goes before it and after it.

The Martha and Mary story is sandwiched between the good Samaritan parable, introduced by the great commandment to love the Lord, others and yourself and Jesus teaching us how to pray the Our Father.

There it is, both the call to **Love and Service** – of *doing as shown by Martha and Love and contemplation -of being as shown by Mary*. Jesus also said there is need of only one thing. He doesn't say what it is. It could be a call to be present in the moments we find ourselves in. Fully Present in our being. Fully Present in our doing. Fully present to ourselves, to others and to God. This week maybe we just try **one thing** in our full lives.

Sit for 2 minutes in a quiet sacred space. Breathe. Be. Now for 1 minute: Breathe in: God is right here. Breathe out For 1 minute: Breathe in: The other is right here. Breathe out. For 1 minute: Breathe in: I am right here. Breathe out. Then go to work, cook the meal, finish the report, care for the children, catch the train, meditate. Enjoy being Martha and Mary.

Kitty McKinley

Remembering the Holy Souls

Recently Deceased:

Anniversaries:

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, Salli 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

Our Sacramental Programme begins **Tuesday 22nd July at 7pm** with the **Parents Information evening**. This is a compulsory meeting for a parent of Guardian for all participants in the Programme.

Children are not required to attend this evening.

The first session for reconciliation will be on Sunday 27th July, and we warmly welcome all participants and their families to attend 10am Sunday Mass beforehand.

For queries please email the Parish Office sacramentalprogramme@stfrancishariu.nz

Please note that the *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@stfrancishariu.nz or call the parish office at **04 478 7137** with their names and contact numbers.

Children's Liturgy

Term 3 will commence this Sunday 20th July. Please note there will be no children's Liturgy on the 27th July, 3rd and 10th August to allow for the Sacramental Programme.

KPF (*this weekend)

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

Johnsonville Combined Churches Op Shop

We are looking for some new volunteers for the op shop. If you could spare a couple of hours once a month for your church group, your time would be much appreciated. Please contact ycelliston@gmail.com if you are able to help.

HOLY HOUR for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. JOIN US for an hour of adoration, reflection & prayer that the Lord may send more workers to the harvest!

7:30 - 8:30pm at Sacred Heart Cathedral **Tuesday 22 July** and every 4th Tuesday of the month.

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.

Marist Brothers' Farewell

After 149 years of service in the Wellington Diocese the Marist Brothers are having to withdraw and relocate the remaining two Brothers (Br Doug Dawick and Br Mark Oliver) to Auckland in early August.

To mark the occasion Archbishop Paul Martin will say a Mass of Thanksgiving on **FRIDAY JULY 25**, at St Peter and Paul's church Lower Hutt, at **6.00pm**. This will be followed by a time of fellowship. Please bring a plate.

For the Marist Brother's, this occasion will be an opportunity to say "Thank you" for the loving support offered to so many Brothers over the last 149 years. All welcome.

Jubilee of Youth - Late Night Mass for Young People

Come celebrate the Jubilee of Youth with the Archdiocese at the Late Night Mass! Join us at Sacred Heart Cathedral at **8pm on August 1st** to celebrate the Eucharist together with Archbishop Paul.

Please bring a plate to share for food and fellowship after the Mass in the foyer. You are all warmly invited!

From Galileo to Laudato Si':

A free talk by **Br Guy Consolmagno SJ**, Director of the Vatican Observatory on **"From Galileo to Laudato Si': Why Science Needs Faith"**. **Wednesday 6 August from 6-7.30pm**, Rutherford House, 33 Bunny Street, Wellington. You can register: www.eventbrite.co.nz or by clicking on the [RSVP](#) link if you want to attend in person or the [Zoom](#) if you want to attend online.

The Archdiocesan Marriage Preparation

– Love is a Decision - online registration for the next course on the Archdiocesan website, consecutive Sundays **7th & 14th Sept 10am-4pm** held at St Catherine's College, Kilbirnie. Please 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

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Email: office@stfrancishariu.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.stfrancishariu.nz

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