



# St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish

## Te paepae o te paerangi ki te paewhenua

Where heaven and earth come together

**Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 21 June 2026, Year A**  
**Readings: Jeremiah 20:10-13; Romans 5:12-15; Matthew 10:26-33**

### Parish Priest

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### Parish Office Hours

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### Mass/Liturgy Times

For the coming week

**Sat: 5.00pm Vigil Mass**

**Sun: 10am Sunday Mass**

#### Weekdays Mass Time

Tue : 5.00pm Reconciliation  
5.30pm Mass

Wed: 10.30am Reconciliation  
11.00am Mass followed by  
morning tea

Reconciliation can also be  
requested by arrangement with  
office 04 478 7137

**Holy Hour/Adoration every  
Wednesday at 7.00 pm**

### Important Dates

**20 June 2026**

Taizé Prayer Evening at 6.15 pm

**23 June 2026**

St Brigid's School Mass (Tui) at  
9.15am

**24 June 2026**

Malvina Major Anointing Mass  
at 2.00 pm

**30 June 2026**

Sacramental Programme Parents  
Session at 7.00 pm

### Reflection

Today's readings reflect a deep truth; that our Lord is present in our lives, always. What ever is happening for us He is present. In the storms of life, its turmoil, difficulties, disappointments, He remains present. Our Lord is faithful to His promises especially that He will never leave us or forsake us, not once.

Jeremiah is surrounded by adversity. He is surrounded by those who want to denounce him and overthrow him. Yet he remains confident because "the Lord is at my side." He was sure the Lord would both protect and justify him. And so it proved to be and Jeremiah could sing praise to the Lord.

In his letter to the Romans Paul reassures us that through the death of Jesus on the cross we have been freed from the hold of sin and death. Instead through Jesus we have been gifted with divine grace to be free from sin and live with Him eternally.

In the gospel Jesus instructed His followers not to be afraid. In fact as recorded in the gospels, He uses these words many times telling people not to be frightened but to believe in Him and to trust Him. He will look after them, and keep them safe from evil, especially evil that destroys the soul.

Through His teaching about sparrows Jesus reassures us that in His sight each one of us is of great value. He declares that if we live our lives for Him He will stand with us and protect us. He adds "I will declare myself for them in the presence of my Heavenly Father." Thus we are assured of divine protection. It is an assurance that should give us confidence in our current times of world wide turmoil.

*Lord we pray for the grace to always trust you, knowing in our lives that you will work everything together for good. Amen*

**Ewen Laurenson**

### **St. Benedict's Church Sale updates and Consultation draft report**

Following the amalgamation of 3 northern suburbs parishes in 2016, the parish decided to consolidate onto one church site. As part of this process, St Benedict's property was put on the market and sold by closed tender in January 2026, with settlement due in September 2026. The buyer plans to develop residential units on the site subject to WCC approval. The final parish consultation meeting has been held and the draft report is expected soon. The draft report will be reviewed and released to the Parish for any final comments. We will update you once the report has been received.

### Remembering the Holy Souls

**Recently Deceased :** Peter Garty

**Anniversary:** Antonio Moreno Jr ; Antonio Moreno Sr

**Prayers for the sick:** Vaeluaga Aspinall , Sam Godinet, Mrs. Theresa Peteli, Patricia Keane, Isabel

Zamorano F, Kolofita Gae'e, Fr Frank Whitaker ,Tovio Fa'I, Carmen Godinez, Lote So'oa, 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, Delia Flores Fabreag



For the latest information visit the Parish Website - <https://www.stfrancisochariu.nz>

### A FEAST FOR ALL PEOPLES: PATHWAYS TO SYNODALITY

The parish will be running a 5-session programme that offers a way to engage with the Final Document of the Synod on Synodality. Parishioners meet in small groups to explore together five significant passages from the Document. You are invited, to a journey of conversion and renewal, learning some of the practices and dispositions of synodality along the way. The programme begins in mid-July and there may be daytime and evening options, depending on interest. If you are interested in being part of a group, please contact Lucienne at [l.hensel@cadw.nz](mailto:l.hensel@cadw.nz) by **30 June 26**.

**Magnify XLT** will be held on **Friday 26 June, 7:00-**



**9:00pm at Our Lady of Fatima Church, Main Road, Tawa.** XLT (eXaLT) is a night of music, worship, Eucharistic adoration, and fellowship for teens and young adults. Come along for a great, blessed evening and bring a friend!

**Liturgy Workshop – Ars Celebrandi:** Fr Paul Turner (USA) will lead a liturgy seminar on **Saturday, 1 August 2026, 10.00am-2.30pm, at Connolly Hall, Wellington.** Inspired by Desiderio Desideravi, the workshop will offer practical insights into **celebrating** the Eucharist with reverence and fidelity. Open to clergy, liturgy teams, school staff, and all involved in Eucharistic preparation.

**Malvina Major:** Anointing Mass **24 June 2 00pm** In the Reflection Room - Chapel.

### Retreat Days and Themes at Pā Maria 2026

Take time and space for a guided day of prayer and reflection. **Saturday, 27 June at 9.00am - 3.15pm.** Theme: **Peace.** A day of prayer to enter into the spirit of Easter. Please bring your own lunch. Entry by koha. **RSVP by 23 June** to [pamariabookings@gmail.com](mailto:pamariabookings@gmail.com) Other Prayer days at Pā Maria during the year : **19 September : Season of Creation 17 October : Mary , 5 December : Advent.** Presenters: Neil Vaney SM, Chris Skinner SM and Judith Moroney rsm. RSVP by the Tuesday before the prayer day and indicate which prayer day you wish to attend.

**Recycling Reminder:** Please place only clean, recyclable items in the recycling bins. Recently, some dirty rubbish and non-recyclable items have been mixed in, making sorting unpleasant. Thank you for helping keep our recycling clean and effective.

**Sacramental Programme 2026 – Enrol Now!** Parents are invited to an information session on **Tuesday, 30 June at 7.00pm.** The full programme schedule and application forms are available in the church foyer, or can be downloaded from our website. [here](#) or email to: [sacramentalprogramme@stfrancisohariu.nz](mailto:sacramentalprogramme@stfrancisohariu.nz)

**St Joseph's Catholic School, New Plymouth 1926 – 2026 :** warmly invites past students, staff, and families to celebrate its **Centenary Jubilee from Friday 23 October to Sunday 25 October 2026.** Join us as we reconnect, share memories, and give thanks for 100 years of faith, community, and Catholic education. Please register here: <https://docs.google.com/.../1FAIpQLSeUuzs83RR.../viewform...>



**HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS to the priesthood and consecrated life.** JOIN US! Tuesday 23 June 2026, 7-30-8.30 pm at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Thorndon.

**Archdiocesan Marriage Preparation – Love is a Decision & Commit** - online registration available: [Marriage - Catholic Archdiocese of Wellington](#). Next course, **Sundays, 6 & 13 September from 10.00am - 4.00pm held at St Catherine's College, Kilbirnie.** See the Archdiocese's website for information about getting married overseas and the papers required or contact: [marriage@cadw.nz](mailto:marriage@cadw.nz)

### St Benedict's School 75th Jubilee SAVE THE DATE!!

**Friday 22 October – Saturday 23 October 2027**

We're celebrating 75 years of St Benedict's School! If you're a past pupil or friend of the school, please complete this short [survey](#) to help us estimate attendance and plan the event. Please share it with other alumni. We look forward to celebrating with you in Wellington in 2027.

### A Heartfelt Thank You (from Shenaya Pieries)

Thank you for your support of the Starship Foundation fundraiser. The fundraiser went really well and raised a total of 275 dollars through online donations and cash. Heartfelt thanks for your generosity and support.

### St Pats College Open Day:

**Tuesday 23 June 2026 & Thursday 25 June** between 10.00am to 11.30am and from 12.30pm to 2.00pm

### Quote :

*'Just laws and methods of redistribution are certainly necessary for correcting imbalances, including tax systems that lighten the burden on the weakest and ask for more from those with greater resources. However, the pursuit of social justice should not be considered a separate issue that follows only after the production of wealth, as if the economy existed solely to create wealth, with politicians only intervening afterwards in order to distribute it. Justice concerns every phase of economic activity, from resource acquisition to financing, and from production to consumption; every choice has moral consequences.'*

Leo XIV, Magnifica Humanitas # 162

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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](http://www.stfrancisohariu.nz)

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