



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

Where heaven and earth come together

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ 22 June 2025, Year C
Readings: Genesis 14:18-20; 1Corinthians 11:23-26; Gospel Luke 9:11-17

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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: 9.15 **Liturgy with St Brigid's Titipounamu**
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

As we mark Matariki and Pūanga as the southern hemisphere mid-winter we also mark the feast of the Body and Blood of Christ. Matariki and Puānga remind us of our connections with the stars and the cosmos. Some of us renewed that connection through telescopes after last Saturday's evening Mass (Thank you Antony, Robert and Alfred).



Corpus Christi brings us back to earth, knowing our cosmic origins. In the Eucharist we meet the Lord who shows us the face of the Creator and who gave his life for us. The Son of God 'did not hold equality with God a thing to be grasped but emptied himself' (Phils 2:6-7). Born as a human being, Jesus emptied himself even to death on a cross.

That God would come among us in human fragility, is echoed in the fragility of the Eucharistic host. God puts Godself into our hands, inviting us to live as one family. This invitation is challenged by the huge suffering in our world. Great powers (Russia, China, USA) make war to secure greater leverage and resources for the future - water, oil, gas, lithium, rare-earth metals.

And now, to distract from the starvation and genocide against Palestinians, the USA and Israel are attacking Iran to destroy its nuclear capacity and bring regime change. Iraq 2003 shows us the bankruptcy of this. And the current attacks on Iran bring danger of radiation leaks. The Body of Christ, victim of these new crucifixions, lies bleeding in Myanmar, Nigeria, Congo, Gaza, Tel Aviv, Lebanon, Iran, West Papua.

Fr Gerard Burns

Remembering the Holy Souls

Recently Deceased: Fr Brian Wysocki SM

Anniversaries: Wendy Collier, Dennis Santiago,

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

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 Mass

Wed 25th June, 2pm, Chapel-Reflection Room.

100 years celebration!

Sister Cyprian celebrates her 100th birthday on Tuesday 24th June.

This Wednesday June 25th, the 11am Mass 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.

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

"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.

Couples for Christ invites you to our Christian Life Programme (CLP), starting on **Saturday, 5 July at 12.30pm** here at St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish.

This is a free event for all couples, widows, widowers, single parents. For more information, please contact:

David 021 152 2744 or Nick 021 043 7752

or visit our website at couplesforchristwellington.nz

Mānawatia a Matariki! Ohariu

Last Saturday evening, the Parish was privileged to host **Mānawatia a Matariki!**

Ohariu , Our Home in the Universe, - an evening with

Antony Gomez,. It was fascinating comparing the human brain to the Universe!

Many thanks to Antony Gomez, the Focolare Group for their hospitality, Robert McClean for his organizational skills, Fr Alfred for his passion for the stars and all those who joined them on a beautiful, cold Wellington Night...



Mānawatia a Matariki!

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!

Quote from Pope Francis Angelus, 19 June 2022

"Our Eucharistic adoration comes alive when we take care of our neighbour like Jesus does. There is hunger for food around us, but also for companionship; there is hunger for consolation, friendship, good humour; there is hunger for attention, there is hunger to be evangelized. We find this in the Eucharistic Bread — Christ's attention to our needs and the invitation to do the same toward those who are beside us. We need to *eat* and *feed others*."

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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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