



St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish

Te paepae o te paerangi ki te paewhenua

Where heaven and earth come together

6th Sunday of Easter 25th May 2025, Year C

Readings: Acts 15: 1-2.22-29; Apocalypse 12: 10-14.22-23; Gospel John 14:23-29

Parish Priest

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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: 10.00am Mass

Tue: 9.15 Liturgy 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

Today's reading from Acts has a clear message. The Good News of Jesus is for everyone who believes, and not just for those who are circumcised. The church comprises all who believe in Jesus, both Jews and Gentiles regardless of ethnicity, culture and social status.

The Book of Revelation paints a beautiful picture of the New Jerusalem. The City was bathed in the radiant light of the glory of God the Father and Jesus the Lamb. The New Jerusalem reflects the beauty, the unity, the communion of all believers, who have Jesus and the Father as their centre, they being the Temple of the New Jerusalem.

John's Gospel records Jesus saying that if we love Jesus and follow his teaching the Father will love us and both Jesus and the Father will come to make their home within us. The idea of the Father and Jesus being at home within each one of us is amazing, mind boggling. We are loved so deeply that our creator and redeeming God comes to be at home with us and in so doing makes of us a Temple of His Holy Spirit.

To cap it all off Jesus leaves us the gift of His Peace. This is the Peace which envelops our spirit as we journey through life with Jesus in our hearts and we follow His teachings, particularly of love. This is the Peace that remains with us through all the ups and downs of life, for we know God is looking after us.

We echo the psalmist.

"Let all the peoples praise you O God, let all the peoples praise you"

Ewen Laurenson.

Remembering the Holy Souls

Recently Deceased: Aurora Mareikura

Anniversaries: Willie Te Rangihiroa

Prayers for the sick, Fr Brian Wysocki, Kolotita Gae'e, Fr Frank Whitaker, Tovia 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, 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.

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.

Holy Hour for Vocations for Priesthood & Religious Life

Join us for an hour of adoration, reflection and prayer Tuesday 27th May, 7:30 - 8:30pm at Sacred Heart Cathedral. All are welcome!

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 St Brigid's. 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

Pentecost Jubilee of Hope 2025 Event

There will be a gathering for members of Church Groups, movements & associations, including Focolare and Challenge 2000. Venue: Cathedral of the Sacred Heart 2.30pm June 8th, Concluding Mass at 7pm with Archbishop Paul. For further Information refer to Poster in Church Foyer. All welcome.

The St Vincent de Paul Society needs you!

If you have a car and are willing to volunteer to help transport the elderly or disabled living in the Ohariu parish area to Mass or to appointments (either occasionally or regularly) please contact **Justin 027 587 8467**.

We appreciate your help.

Rite of Christian Initiation

Over recent weeks our Parish has welcomed 5 Catechumens in Baptism, Confirmation and Communion. Aidan, Katy and Lily received the Sacraments at the Easter Vigil Mass, and Koji and Tomi at the Vigil Mass last weekend. Many thanks and Blessings to those who walked along side them. **Welcome!**

St Brigid's Fundraiser Movie - How to Train Your Dragon

14 June at 3pm in the Penthouse Cinema, Brooklyn. Tickets are \$20pp. Poster in the Church Foyer or for further Information or email the school saintbrigidfundraising@gmail.com to book.

School Enrolments

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.

Malvina Major Anointing Mass:

Wed 28 May 2 00pm in the Chapel-Reflection Room.

Vacancy – Director, Catholic Enquiry Centre:

The Catholic Enquiry Centre is seeking a new Director with a personal commitment to the Catholic Church along with a proven history of sharing the faith and of leading a team. Please send expressions of interest to secretariat@nzcbc.org.nz by **June 6**. The role could be filled sooner for the right candidate, so please contact the Bishops Conference promptly.

Turn Debt into Hope Webinar – 4 JUNE 2025:

Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand is hosting a 30-minute webinar to inviting us to take part in its "Turn Debt Into Hope" campaign. A global campaign for debt justice was launched by Pope Francis for the Jubilee Year, and CANZ has big plans to honour this legacy in Aotearoa. The webinar features guests from the Pacific explaining the impacts of climate debt, Caritas explaining what Kiwis can do about it and time for Q&A. **12 noon on Wednesday, 4 June.** Find out more get involved at www.caritas.org.nz/turndebtintohope

Quote from Pope Leo XIV - Homily, 18 May 2025

'With the light and the strength of the Holy Spirit, let us build a Church founded on God's love, a sign of unity, a missionary Church that opens its arms to the world, proclaims the word, allows itself to be made "restless" by history, and becomes a leaven of harmony for humanity.

Together, as one people, as brothers and sisters, let us walk towards God and love one another.'

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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