



ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI

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

Where heaven and earth come together

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 26 October 2025, Year C
Readings: Eccl.35:12-14.16-19; 2Tim 4:6-8.16-18; Luke 18:9-14

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Mass/Liturgy Times

For the coming week

Sat: 5.00pm Vigil Mass

Sun 10am Mass

Tue: 9.15 am St Brigid Mass
5.00pm Reconciliation
5.30pm Mass

Wed: 10.30 Reconciliation
11.00am Mass with
Morning Tea

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

Coming up

All Saints Day

Saturday, 1 November
Mass at 9.30 AM

Holy Communion Session

Saturday, 1 November
at 11.15 am

All Souls Day

Sunday, 2 November

Remembrance Mass

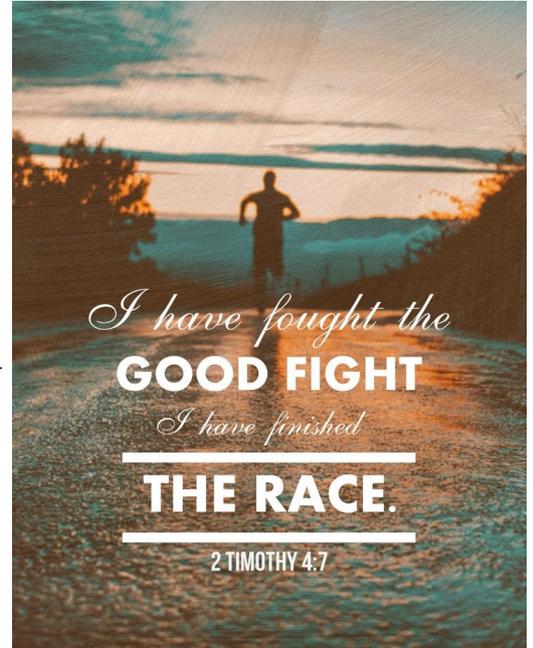
Wednesday 5 November at
7pm.

Reflections

2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18

Our first two scripture readings are busy. Races run, good fights fought, prayers reaching clouds, service done, outcasts loved. Faith ancestors lives poured out. Next we have the Pharisee and Tax collector in church before God. One proving he is a good planned giver who fasts and lives a law bound good life and TC the tax collector an outcast down the back, despised, judged and rejected by "good people". Yet it's TC who Jesus congratulates. TC is aware of his weaknesses AND stands before God knowing that mercy, love, compassion and grace will be poured into him. I checked out a memory on A1 from English classes. The "I" of the Pharisee is a subject pronoun used when I'm doing something. "Me" is an object pronoun used when I'm receiving something. TC knew he could only live, survive, grow with God's freely given, unconditional love. I then thought how Jim Bolgers life is a great summary of these readings. Jim ran the good race, fought the good fight, knew his limitations and greatness and poured out his life for Aotearoa New Zealand. A modern day inspirational example of faith, service and humility. RIP Jim and thanks.

Kitty McKinley



Remembering the Holy Souls

Recently deceased: Vince Keating

Anniversary: Malraj Peiris , Ellen de Joux

Prayers for the sick: Melani Liliawati, Isabel Zamorano F, Patricia Keane, Kolotita Gae'e, Fr Frank Whitaker ,Tovio Fa'I, Carmen Godinez, Anna Mika-Hunt Walsh, 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.



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

Sacramental Programme (First Communion Preparation)

Parents and candidates sessions: **2nd & 9th Nov, 11:15am**

Practice: **15th Nov, 2pm**

First Communion Mass: **16th Nov, 2pm**

Join us for 10am Mass before sessions.

Children's Liturgy

Please note there will be **no Children's Liturgy** on **26th Oct, 2nd and 9th Nov** to allow for the Sacramental Programme. The next session will be on **Sunday, 16th November**.

October is the month of the Holy Rosary

During this month, let us consider this beautiful prayer of the Rosary as a means that we too can use in order to draw closer to Jesus and Mary by meditating on the great mysteries of our salvation

Malvina Major Anointing Mass : Wednesday 29 October

2 00pm in the Chapel-Reflection Room.

Afternoon Tea will follow after Mass - all welcome.

Late Night Mass for Young People: Come join us for this November's Late Night Mass on **7th November at Sacred Heart Cathedral**. Like always, Mass begins at 8.00pm followed by fellowship in the foyer. Bring a plate and a friend to celebrate together in the Holy Sacrifice of the Eucharist!

Concert at Sacred Heart Cathedral

Sunday, 2nd November | 2:00 PM | Hill Street

Join the Cathedral Saturday Vigil Music Group for a special concert honouring **Sr Marie Gore** and supporting Sacred Heart Cathedral. Enjoy a rich mix of classical, operatic, and contemporary music, performed by Vigil Group members and Wellington musicians.

Tickets at the door:

\$20 Adult | \$15 Concession | \$40 Family (2 Adults & 2 Children)

HOLY HOUR for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. JOIN US for an hour of adoration, reflection and prayer that the Lord may send more workers to the harvest! **7.30-8.30pm at Sacred Heart Cathedral, on Tuesday, 28 Oct** and every 4th Tuesday of the month.

Volunteers Needed – Children's Liturgy 2026

Would you like to support our Children's Liturgy next year? We're looking for:

Leaders – to prepare and lead sessions

Helper – no prep or leading needed; just assist with setup and be a safeguarding presence. If you're interested, please contact **Pat Collier** : tchpat.collier@gmail.com

Te Kupenga Theology Enrolments Open

Enroll in the Bachelor or Graduate Diploma in Theology for Semester 1, 2026.

Apply by 21 Nov 2025 at www.tekupenga.ac.nz/apply.

Our annual Remembrance Mass is being held on **Wednesday 5 November at 7pm**. This is an opportunity to remember all of our family members and parishioners who have passed away in the last 12 months. If you would like someone remembered, at this Mass, please email Katharina Dobson : katharinadobson@gmail.com
A cup of tea served afterwards. Everyone welcome.

Prepare for Advent with **Advent: a hiko for Pilgrims of Hope**. In this new book, Bringing the Word to Life, Fr James Lyons and other Catholic leaders and writers, including Cardinal John Dew, offer timely reflections for each day of Advent and Christmas. Connecting Biblical truth with modern-day examples, they provide valuable spiritual nourishment for Catholics as this Year of Jubilee comes to a close – and a new year begins. As Archbishop Paul says, "I highly recommend it, and I know that you will find the reflections by fellow Catholics relevant and reflecting our faith experience within the context of this beautiful country we live in." Contact the Parish Office to get your copy: office@stfrancisohariu.nz – **\$8 each**.

CALLED & EQUIPPED Formation Programme

Applications for 2026 now open! Are you looking for an opportunity to dig deeper into your faith, and to learn how to share it with others? Would You like to know more about **what it means to be catholic?** Do you want to **serve in your parish community, but feel you don't know enough?** **JOIN US** on an exciting journey that offers personal faith formation and equips you for ministry and service. For more information, contact **Lucienne Hensel** at l.hensel@wn.catholic.org.nz / **04 496 1715**.

The Archdiocesan **Marriage Preparation** – Love is a Decision - register online now on the Archdiocesan website for the next Course, consecutive Sundays **2 & 9 November** 10.00am-4.00pm held at St Catherine's College, Kilbirnie. Please note that couples attend both Sundays together in person to complete the course. The November course will be the last course for 2025. The first course in 2026 will be in March.
Email: marriage@wn.catholic.org.nz

MFC Singles Wellington invites all singles aged 20–35 to a **Vineyard Recollection Weekend on 8 November, 9am–5:30pm** at Our Lady's Home of Compassion, Island Bay — **\$25 per person** (includes lunch and tea).

Quote from Pope Leo :

'One cannot pray and offer sacrifice while oppressing the weakest and poorest. From the beginning of Scripture, God's love is vividly demonstrated by his protection of the weak and the poor, to the extent that he can be said to have a particular fondness for them.'
Pope Leo XIV, Dilexi Te, 4 October 2025

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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

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