



St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish

Te paepae o te paerangi ki te paewhenua

Where heaven and earth come together

2nd Sunday of Easter 27th April 2025, Year C

Readings: Acts 5: 12-16; Apocalypse 1:9-13, 17-19; Gospel John 20:19-31

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Mass/Liturgy Times

For the coming week

Sat: 5.00pm Vigil Mass

Sun: 10.00am Mass

Tue: 5.00pm Reconciliation
5.30pm Mass

Wed: 10.30 Reconciliation
11.00am Mass &
Morning Tea

Thurs, 5.30pm Liturgy with
Communion

Fri: 8.30am Exposition &
9.00am Liturgy with
Communion

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

Pope Francis 1936–2025



"Peace be with You"

I am writing these words in the shadow of Easter and this week's major news item – Pope Francis has completed his journey to eternal life.

But I'm sure that these words take on such a profound significance when we look at the way Francis communicated this vivid message with his life. As with Jesus, who communicated this message to his disciples by showing them his wounds, Francis showed us that even in a wounded world filled with conflict and mistrust, peace can still be with us.

The compassion of God only flows into our lives when, like Thomas and the disciples, we feel and touch the wounds of others. Accepting that when we acknowledge the healing that is required around us in our world, our hearts move away from a place of selfishness, individualism and indifference.

By encountering the Resurrected Christ through His wounds, we too can better see Jesus as our "Lord and God". Even though we walk by faith and not by sight, Faith is not 'blind'. Faith allows us to see Jesus more clearly in all of our brothers and sisters, through the "cry of the Earth and the cry of the Poor". Our faith in believing in a visible God in front of us shapes and motivates our hearts to just be more 'human'.

Pope Francis touched many who were wounded, with the message of mercy and hope. Having a mind and heart set on 'ecological conversion', he reconnected those who were lost, and offered those who were marginalised hope. His frequent visits to prisons, conflict areas or meeting people in downtrodden places heralded a powerful message to the world— that no matter what, God never gives up on anyone. Love has the final word.

Fr Alfred Tong

Remembering the Holy Souls

Recently Deceased: John Dalgety, Juanito Empestan

Anniversary:

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, Jocelyn Whitehouse, 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>

Easter Thank you

Fr Gerard and Fr Alfred would like to thank everyone who contributed to our Parish's Easter Celebrations.

To those that planned it, those that prepared the Liturgies, those who ensured our church was looking beautiful, those who took part in Ministries, those who attended and those who were unable to attend but still experienced the joy of The Risen Christ.

Thank you!



ANZAC Day Service St Francis of Assisi Ohariu

Our Parish is holding an ANZAC Day Service at **5pm on 25th April**, followed at **5.45pm** with soup, rolls and ANZAC Biscuits

Father Chris Skinner sm, and our Newlands Turkish Family will be joining the Challenge Youth Ministry team in singing at the ANZAC Day service.

For more information, please contact semanai@challenge2000.org.nz. All welcome



Children's Liturgy

The 1st session for the 2nd term will be on Sunday 4th May.



What's happening around the Diocese?
<https://www.wn.catholic.org.nz/events/>

Sacramental Programme 2025

Details of our Parish's Sacramental Programme will be released to the Parish within the next 2 weeks. There will be information going out in our Parish Newsletter and through our Schools.

If you have any queries in the interim, please email : sacramentalprogramme@stfrancisohariu.nz

Mass at the Cathedral for Pope Francis

Archbishop Paul will be celebrating a special Mass at the Cathedral **tonight—Thursday Evening at 7pm**

Funeral for the Pope

The Pope's Funeral will be held on Saturday morning in Rome (8pm—Saturday Night NZ Time). He will be buried in the Church of St Mary Major in Rome as per Pope Francis' request.

Easter Retreat in Daily Life

This Easter Octave week, Fr John O'Connor will offer daily reflections on the Easter Gospel readings
Click here for more info www.foodforfaith.org.nz



ANZAC Day Services Pukeahu National War Park



Parishioner **Rose Aldridge** will be the 'Soloist' singing at **Te Pukeahu** (the Wellington War Memorial) **6am Dawn and 11am Services on Friday 25th April.**

All welcome...

Vacancy—Catholic Social Services

Catholic Social Services are seeking a Social Worker. Please view the job on Seek;
[HTTPS://WWW.SEEK.CO.NZ/JOB/83285171](https://www.seek.co.nz/job/83285171)

Quote from Pope Francis

January 2014

"Death is not the end of everything, but the beginning of something!"

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please call: the Parish Office 04 478 7137 and select option 1

Website: www.stfrancisohariu.nz

Facebook—<https://www.facebook.com/st.francis.ohariu/>

Parish Bank Account for Koha/Donations

02-0524-0203642-00

Account name: **Arch Dio of Wgtn St Francis of Assisi Parish**

