



St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish

Te paepae o te paerangi ki te paewhenua

Where heaven and earth come together

26th Sunday of Ordinary Time, 28 September 2025, Year C
Readings: Amos 6:1,4-7; 1 Timothy 6:11-16; Luke 16:19-31

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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:

5.00pm Reconciliation

5.30pm Mass

Wed: 10.30 Reconciliation

11.00am Mass with

Morning Tea

Thurs 5.30pm Liturgy with

Communion

****suspended****

Fri: 8.30am Exposition &

9.00am Liturgy with

Communion

Reconciliation can also be

requested by arrangement

with office 04 478 7137

In the first reading the prophet Amos warns us against ignoring those living in poverty when we are living in comfort ourselves. This is the point Jesus is making in his parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus. He is saying that we ignore the poor at our peril. We cannot live in comfort when there are others who are trapped in poverty and struggle to meet their basic survival needs. The stark contrast between the Rich Man's self indulgence and the suffering of Lazarus is a call to compassion. It calls us to examine how we use our resources and in the process to be thoughtful and prayerful of those we know who are in need..



The psalm teaches us that in the end it is God who looks after the poor through us, He gives the resources so that we in turn can reach out and share what He has given us to bless others. This is not just in money terms, but in sharing our time and ourselves in being a good listening presence of compassion and love to others. The call to live a life of love and compassion is dependent upon God's grace in our lives. This in turn is dependent upon our giving ourselves through prayer to God seeking at all times His wisdom and compassion. Paul writing to Timothy asks of him, and so of us, to be holy, filled with faith and love, patient and gentle. It is only then that God can have His way with us and use us to assist those in need.

"Lord help me to recognise the need of others and respond with compassion and generosity. Amen".

Ewen Laurenson.

Meri Hōhepa— Venerable Suzanne Aubert, pray for us to be visible signs of generosity and compassion to assist those most in need.



Open Home Foundation International

Remembering the Holy Souls

Recently Deceased: Kathleen Whooley, Archbishop Novatus Rugambwa

Anniversaries: Daniel Clough (19/9), Johan Hermon

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 more information please visit the Parish Website - <https://www.stfrancisochariu.nz>

**"Jesus walks alongside us on the road of life."
"E hīkoi ngātahi ana a Īhu me tātou i te huarahi o
te ora." -Meri Hōhepa Suzanne Aubert**

This weekend at our Masses, we join with **the Sisters of Compassion, and all the peoples of Aotearoa New Zealand**, to **celebrate the life of Venerable Suzanne Aubert Meri Hōhepa**. Following her example, in this year of pilgrimage, let us be aware of the presence of God in our life's journey, and see Jesus in all who we encounter along the way.

*"Venerable Meri Hōhepa, our mother Suzanne,
I give thanks for your compassionate heart modelled
on Mary at the foot of the Cross.*

Guide me as I seek to follow your way:

to be kind without weakness,

to be open to the call of suffering,

to be gracious, joyful and welcoming.

Help me live as you lived, with humility and courage,

treasuring and sharing the gift of compassion te

pūaroa. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen."— Fr James Lyons.

See <https://compassion.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2025/09/Final-Celebration-Sunday-Brochure-Pages.pdf> for more celebration resources.

We will celebrate our **Patronal Feast of St Francis of Assisi next weekend Saturday 4th/Sunday 5th October**. For 10am Mass Sun 5th Oct, **Come in your favourite animal onesie, dress as something from Creation, or bring your favourite animal toy for a blessing.**

Open Home Foundation International invites you to hear Kolkata directors Lun & Ngaiching share their stories working with vulnerable children in Kolkata's slums protecting them from hunger, exploitation, and trafficking. **Monday 13th October 2025 - 5.30pm Function room, Speights Ale House, Petone** Free entry and supper RSVP: deb-bie@ohfint.org 6/10/25

Stay Informed on National Safeguarding efforts: [Here](#)

The **EJP Commission** extends an invitation to everyone interested in reflecting on **ecology, justice and peace to gather on Saturday 4 October, the feast of St Francis of Assisi, from 9:30am to 12:30pm at St Joseph's Church, Mt Victoria**. We will celebrate Mass, take time to share and reflect on issues of concern and Social Justice - solidarity, human dignity, the promotion of peace. In our Archdiocese, the **Commission for Ecology, Justice, and Peace** is asked to reflect on church and society in light of this tradition. . A plate of food to share would be appreciated. Enquiries to **Jim McAloon, jmcaloon@xtra.co.nz**

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 katharina.dobson@gmail.com** A cup of tea served afterwards. Everyone welcome.

Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College enrolment for Bachelor Degree and Graduate Diploma in Theology for **Semester One 2026** will run from **22 September – 21 November 2025**. Go to www.tekupenga.ac.nz/apply to enrol

"Life is a journey by road....Let us..halt to bathe our eyes, to shake off the dust that covers us, and to wash our sore feet."- Venerable Meri Hōhepa

E-Waste Recycling Drop-Off Day, Saturday, 11 October 10.00am – 2.00pm, 12 Guildford Terrace. All proceeds towards **Sacred Heart Cathedral's Restoration Project**. See the poster on the parish noticeboard for accepted items/costs.

Op Shop Thank you Luncheon We invite all our volunteers to our op shop thank you luncheon on **Thursday 16th Oct at 12.30pm** in the **Friendship Lounge (Rm 4)** at the **Johnsonville Community Centre**. Come and have lunch with all the other volunteers and listen to our amazing speaker. Please RSVP to your coordinator and a donation of food to the food bank would be much appreciated. **Contact Yvette ycelliston@gmail.com** .

Archdiocese Launch Out Letters: The latest edition can be accessed: <https://www.wn.catholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2025/09/September2025.pdf>

Quote from Pope Leo 'Jesus invites us to ask ourselves: how are we managing the material goods, the resources of the earth and our very lives that God has entrusted to us? We can follow the way of selfishness, placing wealth above all else and thinking only of ourselves. But this isolates us from others and spreads the poison of competition, which often fuels conflict. Instead, we can recognize everything we have as a gift from God, to be managed and used as an instrument for sharing – to create networks of friendship and solidarity, to work for the common good, and to build a world that is more just, equitable and fraternal.' -**Angelus, 21 September 2025**

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