



St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish

Te paepae o te paerangi ki te paewhenua

Where heaven and earth come together

Sts Peter and Paul, Apostles 29 June 2025, Year C
Readings: Acts 12:1-11; Paul 4:6-8. 17-18 Gospel Matthew 16:13-19

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 10am Mass

Tue: 9.15 **No Liturgy** 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

SOLEMNITY OF SAINTS PETER & PAUL

29 JUNE 2025

A bullet point reflection.

- Merton wrote 'For me, to be a saint means to be myself'.
- We have a tendency to idolise certain people, and probably without knowing who they actually are. And then denigrate ourselves thinking I will never be as good as them.
- We are all human; we all face struggles and we all have weaknesses to overcome. By putting ourselves down, we get in the way of what the Lord wants to do in our lives.
- Jesus doesn't want to make us into someone else, he wants to perfect us, the people that He made us to be.
- Our personality, our desires, our talents are God-given. What God will do is to purify our personalities, our desires and our talents so that we become fruitful members of his body. The idea is to become fully who we are.
- This means being honest with God and with ourselves. We must accept that God loves us as we are, not as we should be. Because none of us are as we should be.
- The process of growing in holiness begins by looking at ourselves honestly – taking off our masks – and believing that this is the person that Jesus wants to make into a saint.

Peter Mulqueen

Remembering the Holy Souls

Recently Deceased: Ina Kooistra, Madonna Aspinall, Remedios Pedregal

Anniversaries: Tony Campbell, Dominic Campbell, Elena Fernandez, Antonio Moreno Jr, Antonio Moreno Sr

Prayers for the sick, Isabel Zamorano F, Patricia Keane, 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, 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.

Peter's Pence

The Feast of Sts Peter and Paul, June 29, is the day when the annual Peter's Pence collection is taken. The collection is to support the Holy Father in his ministry and his charitable activities in response to emergencies and needs around the world.

Peter's Pence is a gesture of communion and participation in the Pope's mission to proclaim the Gospel, promote peace and spread Christian charity. You are encouraged to consider how you can contribute through your local community or online at ObolodiSanPietro.va This website also has links to a range of materials that can be used for social media and other online platforms.

Regular envelope Givers have a 'special envelope' in their bundle which can go in the collection basket at Mass, but if you do Planned Giving by Automatic Payment and you wish to contribute, please use the word **PETERS** in the reference field of your electronic payment.

"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.

Children's Liturgy

Children's liturgy has now finished for term 2. Term 3 commences Sunday 20th July.

Sr Cyprian's 100th Birthday Celebration!

On Wednesday, our Parish gathered together to celebrate Sr Cyprian's 100th Birthday.

Mass was led by Cardinal John Dew who was joined by Priests past and present from our Parish.

Many thanks to the committee who organized the occasion, the Brigidine Sisters, Challenge 2000, representatives and Principals from our Parish Schools, those who joined us for the Mass, the amazing Kitchen and clean up crew, those that could not attend but were with us in spirit, and everyone that contributed to this special celebration.

A special thanks to Parishioner Ewen Laurenson who spoke so eloquently of Sr Cyprian's life of faith & service, her *Strength of Character & Gentleness of Heart.*

WelCom has returned in a brand new format! It's now an eight-page newsletter. There are hard copies in our foyer or you can read the first edition at this link: click [here](#)

If you have an event coming up in your parish, something you're proud of or would like to get the word out about, need help, or anything else, please let us know and we can include it. Email b.mack@wn.catholic.org.nz.

Couples for Christ invites you to our Christian Life Programme (CLP), starting **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

Quote from Pope Leo XIV 22 June 2025

"Today more than ever, humanity cries out and calls for peace. This is a cry that requires responsibility and reason, and it must not be drowned out by the din of weapons or the rhetoric that incites conflict. ... There are no "distant" conflicts when human dignity is at stake. War does not solve problems; on the contrary, it amplifies them and inflicts deep wounds on the history of peoples, which take generations to heal. No armed victory can compensate for the pain of mothers, the fear of children, or stolen futures.

May diplomacy silence the weapons! May nations chart their futures with works of peace, not with violence and bloodstained conflicts!"

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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Parish Bank Account for Planned Giving/Koha

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

