



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

Where heaven and earth come together

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time, 3rd August, Year C

Readings: Ecclesiastes 1:2;2:21-23; Colossians 3:1-5,9-11; Gospel Luke 12:13-21.

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Mass/Liturgy Times

For the coming week

Sat: 5.00pm Vigil Mass

Sun 10am Mass

Tue: 9.15 St Brigid's Liturgy
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

Dear parishioners,

Over the next month across the Archdiocese all parishes will be conducting a renewal of planned giving (planned gifting). For various reasons, one that parishes are facing (as we all are) increased costs – maintenance, wages, insurance, electricity, transport, support of clergy, provision of archdiocesan services. Another is that the face and demographics of the Church is changing: more parishioners from varied countries of origin, less stable jobs and incomes for households, etc.

So there are basic costs to be met, but there is also the question of funding for growth. How do we provide resources for helping parishioners learn to understand, deepen and express their faith, have the resources for life-giving liturgies, for service to the wider community, be a light to the world.

In my year and a half at St Francis of Assisi parish I find it to be a place of energy and activity. Part of this comes from the amalgamation of the preceding 3 parishes and coming to one site of worship 3 years ago. There has been pain and grief around that step that we are still working through.

But there is also great vitality, the numbers in our first communion programme show a thirst for growth, learning, participation. The Alpha programme, the catechumenate, various prayer groups invite people to deepen faith; Service to the wider community happens through Vincent de Paul, Challenge 2000, ecumenical and interfaith activities; our 2 schools commit us to our children's future.

So there is much generosity in and among us – it's a response to God's generosity towards us. It might be crazy to do this in the current economic climate, but whether the economy is strong or weak, the question comes: how are we to be generous?

Gerard Burns

Remembering the Holy Souls

Recently Deceased:

Anniversaries: Gerge Augustin, Bill Smith, Olga D'Souza

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>

The Spirituality of Generosity -

We see, hear and encounter about the **Spirituality of Generosity this weekend**. As we explore the potential and promise of our community's life in the coming weeks, each of us is asked to **pray** and **consider** how we can give financially, time talent or treasure to the **life, work and ministry of our Church**.

I ask myself: am I contributing adequately without over-committing? Can I help with community planning by agreeing to weekly auto-payments? What can I afford? How can I give more regularly?

There are many ways to give. These include **cash, direct debit, bank transfer, the MIKA app** (<https://www.mikapaytech.com/>), EFTPOS, or **scanning a QR code**. You can also set up a **bequest**.

If you have questions, **please talk to members of the parish leadership team, the Parish Pastoral Council or the Finance Committee available after mass** to find out more.

Sacramental Programme 2025

Practice **1st Reconciliation Saturday 9th August 2pm** in parish church.

1st Reconciliation Sunday 10th August 2pm in parish church. We also need a **photographer** for **Confirmation**. Would anyone like to volunteer to take photos at the confirmation mass? This would involve taking an individual photo of each candidate as they are confirmed by archbishop Paul and a group photo after the mass.

If you could help us please contact **Pat Collier** tchpat.collier@gmail.com. **Please note that the Confirmation Mass will now be held at 6pm Sunday 14 September.**

Children's Liturgy

Please note there will be **no children's Liturgy** on the **3rd and 10th August** to allow for the Sacramental Programme.

THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY!

On **August 15th at 6.00pm** all the Bishops of Aotearoa New Zealand will gather at **St Mary of the Angels** to celebrate the feast of 'Mary, Mother of God, Assumed into Heaven'. This is the patronal feast of our country. The parish community of the **National Shrine, St Mary of the Angels**, would like to invite you to attend this special occasion. After the mass there will be an opportunity to meet our Bishops in the St Mary of the Angels church hall where light refreshments will be provided. **Extra car parking will kindly be made available for us** by the Baptist community in their parking building opposite their church in Boulcott St.

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! Contact ocia@stfrancisohariu.nz or call the parish office at **04 478 7137**

Parishioners are warmly **invited to attend the Term 3 Masses and Liturgies** in the Parish with **St Brigid's**:

1.45pm 15 August Assumption Mass

Team Masses/Liturgies at 9.15 on Tuesdays

5 August Tūi (Years 4-6) Mass

5 August Titipounamu (Juniors) Liturgy

26 August Tūi (Years 4-6) Liturgy

9 September Kākā (Intermediates) Mass

16 September Titipounamu (Juniors) Mass

From Galileo to Laudato Si':

A free talk by **Br Guy Consolmagno SJ**, Director of the Vatican Observatory on "**From Galileo to Laudato Si': Why Science Needs Faith**". **Wednesday 6 August from 6-7.30pm**, Rutherford House, 33 Bunny Street, Wellington. You can register: www.eventbrite.co.nz or by clicking on the **RSVP** link if you want to attend in person or the **Zoom** if you want to attend online.

Challenge 2000 Youth Ministry Team is running a **Youth Group** for students in **Years 7 - 9 in Term 3**. This will run every **Thursday** from **4:30-6pm**. The first session will run on **Thursday 14th August**. If your child would be interested in joining or you would like more information, please email gabriellelawson@challenge2000.org.nz please contact **Gabrielle Lawson** gabriellelawson@challenge2000.org.nz

Quote from Pope Leo "Each of us can and should become a neighbour to all whom we meet. Imitating the example of Jesus, the Saviour of the world, we too are called to bring consolation and hope, above all to those who are experiencing discouragement and disappointment. In order to live eternally, we do not need to cheat death, but to serve life, by caring for others in this, our time together. That is the supreme law that is prior to all society's rules and gives them their meaning."
- **Angelus, 13 July 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

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