



St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish

Te paepae o te paerangi ki te paewhenua

Where heaven and earth come together

3rd Sunday of Easter 4th May 2025, Year C

Readings: Acts 5: 27-32.40-41; Apocalypse 5:11-14, 17-19; Gospel John 21:1-19

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Mass/Liturgy Times

For the coming week

Sat: 5.00pm Vigil Mass

Sun: 10.00am Mass

Tue: 9.15 Mass with St Brigid's
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

"Throw out your nets to starboard".

Often in life we are given advice on where to find what we are looking for. I love fossicking for rocks, minerals and gemstones and often spend my quiet time looking in the most obvious places – well-trodden beaches and banks of rivers. Many gemstones we can find in NZ as collector's items – such as glistening quartz crystals, colourful agates and of course, pounamu (greenstone).

But often when others give me advice on where to find these treasures/taonga – it's an already well known place to many others. I've often taken advice and found that the most obvious places to find treasures aren't the most well-known or published. There've been many trips where I've left empty-handed, fantasising about what I could have found from the pictures in a guidebook. Maybe I didn't look hard enough?

Our sense of failure in a mission could stem from us thinking that we haven't worked hard enough, or in the case of the disciples, praying hard 'all night' and still catching nothing. In our lives of discipleship, we often enter into the roles and tasks of who we are called to, as baptised people of God, thinking that with all of the right advice, books and ideas on how to catch fish that the fish will land on our doorstep, and that if there isn't any fish, that God isn't visible and helping us in our lives.

God breaks our tunnel vision of what should happen. The Resurrection is a break in the expected, the routine, into a new life and vision of how God is always with us. And that's why it's at the dawn of a new day that we continually find Jesus calling us to remain faithful to be the 'fishers of people', but inspiring us to try out new ways of casting out our nets. The starboard is the 'right' side of the boat. We can trust that God will always make things right in our lives.

Fr Alfred Tong

Remembering the Holy Souls

Recently Deceased: Bishop Owen Dolan, George (Hugh) Railton, Sara Prior,

Anniversary: Nell Croudís

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, 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>

Sacramental Programme 2025

The full Programme will run over term 3 and into term 4.

Tuesday July 22, 7pm Parents Information Evening

Sunday July 27th 11.15am Reconciliation Session 1
Sunday August 3rd 11.15am Reconciliation Session 2
Saturday August 9th 2.00pm Reconciliation Practice
Sunday August 10th 2.00pm Reconciliation

Sunday 31st August 11.15am Confirmation Session 1
Sunday 7th September 11.15am Confirmation Session 2
Saturday 13th September 2.00pm Confirmation Practice
Sunday 14th September 2.00pm Confirmation Mass with Archbishop Paul Martin

Sunday 2nd November 11.15am Communion Session 1
Sunday 9th November 11.15am Communion Session 2
Saturday 15th November 2.00pm Communion Practice
Sunday 16th November 2.00pm First Communion Mass

Please note all sessions will be held in our Parish Church and that the Sunday Sessions start immediately following the Sunday Mass.

Registrations forms will be available from next week. If you have any queries, please contact Helen
sacramentalprogramme@stfrancisohariu.nz

Year 7-9 Youth Group

Challenge 2000 is running a Youth group for students in Year 7-9 in Term 2. It will be held every **Tuesday from 4.15 pm- 5.45pm**, and will be based in Johnsonville. The Youth group aims to provide an environment where young people can form connections with others in their community, develop teamwork and leadership skills, and develop their confidence.

The first session will run on **Tuesday 6th May**. If your child would be interested in joining, or if you have any questions please contact
gabriellelawson@challenge2000.org.nz.

Ecumenical Hospital Chaplain (Part Time 0.6FTE)

Hospital Chaplaincy Aotearoa has a new vacancy, which can be viewed on Seek. All applications must be in by 4pm, Wednesday 21st May 2025

<https://www.seek.co.nz/job/83926805?ref=cm-ui>

World Day of Prayer for Vocations 11 May 2025:

In his message for the 62nd World Day of Prayer for Vocations, Pope Francis wrote: "A vocation is a precious gift that God sows in our heart, a call to leave ourselves behind and embark on a journey of love and service." Please pray for our seminarians **Kinh, Emilio, Gerson, Dyester and Kham**, and for all those discerning the call to priesthood and religious life. Pray too that more young people will generously say yes to God's call.

Vocations are fostered within faith communities. So who can you encourage?

Pray for them **Invite** them to consider priesthood or religious life **Affirm** their gifts and qualities **Encourage** them to be open to God's call

Praying for the Conclave:

New Zealand Cardinal John Dew is inviting the Catholic community in Aotearoa New Zealand to join him in praying the litany of the saints daily in anticipation of the upcoming conclave. Cardinal John is one of 135 cardinals expected to participate in the election of our new Pope. He has been praying a litany daily. The National Liturgy Office has prepared a litany for New Zealand Catholics. Please join Cardinal John during the conclave time. Litany resources are at www.catholic.org.nz

What's happening around the Diocese?

<https://www.wn.catholic.org.nz/events/>

Quote from Pope Francis Regina Caeli, 1 May 2022

'Today the Risen Christ invites us to a new impetus — everyone, each one of us — he invites us to dive into the good without fear of losing something, without calculating too much, without waiting for others to begin. Why? Do not wait for others, because in order to go towards Jesus, we need to go out on a limb. Am I capable of an outburst of generosity, or do I restrain the impulses of my heart and close myself off in routine, or in fear?'

"Everything is connected, and no one is saved alone" (LD 19).

ACTION: Where in your life do you need to go out on a limb for the good of non-human life, with which we share our common home?

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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 Koha/Donations

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

