



ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI

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

Where heaven and earth come together

27th Sunday of Ordinary Time, 5 October 2025, Year C
Readings: Habakkuk 1:2-3,2:2-4; 2 Timothy 1:6-8,13-14; Luke 17:5-10

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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

“If you had faith” from Luke 17: 5- 10

In our pride we can convince ourselves (and others) that we are filled with faith. From the parable it can uproot sin (from our hearts and the hearts of those around us). It can nourish us and others in many ways that seem impossible.

A martyr perfectly emulates this. When a person has faith and suffers martyrdom on account of Christ, then their soul will be fed by the persecution itself. Suffering, persecution, illness, poverty and any other difficulty imaginable are transformed by God into a source of nourishment when we endure them in true faith.

Some of the greatest mystics taught faith darkens the intellect. God will lead us into the unknown; on a path that He alone is aware of.

From Merton’s ‘Thoughts in Solitude’.

“My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think that I am following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so. But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you. And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing. I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire. And I know that if I do this you will lead me by the right road, though I may know nothing about it. Therefore, will I trust you always, though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death. I will not fear, for you are ever with me, and you will never leave me to face my perils alone.”

Peter Mulqueen



Remembering the Holy Souls

Recently Deceased: Zofia Mokrzecki ,Kahlia Tooala, Tagatavao Kalolo Afuie,

Anniversaries: Baren Bose

Prayers for the sick, Melani Liliawati, Isabel Zamorano F, Patricia Keane, Kolotita Gae'e, Fr Frank Whitaker ,Tovio Fa'l, 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>

We will celebrate our **Patronal Feast of St Francis of Assisi this weekend Saturday 4th/Sunday 5th October.**

Animal Onesies and Soft Toys

For 10am Mass Sun 5th Oct (and for children of various ages!), come in your favourite animal onesie, dress as something from Creation, or bring your favourite animal toy for a blessing. For this mass, additional celebratory refreshments and fun (face-painting) will be provided along with the usual hospitality after mass.

Wellington Franciscans: Are you drawn to **living a life of simplicity?** Or a **special love for St Francis of Assisi?** If yes to either question, the Lord may be calling you to live the Gospel in the footsteps of St Francis. To learn more about the **Secular Franciscan Order (Third Order of St Francis)**, contact **Mary Johnson 022 059 8485**. We meet monthly and welcome all enquiries.

Sunday 5th October is also the Jubilee for Consecrated Life. Along with the patronage of St Francis of Assisi, we give thanks also for all the religious and consecrated persons—women and men who have given themselves generously to mission.

50TH ANNIVERSARY MASS St. Francis Xavier Church, Stokes Valley - Sunday, 9th November 2025 at 10:00 AM

Join us for a special Parish Mass celebrating 50 years since the opening of St. Francis Xavier Church. This will be the only Mass in Our Lady of Valleys Parish that Sunday (usual Saturday vigil mass remains) — let's come together to mark this milestone with joy and gratitude. All are welcome — let's make it a celebration to remember!

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

CALLED & EQUIPPED Formation Programme - Applications for 2026 now open!

Are you looking for an opportunity to dig deeper into your faith, and to learn how to share it with others?

Would You like to know more about **what it means to be catholic?** Do you want to **serve in your parish community, but feel you don't know enough?**

JOIN US on an exciting journey that offers personal faith formation and equips you for ministry and service. For more information, contact **Lucienne Hensel** at l.hensel@wn.catholic.org.nz / 04 496 1715.

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

Otari Parish Marian Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Kapiti:

Mass will be celebrated at **St Teresas, Karori** at **9.00am on Saturday 18th October** followed by morning tea before departing to Kapiti. Please register your interest, or, if you would also like to car pool from Karori by **emailing the parish office** (office@otariparish.co.nz).

'Thriving in NZ' - A free workshop for **Filipino Migrants** - navigating legal and support services in NZ. **19 October from 1.30pm to 3.30pm in Churton Park Community Centre, Westchester Drive.** All welcome.

Come celebrate the **Late Night Mass for Young People** this month on **Friday, 10 October at 8.00pm in Sacred Heart Cathedral, Hill Street**. It has been amazing to see the Mass grow and we hope to see more of you celebrating Our Lord in the Eucharist together! Don't forget to bring a plate for fellowship after Mass and we look forward to seeing you there.

The EJP Commission extends an invitation to everyone interested in reflecting on ecology, justice and peace to gather on **Saturday, 4 October**, feast of St Francis of Assisi, from **9.30am to 12.30pm at St Joseph's Church, Mt Victoria**. We will celebrate **through a liturgy at 9.30am, followed by a time to share and reflect on issues of concern. At 11.00am we will join the Steadfast for Palestine rally at Pukeahu Park with the Catholic Peacemakers banner.** A plate of food to share if you would like to return to St Joseph's after the rally, would be appreciated. Enquiries to Deirdre Meskill: d.meskill@wn-catholicsocialservices.org.nz

Quote from Pope Leo : 'By working with love and perseverance, we can sow many seeds of justice and thus contribute to the growth of peace and the renewal of hope. It may well take years for this plant to bear its first fruits, years that, for their part, involve an entire ecosystem made up of continuity, fidelity, cooperation and love, especially if that love mirrors the Lord's own self-sacrificing Love.' - **Message for World Day of Prayer for Care of Creation.**

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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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