



St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish

Te paepae o te paerangi ki te paewhenua

Where heaven and earth come together

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time 6 July 2025, Year C
Readings: Isaiah 66:10-14; Galatians 6:14-18; Gospel Luke 10:1-12.17-20

Parish Priest
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Parish Office Hours
04 478 7137
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**
(School Holidays)
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

Peace Be with You.

Peace in our world today, when discord and division hurt people, families and countries, is a much needed and longed for gift to our fraught and fractured world.

We would do well to listen to and to reflect on today's readings which speak of peace – the peace of Christ – the kind of peace that the world cannot give.

Pope Francis' last words to us on Easter Sunday were a simple and powerful plea: Peace.

Pope Leo XIV's first words to us after being elected our new Pope were: Peace be with you.

The prophet Isaiah tells us that our merciful God wills to send peace among us, flowing like a river, mending broken and divided nations and comforting distressed people as a mother comforts her child.

Paul in his letter to the Galatians reminds us that the gift of peace is ours when we open ourselves to and are transformed by God's love. We become a new creature and able to allow that gift of God's peace to flow through our lives and into all our relationships.

Luke records Jesus' words to his disciples whom he was sending out among people, some of whom would be welcoming and some of whom would not be welcoming. Jesus suggests the disciples' first greeting as they enter a house is "Peace to this house!" Peace is the sign for staying there or moving on.

Peace begins in the heart of each of us. Bringing peace into the world is the responsibility of each person.

How do I respond to God's gift of peace in my life? The choice is mine.

Judy McCormack

Remembering the Holy Souls

Recently Deceased: Heather McMillan (Ex St Benedict's School Teacher)

Anniversaries:

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

Sunday Celebration in the absence of a priest:

I apologize for the non-arrival of a priest for the 10am Mass last Sunday (29/6/25). With Fr Alfred and myself at Masses elsewhere we thought we had a replacement. Clearly our planning was astray. I thank those who stepped up for a liturgy to go ahead and all present for your understanding and continued prayer.

Fr Gerard Burns

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 if you would like an enrolment form, email Helen sacramentalprogramme@stfrancisohariu.nz Blank forms are also available in the Church foyer, noticeboard on the right when entering the church.

***Confirmation Mass will now be held at 6pm Sunday 14 September**

Children's Liturgy

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

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.

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

Joshua Men's Group

Come and join other men at Joshua Wellington's next meeting on Thursday 17th July from 7:00pm for 7:30pm start in Connolly Hall (next to Sacred Heart Cathedral) followed by supper.

Speaker: Jeff Drane SM on "What burdens you?"

Want to know more? Ring David Monastra 027-4477-280 or email: joshua.wgtn@gmail.com

Game On!

Wednesday 23rd July 2025, 6.30pm –8.30pm, 8 Week Course, at Petone Community House, 6 Britannia St, Petone, Lower Hutt, Cost: Free

For more information please contact

reception@wn-catholic-social-services.org.nz or call Francis 021 0887 4824

The Archdiocesan Marriage Preparation

– Love is a Decision - online registration for the next course on the Archdiocesan website, consecutive Sundays 7 & 14 Sept 10am-4pm held at St Catherine's College, Kilmuirie. Register early as there are limited spaces and in case you need to defer. Please note that couples attend both Sundays together in person to complete the course. Email: marriage@wn.catholic.org.nz

Multicultural New Zealand

Wellington Multicultural Immunisation Clinic & Health Clinic - Saturday 12 July 2025 at Johnsonville Community Centre from 9am - 3pm

***Registration by Wed 9th July, required**

Wellington Multicultural Immunisation Clinic 2025 . MNZ is organising a Health and Wellness Clinic for our Wellington Regional Communities. You are invited to bring your family along to receive a range of vaccinations, including: Measles, Whooping Cough, Chicken Pox, Influenza and more..

There will also be additional Health Services attending the event. Please see the website for more detail

multiculturalnz.org.nz

Quote from Pope Leo XIV [Angelus](#), 29 June 2025

"Those who follow Jesus must tread the path of the Beatitudes, where poverty of spirit, meekness, mercy, hunger and thirst for justice, and peace-making are often met with opposition and even persecution. Yet God's glory shines forth in his friends and continues to shape them along the way, passing from conversion to conversion."

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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