



ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI

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

Where heaven and earth come together

Dedication of the Lateran Basilica - 9 November 2025, Year C
Readings: Ezekiel 47:1-2,8-9,12; 1 Corinthians 3:9-11,16-17; John 2:13-22

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Parish Office Hours

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Mon to Thurs : 9am to 2pm
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Mass/Liturgy Times

For the coming week

Sat: 5.00pm Vigil Mass

Sun: 10am Mass

Tue: 9.15 am St Brigid Mass
5.00pm Reconciliation
5.30pm Mass

Wed: NO Reconciliation
11.00am Requiem Mass
with Morning Tea
Reconciliation can also be
requested by arrangement with
office 04 478 7137

Important Dates

Holy Communion Session

Sunday, 9 November
at 11.15 am

1st Holy Communion Mass

Sunday, 16 November at 2pm.

Feast of Christ the King Sunday

23 November

1st Sunday of Advent

30 November

Reflections

Dear Parishioners,

During the middle of the year when the winter cold starts to bite, Matariki/Pūanga is marked across Aotearoa. For Māori that time is the turn of the year, close to the shortest day of the year. Various things are marked – people gathering, stories being shared, and the dead being remembered (as becoming parts of the stars of the night sky).

In our Christian calendar November, especially the feasts of All Saints and All Souls, is a time of remembering the dead. This timing may be taken from the northern hemisphere seasons where November is the beginning of winter and looking towards the shortest days of the year (long nights, darkness). Yet we look at this time with hope also as we pray for those who have died (All Souls) and rejoice with all who have reached the full vision of God (All Saints). Both times (November, Matariki/Pūanga) are important for processing the grief in our lives as we remember those who have died. In doing so we see our place in our families, networks, and communities. We are here for a short time, to do good, to reflect and share God's love. Visit a loved one's grave or a cemetery, prayerfully reflect on the influence in your life of someone who has died. Let yourself feel any unfinished grief. Give thanks.

Fr. Gerard Burns



November- a time of Remembering our Beloved Dead

*"For since we believe that Jesus died
and rose again, even so, through Jesus,
God will bring with him those who
have fallen asleep"*

(1 Thes 4:14)

Remembering the Holy Souls

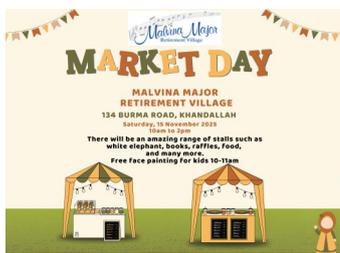
Recently deceased: Carole Hutchings

Anniversary: Owen de Joux

Prayers for the sick: Melani Liliawati, Isabel Zamorano F, Patricia Keane, Kolotita Gae'e, Fr Frank Whitaker, Tovia Fa'I, 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 latest information visit the Parish Website - <https://www.stfrancisohariu.nz>



Join us on **Saturday, 15 November 2025, from 10am to 2pm** for our Annual Market Day at Malvina Major Retirement Village! A fun-filled day for the whole family! There will be an exciting variety of stalls,

including a white elephant, books, raffles, mouth-watering food, and so much more! Plus, don't miss out on **FREE face painting for kids between 10am to 12pm** – perfect for our little guests! Bring your friends, and family.

World Day of the Poor – Dilexi Te Webinar : Join the Ecology, Justice and Peace Commission on **Tuesday, 18 November 2025, 6:30–8:00pm** to reflect on Pope Leo's new text on poverty, Dilexi Te. Includes an overview by Jim McAloon and small group discussions. All welcome. Register at <https://surl.ms/LGb>

Volunteers Needed – Children's Liturgy 2026

Would you like to support our Children's Liturgy next year? We're looking for:

Leaders – to prepare and lead sessions
Helper – no prep or leading needed; just assist with setup and be a safeguarding presence If you're interested, please contact **Pat Collier** : tchpat.collier@gmail.com

Children's Liturgy

Please note there will be **no Children's Liturgy** on **9th Nov** to allow for the Sacramental Programme. The next session will be on **Sunday, 16th November**.

November is Catholic Social Services Annual Appeal Month. We live in challenging times – times that are causing many people to lose hope. Your ongoing support helps us bring hope to those who need it. www.catholicsocialservices.org.nz/donate

CALLED & EQUIPPED Formation Programme

2026 Applications Open! Deepen your faith, learn to share it, and discover what it means to be Catholic. Join us for personal faith formation and practical preparation for ministry and service. **Applications close on 30th November 2025.** For more info, contact Lucienne Hensel: l.hensel@wn.catholic.org.nz | 04 496 1715

Invitation to an evening of prayer and worship

The **ICPE Mission** community invites parishioners to an evening of prayer and worship on **Friday 14th November, from 7:30pm to 9pm** at St Francis of Assisi Ohariu parish church. All are welcome. For more information please contact Lucienne Hensel at lucienne@icpe.org

Parking at St Brigid's : A friendly reminder to please avoid parking on the grass during weekend Masses. Thank you for your cooperation and care!

Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship : Come and join other men at Joshua Wellington's next meeting on Thursday 20th November from 7:00pm for 7:30pm start followed by supper. Note: Change of Venue - St Joseph's Church, 42 Ellice Street, Mt Victoria. Speaker: Peter Ewart SM on "Is there an opportunity for peace?" Want to know more? Ring Steve Ready 027-356-9555 or email: joshua.wgtn@gmail.com

Challenge 2000 Fundraising Quiz Night : Join us on Sunday, **16 November, 5.30–7.30pm** at the Johnsonville Club for a fun evening of quiz questions, nibbles, spot prizes, and a grand prize for the winning team! Tickets: \$20 per person (teams of 6 or come on your own). Can't make it? You can still support by donating a ticket. Dinner available from the club menu. To register, email : bobbygibbins@challenge2000.org.nz

Aroha Afternoon – Te Awa Kairangi: Join us on Sunday, **16 November, 5:00pm at the Hutt Valley Irish Society**, 12 Raroa Road, Lower Hutt, for an evening of conversation, stories, music, fun, and kai. Everyone is welcome. Food contributions appreciated (Strictly no peanuts at the venue). Aroha Afternoons connect communities and build relationships. Catholic Social Services partners in this Kaupapa. Contact: Deirdre Meskill – d.meskill@wn.catholic.org.nz

Youth Minister Network Evening : Are you involved in youth ministry or keen to start a group? Join us on **Tuesday, 11 November, 6.00–8.30pm** (location TBC) to connect and share ideas with others across Wellington. RSVP: r.fernandes@wn.catholic.org.nz

Columban Calendars – On Sale Now!

Get your Columban Calendar for **\$15**.

If you're interested, please see the sacristan after Mass.



Journey through Advent: A Hikoī for Pilgrims of Hope
Daily reflections by Fr James Lyons, Cardinal John Dew, and other NZ Catholic leaders to inspire and nourish your faith this Advent and Christmas. Get your copy for \$8 from the Parish Office: office@stfrancisohariu.nz

Quote from Pope Leo :

'God, the refuge of the poor, denounces through the prophets — we recall in particular Amos and Isaiah — the injustices committed against the weakest, and exhorts Israel to renew its worship from within, because one cannot pray and offer sacrifice while oppressing the weakest and poorest. From the beginning of Scripture, God's love is vividly demonstrated by his protection of the weak and the poor, to the extent that he can be said to have a particular fondness for them.'
Pope Leo XIV, Dilexi Te, #17.

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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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