



# St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish

## Te paepae o te paerangi ki te paewhenua

Where heaven and earth come together

**Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time – 14 June 2026, Year A**  
**Readings: Exodus 19:2-6; Romans 5:6-11; Matthew 9:36-10:8**

### Parish Priest

Msgr Gerard Burns  
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### Parish Office Hours

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### Mass/Liturgy Times

For the coming week

**Sat: 5.00pm Vigil Mass**

**Sun: 10am Sunday Mass**

#### Weekdays Mass Time

Tue : 5.00pm Reconciliation  
5.30pm Mass

Wed: 10.30am Reconciliation  
11.00am Mass followed by  
morning tea

Reconciliation can also be  
requested by arrangement with  
office 04 478 7137

**Holy Hour/Adoration every  
Wednesday at 7.00 pm**

### Important Dates

**14 June 2026**

\* Community Workshop 11.30 am

\* Altar Server Training at 1.00 pm

**16 June 2026**

St Brigid's School Mass  
(Titipounamu) at 9.15am

**20 June 2026**

Taizé Prayer Evening at 6.15 pm

**24 June 2026**

Malvina Major Anointing Mass

**30 June 2026**

Sacramental Programme Parents  
Session at 7.00 pm

### Reflection

**A gospel, a hymn and a prayer:**

"When Jesus saw the crowd harassed and helpless he felt sorry for them and was moved with pity". What did Jesus say, do about what he saw? He turned to his disciples, telling them to go and do something about the crowd in pain. Jesus, the Son of God instructed them to: "cure the sick, cleanse the lepers, even raise the dead" –heal the sadness in front of him and them. Fast forward to June 2026 -he instructs us, his missionary disciple to do the same- view the news, look at your device, see every human you meet through my eyes.

Be moved with pity, with compassion for the harassed refugees, the helpless poor, earthquake or Ebola victims, families in war torn lands, the lonely and elderly super annuitants struggling to survive.

Then hear Jesus say: "**SEE, BE ME. DON'T JUST SIT THERE DO SOMETHING!**"

Reflecting on today's scriptures a 1970's hymn by Carol Owens called "Freely, freely". Kept playing in my head. Lyrics included "He said: Freely, freely you have received freely, freely give, go in my name and because you believe others will know that I live". For the God who freely gave us everything, expects us to see as he saw and do as he did. That is the gift and challenge of today's gospel and that hymn. So maybe this week also pray this prayer of Saint Ignatius of Loyola and give yourself a home-made Liturgy. Thanks everyone – have a good week.

Lord Jesus, teach us to be generous: to serve you as you deserve to be served, to give without counting the cost, to fight without heeding the wounds, to work without seeking rest, to spend our lives without expecting any other return than the knowledge that we do your holy will. Amen.

**Kitty McKinley**

### Finance Report 2025–2026

On behalf of the Finance Committee, we are pleased to share that the 2025–2026 Finance Reports are now available on our website. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this year's financial process and helped put these reports together. Your support is much appreciated.

### Remembering the Holy Souls

**Recently Deceased :** Blessing Thomas So'oa (grand nephew of Ernie n Mel Aspinall)

**Anniversary:** Rodge Irvin L. Medina

**Prayers for the sick:** Vaeluaga Aspinall , Sam Godinet, Mrs. Theresa Peteli, Patricia Keane, Isabel Zamorano F, Kolofita Gae'e, Fr Frank Whitaker ,Tovio Fa'I, Carmen Godinez, 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, Delia Flores Fabreag



For the latest information visit the Parish Website - <https://www.stfrancisoHariu.nz>

### Taizé Prayer Evening – Jubilee of St Francis of Assisi

**Saturday 20 June, 6.15pm** at St Francis of Assisi Parish, Johnsonville. Join us for Taizé prayer as we celebrate the Jubilee of St Francis of Assisi. All are welcome. Refreshments provided. For info, contact Fr Alfred Tong.

### Sacramental Programme 2026 – Enrol Now!

**Parents Session: Tuesday, 30 June at 7 pm**

You can view the complete schedule in the church foyer or on our website, and you can also pick up a brochure in the foyer.

The application forms are available in the church foyer or download from our website [here](#) or email to: [sacramentalprogramme@stfrancisohariu.nz](mailto:sacramentalprogramme@stfrancisohariu.nz)



**Saturday, 20 June 2026, 11am–2pm at 1 Mersey Street, Island Bay.** Enjoy homemade food and support the education of underprivileged children in Pakistan.

Proceeds go to school fees, uniforms, books, and stationery. Contact sisters: (04) 383 8401 for details.

### St Brigid's School Mass

We'd love you to join us in the church for our syndicate Masses at 9.15 am on Tuesdays at St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Church: **16 June - Titipounamu (Year 0-3) Mass, 23 June - Tūi (Year 4-6) Mass, 30 June - Kākā (Year 7-8) Mass**

**Billings Life NZ Seminar:** Billings Life NZ will host a two-day Natural Fertility Awareness seminar in **Whanganui on Friday and Saturday, 19–20 June 2026.** It is open to couples, health professionals, and anyone interested in learning or becoming accredited teachers. More info and registration: [www.billingslife.org.nz/training-seminar](http://www.billingslife.org.nz/training-seminar)

**Malvina Major:** Anointing Mass **24 June 2 00pm** In the Reflection Room - Chapel.

### A FEAST FOR ALL PEOPLES: PATHWAYS TO SYNODALITY

The parish will be running a 5-session programme that offers a way to engage with the Final Document of the Synod on Synodality. Parishioners meet in small groups to explore together five significant passages from the Document. You are invited, to a journey of conversion and renewal, learning some of the practices and dispositions of synodality along the way. The programme begins in mid-July and there may be daytime and evening options, depending on interest. If you are interested in being part of a group, please contact Lucienne at [l.hensel@cadw.nz](mailto:l.hensel@cadw.nz) by **30 June 26.**

**Drop-Off Parking Reminder :** The two P5 spaces on Dr Taylor Tce in front of the Church are for drop-off and pick-up only. Please do not park in these spaces for the duration of Mass. Thank you for your cooperation.

**Liturgy Workshop – Ars Celebrandi:** Fr Paul Turner (USA) will lead a liturgy seminar on **Saturday, 1 August 2026, 10.00am–2.30pm, at Connolly Hall, Wellington.** Inspired by Desiderio Desideravi, the workshop will offer practical insights into celebrating the Eucharist with reverence and fidelity. Open to clergy, liturgy teams, school staff, and all involved in Eucharistic preparation.

### Retreat Days and Themes at Pā Maria 2026

Take time and space for a guided day of prayer and reflection. **Saturday, 27 June at 9.00am - 3.15pm.** Theme: **Peace.** A day of prayer to enter into the spirit of Easter. Please bring your own lunch. Entry by koha. **RSVP by 23 June** to [pamariabookings@gmail.com](mailto:pamariabookings@gmail.com) Other Prayer days at Pā Maria during the year : **19 September : Season of Creation 17 October : Mary , 5 December : Advent.** Presenters: Neil Vaney SM, Chris Skinner SM and Judith Moroney rsm. RSVP by the Tuesday before the prayer day and indicate which prayer day you wish to attend.

### Starship Big Bake Fundraiser - Organised by Shenaya Pieries, Year 10 student of St. Mary's School



Enjoy some baking after Mass and support Starship Children's Hospital. Donate via the QR code or a gold coin. Thank you!

### Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship

**Thursday 18 June 2026,** 7.00pm for cuppa, 7.30pm start at Connolly Hall (next to the Sacred Heart Cathedral).

Speaker: Fr Kevin Connors – “To turn the hearts of fathers toward their children.” For info contact David Monastra, 027 447 7280 or email: [joshua.wgtn@gmail.com](mailto:joshua.wgtn@gmail.com).

### St Brigid's Movie Fundraiser - Toy Story 5

**Saturday, 20 June 2026, 3.00 pm** at **Penthouse Cinema 205 Ohiro Road, Brooklyn, Wellington .**

**Tickets: \$20 per person.** Complimentary lolly bag with each ticket and spot prizes on the day. We encourage moviegoers of all ages to dress up as their favourite Disney character. **To book, scan the QR code** or go to



<https://forms.gle/r2FW4HgR9D9TbjpRA> **Pay online to St Brigid's (Johnsonville) School Board:12-3041-0341681-00.**

**Reference: Movie. Particulars: Your name.**

### Quote :

*"Instead of waiting for the benefits of growth to reach the poor "eventually," decisions need to be taken to ensure that growth becomes inclusive from the outset. The experience of recent decades shows that in economic and financial crises, it is always the poor who pay the highest price, while the theories that promise automatic general prosperity often prove to be illusory.*

*Leo XIV, Magnifica Humanitas #158'*

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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

Website: [www.stfrancisohariu.nz](http://www.stfrancisohariu.nz)

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