



# St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish

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**Thirty Second week of Ordinary Time 10 November 2024, Year B**  
**Readings: 1 Kings 17:10-16 Hebrews 9:24-28 Mark 12:38-44**

## **REFLECTION 32 nd SUNDAY YEAR B**

The first and third readings today deal with widows who, to put it in today's terms, are living on somewhat less than the smell of an oily rag.

The widow from Sidon – Elijah comes on her as she scrounges for wood to build a small fire on which to cook for herself and her son, the last meal before they die – presumably from hunger. Mind you, Elijah's on a bit of a scrounge himself – "can you give me some water? Oh and by the way how about a bit of bread while you're at it" And she politely tells him that she has less than nothing to prepare the last meal for herself and her son. I'm rather inclined to think that she might have been rather sharper in her reply; but Elijah reassures her and promises her a sort of earthly eternity – that she will never again want for the ingredients.

And similarly in today's gospel – the widow gives a ridiculously low amount to the treasury and the rich and snooty temple attendees sneer: - we give such a lot more than you (and by extrapolation we're going to get a better place in heaven that you are) and you can almost hear them thinking "Yeah, Nah, just who does she think she is???" But Jesus points out that she's giving a high percentage of her savings – and they're giving their spare change – and the value of the widow's donation in the eyes of the receiver (God) is much more than its apparent worth

It's noticeable that Jesus is taking note of the small people who are insignificant in the eyes of others – they often are the people who give most in relation to their income.

And so it is in real life – there are the "big noters" who are there at the great celebrations in number (but not often seen when the hard work is being done and there are those who are very rarely seen but who do the good work – the people who visit the sick, the people who staff the Vinnie shops and all sorts of people like that – the ones who are never going to receive a Knighthood – at least not in this world and they will be those who will lead the procession at the Judgment throne.

Remember what Jesus said on one other occasion about the big noters – the ones who parade their apparent piety in public" I tell you solemnly they have had their reward"

So let's be people who give of our love in the small things in life – our rewards will be great– not necessarily monetary rewards but that pleasant inner satisfaction that makes us sort of glow.

**Tony de Joux**

## Parish Information

### Malvina Major Anointing Mass:

There will be an Anointing Mass 10 30am  
**Tues 19 November** in the Burma Lounge.

Enquiries: Judith 021 203 1144.



### PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP ACTIVITIES

Oct/Nov/Dec 2024

PICKNIC group Dia de las Velitas celebration	Sat 7 Dec
Day of the Little Candles – Eve of The Immaculate Conception	Sun 8 Dec
New group Christmas party	Sun 10 Nov
Teddys Coffee catchup at Kleinsmans	Oct/Nov tbc
Newlands group Movie and Dinner	Sat 9 Nov
Spanjaards group Coffee and chat	Sun 24 Nov
Philippians group Garden Party at the Lawsons	



Would you like to join a group for fun, fellowship and community building?  
Please contact John & Kerry Kleinsman: 027 3116618 or 027 8467489  
Or email: kleinsklan88@gmail.com

### Christmas Cards

The St Vincent de Paul Ohariu Conference have SVdP Christmas cards available for sale and our conference members will be selling them at both of the parish masses. They come as two different packs of five different cards with variations of Christmas crib scenes for \$5 per pack.



### St Brigid's School Term 4 Masses and Liturgies

It was ātaahua (beautiful) to have whānau join our first syndicate Mass.  
Here are the dates for the rest of our Term 4 Team and School Masses & Liturgies (in the church)

*We would love you to join us.*

Tūi 26 November Mass

Titipounamu - **12 November Mass**, 3 December Liturgy

### School Masses:

End of Year Mass - 17 December 11am



## Parish & Other Information

### St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish Anointing Mass

On Wednesday, **27 November** the Sacrament of Anointing will be available during the 11 am Mass at our Parish Church.

Please bring along those people who would like to receive the Sacrament of Anointing to this Mass. You are welcome to bring a small plate of finger food to share afterwards if you wish to.

If you would like a ride to the mass, please contact:  
**Joanne on 938 5638 or 021 0436856.**

### For Sale

On the **16th and 17th November** following our weekend Masses, the **Columban Calendar** will be available for purchase in the Church Foyer.

The Columban Art Calendar is an iconic Catholic Calendar, well-known for its traditional religious paintings and liturgical information and is a major fundraiser for Columban Missionaries. 2025 marks the 103<sup>rd</sup> edition -These Calendars make beautiful Christmas gifts.



The Calendars are **\$15.00** (please try to bring the correct change.)

Also available to purchase is the book  
**Saints Peter and Paul's Johnsonville —One Hundred years**

These books originally retailed at \$20.00 but are now available on a one time special offer of **\$10.00**.

### Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship

Last meeting for 2024 for Joshua Wellington in Connolly Hall, next to Sacred Heart Cathedral in Guildford Terrace. Come and join other men on **Thursday 21st November** from 7:00pm for a cuppa and a 7:30pm meeting start followed by supper.

Speaker: **Jeff Drane SM** on "Recognise your opportunity"

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

## Other Information

### **Volunteer Van Assistant – Make a Real Difference in your Community!**

Do you enjoy helping in your community?  
Are you physically fit and reliable?

Vinnies is looking for new team members to assist with pickups and deliveries of donated goods, ensuring that our community's generosity reaches those who need it most.

As a Volunteer Van Assistant, you will be the hands and heart that make a difference behind the scenes. Ideally, you'll have a full driving licence - but if not, we can still find lifting and assisting roles for you on the team. With the holiday season fast approaching, both donations and community needs are on the rise. Your skills and energy will be invaluable during this crucial time.

If you're ready to make a difference, join us today! Your time and energy can be the missing piece that allows Vinnies to keep supporting your community in meaningful ways.



Contact our Volunteer Manager on  
[volunteer@vinnieswgtn.org.nz](mailto:volunteer@vinnieswgtn.org.nz) or phone/text 0210618063

### **Catholic Social Services HOPE Appeal.**

**1 – 30 November 2024.** , Bringing hope to our communities since the 1960s through social work, parenting programmes, hospital chaplaincy, prison chaplaincy, community facilitation and advocacy. Make an impact and donate your time, talents treasure: [catholicsocialservices.org.nz/donate](https://catholicsocialservices.org.nz/donate)  
See flyers on our noticeboard.

### **Come and See Vocations Morning**

Exploring the vocation to the priesthood with Fr David Dowling, Rector of Holy Cross Seminary. **Saturday 7th December** 9am - 1pm at the Archdiocesan Offices, 204/2 Thorndon Quay. Please email [hensel@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:hensel@wn.catholic.org.nz) or text 021 164 5800 if you would like to join us.

### **Jubilee Year 2025**

"...as the first twenty-five years of the new century draw to a close, we are called to enter into a season of preparation that can enable the Christian people to experience the Holy Year in all its pastoral richness."

Visit <https://www.wn.catholic.org.nz/jubilee-2025/> to find out more about Jubilee Year celebrations in Wellington in 2025. You can also download your own Jubilee Year calendar from this link.

## Other Information

### **Requests for funds to send overseas**

We have become aware that there may be people who are soliciting privately for money to be sent overseas to personal bank accounts, allegedly to assist with charitable works.

**If you wish to donate money overseas, we encourage you to do so through a New Zealand registered charity such as Caritas.**

If you have been approached to send money to a private bank account under the guise of overseas mission work, please contact the Archdiocesan Privacy and Complaints Officer,

Elizabeth Berry on 0800 825 528 or 021 567 143 or email at [e.berry@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:e.berry@wn.catholic.org.nz)

### **Wanting to breathe new life into your parish?**

The Catholic Parish of New Plymouth will be hosting a Divine Renovation Open House on **Friday 22 to Saturday 23 November 2024.**

This is a great opportunity to see how Divine Renovation principles and practices are impacting some of our own parishes here in Aotearoa New Zealand, and to be inspired to see what we might do in our own parishes in Wellington. See the poster attached for more details. Click [here](#) or on the poster attached to register.

### **Māori musical instruments**

Henare Walmsley, a parishioner of Te Ngakau Tapu Church, Porirua, is an exponent of Taonga Pūoro and wants to share his knowledge of Māori musical instruments with you. Here is a unique opportunity to listen to the traditional instruments of Te Ao Māori and start your collection of Taonga Pūoro. At a 2-day wānanga you will get to make three simple instruments, learn the art of sound, and compose a waiata.

Session #1 is available Saturday 9:30am to 3:00pm on these dates -  
**9<sup>th</sup> November, 23 November, 1 December.**

Next year's second wananga to be confirmed.

You can apply for one weekend session only (they are all the same). Classes are limited to 12 people so book early.

The venue is at Tū Hono Hall & Te Ngakau Tapu Church just off the Viard College Campus, 20 Kenepuru Drive, Porirua.

Contact Henare directly 027 4848 179 or drop an email to [walmsley1@actrix.co.nz](mailto:walmsley1@actrix.co.nz) if you have questions.

## Other Events/Notices

### What is happening around our Diocese ?

Stay up to date with Archdiocesan events:..

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

### Volunteer as a member of the Ecology, Justice and Peace Commission in 2025

Are you motivated to contribute to work for justice and peace inspired and informed by Catholic Social Teaching?

The Archdiocesan Ecology Justice and Peace Commission and Committees (Integral Ecology, Poverty, and Bicultural Relationships) invite nominations for membership for 2025.

As a member you will work to promote the social teaching of the Church throughout the Archdiocese and shine a light on issues of injustice. Activities of the Commission are diverse and include making submissions to parliament, organising events such as the Season of Creation, Te Tiriti Mai Rānō hui and the Housing Forum, and supporting movements such as the Living Wage Movement and Death without Debt.

Find out more about the Commission at <https://www.wn.catholic.org.nz/about/commission-for-ecology/> or contact Deirdre Meskill, the facilitator, at [d.meskill@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:d.meskill@wn.catholic.org.nz), ph. 021 2213944

### The NZ Catholic Medical Association (NZCMA) |

The NZCMA is an organisation that provides community support and chaplaincy for those involved in providing health care in Aotearoa.

We invite doctors, nurses, midwives, students, carers, pharmacists, physiotherapists, psychologists, counsellors, social workers, chaplains, dentists, health administrators, lawyers, and anyone in allied roles to join us. **Retreat and Seminar 15-16 November 2024**, based at the Home of Compassion, Island Bay, Wellington.

### Mass with the new Apostolic Nuncio THIS WEEKEND!

The new Apostolic Nuncio to New Zealand and the Pacific, Archbishop Gábor Pintér, will formally present his letter of introduction to the President of the New Zealand Bishops Conference in the presence of New Zealand's other bishops at the 7pm Mass at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, on **Sunday 10 November**. The Nuncio will be the main presider at the Mass.



All are welcome.

## Other Events/Notices

### Advent Retreat

This residential Advent Retreat, at the Home of Compassion in Island Bay, will be led by Cardinal John on the weekend of Friday November 29 to Sunday December 1st. Places are limited, so early registration is suggested.

<https://forms.gle/xbzdDhUGSdbrSc679>

### **Focolare Community Day (THIS WEEKEND)**

**Sunday 10 November 2024, 9.30 am – 4 pm**

A day of reflection and fellowship at the Our Lady's Home of Compassion, 2 Rhine Street, Island Bay



Bring a donation for the venue and fundraiser to support families in New Caledonia. And contribute something tasty (which does not require heating) towards lunch, morning/afternoon tea. A fun children's programme will be provided

### **Holy Land: we need your Prayers**

Caritas and the New Zealand Catholic Education Office joined together and released a statement condemning a recent air strike on the Holy Family School Catholic school in Gaza, which houses families who have lost their homes due to the current conflict.

You can read the full statement [here](#)

**God of all nations,**

***we pray for a ceasefire in Gaza and a just and lasting peace in the Holy Land. We remember those killed in the shelling of Gaza's Holy Family School this week and all who have died during the conflict. May the unjustly imprisoned be released, hostages freed and all in the Holy Land be able to live whole and dignified lives.***

**Amen**

### **Quote from Pope Francis**

'Faced with the needs of our neighbours, we are called... to deprive ourselves of essential things, not only the superfluous; we are called to give the time that is necessary, not only what is extra; we are called to give immediately and unconditionally some of our talent, not after using it for our own purposes or for our own group.'

Pope Francis [Angelus](#) 8 Nov 2015

## MASS INTENTIONS

We ask for your prayers - Masses have been offered for:



### Recently Deceased:

**Anniversaries:** All intentions for Holy Souls in November, Hayley So'oa

**Prayers for the Sick:** Fr Frank Whitaker Carmen Godinez, Anna Mika-Hunt Walsh, Lote So'oa, Madonna Aspinall, Fr Joe Savesi, Betty Stewart, Fr David Orange, Jocelyn Whitehouse, David Clarke, 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 Frank Maguire, Fr Kevin Purcell, Fr Peter O'Connell, .

## MASS & LITURGY TIMES Saturday 9th November - Friday 15th November

Sat: 5.00pm Vigil Mass

Sun: 10.00am Mass

Tues: 9.15am St Brigid's Titipounamu, Mass                      5.30pm Evening Mass

Wed: 11.00am Mass- followed by Morning Tea

Thurs: 9am Liturgy

Fri: 8.30am exposition and 9am Liturgy,



Please note, Reconciliation will be held every Wednesday at 10.30am before the 11am Mass. Reconciliation can be made by appointment through the Parish Office.

### Our Parish Vision

**We are missionary disciples of Christ,  
in a community of communities,  
being transformed in our lives,  
and transforming others and our world.**

### **Parish Office: 37 Dr Taylor Tce, Johnsonville**

Office Hours Monday to Thursday 8.30am to 2.30pm

Email: [office@stfrancisohariu.nz](mailto: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

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Parish Bank Account for Koha/Donations

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