



St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish

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Nineteenth week of Ordinary Time 11 August 2024, Year B
Readings: 1 Kings 19, 4-8 Ephesians 4: 30-5:2 John 6: 41-51

Our scripture readings begin with Elijah scared and fleeing for his life, away from the vengeance of Ahab and Jezebel, into the desert. Elijah was dejected and wanted to give up. In this time of great vulnerability God sends unexpected help to Elijah through the care of the angels and the nourishment of their food.

The psalmist also reflects how the Lord hears our cry and delivers us from our fears with an angel encamped about us. He encourages us to taste the goodness of God, to make God our refuge and allow Him to bless and keep us.

This theme of our Heavenly Father lovingly caring and nourishing us is deeply reflected in today's Gospel reading.

The Gospel calls us to believe in Jesus. We are called to believe with all our heart that Jesus is from God the Father and is a true reflection of Him. We are to centre our life on Jesus, to be deeply united with him through the Eucharist and living out a life of love, as the reading from Ephesians urges us. In doing so Jesus will be with us always nourishing and sustaining us on our life's journey.

To all who believe in this way Jesus becomes **the living bread, the bread of life**. This bread not only sustains in this life but brings with it the bread of eternal life. Jesus says "*If any one eats of this bread they will live forever.*" Our bodies may die but our spirits live on forever united through Jesus with God the Father, who is the source of our very being.

Jesus our Living Bread—What a beautiful truth to nourish us.

Ewen Laurenson

I am the Bread of Life
John 6:48

Parish Information

Children's Liturgy and Hospitality on Sunday 11 August

There will be no Children's Liturgies or hospitality during and following the 10am Mass this weekend due to the Sacramental Programme.

Please continue to keep the Children in our Confirmation Programme in your prayers...



Sacramental Programme 2024

Confirmation Programme

2nd Session **Sun 11th August 11.15am**

Practice Session **Fri 16th August 6.30pm**

Confirmation Date - **Sun 18th August - 2.00pm**

First Communion

First Communion Mass **22nd September - 2.00pm**



Parking

Parking is very busy in our carpark, down at St Brigid's and on the streets around the church on Sunday Mornings—particularly when we have things on straight after Mass like the Sacramental Programme.

Please be mindful of our neighbours and other Parishioners and especially look out for children and pedestrians moving through the carpark.

Thank you



Mass in Spanish language (Misa en español):

Fr Gerard will celebrate a Mass in Spanish on **Sunday, 11 August at 4.30pm** (at St Francis of Assisi church) for any Spanish-speakers who wish to attend.

There will be a short time of coffee and conversation afterwards.

All welcome/ Todos bienvenidos. Pasan la voz a sus vecinos.

Greeters required for the both Weekend Masses

We are looking for friendly, welcoming people to act as Greeters for our weekend Masses. Training will be given!

Please contact Helen in the Parish office 04 478 7137

(Mon—Thursday 8.30am—2.30pm). office@stfrancisoharuii.nz

Parish Information

Do you have Property related skills?

We are collating a list of parishioners as we move forward in the parish, and would love to hear from you if you have a property related skill set.

Please contact the Parish Office office@stfrancisohariu.nz

Signed: *Parish Leadership Team*

Are you able to help feed the hungry?

St Vincent de Paul is looking for volunteers to help on our bread roster, for a few hours each month. Volunteers collect bread from NADA at the end of Saturday's trading, then deliver what's collected to families on our bread run. Numbers vary from about five to eight.

If you can help please phone **Justin Shaw phone 027 587 8467**.



Visitation Ministry

Our parish has a dedicated team who visit and take Holy Communion to parishioners in our parish who are ill or otherwise cannot attend mass. These parishioners either live at home, or in one of the care facilities in our parish area. This can be either a weekly or fortnightly commitment.

If you would like to become part of our ministry, we would love to hear from you. Please contact **Joanne on phone 021 043 6856**.

Vegetable garden – advisors and helpers sought:

Next to the small, wooden house beside our church is a vegetable gardening area. This has been looked after by Challenge 2000 for community needs.

We would like to renew this work in conjunction with Challenge as both a food production and educational project. Planting time will soon be upon us and we are looking to bless the garden during the Season of Creation (1 Sept-4 Oct).

We are looking for people who might be interested in gardening but also anyone with skills in planning a vegetable garden and/or maramataka (lunar) planting.

Please contact parish office if you are able to help
Phone 04 478 7137 Mon to Thursday 8.30am—2.30pm or
email office@stfrancisohariu.nz



Parish & Other Information

Feast of the Assumption Mass times

Thursday 15th August

11.30am Led by St Benedict's School

2.00pm Led by St Brigid's School

7.00pm Parish Mass

*Feast of
the Assumption
15 Aug*



Parish Pastoral Council Members:

Following a process of nomination, discussion and discernment, the following people have accepted to be members of a parish council for St Francis of Assisi for a 3-year term.

They are Joanne Byrne, Ning Ibarra, James Fouhy, Ed Becker, and Lucienne Hensell.

A chair for the PPC has yet to be elected but the group has begun a process of formation around its role and in terms of the parish plan.

Happily there were a good number of nominations but many could not accept because of previous commitments or seeing their gifts being in other areas. It may be that one or two others might be added but the Leadership Team would like to thank those who have accepted this role.

A date for commissioning will be set.

We ask your prayers for our new council.

For Malvina Major Residents

There will be an Anointing Mass Tuesday 20 August

10 30 a m in the Burma Lounge



Other Events/Notices

Employment Vacancy in St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish

Jo-Anne Carley, who has held the role of Community Outreach Worker, has recently resigned because of moving out of the Ohariu area. So, we need to replace her. Jo-Anne was amazing and contributed much to our parish life and service outreach.

Thanks Jo-Anne!

Refugee, Migrant and Family Support Community Outreach Worker
This role is an integral part of the mission of our Church and a particular expression of the collaborative model of being church in the Ohariu community of communities. It has both a delivery service and a developmental focus. The Outreach Worker reports directly to, and will be supported by, the SFOA Community Outreach Committee that is part of the SFOA Parish.

The role is offered as a fixed term one-year contract (reflecting the funding arrangements for the position) for a minimum of 16 hours, but with the option of extending up to 30 hours per week. The successful applicant will ideally have training and a background in one of the helping or community/pastoral development professions and proven experience in successfully working with different cultures and communities.

If you would like to know more about this role or receive a copy of the Job Description, please email or call:

kittymckinley@xtra.co.nz – 021 491 459 or
jkleinsman@nathaniel.org.nz or John 0278467489

Vacancy!

Challenge 2000 Social Justice group

We have another session for our social justice group this Sunday, 11th August. Our group is aimed at year 12 and 13 students interested in community service.

This week we will be helping to clear gorse in the Horoeka Scenic reserve. We will provide lunch and transport to and from the reserve.

If you are interested in joining, email gabriellelawson@challenge2000.org.nz or jacobbang@challenge2000.org.nz.

Apostolic Nuncio

Attached is a letter of greeting from His Excellency Archbishop Gábor Pintèr, the new Apostolic Nuncio to New Zealand.



Other Events/Notices

What is happening around our Diocese ?

Stay up to date with Archdiocesan events:

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

ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITY IN THE ARCHDIOCESE

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 Church teaching, and what it means for us today?

Do you want to serve in your parish community, but feel you lack the formation and training?

JOIN US on an exciting, new formation journey that offers personal faith formation and equips you for ministry and service.

CALLED & EQUIPPED is a new archdiocesan Adult

Formation Programme starting in February 2025.

If you think this could be you, talk to your parish leadership team or Parish Council.

Contact Lucienne Hensel

at l.hensel@wn.catholic.org.nz for details.



We look forward to hearing from you!

Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship

Final days! Saturday 17th August, Men's One-Day Retreat at Home of Compassion starting at 8:30am with registration.

Theme: **'Hear then what God is asking you. Only this...'**

Retreat leader: **Brendan Woodnutt (Christchurch)**

Want to know more?

Ring Steve Ready 027-356-9555 email: joshua.wgtn@gmail.com

Sacred Heart Cathedral Fundraiser

Sacred Heart Cathedral historic Hobday organ restoration fundraiser:

Sunday 25 August 2 00 p m at Malvina Major Retirement Village.

Guest speakers: Sir Bill and Lady Mary English.

Afternoon Tea will be served. Suggested donation \$20 (cash if possible please).

All parishioners are warmly invited invited. Please reserve your seat by contacting: Josie McCrone:0275395614 or 04 478 3422

Other Events/Notices

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.

*Lord hear us (Lord hear our prayer)
E te Ariki (Whakarongo mai rā ki a mātou)*

"Do you remember who you are?"

A day of reflection

with Cardinal John Dew
17 August
Home of Compassion, Island Bay
9.00am – 4.00pm

To register please email
taniahalliday@challenge2000.org.nz

Places are limited to 25 participants.

Cost:	Waged	\$80
	Unwaged	\$40

What to bring -
your lunch, your journal, and a pen
Coffee and tea provided



Quote from Pope Francis

'Let us not forget that the Eucharist is meant to nourish those who are weary and hungry along the way. A Church of the pure and perfect is a room with no place for anyone. On the other hand, a Church with open doors, that gathers and celebrates around Christ, is a large room where everyone – everyone, the righteous and sinners – can enter.'

Pope Francis, [Homily](#), 6 June 2021

MASS INTENTIONS

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



Recently Deceased:

Anniversaries: Paul O'Donnell, Ted de Joux

Prayers for the Sick: Carmen Godinez, Anna Mika-Hunt Walsh, Terry Marks, 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, Fr Frank Whitaker.

MASS & LITURGY TIMES Saturday 10th August– Friday 16th August

St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish Timetable 37 Dr Taylor Tce

Sat:	5.00pm Vigil Mass
Sun:	10.00am Mass
Mon:	9.00am Liturgy
Tues:	9.15am Liturgy with St Brigid's school
Wed:	11.00am Mass - followed by Morning Tea
Thurs:	No Liturgy—see pg 4 Newsletter for The Assumption Timetable
Fri:	8.30am Exposition and 9.00am 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.

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