



# St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish

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**Twenty Eighth week of Ordinary Time 13 October 2024, Year B**  
**Readings: Wisdom 7:7-11 Hebrews 4:12-13 Mark 10:17-30**

In the Book of Genesis, we read that we are made in the image of God—male and female. He created us. He breathed His breath into us to give us life—life from His life.

In Psalm 139 we read that God created our inmost being and knit us together in our mothers' wombs. The Psalmist then exults "I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made."

Every human person comes from God. Every person is unique and special, deeply loved by God. As life comes from God no one has the right to take the life of another person whether born or unborn. The right to life of every person is the divine law that underlies all other law.

It follows then that regardless of age, gender, ability and ethnicity we are all created equal. Every person, from conception onwards, is entitled to live a life of dignity within a family and community environment where they belong and are safe and loved. In this context abuse of any person is sinful.

To prevent abuse we are all called to look out for each other; for example, those who are struggling within themselves or with a pregnancy, or child care, or the care of an older person, or a person with a disability. It is through our prayer and practical help we contribute to building a network of love around such people that in turn will give them the energy and means to love others without resorting to abuse.

Pope John Paul II in his encyclical "The Gospel of Life" calls watching out and caring for others as building a Culture of Life as opposed to the Culture of Death that permeates our modern world. He ends by writing "a great prayer for life is urgently needed, a prayer which will rise up throughout the world."

Let our impassioned prayer for life daily rise up to God the creator and lover of all life, including our own.

Ewen Laurenson

*Support Life Sunday—Every person matters—always.*

# Prayer for Life – Support Life Sunday 2024

Lord, you call us, your pilgrim people,  
to be people of life and for life;  
to journey in confidence  
towards "a new heaven and a new earth"  
that is characterised by a commitment  
to the infinite dignity of every person.

Lord, look down upon the vast numbers of those  
whose human dignity is daily being violated by war,  
poverty, exploitation, physical and emotional violence,  
premature death, abuse, prejudice and neglect.

Grant that we who believe in you  
may proclaim the Gospel of life  
in what we think, say and do.

Obtain for us the grace  
to accept the Gospel as a gift ever new,  
the joy of celebrating it with gratitude,  
and the courage to bear witness to it resolutely  
so as to build, together with all people of good will,  
a world of justice, mercy, truth, compassion and love.

To the praise and glory of God,  
the Creator and lover of all life.

Inspired by and drawn from:

*Evangelium Vitae - The Gospel of Life* (Pope St John Paul II, 1995); and  
*Dignitas Infinita* (Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith, 2024).

Mana Tāngata Mutunga Kore  
Infinite Dignity



**SUPPORT LIFE  
SUNDAY 2024  
TAUTOKONA TE  
RĀTAPU WHAKAORA**

## Parish Information

### St Vincent de Paul Meeting

St Vincent de Paul Society meet every 3rd Tuesday of the month (15th Oct) at 7.00pm, in the Parish meeting room.

**All new members are welcome!**



For further information, please contact

-Paul Cameron, email: [paulcameron55@me.com](mailto:paulcameron55@me.com) mob 027 4444 562



### Tuesday Night Masses

Our Masses on Tuesday evenings at 5.30pm are well attended.

These are quiet Masses, perfect to pop into on your way home.

If you would like to join us, you would be most welcome.

**Tuesday 5.30pm**

### Anointing Mass Malvina Major:

Malvina Major residents are reminded that the next Anointing Mass will take place on Tues 15 October at 10.30am in the Burma Lounge.

Enquiries: Judith 021 203 1144.



### Mission Sunday

On **Sunday 20th October** we have the annual Mission Sunday collection.

Those who make donations to planned giving by envelope will have a special brown envelope for this collection.

If you make donations to planned giving by Automatic Payment and want to donate to this collection, you can do so by making a one off payment from your account to the Parish bank account **02-0524-0203642-00**.

Please make sure you use '**Mission**' in the reference field.

Alternatively, if you would like to make a donation by Credit Card, missionz have provided us with some pre printed envelopes that have a donation form inside. These are available in the Church Foyer.



*Many thanks for all the contributions you make.*

## Parish Information

### Remembrance Mass

The Parish Remembrance Mass will be held on Wednesday 6th November at 7.00pm

All are welcome to join us at this annual Mass where we remember our deceased family members and friends.

At the end of this Mass, you are very welcome to stay for supper and a chat with others.



### The St. Brigid's Quiz Night is back again this year.

If quizzing is your thing, or you would just like a night out with friends, **please register as soon as possible as we need to ensure we have at least 100 people for the event to go ahead.**

**Tickets are \$20 each or \$140 for a team of 8**

Click on this link to sign up for the quiz:



[St Brigid's Quiz Night - 20th October 7-9pm - Google Forms](#)

Contact Rebecca for information on how to book [beckcross75@gmail.com](mailto:beckcross75@gmail.com)

Start rounding up your teams – it'll be a fun night!

### Fundraiser in aid of YouthLine Wellington

Please join us for our Fundraiser Dinner Dance organised by AV Funding Youth in aid of YouthLine Wellington on:

**Saturday 09th November 2024**

**Atura Hotel, 24 Hawkestone Street, Thorndon, Wellington.**

**5.00 pm – 11.30 pm Tickets - \$65pp.**

Youthline gives free confidential advice and guidance to the youth who are seeking help, and support for a range of topics example mental health, depression, self-harm, abuse, suicide, bullying etc.

For more details please view flyer on the church notice board in the foyer.

Inquires-

Vino – 021 31 84 66 Anselm – 022 456 3627 Email – [avfundingyouth@gmail.com](mailto:avfundingyouth@gmail.com)

Te paepae o te paerangi ki te paewhenua

Where heaven and earth come together

## Parish & Other Information

### Op Shop Thank you Luncheon

To all our wonderful volunteers,

*Thank you!*

We are having a thank you luncheon on Thursday 17th October at 12.30 pm in the Friendship Lounge at the Community Centre.

Please bring a donation for the Foodbank.

RSVP to your coordinator or Yvette - [ycelliston@gmail.com](mailto:ycelliston@gmail.com)

### Prayer Chain

Is someone you know in need of prayer because of health, poverty, hunger or any special need?

Email Katharina Dobson - [dobsonkatharina@gmail.com](mailto:dobsonkatharina@gmail.com)

ph: 027 327 3609 or (04) 976 9191.

Your request will be passed on to the Prayer Chain.



### XLT Youth Worship Night - calling all teens and young adults.

Join us for the last two XLT (eXaLT) worship nights of the year!

XLT is a night of fellowship, prayer, food, live praise & worship, Reconciliation and Eucharistic Adoration, all centred around a theme and aimed at college students and young adults.

Join us at 7pm on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October and 29<sup>th</sup> November at St Anne's Hall, Emmett Street, Newtown.

Follow our page on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram!](#)

### 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)

## Other Events/Notices

### What is happening around our Diocese ?

Stay up to date with Archdiocesan events:..

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

### Titipounamu Study and Joy

**The Eucharist** – *A meal that unites and divides.*

500 years of debates between Catholics and Protestants with

Dr Nicholas Thompson

Monday, 21 October 2024, 7-8.30pm (Zoom).

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2024/09/24/debate-about-the-eucharist/>

### **YouTube Recording Recommendation:**

The Divine Word & Mission NZ - Fr Bernard Espiritu svd (radio broadcast, 2022):

<https://youtu.be/J44iGmwe9Jw>

For more information: [www.studyjoy.nz](http://www.studyjoy.nz)



### Theology Course

TH502 What is Theology? Course Wed-Fri: 9-11 October

9am-4pm CTC Thorndon, Wgtn

with Dr Christopher Longhurst-

Enrol now – call (04) 819 8380 or email [office@ctc.ac.nz](mailto:office@ctc.ac.nz)

or visit [www.tekupenga.ac.nz](http://www.tekupenga.ac.nz)



### Joshua Men's Group

Joshua Wellington back in Connolly Hall for the second time after 6 years; next to Sacred Heart Cathedral in Guildford Terrace.

Come and join other men on Thursday 17th October from 7:00pm for a cuppa and a 7:30pm start for meeting followed by supper.

Speaker: **Rainer Hensel** on "The Lord has set me free from all my fears"

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

### Te Ngākau Tapu (Sacred Heart Parish)

Mass is held at every Friday at 12.05pm.

Te Ngākau Tapu (access via Bishop Viard College driveway)

20 Kenepuru Drive

Porirua 5022

**All are welcome to join us...**



### **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 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](mailto:l.hensel@wn.catholic.org.nz) for details

We look forward to hearing from you

### **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 John Paul II**

*“Every individual, precisely by reason of the mystery of the Word of God Who was made flesh (cf. [Jn 1:14](#)), is entrusted to the maternal care of the Church.*

*Therefore every threat to human dignity and life must necessarily be felt in the Church's very heart; it cannot but affect her at the core of her faith in the Redemptive Incarnation of the Son of God, and engage her in her mission of proclaiming the Gospel of life in all the world and to every creature (cf. [Mk 16:15](#)).”* **(Evangelium Vitae)**



## MASS INTENTIONS

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



**Recently Deceased:**

**Anniversaries:**

**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 12th October– Friday 18th October

Sat: 5.00pm Vigil Mass

Sun: 10.00am Mass

Tues: 9.15am No Tuesday Liturgy, 5.30pm Evening Mass

Wed: 11.00am Mass- followed by Morning Tea

Thurs: 9am Liturgy

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.**

### **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  
**02-0524-0203642-00**