



St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish

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Fifteenth week of Ordinary Time 14 July 2024, Year B
Readings: Amos 7: 12-15, Ephesians 1: 3-14, Mark 6: 7-13

Dear parishioners

Ngauranga. The Ngauranga Gorge is one of the entrances/exits of the northern suburbs of Wellington and part of our Ohariu parish. The name comes from Ngā ūranga in Māori, meaning 'the landing places' for canoes. People originally travelled by sea to Aotearoa, by mighty sailing canoes and sailing or steamships.

Nowadays over 99.7% of NZ's imports come by sea. The fishing and seafood industries make a substantial contribution to the NZ economy. And yet there is much exploitation of labour in the maritime industries and damage to the seas.

Many seamen can be 'trapped' aboard ships for long periods by unscrupulous companies and captains, enduring dangerous living conditions for low pay. Separation from family and friends is an isolating factor and all this often far from public surveillance or legal protection. Maritime shore workers form a vital connecting group for shipping and trade.

Today is Sea Sunday when we pray for those often invisible and exploited workers. Stella Maris is the name of what was once called the Apostleship of the Sea and The Vatican Office for Integral Human Development holds a watching brief on the enormous and difficult pastoral needs of sea-related workers.

Stella Maris means Star of the Sea – a reference to the Virgin Mary, guide of seafarers. We pray for that work.

If you would like to know more here is an article on Stella Maris work in the June/July Wel-Com and an invitation to volunteer in its work. [Click here](#)

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STELLA MARIS

Parish Information

St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Financial Report 2024

The Finance Committee is pleased to present the financial report for the year ended 31 March 2024.

In the last financial year, we received income of \$436,854 which was up \$35,160 on the previous year's \$401,694.

Planned giving contributions increased by \$ 2,718 from \$220,717 to \$223,435

The parish also received new grants for \$80,000 from Caritas Pro Vitae Gradu Trust for the OutReach Ministry. This was treated as a prepayment to be spent in the FY25 year.

Our expenses were \$ 405,328 compared with \$438,078 in the prior year.

As a result we had a surplus of \$ 27,525.

We finished the year with cash and term deposits of \$144,255 compared with \$108,090 last year, an increase of \$36,165.

Details of our revenue and expenses are available on the website. [Click here.](#)

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*

Malvina Major

There will be an Anointing Mass on Tuesday the 16th July at 10.30am in the Burma Lounge



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



Parish Information

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

Preference Certificate Requests

The Parish Office is currently receiving a number of requests for Preference Certificates, particularly from Parents wanting to enrol their Child at our Colleges.

Please ensure that you make your request well ahead of College enrolments closing, and with supporting documentation where appropriate and include a contact phone number in your email.

You can email your request, Preference Form and documentation to
office@stfrancisohariu.nz

Sacramental Programme 2024

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

Confirmation begins **4th August 11.15am**

Confirmation Date - **18th August - 2.00pm**
First Communion - **22nd September - 2.00pm**



Parish & Other Information

St Vincent de Paul Meeting

St Vincent de Paul Society meet every 3rd Tuesday of the month (16th July) at 7.00pm, in the Parish meeting room.

All new members are welcome.



For further information, please contact
-Paul Cameron, email: paulcameron55@me.com

St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish Young Adults Group

Looking to meet new friends and grow in your faith? Our Young Adults Group is the perfect place for you! We gather every week for an enriching time of fellowship, fun, and spiritual growth.

Geared towards ages 18-30, our group offers a welcoming space to connect, grow, and have fun together. Currently, we're watching a series called "The Chosen," which offers a fresh perspective on the life of Jesus. We also start each session with a contemplation of God's word through a Lectio Divina. It's a great opportunity to deepen your faith and engage in meaningful discussions.

But it's not all study—we love to have fun too! We also enjoy outings and social events, providing a relaxed environment to build friendships and have fun. Come be a part of our vibrant community where faith and friendships flourish.

For more information, contact Kai Yin Schurhammer on:

Facebook "Kai Yin Schurhammer" or email: eskydk@gmail.com

Seasons for Growth training opportunities – Catholic Social Services, Archdiocese of Wellington

Parent Programme: Supporting your child through separation and divorce. Wednesday 31 July & Wednesday 7 August. 7.30pm. Over two consecutive Wednesdays, learn strategies to support your child through family change. Johnsonville Community Hub. Cost \$25. Email Jess at j.ferroni@wn-catholicsocialservices.org.nz

Adult Companion Training: Monday 12 August & Tuesday 13 August. 9.30am – 4.30pm. This professional development training enables educators and professionals to facilitate the Seasons for Growth seminar and/or small groups within their communities. Cost is \$300 + resources. To register go to: <https://forms.office.com/r/Waq6bu1x86> or email Jess at seasons@wn.catholic.org.nz for the PFD/Word Doc forms

Other Events/Notices

EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT to the Co-Chief Executives - Sisters of Compassion Group

Here is a great opportunity for someone to support the two Tumu Whakararae / Co-Chief Executives who oversee all the mission areas of the Sisters of Compassion Group.

They are looking for someone to manage their office, provide them with comprehensive administrative support and oversee logistics for the Boards. The role offers variety, challenge and fulfilment in a welcoming and supportive environment.

This is a great opportunity to work with a well-resourced, respected and loved charity that continues to support others and make a real difference to those in need. The hours are flexible with a salary between \$75-\$85K (pro-rata). Car parking is available on site at Island Bay.

Details of the role are available on the Seek website. Applications close on Friday 12 July 2024 at 5:00 p.m. To apply send an application to ross.mcmillan@compassion.org.nz. If you have any queries about the role send an email to Ross McMillan or phone (021 226 2804)

Hearts Aflame Catholic Summer School:

Hearts Aflame Catholic Summer School is back again this summer with ten days of world-class lectures, uplifting prayer and authentic community! Hearts Aflame is a life-changing experience for young adults aged 18 to 35 who want to know more about their faith, have an authentic encounter with Christ and meet other Catholic young adults from all over New Zealand. Join us this year at Nga Tawa Diocesan School, Marton, from January 3rd-12th 2025! Registrations open July 14th at 2pm: we sell out fast so be in quick! Visit heartsaflame.org.nz to register or find out more.



VIARD HOUSE CLEANER

After a very long tenure the current cleaner at Viard House in Hill Street is moving to Australia. We are looking for someone who will take up the role. Viard House is the home for our Archbishop, the Parish Priest of the Cathedral Parish, and also houses visiting priests and bishops from time to time.

In addition to the normal house-cleaning duties, you would be required to prepare rooms to accommodate guests. Hotel/motel experience would be an advantage. The role is 5 hours per week preferably on a week day.

If you are interested in hearing more about this role please contact Jude McKee, ea-abp@wn.catholic.org.nz or call her on 021 562 096

Other Events/Notices

Compassion News

Quiet Days Thursday 11 July, 10:30 am – 2:30 pm

Venue: The Chapel of Our Lady of Compassion, 2 Rhine Street, Island Bay, Wellington.

In these unquiet times, let's gently reflect on insights from the life and works of Meri Hōhepa Suzanne Aubert and, in peace, draw fresh strength and hope. There is no fee, however, a koha is greatly appreciated.

The Suzanne Aubert Heritage Centre and Cloister Café are open

Everyone is welcome to spend some time in our public spaces.

Cloister Café: 10am to 2pm, Tuesday to Friday.

Suzanne Aubert Heritage Centre: 9am to 3pm, Tuesday to Friday

Portraying the Invisible God: How Early Christian Artists Depicted Christ
Tues. July 23, 7.00 – 9.00pm Presented by Prof. Robin Jensen. Public Lecture,
All Saints Church, 90 Hamilton Rd, Hāitaitai.

[REGISTER HERE >>](#)

Current of Grace Wellington

Everybody is welcome to join in Prayer for Wellington on Saturday 27th July between 1:00 and 3:30pm at the Sacred Heart Cathedral, Hill Street.

Afternoon tea to follow.

Hosted by Current of Grace Wellington.

Contact: Josephine Olsen josie_olsen5@hotmail.com

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.

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- Be trained and equipped to serve in your parish community

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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)***

Joshua Men's Retreat

Put this date in your diary. Men's One-Day Retreat at Home of Compassion, Island Bay on Saturday 17th August 8:30am to 5pm.

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

Joshua Mens Group

Last Days! Joshua Wellington invites men to join us on Thursday 18th July at 7:30pm to the 'Loaves and Fishes' next to Anglican Cathedral of St Paul followed by supper. Speaker: Fr Dyson Tharakan, Holy Trinity parish about "Awake and exult in the Lord"

Want to know more? Ring David Monastra 027-4477-280 or

email: 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...



Quote from Pope Francis

'The second characteristic of the missionary's style is, so to speak, a face, which consists in the *poverty of means*. The staff and the sandals are the gear of pilgrims because that is what the messengers of the Kingdom of God are, not omnipotent *managers*, not irreplaceable officials, not celebrities *on tour*.but rather humble workers of the Kingdom. '

Pope Francis [Angelus](#), 15 July 2018

MASS INTENTIONS

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



Recently Deceased:

Leokadia O'Sullivan, Sr Carmen Alberta Perlado DM

Anniversaries: Rito Kisteria, Princy Anthony, Mercy Anthony, Elizabeth Anthony, Jayantha Weerapperuma, Raymond Fernando, Jose Lopez

Prayers for the Sick: Sam Waever (USA) Desmond Leahy, Andrea Reiser, Anna Mika-Hunt Walsh, Terry Marks, 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 13th July– Friday 19th July

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:	No Liturgy, Rosary at 10.00am followed by Funeral at 11am
Wed:	11.00am Mass - followed by Morning Tea
Thurs:	9.00am 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

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