



St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish

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Twenty Fourth week of Ordinary Time 15 September 2024, Year B
Readings: Isaiah 50:5-9 James 2:14-18 Mark 8:27-35

Te Wiki o te Reo 2024

Māori Language Week 2024



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The Way to Save a Life

The gospel reading today is very powerful. We follow Peter as he recognizes Jesus as the Christ then to a moment of struggle, questioning and doubting and finally Jesus affirming the need for surrender.

First, Jesus is inviting us to answer the question “Who do you say that I am?”

In the language of Thomas Merton and Richard Rohr, we are being invited to let go of our false self and move to a place of functioning out of our True Self.

Jesus suggests to Peter that it is going to get hard. The journey is going to have moments and times of great suffering. Peter recoils at this.

As we travel our spiritual journey toward the Christ within, it will get hard sometimes. Our friends and family will not necessarily be encouraging us to embrace change. Change itself is difficult. The world wants us to be of the world and live out our egos accumulating more money, more things, more friends, more status. The Christ within calls us to simplicity, less, dependence and union with God, a life of living with and for others.

Jesus, in the last part of today's reading, is encouraging us to persevere, to surrender. He is asking us to let go of our ego desires and to live out of the place of the Christ within, not out of the world.

Peter Mulqueen

“Who do you say that I am?”.

Parish Information

Sacramental Programme 2024

First Communion **Begins this weekend**

Session 2 : **Sunday 15th September 11.15am**

We warmly invite the children and their families to join the **10am Parish Mass** before sessions 2.

Practice : **Friday 20th September 6.30pm**

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

Note, there will be no children's Liturgy at the Sunday Masse on 15th Sept

Please continue to keep the Children in your Prayers



Weekday Mass

We are trialling a new weekday Mass at **5.30pm Tuesday**

We warmly invite you to attend.

Malvina Major:

An Anointing Mass will be celebrated in the Burma Lounge at 10.30am on Tuesday 17th September.



Parish Vegetable Garden –

On Sunday the 1st of September, we had a blessing for the garden at 27 Dr. Taylor Terrace, which marked the beginning of the 'Season of Creation'.

As we move into the warmer months, we are planning to have monthly working bees in the garden on a Saturday afternoon, with afternoon tea and hopefully some BBQs (weather permitting)!

If you are interested in being involved in the working bees, or if you would like to volunteer some time to help with the garden, please email :

gabriellelawson@challenge2000.org.nz.



Parish Information

Social Justice Week 8th to 14th of September.

This week is Social Justice Week so last weekend it began with both our parish masses looking at the Theme of Peace and Forgiveness.

Our Challenge Youth Ministry team made up of Jacob, Gabe, Naia, D'Angelo, Kate, Mitchell, Rose and India spent a lot of time planning the art work, drama, reflection, prayers, music and PowerPoint to provide an opportunity to think about peace, pray for peace and work out how we can act for PEACE.

Students from St Brigid's and St Benedict's schools helped us with the artwork and paint the banner and we also went to St Brigid's and practiced the children's section of the drama that Kate wrote.

Other youth painted 250 stones with us that people could take away with them and hold on to. Stones and bricks can be thrown at others and to break things or build walls of division and war. They can also be used as anchor stones, prayer stones or stones to build roads or pathways to a new and better world. We also passed out cards like business cards encouraging us to SEE what is happening in the world- not swipe away what we don't like on our devices, JUDGE what is happening against the gospel and catholic Social Teaching and then ACT - do something about it.

Thanks to Father Alfred for celebrating the masses with us, and to all you who came and gave feedback.

Also apologies to the Philippine community.....on the art work your flag was upside down which is a sign of war not Peace. We'll fix it so it's right next time. *Jacob Bang, Kate Nahu, Semenaia Agafili.*



IMAGINE PEACE FOR ALL

POHEWATIA TE RANGIMĀRIE MŌ TE KATOA



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

After the fabulous success of last year's one, we are doing another one this year at the same venue - 1841, on the 20th of October.

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 tickets 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

Other Information

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Māori Language Week 2024



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You can use this karakia as a family during this Māori Language Week and might even try to learn it, noting the whakataukī within it “*aroha atu, aroha mai*”.

Kia hora te marino,
kia whakapapa pounamu te moana,
he huarahi mā tātou i te rangi nei.
Aroha atu, aroha mai,
tātou i a tātou katoa.
Hui e! Tāiki e!

May peace spread before us,
May the ocean glisten like greestone,
a pathway for us all this day.
love flowing out, love flowing in,
in respect for each other.
Bind us all together!

Vacancy - Chief Operating Officer

The Christchurch Diocese is seeking a Chief Operating Officer to lead a passionate and committed team and contribute to shaping the future of the Catholic Diocese of Christchurch.

This role's primary objective is to support the bishop in his pastoral mission for the diocese through the management and leadership of resources, staff, and the delivery of outcomes. This includes, but is not limited to, leadership and management of the diocese teams, financial and asset management, strategy and planning, relationship management, communication and engagement.

For a full position description please click on the following link <https://www.seek.co.nz/job/78588833?type=promoted&ref=search-standalone&origin=cardTitle> or email applications@cdoc.nz.

Applications close on 25th September at 1pm.

Divine Retreat Centre NZ

One day mission in Wellington – Sacred Heart Church Petone
6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Lead by Fr Augustine Vallooran VC with Glen & Teresa La'rive from the Divine Retreat Centre Potta, India

Everyone is welcome. See the Parish noticeboard for more information.



Other Events/Notices

St Vincent de Paul

Your fashion finds can change lives. All adult clothing and shoes at just \$5!

Join us for our Saturday Sale, **Saturday 14th September (THIS WEEKEND!)** from 10am—4pm. Be part of something bigger.

At Vinnies Khandallah, 18 Ganges Road, Khandallah



Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship

Last Days! Joshua Wellington is back in Connolly Hall (next to Sacred Heart Cathedral) this Thursday, 19th September at 7:30pm followed by supper.

Theme: "Your faith has saved you"

Activity: Testimonies from recent Retreat.

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

What is happening around our Diocese ?

Stay up to date with Archdiocesan events:..

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

Love is a Decision :

Love Is A Decision, spaces are filling up quickly for the final course of LIAD for 2024, in November. The next one won't be until March 2025.

This is the flagship marriage preparation course of the Archdiocese.

Enrol online at wn.catholic.org.nz.

Any queries email marriage@wn.catholic.org.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

or visit www.tekupenga.ac.nz



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 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

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

Season of Creation **Māori Language Week 14-21 Sept**

“Creation is of the order of love. God’s love is the fundamental moving force in all created things. (#77 Laudato Si’)



Action: reflect on the rich kupu Māori **aroha** and its layers of meaning: sympathy, compassion, heart, open-mindedness and generosity. **Aro+hā** literally means to follow the breath and implies an attentive care for self, other and world: to follow one's heart, going with the flow

MASS INTENTIONS

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



Recently Deceased: John Wholey, Gary Sinnott,

Anniversaries: John Wee, Joseph Mathew Kulathinal, Chong Ming Teo

Prayers for the Sick: Carmen Godinez, Anna Mika-Hunt Walsh, Terry Marks, Lote So'oa, Madonna Aspinall, Fr Joe Savei, 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.

MIHA (MASS) & KARAKIA(LITURGY) TIMES Saturday 14th September– Friday 20th Mahuru/September

Sat:	Rāhoroi	5.00pm Vigil Mass
Sun:	Rātapu	10.00am Mass
Tues:	Rātū	9.15am Mass; 5.30pm Mass
Wed:	Rāapa	11.00am Mass- followed by Morning Tea
Thurs:	Rāpare	9am Liturgy
Fri:	Rāmere	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, 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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