



St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish

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The Eleventh Week of Ordinary Time 16 June 2024, Year B
Readings: Ezekiel 17:22-24, 2 Corinthians 5: 6-10, Mark 4:26-34

Jesus used parables and stories of ordinary things to explain who he was, what his mission was about and what he wanted his followers to understand and do.

Using the mustard seed in this parable was surprising and counter cultural.

Mustard seeds and trees were regarded as weeds. They grew everywhere easily. A law against planting them in public places existed because of their speedy, uncontrollable growth.

Perhaps Jesus was using this example to explain how important yet common and ordinary his followers were? Or maybe he was encouraging his followers to bloom and spread wildly where they were planted? Or was he reinforcing his message that, like the trees that grew from this common seed, his followers had a purpose beyond their own existence?

Their "why" was to provide shelter to those in need of rest, shade or support.

So in 2024 whether we are Narra, Kauri, Banyan, Baobab or mustard seed-weed-trees, Jesus asks us to grow our small God given selves and faith, accept the why of our existence and spread his gospel bringing about his kingdom of love, peace, inclusiveness, abundance and justice.

Together we can be an ever growing faith forest transforming our landscape and world.

Kitty McKinley



Parish Information

Bereavement Ministry

The role of the Bereavement Ministry in our Parish is to bring aroha/love and tautoko/support to bereaved whanau.

We offer practical, spiritual and emotional support and guidance to the whanau as we walk along side them at this sad time

This weekend at Mass, a member of the Bereavement Ministry will be addressing the congregation and sharing insights into the work of the Ministry.

A phone call to the Parish Office will activate an immediate referral to the Bereavement Ministry.

For more information, please contact Robyn Radomski 027 2018766 or robynrad71@gmail.com



Sacramental Programme 2024

Congratulations to all the children who made their first Reconciliation this week.

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

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



Preference Certificate Requests

The Parish Office is 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

Please note that the Parish Office is not open on Fridays or weekends and will be **closed on the 24th & 25th June.**

Parish Information

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HAVE YOU TRIED ALPHA?
MEET NEW PEOPLE AND EXPLORE FAITH TOGETHER
JOIN US THIS TUESDAY
AT 7PM IN THE PARISH HALL.
EMAIL alpha@stfrancisohariu.nz
or talk to one of our team after Mass to register.

St Vincent de Paul

St Vincent de Paul are having their monthly meeting at **7pm on Tuesday the 18th June** in the Parish Meeting Room.

All new members are very welcome.



Malvina Major Anointing Mass:

Tuesday 18 June 10.30am in Burma Lounge followed by morning tea.

Malvina Major - Leaders for Sunday Service

Each Sunday morning, a 30 minutes service is held at Malvina Major, led by members of our Parish. We are looking for new leaders to join the roster to lead a service approx every 8-10 weeks.

This is a very rewarding ministry, and full training is given. Please contact Robyn Radomski 027 2018766 or email robynrad71@gmail.com to discuss this further, or to make a time to come along to a Sunday Service to see what's involved



Further Information

St Benedict's Pipe Organ

Those who attended or watched the Sacred Heart Cathedral Reopening Mass online would have been pleased to see and hear our pipe organ supporting the singing of the combined choirs and congregation. The organ also led the music for the Saturday 8 30am Mass celebrating the feast day of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

There were many appreciative comments from people who loved hearing the organ.

The Sacred Heart Cathedral Newsletter for 9 June included this item: "The pipe organ from the recently closed St Benedict's Church has been placed in the Cathedral. It is a joy to have the use of this organ until a time when it is hoped the Hobday organ is restored".

Deo gratias.

Divine Mercy Devotion

The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be received at St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish every **Friday, 6.30-7.00pm**. For further information please contact Solomon ph: 021 201 7160.

Volunteers required at our Sacred Heart Cathedral

In 2018 the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart closed for earthquake strengthening and restoration. Next month it will finally be reopening, although all the work will not yet be completed.

The Cathedral, the 'Mother church of our Archdiocese', is a beautifully restored, peaceful, and prayerful space for visitors, people working in central Wellington and parishioners to worship, and drop by for a time of prayer, adoration, and reflection.

It is desired that the Cathedral is open between 10.00am and 3.00pm weekdays. However, this is only possible with the assistance of volunteers, Cathedral Guardians. We are seeking people who to fill regular weekly, or bi-weekly time slots of either 10.00am-1.00pm or 1.00-3.00pm.

During the cruise ship season the Cathedral also receives many visitors wanting to visit the Cathedral and hear about its history. If you would like to know more about this hospitality role, please contact the Cathedral Parish Office on 496 1700 or cathedral.parish@wn.catholic.org.nz

Other Events/Notices

Vacancy

Come work for us – Advocacy Lead at Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand

Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand is the Catholic bishops' agency for justice, peace and development. We're on the hunt for an Advocacy Lead to join our team and bring about positive social justice through education, advocacy, and Māori engagement. The ideal candidate will have strong writing and research skills, experience in an advocacy and/or policy position, and a relevant tertiary qualification. Reporting to the Chief Executive of Caritas NZ, and the Regional Coordinator of Caritas Oceania, they will be responsible for contributing towards the establishment of the advocacy function and framework for Caritas Oceania and Caritas NZ, and coordinating programmes aligned to the Caritas mission.

This role offers an exciting opportunity within a close-knit Wellington-based team.

Visit <https://mclaren.co.nz/vacancies/?ja-job=4240637>

“Ko Te Tiriti Mai Rano: The Treaty is Always Speaking. A Covenant for the Generations”

9:30am-3pm, 6/7 July, Home of Compassion, Island Bay

A two day hui to deepen understanding and appreciation of Te Tiriti/ the Treaty and related issues from the perspective of Catholic Social Teaching.

Presentations from speakers will be followed by small group reflection and a plenary session. Participants can attend one or both days with daily registration by koha. Lunch provided.

For more information and to register contact:

Deirdre Meskill d.meskill@wn.catholic.org.nz

6 July Te Tiriti in the light of Catholic Social Teaching
Te Tiriti as Covenant

7 July A Guide to using te reo in Liturgy and in daily life
What does a bicultural future look like? What blessings can we hope for?

The hui is organised by Christian Life Community and the Bicultural Relationships Committee of the Ecology, Justice and Peace Commission

Other Events/Notices

Fundraiser Movie

Join us for this special fundraiser event to support the young people going to the GENFEST in Brazil in July 2024 – an international summit organized by the youth section of the Focolare Movement, to bring together ideas and experiences on how to make the world more peaceful and fraternal.

The movie is **Garfield** at the Lighthouse cinema 52 Beach St, Petone.

When:- Sunday 16 June at 5pm arrive from 4.30pm Tickets:- \$20

Contact:- Ian 022 544 3872 or Gloria 022 193 1957

Notices from Titipounamu Study & Joy

Elijah - Prophet of Fire with Beate Matthies

The Prophet Elijah - his life, his miracles and how he is bridging the narratives of the Old Testament with those of the New Testament.

Monday, 24 June 2024, 7-8.30pm (Zoom). Koha

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2024/05/29/elijah/>

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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!

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Other Events/Notices

Christian Meditation

A Christian Meditation group meets:

Mondays, at 7.00 - 7.45pm in the Committee Room, Uniting Church, Johnsonville

Meditation is not something new to Christianity. It is rooted in the gospel and in Paul's letters. Also known as contemplative prayer, meditation is the ecumenical prayer of silence and listening.

"Be still and know that I am God" - Psalm 46.:10

To learn more about Christian Meditation ring Linda or Nick Polaschek, ph: (04) 479 7955 or simply come along any Monday evening.

The World Community for Christian Meditation has a comprehensive website: www.wccm.org

Joshua Catholic Mens Fellowship

Joshua Wellington invites men to join us on Thursday 20th June at 7:30pm in 'Loaves and Fishes' next to Anglican Cathedral of St Paul, corner Hill and Molesworth Streets followed by supper.

Speaker: Steve Ready on "Pray with meaning"

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

Current of Grace Wellington

Put this in your diary. Everybody is welcome to the Wellington Prayer event hosted by 'Current of Grace Wellington' on Saturday 27th July 2024 between 1:00 and 3:30pm at the Sacred Heart Cathedral, Hill Street.

Contact: Josephine Olsen 027 367 4453

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...



Te paepae o te paerangi ki te paewhenua

Where heaven and earth come together

MASS INTENTIONS

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



Recently Deceased: Margaret Murray

Anniversaries: Avril Da Vanzo, Wendy Collier

Prayers for the Sick: Anna Mika-Hunt Walsh, Terry Marks, Madonna Aspinall, Fr Joe Savesi, Rev Fiatepa Faaee, 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 15th June– Friday 21st June

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:	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

Email: office@stfrancisoHariu.nz, Phone: 04 478 7137

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Parish Bank Account for Donations:
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