



St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish

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Thirty Third week of Ordinary Time 17 November 2024, Year B
Readings: Daniel 12:1-3 Hebrews 10:11-14,18 Mark 13:24-32

33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time Year B
17th November 2024

“My words will not pass away.” Mark 13:31

We live in a world of rapid change. Many of the places of our childhood have gone or been altered significantly. Customs, attitudes and pastimes are different now. All of this reminds us of the transitory nature of life. The heavens and the earth as we know them are passing away. Only the word of God stands forever.

From the Catechism #675 “Before Christ's second coming the Church must pass through a final trial that will shake the faith of many believers. The persecution that accompanies her pilgrimage on earth will unveil the ‘mystery of iniquity’ in the form of religious deception offering men an apparent solution to their problems at the price of apostasy from the truth.”

Is this final trial happening today? It is impossible to apply this to a specific moment in time; the fact remains that this trial will take place. Only God can properly interpret these prophetic words.

This final trial and ‘mystery of iniquity’ does take place in all our lives in various ways. Our faith will be tested and persecution will be experienced in one way or another. This should not frighten us. On the contrary, it was spoken by our Lord to prepare us and help us endure whatever trials we experience in life. Jesus' words instil hope within us when we endure the suffering caused by evil.



Summer is near.

Peter Mulqueen

Parish Information

Pastoral Letter & Litany of Lament to be Shared at Mass this weekend

In this week of recognition and apology, the New Zealand Bishops have asked that a pastoral letter be read at all Masses this weekend. The letter will take the place of the homily, and be followed by a litany of lament.

Their message is directed to the Catholic faithful who have felt the impact of abuse.

The message will reference the apology for the Church & past response, and though the serious issues addressed may be distressing, they are part of our journey of building a strong safeguarding culture within our Church community.

Malvina Major Anointing Mass:

There will be an Anointing Mass 10 30am
Tues 19 November in the Burma Lounge.

Enquiries: Judith 021 203 1144.



St Cecilia

patroness of Music and Musicians: On **22 November** we celebrate St Cecilia's feastday. We give thanks for the gift of music and pray that our parish musicians may be blessed as they lead us in music and song. **St Cecilia pray for us.**

Christmas Cards

The St Vincent de Paul Ohariu Conference have SVdP Christmas cards available for sale and our conference members will be selling them at both of the parish masses.

They come as two different packs of five different cards with variations of Christmas crib scenes for \$5 per pack.



St Brigid's School Term 4 Masses and Liturgies

Here are the dates for the rest of our Term 4 Team and School Masses & Liturgies (in the church)

We would love you to join us.

Tūi 26 November Mass

Titipounamu - 3 December Liturgy

School Masses:

End of Year Mass - 17 December 11am



Parish & Other Information

St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish Anointing Mass

On Wednesday, **27 November** the Sacrament of Anointing will be available during the 11 am Mass at our Parish Church.

Please bring along those people who would like to receive the Sacrament of Anointing to this Mass. You are welcome to bring a small plate of finger food to share afterwards if you wish to.

If you would like a ride to the mass, please contact:
Joanne on 938 5638 or 021 0436856.

For Sale—THIS WEEKEND

On the **16th and 17th November** following our weekend Masses, the **Columban Calendar** will be available for purchase in the Church Foyer.

The Columban Art Calendar is an iconic Catholic Calendar, well-known for its traditional religious paintings and liturgical information and is a major fundraiser for Columban Missionaries. 2025 marks the 103rd edition -These Calendars make beautiful Christmas gifts.



The Calendars are **\$15.00** (please try to bring the correct change.)

Also available to purchase is the book
Saints Peter and Paul's Johnsonville —One Hundred years

These books originally retailed at \$20.00 but are now available on a one time special offer of **\$10.00**.

Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship

Last meeting for 2024 for Joshua Wellington in Connolly Hall, next to Sacred Heart Cathedral in Guildford Terrace. Come and join other men on **Thursday 21st November** from 7:00pm for a cuppa and a 7:30pm meeting start followed by supper.

Speaker: **Jeff Drane SM** on "Recognise your opportunity"

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



WORLD DAY OF THE POOR

World Day of the Poor 2024:

Let's Make a Difference Together On Sunday, 17 November, we'll celebrate the 8th annual World Day of the Poor, a chance for all of us to reflect on how we can stand in solidarity with those in need.

Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand is committed to empowering communities and tackling the root causes of poverty and injustice. We work with partners around the world to create real change and help vulnerable communities live with human dignity.

As World Day of the Poor 2024 approaches, we encourage everyone to consider what they can do—big or small—to make a difference. Whether through prayer, support, or action, together we can build a more just and compassionate world.

Find out more about how you can help eliminate poverty on the Caritas website.

Click here for link <https://www.caritas.org.nz/world-day-of-the-poor>

Catholic Social Services HOPE Appeal.

1 – 30 November 2024. , Bringing hope to our communities since the 1960s through social work, parenting programmes, hospital chaplaincy, prison chaplaincy, community facilitation and advocacy. Make an impact and donate your time, talents treasure: [catholicssocialservices.org.nz/donate](https://www.catholicssocialservices.org.nz/donate)
See flyers on our noticeboard.

Jubilee Year 2025

In the year 1300, Pope Boniface VIII called the first Jubilee, also known as a Holy Year, since it is a time in which God's holiness transforms us. Since then, Jubilee Years have been celebrated first every hundred years, then every fifty and from the year 1470, every twenty-five years. To find out more about the 2025 Jubilee Year of Hope, visit <https://www.wn.catholic.org.nz/jubilee-2025/> to find out more about Jubilee Year celebrations in Wellington in 2025.

Other Information

Hīkoi to Parliament in support of Te Tiriti o Waitangi:

On Tuesday, **19th November**, a hīkoi will travel through central Wellington to Parliament to voice concern about current legislative proposals around the Treaty. A short prayer time will be held before the hīkoi at the portrait of Mary Mother of God, at St Mary of the Angels church to pray for the good of Aotearoa New Zealand.

The artwork includes an image of Te Tii marae, a reference to Bishop Pompallier's presence at Waitangi in 1840. Prayer will be led by Mons. Gerard Burns, 8.30-8.45am. Hīkoi leaves Waitangi Park at 9am. **All welcome.**

Wanting to breathe new life into your parish?

The Catholic Parish of New Plymouth will be hosting a Divine Renovation Open House on **Friday 22 to Saturday 23 November 2024.**

This is a great opportunity to see how Divine Renovation principles and practices are impacting some of our own parishes here in Aotearoa New Zealand, and to be inspired to see what we might do in our own parishes in Wellington. See the poster attached for more details. Click [here](#) or on the poster attached to register.

Māori musical instruments

Henare Walmsley, a parishioner of Te Ngakau Tapu Church, Porirua, is an exponent of Taonga Pūoro and wants to share his knowledge of Māori musical instruments with you. Here is a unique opportunity to listen to the traditional instruments of Te Ao Māori and start your collection of Taonga Pūoro. At a 2-day wānanga you will get to make three simple instruments, learn the art of sound, and compose a waiata.

Session #1 is available Saturday 9:30am to 3:00pm on these dates - **23 November, 1 December.**

Next year's second wananga to be confirmed.

You can apply for one weekend session only (they are all the same). Classes are limited to 12 people so book early.

The venue is at Tū Hono Hall & Te Ngakau Tapu Church just off the Viard College Campus, 20 Kenepuru Drive, Porirua.

Contact Henare directly 027 4848 179 or drop an email to walmsley1@actrix.co.nz if you have questions.

Other Events/Notices

What is happening around our Diocese ?

Stay up to date with Archdiocesan events:..

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

Volunteer as a member of the Ecology, Justice and Peace Commission in 2025

Are you motivated to contribute to work for justice and peace inspired and informed by Catholic Social Teaching?

The Archdiocesan Ecology Justice and Peace Commission and Committees (Integral Ecology, Poverty, and Bicultural Relationships) invite nominations for membership for 2025.

As a member you will work to promote the social teaching of the Church throughout the Archdiocese and shine a light on issues of injustice. Activities of the Commission are diverse and include making submissions to parliament, organising events such as the Season of Creation, Te Tiriti Mai Rānō hui and the Housing Forum, and supporting movements such as the Living Wage Movement and Death without Debt.

Find out more about the Commission at <https://www.wn.catholic.org.nz/about/commission-for-ecology/> or contact Deirdre Meskill, the facilitator, at d.meskill@wn.catholic.org.nz, ph. 021 2213944

COME & SEE VOCATIONS MORNING

Exploring the vocation to the priesthood with Fr David Dowling, Rector of Holy Cross Seminary.

Saturday 7th December

9am - 1pm at the Archdiocesan Offices, 204/2 Thorndon Quay.

Please email l.hensel@wn.catholic.org.nz or text 021 164 5800 if you would like to join us.

Breaking new ground with Shirley Murray THIS WEEKEND

Following the publication of her biography of Shirley Erena Murray, Peace is Her Song, author Anne Manchester will present a session for the Ephesus group on November 17 focusing on learning some new songs and exploring their themes and images.

Where: Johnsonville Union Church

When: **November 17, 5-7pm.**

The session begins with a light supper. Please bring some food to share.

For planning purposes, please let **Maria Cash** know if you intend coming. Call 0211 475747 or email cash.maria@googlemail.com by November 14

Christian Perspectives on the Treaty Principles Bill

Invitation to Participate **Wednesday 4 December** at St Thomas More Church (30 Worcester St Wilton) 6.00 pm beginning with a simple dinner, 6.30pm – 8.00pm Video and discussion 'Stand up for Te Tiriti: Christian Perspectives on the Treaty Principles Bill'

This is a critical time to understand and become involved in the Treaty Principles Bill. This is a justice issue that will influence how the Treaty is understood in the years to come.

As an Advent activity, the Ōtari Parish Justice, Peace and Development group invite you to come along to a workshop to learn more about the bill and the key concerns from a Christian perspective. Together, in our faith community, we will gather ideas to empower us to make submissions opposing the Bill. (This video resource is provided by the Ecumenical Group 'Common Grace Aotearoa' and its use is supported by the Archdiocesan Ecology, Justice and Peace Commission

<https://www.treatyandbelonging.nz/speakup.>)

Please Register to attend by emailing office@otariparish.co.nz or by the Sign-up Sheet in the Church Foyer for catering purposes.

Quote from Pope Francis

'The World Day of the Poor ... is an opportune occasion to implement initiatives that concretely help the poor ... The poor still have much to teach us because in a culture that has placed wealth at the forefront and often sacrifices the dignity of people on the altar of material goods, they swim against the tide, highlighting that what is essential for life is something else entirely.

Prayer, then, is verified by authentic charity that manifests itself as encounter and proximity. If prayer does not translate into concrete action, it is in vain; indeed, "faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead" (Jas 2:17). However, charity without prayer risks becoming philanthropy that soon exhausts itself. "Without daily prayer lived with fidelity, our acts are empty, they lose their profound soul, and are reduced to being mere activism" (BENEDICT XVI, [Catechesis](#), April 25, 2012).'

Pope Francis, [Message for the Eighth World Day of the Poor](#),
13 June 2024

MASS INTENTIONS

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



Recently Deceased:

Anniversaries: All intentions for Holy Souls in November,

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

MASS & LITURGY TIMES Saturday 16th November - Friday 22nd November

Sat: 5.00pm Vigil Mass

Sun: 10.00am Mass

Tues: 9.15am St Brigid's Kākā - Liturgy 5.30pm Evening Mass

Wed: 11.00am Mass- followed by Morning Tea

Thurs: 9am Liturgy

Fri: 8.30am exposition and 9am 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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