



# St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish

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**Twentieth week of Ordinary Time 18 August 2024, Year B**  
**Readings: Proverbs 9:1-6 Ephesians 5:15-20 John 6:51-58**

This weekend Archbishop Paul Martin comes to the parish to celebrate Confirmation for those on their way to first communion. Congratulations to all the families involved in this sacrament.

Sealed  
with  
the  
gift of  
the  
Holy  
Spirit

Baptism, confirmation and eucharist are called the 'sacraments of initiation' (into Christian living). They start us off, are meant to get us moving in our following of Jesus Christ and being part of his continuing work in our world.

In the early centuries of the Church when an adult was baptized, it usually happened at about 3am on Easter Sunday morning (the Easter Vigil and the 'hour' of Jesus' resurrection) We are baptized (immersed) in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. They were literally immersed in a baptismal pool (naked and assisted in each case by male or female deacons) in a special baptismal room attached to the church building.

Coming out of the pool they were clothed in a white garment symbolizing their second birth, symbolizing new life, being washed clean of sin. They then entered the body of the church where the congregation was gathered with their PP (episkopos/overseer/bishop) who anointed them with oil. This *confirmed* their baptism (Confirmation) to seal it and they were presented with their baptismal candle. Later in the same Mass they received their first communion (eucharist).

So baptism, confirmation and eucharist were all celebrated in the same ceremony. The Mass was finishing as dawn broke (darkness to light). Of course that was just the beginning.....

Fr Gerard

## Parish Information

### Sacramental Programme 2024

#### Confirmation Programme

Practice Session **THIS FRIDAY Fri 16th August 6.30pm**

Confirmation Date - **Sun 18th August - 2.00pm**

#### First Communion

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

*Please continue to keep the Children in our Confirmation Programme in your prayers....*



#### Parking

Parking is very busy in our carpark, down at St Brigid's and on the streets around the church on Sunday Mornings

*Please be mindful of our neighbours and other Parishioners and especially look out for children and pedestrians moving through the carpark.*

If it is safe to, and you are confident to, please consider reversing into the your park.



If you park down at St Brigid's please avoid the grass.

**Thank you**



*Artwork  
from  
St Benedict's  
School for the  
Feast of  
the Assumption*

## Parish Information

### **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](mailto:office@stfrancisohariu.nz)

### **Are you able to help feed the hungry?**

St Vincent de Paul is looking for volunteers to help on our bread roster, for a few hours each month. Volunteers collect bread from NADA at the end of Saturday's trading, then deliver what's collected to families on our bread run. Numbers vary from about five to eight.

If you can help please phone **Justin Shaw phone 027 587 8467.**



### **Greeters required for the both Weekend Masses**

We are looking for friendly, welcoming people to act as Greeters for our weekend Masses. Training will be given!

Please contact Helen in the Parish office 04 478 7137

### **For Malvina Major Residents**

There will be an Anointing Mass Tuesday 20 August

10.30 am in the Burma Lounge



### **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](mailto:office@stfrancisohariu.nz)



## Parish & Other Information

### **Parish Pastoral Council Members:**

Following a process of nomination, discussion and discernment, the following people have accepted to be members of a parish council for St Francis of Assisi for a 3-year term.

They are Joanne Byrne, Ning Ibarra, James Fouhy, Ed Becker, and Lucienne Hensell.

A chair for the PPC has yet to be elected but the group has begun a process of formation around its role and in terms of the parish plan.

Happily there were a good number of nominations but many could not accept because of previous commitments or seeing their gifts being in other areas. It may be that one or two others might be added but the Leadership Team would like to thank those who have accepted this role.

A date for commissioning will be set.

*We ask your prayers for our new council.*

### **Oak Jubilee for Brigidine Sister**

Sister Helena, previously known as Mother Paulinus, is celebrating her Oak Jubilee (80 years as a professed Brigidine Sister) on Sunday, 8th September. She would appreciate your prayers. Sister Helena's first posting after profession was Johnsonville 1944 - 1949 and she was there again on three occasions teaching in school and teaching music. She is now resident at Palmerston North Metlifecare Village.

### **Refugee, Migrant and Family Support Community Outreach Worker SFOAO**

This role is an integral part of the mission of our Church and a particular expression of the collaborative model of being church in the Ohariu community of communities. It has both a delivery service and a developmental focus. The Outreach Worker reports directly to, and will be supported by, the SFOA Community Outreach Committee that is part of the SFOA Parish.

The role is offered as a fixed term one-year contract (reflecting the funding arrangements for the position) for a minimum of 16 hours, but with the option of extending up to 30 hours per week. The successful applicant will ideally have training and a background in one of the helping or community/pastoral development professions and proven experience in successfully working with different cultures and communities.

If you would like to know more about this role or receive a copy of the Job Description, please email or call: kittymckinley@xtra.co.nz – 021 491 459 or jkleinsman@nathaniel.org.nz or John 0278467489

*Vacancy!*

## Parish & Other Information

### Father Denis O'Hagan SM

After a short illness, Father Denis passed away on Wednesday August 14 at Wellington Hospital.

Father Denis previously helped minister in our parish of Saint Francis of Assisi Ohariu and was known as a caring, compassionate, wise spiritual guide.

His Vigil is at Saint Mary of the Angels on Sunday at 7pm and Funeral Mass on Monday in the same church.

May he Rest in Peace, after a full life of Ministry in many different roles.



### Combined Churches Op Shop

Thank you to those people who recently volunteered to help out at the Op Shop in the Johnsonville Community Centre on Moorefield Rd.



Along with the Brethren, Uniting and Anglican Churches we work together to provide recycled clothing at low cost.

Our volunteers give their time and energy to make things work.

Every year the profits are split equally between the 4 Churches.

The Shop is **open Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday.**

***Come and get a bargain!***

### Sacred Heart Cathedral Fundraiser

Sacred Heart Cathedral historic Hobday organ restoration fundraiser:

**Sunday 25 August 2 00 p m** at Malvina Major Retirement Village.

Guest speakers: **Sir Bill and Lady Mary English.**

Afternoon Tea will be served. Suggested donation \$20 (cash if possible please).

All parishioners are warmly invited invited. Please reserve your seat by contacting: **Josie McCrone:0275395614 or 04 478 3422**

## Other Events/Notices

### What is happening around our Diocese ?

Stay up to date with Archdiocesan events:

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

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



We look forward to hearing from you!

### Movie Fundraiser

Challenge 2000 is running a movie fundraiser on Sunday 1st of September!

We will be watching the film 'Ghostlight' : "When a construction worker joins a local theatre's production of "Romeo and Juliet," the drama onstage starts to mirror his own life."

The movie starts at 5pm at the Penthouse Cinema in Brooklyn.

Tickets are \$30 and all proceeds will go towards unfunded programmes at Challenge 2000. If you would like to come along, or would like to sponsor someone else to go, email [gabriellelawson@challenge2000.org.nz](mailto:gabriellelawson@challenge2000.org.nz).



Te paepae o te paerangi ki te paewhenua

Where heaven and earth come together



## Other Events/Notices

### **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)***

### **Notices from Titipounamu Study & Joy**

Ulm Minster - The highest church building in the world with Beate Matthies

A journey through the history and architecture of the German Ulm Minster from the laying of the foundation stone in 1377 to today.

Monday, 02 September 2024, 7-8.30pm (Zoom). Koha

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/ulm-minster-the-tallest-church/>

YouTube Recordings

YouTube and Muffin Talk recordings are available online at:

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/category/resources/video-clips/>

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



Have you ever wondered why Bishop Pompallier chose the Feast Day of the Assumption of Mary as the patronal feast for Aotearoa New Zealand?

If so, please check out my 9min interview with Fr Kevin Waldie sm: <https://www.studyjoy.nz/2024/08/09/the-assumption-of-mary/>

### **Quote from Pope Francis**

'The Eucharist is Jesus himself who gives himself entirely to us. Nourishing ourselves of Him and abiding in Him through Eucharistic Communion, if we do so with faith, transforms our life, transforms it into a gift to God and to our brothers and sisters. Nourishing ourselves of that "Bread of Life" means entering into harmony with the heart of Christ, assimilating his choices, his thoughts, his behaviour. It means entering into a dynamism of love and becoming people of peace, people of forgiveness, of reconciliation, of sharing in solidarity. The very things that Jesus did.'

Pope Francis, Angelus, 16 August 2015.

## MASS INTENTIONS

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



**Recently Deceased:** Father Denis O'Hagan

**Anniversaries:** Brigid Taylor, Vittorio Canderle, John Santiago,

**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 17th August– Friday 23rd August

### 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:	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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