



# St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish

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**The Body and Blood of Christ 2 June 2024, Year B**

**Readings:** Exodus 24:3-8, Hebrews 9:11-15, Mark 14:12-16, 22-26

## Corpus Christi – the most Holy Body and Blood of Christ 2 June 2024

I looked down to see steel capped safety boots poking out from the priest's alb. As he transferred the Blessed Sacrament from the tabernacle to the monstrance, and placed the monstrance on the altar to enable perpetual adoration to continue. He pointed with both hands to the Blessed Sacrament and said "the Body of Christ".

Then turning to the congregation and, pointing to us with both hands, he repeated, with some emphasis, the phrase  
**"THE BODY OF CHRIST".**

Perpetual adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is a charism of some religious congregations. While retaining their devotion to the Body of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament, they, like Moses in today's first reading, and like St Paul in the second reading radically shifted their charism to focus on PEOPLE as the Body of Christ. The bread and wine do not become Jesus' Body and Blood only for the purposes of adoration.

These are valid practises, but the primary purpose that bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ is so that we may be fed. We are fed so that we can build the Body of Christ, God's people! The double pointing of the priest at that Mass: this, in the monstrance is the Body of Christ, and, we, the people, are the Body of Christ.

And the steel capped boots? The priests of the Blessed Sacrament Order frequently went to the Body of Christ in the places where that Body most needed them – including industrial work sites.

We cannot adore the Body of Christ in the tabernacle or monstrance without doing service to the Body of Christ – part of which is sitting right next to you!



Joe Green

## Parish Information

### Parish Council

The parish leadership team thank those who have made nominations for the Parish Pastoral Council. As we move forward with the discernment process we ask you to continue to pray for guidance.

### Sacramental Programme 2024

#### Upcoming dates

Reconciliation dates:

**5th June** 6.30– 7.30pm (practical)

**13th June 7pm** First Reconciliation

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

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



### Malvina Major Ecumenical Service

Malvina residents and parishioners are warmly invited to attend our next Ecumenical Service led by Joe Green in the Chapel-Reflection Room Wednesday 12 June 2 00pm.

This is a great opportunity for parishioners to join the Malvina Community in a prayerful Service and to catch up over Afternoon tea.

### Invitation to join in Adoration

After being closed for several years the Metropolitan Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Wellington will reopen on with three days of celebrations beginning Friday, 7 June 2024.

On the second day, **Saturday, 8 June** there will be a morning Mass at 8.30am followed by a day of Adoration.

Our parish has been invited to lead an hour of adoration from 10am. The Divine Mercy prayer group from our parish will be coordinating and leading the adoration during this hour and we invite all our parishioners to join with them in prayer and thanksgiving.

If you would like to help or need further information please contact Solomon Concessio : 0212017160

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**AT 7PM IN THE PARISH HALL.**  
**EMAIL [alpha@stfrancisoHariu.nz](mailto:alpha@stfrancisoHariu.nz) or**  
**talk to one of our team after Mass to register.**

**Synod update**

A new consultation document prepared by the bishops as part of the Holy Father's Synod 2021-24 process has been sent to Rome.

This document, titled *Towards October 2024*, follows the NZ Catholic Bishops Conference being asked to establish a consultation process to discern responses to specific questions related to the Vatican's *Synodal Church in Mission* report. That report was published after the First Session of the 16th Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops, held in Rome last October.

National Catholic lay organisations, agencies of the bishops conference, religious, diocesan bodies, educational institutions, young people's groups, parish groups and groups involved in previous synodal processes took part in the consultation, between February and April this year.

Copies of *Towards October 2024* A statement about the document, and the document, are online here:  
<https://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/synod-4/>



## Cathedral Information

### CATHEDRAL OF THE SACRED HEART RE-OPENING

On the weekend of 7-9 June celebrations will take place at the Metropolitan Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Hill Street, Wellington. After nearly 6 years of earthquake strengthening, renovations and plenty of fund-raising the doors are ready to be re-opened.

#### Friday 7 June

5:30 a.m. Whakawātea dawn blessing at 5.30am by Mana Whenua

7:30 p.m. Archdiocesan Mass of Thanksgiving (by invitation only)

Livestream available <https://www.youtube.com/live/bANyq3s3RCs>

#### Saturday 8 June

8:30 a.m. Parish Mass

9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Day of Adoration. **SFOAO Divine Mercy will be leading Adoration from 10am – 11am, please join them.**

5:00 p.m. Ecumenical celebration of Evening Prayer – all welcome

#### Sunday 9 June

10:00 a.m. Archbishop Paul to preside at the Cathedral 'parish-homecoming' Mass

11:00 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship following Mass.

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Tours of the Cathedral. Entry by Koha.

Tours at 2:00 p.m. 2:45 p.m. 3:30 p.m..

7:00 p.m. Evening Mass

### 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](mailto:cathedral.parish@wn.catholic.org.nz)

## Other Events/Notices

### Sacred Heart Cathedral

Saturday 8 June 9.00am to 5.00pm Day of Adoration. Everyone is invited to come throughout the day. Groups, parishes, and chaplaincies are invited to lead an hour. There are still time slots available if your group would like to lead an hour. It would be the groups responsibility to ensure people are present for the hour. Please contact the Cathedral Parish Office at [cathedral.parish@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:cathedral.parish@wn.catholic.org.nz)

### Erskine Chapel

All Erskine Old Girls and Staff are invited to a service at Erskine Chapel, Avon Street, Island Bay, on **Saturday 8th June at 9.30am**. Service starts at 10.00am. The chapel will be open for old girls and staff to visit from 12.30 to 2.30pm.

Please register <https://bit.ly/3T8oEzZ> ,  
[monicatresch@gmail.com](mailto:monicatresch@gmail.com)

### Notices from Tifipounamu Study & Joy

#### **Bible Stories - What do they mean?**

In this Sunday's session, we will remember Br Kieran Fenn with a pre-recorded short keynote, followed by a discussion, and by unravelling Bible stories and looking for answers within a group.

Sunday, 02 June 2024, 5-6pm (Zoom). Koha

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2024/05/07/bible-stories-what-do-they-mean/>


#### **Recent YouTube Videos:**

Remembering **Kieran Fenn fms** - a collection of some interviews.

Jan Rutledge on **De Paul House** - achievements and challenges.

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

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



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## Other Events/Notices

### **Te Ngākau Tapu (Sacred Heart Parish)**

Mass is held at every Friday at 12.05pm.

Te Ngākau Tapu  
20 Kenepuru Drive  
Porirua 5022

**All are welcome to join us...**

### **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**

### **Loving for Life - Educating for Love and fullness of Life**

Loving for Life NZ run programmes grounded in Christian teaching and medical expertise.

These programmes are a great way to introduce your child or teen to a holistic vision for their relationships.

The following programmes will be on offer in Wellington:

Toward Loving - 18 June 5:30pm - 8:00pm

Mother/Caregiver & Daughters - Year 7- 8 students (11-13 yrs)

Father/Caregiver & Sons - Year 7- 8 students (11-13 yrs)

Suggested donation \$30 per parent/child pair (includes dinner/supper)

Russell Keown House, Cnr Queens Drive & Laings Rd, Lower Hutt

For info/registration email [info@lovingforlife.org.nz](mailto:info@lovingforlife.org.nz)

"And thus, with simplicity, Jesus gives us the greatest sacrament. His is a humble gesture of giving, a gesture of sharing. At the culmination of his life, he does not distribute an abundance of bread to feed the multitudes, but breaks himself apart at the Passover supper with the disciples. In this way Jesus shows us that the aim of life lies in self-giving, that the greatest thing is to serve."

Pope Francis, [Angelus](#), 6 June 2021

### Christian Meditation

A Christian Meditation groups meets:

**Mondays**, at 7.00 - 7.45pm in the Committee Room, Uniting Church, J'Ville  
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](http://www.wccm.org)

### Compassion News...

#### **Taizé**

Friday 7 June, 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm

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

Inspired by communities in France, Taizé incorporates music and chanting into a restful and reflective practice.

Join our Sisters for a Taizé session in our chapel. A reflective time with simple songs and scripture that brings us to stillness and silence.

Everyone is welcome.

#### **Morning Prayer / Mass**

Wednesday and Thursday 8:30 am – 9:00 am

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

Join us for a contemplative morning mass to start the day.

For more information contact ph. (04) 383-7769 or [events@compassion.org.nz](mailto:events@compassion.org.nz)  
ALL are welcome.

#### **Miha Māori – Māori Mass**

Every Sunday, 11:00 am – 12:00 pm

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

For more information contact ph. (04) 383-7769 or [events@compassion.org.nz](mailto:events@compassion.org.nz)  
Suzanne Aubert Heritage Centre: 9am to 3pm, Tuesday to Friday

## MASS INTENTIONS

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



**Recently Deceased:** Janet Kearns, Joyce Heath, Victor Francis D'Souza

**Anniversaries:** Dennis Francis Low

**Prayers for the Sick:** Ewen Laurenson, Anna Mika-Hunt Walsh, Terry Marks, Madonna Aspinall, Fr Joe Savesi, Rev Fiatepa Faatee, Betty Stewart, Fr David Orange, Jocelyn Whitehouse, David Clarke, Moe Pio Tafaeese, 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 1st June— Friday 7th 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 No Liturgy in the church due to a Funeral
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.**



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