



St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish

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Twenty Ninth week of Ordinary Time 20 October 2024, Year B
Readings: Isaiah 53:10-11 Hebrews 4:14-16 Mark 10:35-45

This is Mission Sunday.

The word 'mission' refers to the task of an organization and sometimes its reason for being (even businesses have a 'mission statement'). In terms of the Church it refers to what we are meant to be about. So what are we about? This can be described in different terms: bringing people to the knowledge of God, announcing the Kingdom/Kindom of God, bringing about a world of justice and peace, etc. How we describe our mission will shape what we do.



**MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS
POPE FRANCIS
FOR WORLD MISSION DAY 2024**

Some see the term 'Church mission' in negative terms, eg: 'It was the missionaries who undermined our local culture, took our land and paved the way for colonial domination'. We cannot deny that many forms of Christian mission have damaged local cultures and that not all missionaries have acted in ways that have been good or appropriate.

So both the content and methodology of mission have to be carefully considered. Since the Second Vatican Council the idea that the Church is not something that 'has a mission' (like a business) but is itself a fruit of God's saving work and exists primarily to further that work of God. Pope Francis, along with last few popes, have put this at the centre of his papacy. He starts with each of us encountering God, being transformed by the joy of that encounter (Evangelium Gaudium, 2013), and bringing that joy to others, especially those at the margins of society.

Fr Gerard Burns

Mission Sunday 20th October 2024

The theme chosen by Pope Francis for World Mission Sunday is: "Go and invite everyone to the banquet" (Mt 22:9) The banquet is that of the wedding feast of the Son, of the One who comes to marry all humanity and therefore wants to invite everyone to the wedding feast!

In his message for World Mission Sunday 2024, Pope Francis tells us: "While the world sets before us the various "banquets" of consumerism, selfish comfort, the accumulation of wealth and individualism, the Gospel calls everyone to the divine banquet, marked by joy, sharing, justice and fraternity in communion with God and with others. This fullness of life, which is Christ's gift, is anticipated even now in the banquet of the Eucharist, which the Church celebrates at the Lord's command in memory of him. The invitation to the eschatological banquet that we bring to everyone in our mission of evangelization is intrinsically linked to the invitation to the Eucharistic table, where the Lord feeds us with his word and with his Body and Blood".

In this Sunday's Gospel, James and John initially fell for the ways of the world alluded to by the Pope. The two brothers seek their personal glory. Jesus tells them; "The cup that I drink, you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized." What is this baptism for Jesus if not to be immersed in our humanity from birth to His passion and death, when He will give His life for the many? Jesus the Bridegroom teaches them, and us, something paradoxical that St Francis of Assisi captured beautifully in his famous prayer: that it is in giving that we receive, in forgiving that we are forgiven, in dying to self for others that we are born into eternal life! It is the paradox of true love.

On this World Mission Sunday, let us respond to the call of all the baptized to serve and to give our lives. Let us invite everyone to discover the richness of our Christian spirituality and our Eucharistic banquet, where Jesus gives his life for us and gives us the grace to do the same for others. Let us pray for the great universal mission of the baptized and support it concretely through our financial offerings dedicated entirely to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, the pontifical work that helps young Churches. Let us stand firm in the affirmation of our faith, which has as its model the Servant and High Priest Jesus, who gives his life anew today in the banquet of his Eucharist.

Let's go and invite everyone to the banquet of the Eucharist, to the wedding feast of the Lamb, to the banquet of true food, the bread of eternal life: this is our universal mission, ad gentes, to all peoples.



To read the Pope's Message for Mission Sunday click [here](#)

Parish Information

St Brigid's School Term 4 Masses and Liturgies



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

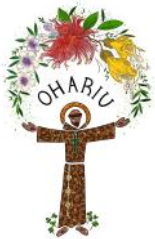
Teams: (start at **9.15am**)

Kākā - 22 October Mass,	19 November Liturgy
Tūi - 29 October Liturgy,	26 November Mass
Tītipounamu - 12 November Mass,	3 December Liturgy

School Masses:

All Saints' Day -	1 November 11am
End of Year Mass -	17 December 11am

We would love you to join us.



Tuesday Night Masses

Our Masses on Tuesday evenings at 5.30pm are well attended.

These are quiet Masses, perfect to pop into on your way home.

If you would like to join us, you would be most welcome.

Tuesday 5.30pm

Mission Sunday

On **Sunday 20th October** we have the annual Mission Sunday collection.

Those who make donations to planned giving by envelope will have a special brown envelope for this collection.

If you make donations to planned giving by Automatic Payment and want to donate to this collection, you can do so by making a one off payment from your account to the Parish bank account **02-0524-0203642-00**.

Please make sure that you use '**Mission**' in the reference field.

Alternatively, if you would like to make a donation by Credit Card, missionz have provided us with some pre-printed envelopes that have a donation form inside. These are available in the Church Foyer.



Many thanks for all the contributions you make.

Parish Information

Remembrance Mass

The Parish Remembrance Mass will be held on Wednesday 6th November at 7.00pm

All are welcome to join us at this annual Mass where we remember our deceased family members and friends.

At the end of this Mass, you are very welcome to stay for supper and a chat with others.



The St. Brigid's Quiz Night - THIS WEEKEND!

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 beckcross75@gmail.com

Start rounding up your teams – it'll be a fun night!

PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP ACTIVITIES

Oct/Nov/Dec 2024

CD group	Afternoon Tea at Watsons Sun 13 Oct
PICKNIC group	Dia de las Velitas celebration Sat 7 Dec
	Day of the Little Candles – Eve of The Immaculate Conception
CREW group	Catch up at Brentons Sun 3 Nov
New group	Ten Pin Bowling Sat 19 Oct
TEDDYS Coffee	Catch up at Kleinsmans Sun 10 Nov
Newlands group	Movie and Dinner Oct/Nov tbc
Spanjaards group	Coffee and chat Sat 9 Nov

Would you like to join a group for fun, fellowship and community building?

Please contact **John & Kerry Kleinsman**: 027 3116618 or 027 8467489
Or email: kleinsklan88@gmail.com



Parish & Other Information

Volunteer Shop Assistant – Khandallah

Do you have a knack for customer service? And love helping people find the things they are looking for? We have a great role for you based in the newly refurbished Vinnies Op Shop in Khandallah. There are spaces available on the shop assistant roster both during the week and on a Saturday. You'll be joining a team friendly team dedicated to providing great service while selling quality clothing and goods to the community.

We will give you training on our new POS system, and how we curate and merchandise stock, and of course all health and safety is covered too. If you have some experience and can commit to a regular shift or two we'd love to hear from you.

Either pop in store and talk to the Manager or you are come to contact Tracy in the office 02106618063 find out more.



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

Requests for funds to send overseas

We have become aware that there may be people who are soliciting privately for money to be sent overseas to personal bank accounts, allegedly to assist with charitable works.

If you wish to donate money overseas, we encourage you to do so through a New Zealand registered charity such as Caritas.

If you have been approached to send money to a private bank account under the guise of overseas mission work, please contact the Archdiocesan Privacy and Complaints Officer,

Elizabeth Berry on 0800 825 528 or 021 567 143
or email at e.berry@wn.catholic.org.nz

Other Events/Notices

What is happening around our Diocese ?

Stay up to date with Archdiocesan events:..

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

Titipounamu Study and Joy

The Eucharist – *A meal that unites and divides.*

500 years of debates between Catholics and Protestants with Dr Nicholas Thompson

Monday, 21 October 2024, 7-8.30pm (Zoom).

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2024/09/24/debate-about-the-eucharist/>

YouTube Recording Recommendation:

The Divine Word & Mission NZ - Fr Bernard Espiritu svd (radio broadcast, 2022):

<https://youtu.be/J44iGmwe9Jw>

For more information: www.studyjoy.nz



Holy Hour

You are invited to come to a Holy Hour on **Tuesday 22 October** at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart beginning at 7.30 pm to pray for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life.

Included in the hour will be prayers, praise and worship, scripture reading and silence, concluding with Benediction.

All are welcome.

XLT Youth Worship Night - calling all teens and young adults.

Join us for the last two XLT (eXaLT) worship nights of the year!

XLT is a night of fellowship, prayer, food, live praise & worship, Reconciliation and Eucharistic Adoration, all centred around a theme and aimed at college students and young adults.

Join us at 7pm on Friday **18th October** and 29th November at St Anne's Hall, Emmett Street, Newtown.

Follow our page on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#)!

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 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

The Holy Spirit always accompanies us. The Spirit consoles us in moments of sorrow and grief, especially when – precisely because of our love of humanity – things are not going well, injustices seem to prevail, we realize how difficult it is to respond with good in the face of evil, we see how hard it is to forgive and what little courage we show in seeking peace.

Pope Francis, Synod, 2 October 2024



MASS INTENTIONS

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



Recently Deceased: Seamus McAndrew

Anniversaries: Santaninho Rodrigues

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.

MASS & LITURGY TIMES Saturday 19th October– Friday 25th October

Sat: 5.00pm Vigil Mass

Sun: 10.00am Mass

Tues: 9.15am St Brigid's Kākā Team Mass, 5.30pm Evening Mass

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, **closed 21 October**

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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