



St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish

Website: www.stfrancisohariu.nz

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Sixteenth week of Ordinary Time 21 July 2024, Year B
Readings: Jeremiah 23: 1-6, Ephesians 2: 13-18, Mark 6: 30-34

Killing Hostility

In mathematics, multiplying two negative numbers results in a positive number. Try it on your phone! $(-2 \times -3 = ?)$. What could this mean in real life? We know that two wrongs don't make a right.

Well, St Paul explains that Jesus "in his own person, he killed the hostility". We might have questions about why there is still much hostility – the feeling of dislike, between different groups, nations and 'silos', when we already know that Jesus has already saved us on the Cross. Perhaps opposition is often thought to be necessary by certain groups to express how wounded or angry they are, making sure that others suffer to get to their point.

In maths, a sign in front of a number represents 1) the direction an object or person is facing on a number line (+ve is being on their same side, -ve is staring at them) or 2) whether you are stepping forwards (+ve) or backwards (-ve) in the direction you are facing. Instead of facing and staring our opponent down, Jesus teaches us to be on the same side as them. Instead of lunging towards them even if we have faced them in conflict (-ve), we are asked to move back (-ve). When these steps are multiplied, a positive result occurs.

In the midst of all the conflict in the world, killing hostility in stepping back and seeing what others see always allows the peace between us – Jesus – to save the world.

Ngā manaakitanga,

$$-2 \times -3 = ?$$

Fr Alfred.

Parish Information

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



St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Financial Report 2024

The Finance Committee is pleased to present the financial report for the year ended 31 March 2024.

In the last financial year, we received income of \$436,854 which was up \$35,160 on the previous year's \$401,694.

Planned giving contributions increased by \$ 2,718 from \$220,717 to \$223,435

The parish also received new grants for \$80,000 from Caritas Pro Vitae Gradu Trust for the OutReach Ministry. This was treated as a prepayment to be spent in the FY25 year.

Our expenses were \$ 405,328 compared with \$438,078 in the prior year.

As a result we had a surplus of \$ 27,525.

We finished the year with cash and term deposits of \$144,255 compared with \$108,090 last year, an increase of \$36,165.

Details of our revenue and expenses are available on the website. [Click here.](#)

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

Signed: *Parish Leadership Team*

Preference Certificate Requests

The Parish Office is currently 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

St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish Young Adults Group

Looking to meet new friends and grow in your faith? Our Young Adults Group is the perfect place for you! We gather every week for an enriching time of fellowship, fun, and spiritual growth.

Geared towards ages 18-30, our group offers a welcoming space to connect, grow, and have fun together. Currently, we're watching a series called "The Chosen," which offers a fresh perspective on the life of Jesus. We also start each session with a contemplation of God's word through a Lectio Divina. It's a great opportunity to deepen your faith and engage in meaningful discussions.

But it's not all study—we love to have fun too! We also enjoy outings and social events, providing a relaxed environment to build friendships and have fun. Come be a part of our vibrant community where faith and friendships flourish.

For more information, contact Kai Yin Schurhammer on:

Facebook "Kai Yin Schurhammer" or email: eskydk@gmail.com

Parish & Other Information

Sacramental Programme 2024

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

Confirmation begins **4th August 11.15am**

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

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



HOPE and ACT with CREATION

A Season of Creation Workshop to animate 'Care for our Common Home' in our communities — All welcome

Hear from an inspirational speaker, share ideas, and gather practical tips and resources for your community.

Hosted by the Integral Ecology Committee, Archdiocese of Wellington EJP Commission

Tuesday 6 August 6.45pm cuppa for 7pm start; 9 pm finish
at St Peter and St Pauls Hall, Te Awakairangi Parish, 60 Knights Rd, Lower Hutt

OR

Saturday 10 August 9.45am cuppa for 10am start; 12 noon finish
at Our Lady of Kapiti Meeting Room, 1 Presentation Way, Paraparaumu

To register please email Deirdre Meskill -

d.meskill@wn-catholicocialservices.org.nz

We hope that you may be able to attend one of these workshops and spread the word about it. If you are unable to please pass this email on to others you think might be interested.

We are planning an Archdiocese Season of Creation Celebration Mass on Friday 4th October – The Feast of St Francis of Assisi.

Details about this will be circulated closer to the time.

Lastly, the IE Committee is very happy to answer any queries. Please don't hesitate to contact the Convenor of the committee

– Estelle Henrys ev.henrys@gamil.com





NOW HIRING

DIGITAL CONTENT CREATOR

Catholic
Enquiry
Centre

Are you a social media superstar?

We're developing engagement across a range of social media platforms.

This role requires an excellent knowledge of social media platforms, outstanding design skills, and the ability to write engaging content quickly and accurately. It's a part-time role (15 hours negotiable), fixed-term (6 months). There is space in our office in Wellington, however, the role can be based remotely if necessary.

For a description of the role, email the Director of the Catholic Enquiry Centre, Rebecca Taylor-Hunt, via rebecca@catholicenquiry.nz.

Deadline for applications: 1st August 2024.

Seasons for Growth training opportunities – Catholic Social Services, Archdiocese of Wellington

Parent Programme: Supporting your child through separation and divorce. Wednesday 31 July & Wednesday 7 August. 7.30pm. Over two consecutive Wednesdays, learn strategies to support your child through family change. Johnsonville Community Hub. Cost \$25. Email Jess at j.ferroni@wn-catholicsocialservices.org.nz

Adult Companion Training: Monday 12 August & Tuesday 13 August. 9.30am – 4.30pm. This professional development training enables educators and professionals to facilitate the Seasons for Growth seminar and/or small groups within their communities. Cost is \$300 + resources. To register go to: <https://forms.office.com/r/Waq6bu1x86> or email Jess at seasons@wn.catholic.org.nz for the PFD/Word Doc forms

Hearts Aflame Catholic Summer School:

Hearts Aflame Catholic Summer School is back again this summer with ten days of world-class lectures, uplifting prayer and authentic community! Hearts Aflame is a life-changing experience for young adults aged 18 to 35 who want to know more about their faith, have an authentic encounter with Christ and meet other Catholic young adults from all over New Zealand. Join us this year at Nga Tawa Diocesan School, Marton, from January 3rd-12th 2025! Registrations open July 14th at 2pm: we sell out fast so be in quick! Visit heartsaflame.org.nz to register or find out more.

Other Events/Notices

Compassion News

Craft Gathering at the Home of Compassion

Wednesday, 12:00 pm

Venue: Suzanne Aubert Heritage Centre, 2 Rhine Street, Island Bay

Join us for our weekly craft gathering.

For more information contact ph. (04) 383-7769 or events@compassion.org.nz

The Suzanne Aubert Heritage Centre and Cloister Café are open

Everyone is welcome to spend some time in our public spaces.

Cloister Café: 10am to 2pm, Tuesday to Friday.

Suzanne Aubert Heritage Centre: 9am to 3pm, Tuesday to Friday

Portraying the Invisible God: How Early Christian Artists Depicted Christ

Tues. July 23, 7.00 – 9.00pm Presented by Prof. Robin Jensen. Public Lecture, All Saints Church, 90 Hamilton Rd, HAITAITAI.

[REGISTER HERE >>](#)

Current of Grace Wellington

Only a few days left so remember to make the 'Prayer for Wellington' your go-to event this coming Saturday 27th July between 1:00 and 3:30pm at the Sacred Heart Cathedral, Hill Street. Everybody is welcome. Afternoon tea to follow. Hosted by Current of Grace Wellington. Any queries? Contact Josephine Olsen josie_olsen5@hotmail.com or mobile 027 367 4453

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.

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- Learn how to share faith with others
- Understand what Church teaching means for us today
- Be trained and equipped to serve in your parish community

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)
E te Ariki (Whakarongo mai rā ki a mātou)***

Joshua Men's Retreat

Put this date in your diary. Men's One-Day Retreat at Home of Compassion, Island Bay on Saturday 17th August 8:30am to 5pm.

Theme: 'Hear then what God is asking you. Only this...'

Retreat leader: Brendan Woodnutt, Christchurch

Want to know more? Ring Steve Ready 027-356-9555

email: joshua.wgtn@gmail.com

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...



Quote from Pope Francis

'Only a heart that does not allow itself to be taken over by hastiness is capable of being moved; that is, of not allowing itself to be caught up in itself and by things to do, and is aware of others, of their wounds, their needs. Compassion is born from contemplation. If we learn to truly rest, we become capable of true compassion; if we cultivate a contemplative outlook, we will carry out our activities without that rapacious attitude of those who want to possess and consume everything; if we stay in touch with the Lord and do not anesthetise the deepest part of ourselves, the things to do will not have the power to cause us to get winded or devour us.'

Pope Francis [Angelus](#), 18 July 2021

MASS INTENTIONS

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



Recently Deceased: Jim Hollis

Anniversaries: Melanie Lin

Prayers for the Sick: Sam Weaver (USA) Desmond Leahy, Andrea Reiser, Anna Mika-Hunt Walsh, Terry Marks, 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 20th July– Friday 26th July

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 the school
Wed:	11.00am Mass - followed by Morning Tea
Thurs:	9.00am Liturgy
Fri:	No Exposition or 9.00am Liturgy, -10am Mass with St Benedict's School

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

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