



# St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish

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**Twenty Fifth week of Ordinary Time 22 September 2024, Year B**  
**Readings: Wisdom 2:12,17-20 James 3:16-4:3 Mark 9:30-37**

## First Communion

This afternoon we have the young people from our church community making their first communion. In making their first communion they complete their sacraments of initiation – they are now full members of our Catholic faith community sharing at the Eucharistic table.

Being a full member of the Catholic faith community and sharing in the Eucharist: what do these really mean?

During their preparation for first communion, I introduced these young people to my FAITH SHADES – they enable me to see with the eyes of faith, and there are times we need to see with the eyes of faith!

When I wear my faith shades at Mass what do I see:

**I see the people of God gathered, each a brother or sister in Christ  
– Christ Is here!**

**I see the priest, at the head of our table – Christ is here!**

**I hear the word of God proclaimed – Christ is here!**

**I see bread and wine become the very Body and Blood of Christ  
– Christ is here!**

**Christ is here, right now, at St Francis of Assisi Ohariu.**

And after we share at the table of the Lord, the presiding priest will tell us to go. Because Christ is not here for Himself. He is here so that we, who are the Body of Christ, might go, and take Him to others.

**Joe Green**



## Parish Information

### Sacramental Programme 2024

#### First Communion

Practice : **Friday 20th September 6.30pm**

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

**This weekend the Children in our Sacramental Programme will receive the Eucharist for the first time.**



*Please keep the Children in your Prayers*

#### Weekday Mass

We are trialling a new weekday Mass at **5.30pm on Tuesdays**  
We warmly invite you to attend.

#### Malvina Major Ecumenical Service:

Parishioners are warmly invited to join Malvina residents at an Ecumenical Service in the Chapel-Reflection Room on Wednesday 2 October at 2 00pm.

Enquiries: Judith 021 203 1144



#### Parish Vegetable Garden –

On Sunday the 1st of September, we had a blessing for the garden at 27 Dr. Taylor Terrace, which marked the beginning of the 'Season of Creation'.

As we move into the warmer months, we are planning to have monthly working bees in the garden on a Saturday afternoon, with afternoon tea and hopefully some BBQs (weather permitting)!

If you are interested in being involved in the working bees, or if you would like to volunteer some time to help with the garden, please email :

[gabriellelawson@challenge2000.org.nz](mailto:gabriellelawson@challenge2000.org.nz).





# Season of Creation Liturgy

*On the Feast of St Francis of Assisi*

## TO HOPE AND ACT WITH CREATION

**Friday 4th October**

7.00pm cuppa for 7.30pm start

St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish

(37 Doctor Taylor Terrace, Johnsonville Wellington)



**Hosted by The Ecology, Justice and Peace Commission  
and St Francis of Assisi Parish**



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## Parish Information

### Can you help?.

I would like to re-instate a roster to make sure our Church is a tidy, clean and welcoming place to come and worship.



I have a small group who have volunteered to help with weekly cleaning of the church or to be called on to ensure that everything is presentable for occasions during the week but I need more volunteers.

If you are able to help or would like to know more about what's required, please email Helen, (Parish Office) office@stfrancisohariu.nz

### The St. Brigid's Quiz Night is back again this year.

After the fabulous success of last year's one, we are doing another one this year at the same venue - 1841, on the 20th of October.

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](mailto:beckcross75@gmail.com)

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



### 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

## Other Information

### **Suzanne Aubert Tertiary Scholarship 2025 applications are open**

We are delighted to announce that applications for the Suzanne Aubert Tertiary Scholarship 2025 are open from **1 September until 1 October 2024**.

This scholarship is designed to support students within the Catholic Archdiocese of Wellington and the Diocese of Palmerston North who will be studying in their second year of tertiary studies in 2025.

For more details and to apply, please visit our website:

<https://compassion.org.nz/suzanne-aubert-tertiary-scholarship/>

If you have any questions regarding the application process, please contact: Felicity Giltrap: [felicity.g@compassion.org.nz](mailto:felicity.g@compassion.org.nz).

### **Sacred Heart & Redwood College Nelson Past Pupils & Staff Reunion**

In December 1982, the doors of the 100-year-old, five-story building closed for the last time, the end of an era for the school and convent. Join us as we celebrate and commemorate the special moments that shaped our lives.

We warmly invite all past pupils and staff to attend. Date: 15th, 16th, 17th November 2024 Location: Manuka Street, Nelson

This is the last call for registrations, so please don't miss out! Register now for this historic reunion on our website: [www.RedwoodSacredHeart.com](http://www.RedwoodSacredHeart.com) Also, join our Facebook group to chat with your school friends - past pupils from 1940's to the closing year of 1982!:

Sacred Heart & Redwood, Nelson, Past Pupils and Staff. Start planning now for the weekend of 15th-17th November 2024. As time moves on, we realise this may be our last great reunion—a chance to come together, share our stories, reminisce, and revisit the place that played such a pivotal role in shaping our lives. From the children we once were to the adults we have become; those were our formative years.

Please note: Registration and attendance are open only to past pupils and staff of Sacred Heart & Redwood College, Nelson. Contact: Bernadette King-Turner Email: [SHReunion2024@gmail.com](mailto:SHReunion2024@gmail.com)

### **Day of Prayer for Mary**

There will be a Day of Prayer for Mary, organized by The Legion of Mary (Praesidium of Our Lady of Perpetual Succor), Upper Hutt

Saturday October 12<sup>th</sup> 2024,

St Josephs Parish Church, Upper Hutt. After the 9am Mass

There will be a cup of tea, coffee and biscuit after Mass before we start the programme. Please bring a shared lunch.

## Other Events/Notices

### What is happening around our Diocese ?

Stay up to date with Archdiocesan events:..

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

### Love is a Decision :

**Love Is A Decision**, spaces are filling up quickly for the final course of LIAD for 2024, in November. The next one won't be until March 2025.

This is the flagship marriage preparation course of the Archdiocese.

Enrol online at [wn.catholic.org.nz](http://wn.catholic.org.nz).

Any queries email [marriage@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:marriage@wn.catholic.org.nz)

### Theology Course

TH502 What is Theology? Course Wed-Fri: 9-11 October

9am-4pm CTC Thorndon, Wgtn with

Dr Christopher Longhurst-

Enrol now – call (04) 819 8380 or email [office@ctc.ac.nz](mailto:office@ctc.ac.nz)

or visit [www.tekupenga.ac.nz](http://www.tekupenga.ac.nz)

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### Action on Climate Change

Listen and watch Pania Rei (Ngāti Toa Rangatira) speak about her mahi for Action Stations – climate change action in the Porirua District

Te Whare o Tū Hono, Te Ngākau Tapu, Bishop Viard College, Porirua

Starts after 5.15 pm Mass (6.15 pm), Sunday 22 September 2024 (soup and buns provided for a light dinner)

Nau mai haere mai!



Action on Climate Change

### 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 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

### **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**

#### **Season of Creation**

“We need to rethink among other things the question of human power, its meaning and its limits. For our power has frenetically increased in a few decades. We have made impressive and awesome technological advances, and we have not realized that at the same time we have turned into highly dangerous beings, capable of threatening the lives of many beings and our own survival.” (# 22 *Laudate Deum*)



**Action:** Consider the ways in which our power and our technological progress are turning against us.



## MASS INTENTIONS

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



**Recently Deceased:** Bernadette Chambers, Fineza Lucero, Jocelyn Kerslake

**Anniversaries:** Ray Vaughan, Daniel Carl Clough, Alex Telfar, Brian de Joux, John Collier

**Prayers for the Sick:** Carmen Godinez, Anna Mika-Hunt Walsh, Terry Marks, Lote So'oa, Madonna Aspinall, Fr Joe Saveni, 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.

### MIHA (MASS) & KARAKIA(LITURGY) TIMES Saturday 21st September– Friday 27th Mahuru/September

Sat:	<b>Rāhoroi</b>	5.00pm Vigil Mass
Sun:	<b>Rātapu</b>	10.00am Mass
Tues:	<b>Rātū</b>	9.15am No Tuesday Liturgy, Mass; 5.30pm Mass
Wed:	<b>Rāapa</b>	11.00am Mass- followed by Morning Tea
Thurs:	<b>Rāpare</b>	9am Liturgy
Fri:	<b>Rāmere</b>	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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Parish Bank Account for Koha/Donations

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