



St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish

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The Twelfth Week of Ordinary Time 23 June 2024, Year B
Readings: Job 38: 1, 8-11, 2 Corinthians 5: 14-17, Mark 4: 35-41

Today's readings offer a look at the world that God created.

In Job, God is at pains to remind Job of what had been created for Job – and for all of us. It's a less than gentle reminder to all of us that this is what God created with the waters.

“Who pent up the sea behind closed doors when it leapt tumultuous out of the womb, when I wrapped it in a robe of mist and made black clouds its swaddling bands, when I marked the bounds it was not to cross,”

The words are majestic and poetical and they are God's rather tart response to Job when he (Job) was feeling sorry for himself and questioning God. God's response is swift, majestic and a reminder to Job that it was God who created the world and NOT humans. Today we are so tied up with our concerns about climate and pollution that we very much overlook that it is God's world in which we live and we are to remember that it is not ours to own -only ours to manage.

Then today's Psalm carries on the theme of God's control over the waters.

But the big link is from the first reading to the Gospel; in that first reading from Job God states very clearly that He has mastery over the waters – and here this mystery is displayed for the apostles to see in all its terrifying glory: one of those so sudden storms on the Sea of Galilee has sprung up and the disciples fear that their boat is to sink but when they wake an obviously exhausted Jesus He rebukes the wind and the seas and then He rebukes them for their lack of faith: but how could they know that the God who made the seas was riding with them? and He showed just how He WAS the God who controls the waters and wind.

We do not control the earth – we only manage it for God and frankly we aren't doing much of a job of that at the moment. How is it that we can produce such a miracle of engineering as the James Webb telescope which can see back to within three hundred million years of the creation and yet not be able to control the mess we have on earth?

Let us always keep God's creation in mind.

Tony de Joux

Parish Information

This week we celebrate Refugee and Migrant Sunday.

We recognize and appreciate the richness that migrants and refugees bring to Aotearoa.

If you are reading this ahead of time, this is a reminder of the invitation to come to Mass dressed in clothing from your national country; or clothing from any other country that is significant to you. And to bring finger food for morning tea on Sunday. We will be enjoying empanadas, cocodas, panakiki, lumpia etc.

We all have a migrant story. May we all work together to share the beauty and manaakitanga (hospitality) of New Zealand.

Jo-Anne Carley,
Refugee and Migrant
family support coordinator.



St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish Young Adults Group

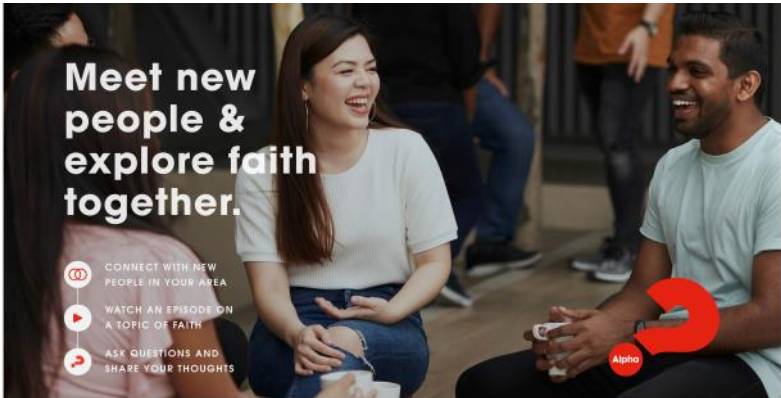
Looking to meet new friends and grow in your faith? Our Young Adults Group is the perfect place for you! We gather every week for an enriching time of fellowship, fun, and spiritual growth.

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

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HAVE YOU TRIED ALPHA?
MEET NEW PEOPLE AND EXPLORE FAITH TOGETHER
JOIN US THIS TUESDAY
AT 7PM IN THE PARISH HALL.
EMAIL alpha@stfrancisohariu.nz or
talk to one of our team after Mass to register.

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

Please note that the Parish Office is not open on Fridays or weekends and will be **closed on the 24th & 25th June.**

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**



Further Information

Sister Cyprian

Next week is Sister Cyprian's birthday and we are celebrating with her on Wednesday the 26th June.

Mass at 11am will be followed by a light lunch.

All are very welcome.

Parish Newsletter

If you are not receiving this newsletter or any Parish updates by email or on the Church App, please send your details to the Parish Office

email: **office@stfrancishariu.nz**

Alternatively you can register through our website by clicking on subscribe on the homepage, or [click here](#).

Notices from Titipounamu Study & Joy

Elijah - Prophet of Fire with Beate Matthies

The Prophet Elijah - his life, his miracles and how he is bridging the narratives of the Old Testament with those of the New Testament.

Monday, 24 June 2024, 7-8.30pm (Zoom). Koha

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2024/05/29/elijah/>

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Free and available anytime online.

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

For more information: www.studyjoy.nz

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

Vacancy

Come work for us – Advocacy Lead at Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand

Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand is the Catholic bishops' agency for justice, peace and development. We're on the hunt for an Advocacy Lead to join our team and bring about positive social justice through education, advocacy, and Māori engagement. The ideal candidate will have strong writing and research skills, experience in an advocacy and/or policy position, and a relevant tertiary qualification. Reporting to the Chief Executive of Caritas NZ, and the Regional Coordinator of Caritas Oceania, they will be responsible for contributing towards the establishment of the advocacy function and framework for Caritas Oceania and Caritas NZ, and coordinating programmes aligned to the Caritas mission.

This role offers an exciting opportunity within a close-knit Wellington-based team.

Visit <https://mclaren.co.nz/vacancies/?ja-job=4240637>

“Ko Te Tiriti Mai Rano: The Treaty is Always Speaking. A Covenant for the Generations”

9:30am-3pm, 6/7 July, Home of Compassion, Island Bay

A two day hui to deepen understanding and appreciation of Te Tiriti/ the Treaty and related issues from the perspective of Catholic Social Teaching.

Presentations from speakers will be followed by small group reflection and a plenary session. Participants can attend one or both days with daily registration by koha. Lunch provided.

For more information and to register contact:

Deirdre Meskill d.meskill@wn.catholic.org.nz

6 July Te Tiriti in the light of Catholic Social Teaching
Te Tiriti as Covenant

7 July A Guide to using te reo in Liturgy and in daily life
What does a bicultural future look like? What blessings can we hope for?

The hui is organised by Christian Life Community and the Bicultural Relationships Committee of the Ecology, Justice and Peace Commission

Other Events/Notices

St. Patrick's College is urgently looking for host families, both long and short term stays.

Long Term: We are looking for two families to host our incoming international students arriving mid-July to attend St. Patrick's College until the end of the school year. One student is a 15 years old from Vietnam, and the other is a 16 year old from China. St. Patrick's College offers a homestay fee of \$340 per week.

Short Term: We are looking for four families to host short-term visiting Japanese students in July for 9 days. Host families for these boys would be asked to host 2 students together. There is a different homestay fee for these students.

If you would like to host any of these young men, or would like to learn more about hosting in general, please contact Meg Szulinski, the International Student Coordinator at St. Patrick's College, at 027-319-2858 or by email at meg.szulinski@stpats.school.nz.



St Patrick's College

WELLINGTON

Hato Patariki ki Poneke

Current of Grace Wellington

Put this in your diary. Everybody is welcome to the Wellington Prayer event hosted by 'Current of Grace Wellington' on Saturday 27th July 2024 between 1:00 and 3:30pm at the Sacred Heart Cathedral, Hill Street.
Contact: Josephine Olsen 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.

We look forward to hearing from you!

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Understand what Church teaching means for us today

Be trained and equipped to serve in your parish community

Other Events/Notices

Christian Meditation

A Christian Meditation group meets:

Mondays, at 7.00 - 7.45pm in the Committee Room, Uniting Church, Johnsonville

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

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

'The biblical narrative of Exodus, depicting the Israelites on their way to the promised land, naturally comes to mind: a long journey from slavery to freedom prefiguring the Church's journey toward her final encounter with the Lord... God not only walks with his people, but also within them, in the sense that he identifies himself with men and women on their journey through history, particularly with the least, the poor and the marginalized. In this we see an extension of the mystery of the Incarnation.'

Pope Francis, Message for World Day of Migrants and Refugees 2024

<https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/migration/documents/20240524-world-migrants-day-2024.html>

Te paepae o te paerangi ki te paewhenua

Where heaven and earth come together

MASS INTENTIONS

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



Recently Deceased: Joan Scott, Irenia Geneta

Anniversaries: Antonio Moreno

Prayers for the Sick: Anna Mika-Hunt Walsh, Terry Marks, Madonna Aspinall, Fr Joe Savesi, Rev Fiatepa Faeee, 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 22nd June– Friday 28th 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 Liturgy with St Brigid's School
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.

Parish Office: 37 Dr Taylor Tce, Johnsonville

Office Hours Monday to Thursday 8.30am to 2.30pm

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