



# St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish

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**Christ the King 24 November 2024, Year B**

**Readings: Daniel 7: 13-14 Revelations 1: 5-8 John 18: 33-37**

The popular imagery of 'Christ the King' shapes our thinking about Jesus, perhaps even distorting it a little: we risk thinking of him as some sort of finely robed and crowned medieval king 'above us', 'remote', like some sort of 'Lord of the manor', passing severe judgement like a Roman or medieval magistrate!

The Jesus I know is very different from this: from a very mixed whakapapa; resident in a tiny village; an artisan; living in a hot, arid climate; lots of walking; sleeping rough; a working class bloke; a man able to mix it with people of all social classes – including sinners of all stripes! Counter cultural - unafraid to form close and personal relationships with men and women. With people like me!

However, when we look at the history and the purpose of the solemnity of 'Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe', the title starts to make sense and our thinking corrected.

In his 1922 encyclical, written in the aftermath of WW1 Pius XI said, "...as long as individuals and states refused to submit to the rule of our Savior, there would be no really hopeful prospect of a lasting peace among nations" The subtitle of the encyclical is "On the Peace of Christ in the Kingdom of Christ";. Shortly after, in 1925, Pius XI established the solemnity we celebrate today.

Pope Pius XI wanted us to gain strength and courage to rise above nationalism and secularism, to form our lives after 'the true Christian ideal', and, 'if to Christ is given all power in heaven and on earth' then Christ must reign in our minds, in our wills, in our hearts and in our bodies. We then become, in the words of the Apostle Paul, instruments of justice unto God. (Extracted from the encyclical Quas primas, #33).

So we indeed celebrate a king, but a king totally unlike all others!

*Christ the King*

## Parish Information

### St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish Anointing Mass

On Wednesday, **27 November** the Sacrament of Anointing will be available during the 11 am Mass at our Parish Church.

Please bring along those people who would like to receive the Sacrament of Anointing to this Mass. You are welcome to bring a small plate of finger food to share afterwards if you wish to.

If you would like a ride to the mass, please contact:

**Joanne on 938 5638 or 021 0436856.**

### Malvina Major Anointing Mass:

An Ecumenical Service to be led by Fr Alfred in the Burma Lounge 2pm on Wed 27 Nov.

Enquiries: Judith Shroff 021 203 1144.



### St Cecilia - Patroness of Music and Musicians: THIS WEEKEND

On **22 November** we celebrate St Cecilia's feast day. We give thanks for the gift of music and pray that our parish musicians may be blessed as they lead us in music and song.

**St Cecilia pray for us.**

### Christmas Cards

The St Vincent de Paul Ohariu Conference have SVdP Christmas cards available for sale and our conference members will be selling them at both of the parish masses.

They come as two different packs of five different cards with variations of Christmas crib scenes for \$5 per pack.



### St Brigid's School Term 4 Masses and Liturgies

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

*We would love you to join us.*

Tūi 26 November Mass

Titipounamu - 3 December Liturgy

### School Masses:

End of Year Mass - 17 December 11am



## Parish & Other Information

### For Sale—THIS WEEKEND

On the **23rd and 24th November** following our weekend Masses, the **Columban Calendar** will be available for purchase in the Church Foyer.

The Columban Art Calendar is an iconic Catholic Calendar, well-known for its traditional religious paintings and liturgical information and is a major fundraiser for Columban Missionaries. 2025 marks the 103<sup>rd</sup> edition -These Calendars make beautiful Christmas gifts.

The Calendars are **\$15.00** (please try to bring the correct change.)



Also available to purchase is the book

### **Saints Peter and Paul's Johnsonville —One Hundred years**

These books originally retailed at \$20.00 but are now available on a one time special offer of **\$10.00**.

### St Andrew's Feast Day

Next Saturday 30 November is the Feast of St Andrew the Apostle, as well as the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent.

Marie Paurini has put together a photo album commemorating the closing Mass at St Andrew's last year.

This book will be on a table in the foyer before Mass next Saturday and the following Saturday for you to look at.

### St Brigid's/St Benedict's Penpal Initiative

Ākonga (students) from St Brigid's Room 5 and St Benedict's Room 6 had an awesome time meeting one another in person after writing to each other this year.

Ngā mihi (Thankyou) Challenge2000 for leading activities for us to continue to get know each other.



## Other Information

### Catholic Social Services HOPE Appeal.

**1 – 30 November 2024.** , Bringing hope to our communities since the 1960s through social work, parenting programmes, hospital chaplaincy, prison chaplaincy, community facilitation and advocacy. Make an impact and donate your time, talents treasure: [catholicsocialservices.org.nz/donate](https://catholicsocialservices.org.nz/donate)  
See flyers on our noticeboard.

### Notices from Titipounamu Study & Joy

St Luke - How do we think of him as an author? with  
Fr Kevin Waldie SM Monday, 25 November 2024, 7-8.30pm (Zoom).

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2024/11/04/st-luke-how-do-we-think-of-him-as-an-author/>

YouTube Recording:

Fr Markus Solo Kewuta svd - Vatican Dicastery for Interreligious Dialogue:

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2024/11/18/fr-markus-solo-kewuta-svd-greetings-from-the-vatican/>

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



### Remembrance and recommitment ceremony (Rā Maumaharatanga) at Korokoro cemetery:

You are welcome to join a peaceful hikoī starting beside the grave of famous chief Wi Tako at the Catholic Cemetery on the corner of Pito-one Street and Korokoro Road on **Sunday 1 December 2024.**

Assemble at cemetery from 1:30pm.

Our kaupapa will be to recall and pray for the tipuna interred in this important site and learn about our shared histories. It is also a reminder of the joint kaitiakitanga of this special place, cared for by Wi Tako's descendants, the Love whanau, parishioners from Te Wairua Tapu / Holy Spirit parish, and the Hutt City Council. Wi Tako was buried at Korokoro in 1887 from St Peter and Paul's church in Lower Hutt.

Following the service we will proceed – by foot or vehicle – for 15 minutes to Te Puni urupā in Te Puni Street, then another 15 minutes to Sacred Heart Church, 41 Britannia Street to share stories and a cuppa. Car parking adjacent to Korokoro cemetery.

**NB: please do not bring food on to the cemeteries, food will be provided at the church.**

For details please contact Gerard Duignan 027 265 6085

## Other Information

### **Jubilee Year 2025**

In the year 1300, Pope Boniface VIII called the first Jubilee, also known as a Holy Year, since it is a time in which God's holiness transforms us. Since then, Jubilee Years have been celebrated first every hundred years, then every fifty and from the year 1470, every twenty-five years.

To find out more about the 2025 Jubilee Year of Hope, visit <https://www.wn.catholic.org.nz/jubilee-2025/> to find out more about Jubilee Year celebrations in Wellington in 2025.

### **Year of Jubilee : Ngā Tapuwae Jubilee Hikoi 2025**

Join in and experience the footsteps of Bishop Pompalier, Kupe, and the Poynton's, with other pilgrims, together sharing our Catholic and Maori heritage. This is a guided pilgrimage. Information is available at [www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/lifeinfaith/nga\\_tapuwae-2025](http://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/lifeinfaith/nga_tapuwae-2025) or contact Deacon Steve Fraser [stephenf@cda.org.nz](mailto:stephenf@cda.org.nz). Registrations are now open. Dates are 10th to 12th January 2025.



Own transport required.

### **Māori musical instruments**

Henare Walmsley, a parishioner of Te Ngakau Tapu Church, Porirua, is an exponent of Taonga Pūoro and wants to share his knowledge of Māori musical instruments with you. Here is a unique opportunity to listen to the traditional instruments of Te Ao Māori and start your collection of Taonga Pūoro. At a 2-day wānanga you will get to make three simple instruments, learn the art of sound, and compose a waiata.

Session #1 is available Saturday 9:30am to 3:00pm on this dates -  
**1 December.**

Next year's second wananga to be confirmed.

You can apply for one weekend session only (they are all the same). Classes are limited to 12 people so book early.

The venue is at Tū Hono Hall & Te Ngakau Tapu Church just off the Viard College Campus, 20 Kenepuru Drive, Porirua.

Contact Henare directly 027 4848 179 or drop an email to [walmsley1@actrix.co.nz](mailto:walmsley1@actrix.co.nz) if you have questions.

## Other Events/Notices

### **What is happening around our Diocese ?**

Stay up to date with Archdiocesan events:..

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

### **Volunteer as a member of the Ecology, Justice and Peace Commission in 2025**

Are you motivated to contribute to work for justice and peace inspired and informed by Catholic Social Teaching?

The Archdiocesan Ecology Justice and Peace Commission and Committees (Integral Ecology, Poverty, and Bicultural Relationships) invite nominations for membership for 2025.

As a member you will work to promote the social teaching of the Church throughout the Archdiocese and shine a light on issues of injustice. Activities of the Commission are diverse and include making submissions to parliament, organising events such as the Season of Creation, Te Tiriti Mai Rānō hui and the Housing Forum, and supporting movements such as the Living Wage Movement and Death without Debt.

Find out more about the Commission at <https://www.wn.catholic.org.nz/about/commission-for-ecology/> or contact Deirdre Meskill, the facilitator, at [d.meskill@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:d.meskill@wn.catholic.org.nz), ph. 021 2213944

### **Come and See Vocations Morning**

Exploring the vocation to the priesthood with Fr David Dowling, Rector of Holy Cross Seminary.

#### **Saturday 7th December**

9am - 1pm at the Archdiocesan Offices, 204/2 Thorndon Quay.

Please email [l.hensel@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:l.hensel@wn.catholic.org.nz) or text 021 164 5800 if you would like to join us.

### **Compassion Activities (25 November – 1 December)**

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

Wednesday **27** and Thursday **28 November**, 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.



### Christian Perspectives on the Treaty Principles Bill

Invitation to Participate **Wednesday 4 December** at St Thomas More Church (30 Worcester St Wilton) 6.00 pm beginning with a simple dinner, 6.30pm – 8.00pm Video and discussion 'Stand up for Te Tiriti: Christian Perspectives on the Treaty Principles Bill'

This is a critical time to understand and become involved in the Treaty Principles Bill. This is a justice issue that will influence how the Treaty is understood in the years to come.

As an Advent activity, the Ōtari Parish Justice, Peace and Development group invite you to come along to a workshop to learn more about the bill and the key concerns from a Christian perspective. Together, in our faith community, we will gather ideas to empower us to make submissions opposing the Bill. (This video resource is provided by the Ecumenical Group 'Common Grace Aotearoa' and its use is supported by the Archdiocesan Ecology, Justice and Peace Commission

<https://www.treatyandbelonging.nz/speakup.>)

Please Register to attend by emailing [office@otariparish.co.nz](mailto:office@otariparish.co.nz) or by the Sign-up Sheet in the Church Foyer for catering purposes.

### Quote from Pope Francis

'Today's Gospel is a contrast between two types of logic. Worldly logic is based on ambition, competition, it fights using the weapons of fear, extortion, and the manipulation of consciences. On the other hand, the logic of the Gospel, that is, the logic of Jesus, is expressed in humility and gratuitousness. It is silently but effectively affirmed with the strength of truth. The kingdoms of this world at times are sustained by arrogance, rivalries and oppression; the reign of Christ is a "kingdom of justice, love and peace".'

Pope Francis, [Angelus, Solemnity of Christ the King](#), 22/11/2015



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:** Carmelita de Leon Arcilla,

**Anniversaries:** Maria Katarina Lemanu, James Dooley, Ramon Regaliza Medina

**Prayers for the Sick:** Pat Keane, Fr Frank Whitaker Tovio Fa'i, Carmen Godinez, Anna Mika-Hunt Walsh, Lote So'oa, Madonna Aspinall, Fr Joe Savesi, Betty Stewart, Fr David Orange, Jocelyn Whitehouse, David Clarke, Saili Tafaese, 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, .

## MASS & LITURGY TIMES

**Saturday 23rd November - Friday 29th November**

Sat: 5.00pm Vigil Mass

Sun: 10.00am Mass

Tues: 9.15am St Brigid's Tui - Mass 5.30pm Evening Mass

Wed: 11.00am **(Anointing)** Mass- followed by Morning Tea

Thurs: 9am Liturgy

Fri: 8.30am exposition and 9am 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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