



St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish

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Twentieth week of Ordinary Time 25 August 2024, Year B
Readings: Joshua 24:1-2,15-18 Ephesians 5:21-32 John 6:60-69

Serving the Lord

Today's first reading from the Book of Joshua paints a vivid scene –the tribes of Israel gathered and being addressed by their now elderly leader, Joshua. It is part of Joshua's final speech before his death.

In listening to the text, one can't help but notice the repeated references to 'serve' the Lord. The word appears in one form or another on six separate occasions, culminating with the Israelite's declaring: 'We will also serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

The concept of service is closely tied to the Israelite's liberation from Egypt and their journey to the promised land. As Moses was instructed to convey to Pharaoh time and again, "Thus says the Lord, let my people go that they may serve me." (Exodus 7 – 11, New Revised Standard Version) Interestingly, Moses repeated plea to Pharaoh is translated differently in different versions of the bible, with the Jerusalem Bible, for example, translating it as "... let my people go that they may worship me." Which is correct? Is it 'worship', or 'serve'? Or does this 'discrepancy' in translation serve to highlight the intrinsic link between worship and service?

Authentic service is linked to authentic worship. Authentic worship is linked to authentic service.

As we heard in last Sunday's Gospel (which continues today), "Whoever eats me will also draw life from me," a clear reference to the centrality of the Eucharist. The life we receive from the Eucharist pushes us out to serve and the demands of discipleship continuously call us back to prayer and worship.

John Kleinsman

Parish Information

Sacramental Programme 2024

First Communion

We warmly invite the children and their families to join the **10am Parish Mass** before sessions 1 & 2

Session 1 : **8th September 11.15am**

Session 2 : **15th September 11.15am**

Practice : **20th September 6.30pm**

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



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

Weekday Mass

We are going to trial a new weekday Mass at **5.30pm on Tuesday evenings** starting from **Tuesday 27th August**

We warmly invite you to attend.

Weekday Mass...

Maori Pastoral Care Collection

Sunday 25th August is the annual Maori Pastoral Care collection.

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

If you make donations to planning giving by automatic payment and want to donate for 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 the you use **'MPC'** in the reference Field.

Many thanks for all the contributions you make.

Greeters required for the both Weekend Masses

We are looking for friendly, welcoming people to act as Greeters for our weekend Masses. Training will be given!

Please contact Helen in the Parish office 04 478 7137

Are you able to help feed the hungry?

St Vincent de Paul is looking for volunteers to help on our bread roster, for a few hours each month. Volunteers collect bread from NADA at the end of Saturday's trading, then deliver what's collected to families on our bread run. Numbers vary from about five to eight.

If you can help please phone **Justin Shaw phone 027 587 8467**.



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@stfrancisochariu.nz

Parish Pastoral Council Members:

Following a process of nomination, discussion and discernment, the following people have accepted to be members of a parish council for St Francis of Assisi for a 3-year term.

They are Joanne Byrne, Ning Ibarra, James Fouhy, Ed Becker, and Lucienne Hensell.

A chair for the PPC has yet to be elected but the group has begun a process of formation around its role and in terms of the parish plan.

Happily there were a good number of nominations but many could not accept because of previous commitments or seeing their gifts being in other areas. It may be that one or two others might be added but the Leadership Team would like to thank those who have accepted this role.

They will be commissioned **this weekend** at our Parish Masses.

We ask your prayers for our new council.

Combined Churches Op Shop

Thank you to those people who recently volunteered to help out at the Op Shop in the Johnsonville Community Centre on Moorefield Rd.

Along with the Brethren, Uniting and Anglican Churches we work together to provide recycled clothing at low cost.

Our volunteers give their time and energy to make things work.

Every year the profits are split equally between the 4 Churches.

The Shop is **open Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday.**

Come and get a bargain!





Sealed
with
the
gift of
the
Holy
Spirit

Confirmation 2024

Congratulations to those who were confirmed last weekend, and sincere thanks for those who made it possible,

- The candidates and their families, for coming forward.
- For the children's liturgy team, led by Pat Collier and including Swendhi, Connie, Christine, Ann and Mike.
- The parish groups that made room for the use of our limited facilities.

And those that made the liturgy the wonderful event it was: Archbishop Paul, Pa Gerry and Fr Alfred, KPF music ministry (Joey and Ning and team), Tony, our sacristan, Rainer, our photographer, Christine, our server and those who took roles reading and doing the offertory.

Signed: Joe Green

Other Information

Social Justice Week is coming up 8th to 14th of September.

The theme is 'Imagine Peace for all'. During this week our 2 weekend masses, on Saturday the 7th September at 5pm, and Sunday 8th September at 10am, will have the Caritas Social Justice focus. There will also be a special Children's Peace liturgy on Sunday 8th September at 4pm, this is specially designed for our school children. Please come along, and if you, or your children, would like to be involved by playing music, drama, art, readings, or prayers, please email jacobbang@challenge2000.org.nz, or gabriellelawson@challenge2000.org.nz.

We will also be visiting our local schools and contacting children on our past sacramental programmes to catch up with you again.

Oak Jubilee for Brigidine Sister

Sister Helena, previously known as Mother Paulinus, is celebrating her Oak Jubilee (80 years as a professed Brigidine Sister) on Sunday, 8th September.

She would appreciate your prayers. Sister Helena's first posting after profession was Johnsonville 1944 - 1949 and she was there again on three occasions teaching in school and teaching music. She is now resident at Palmerston North Metlifecare Village.



Sacred Heart Cathedral Fundraiser

Sacred Heart Cathedral historic Hobday organ restoration fundraiser:

Sunday 25 August 2 00 p m at Malvina Major Retirement Village.

Guest speakers: **Sir Bill and Lady Mary English.**

Afternoon Tea will be served. Suggested donation \$20 (cash if possible please).

All parishioners are warmly invited. Please reserve your seat by contacting: **Josie McCrone:0275395614 or 04 478 3422**

IMAGINE PEACE FOR ALL

POHEWATIA TE RANGIMĀRIE MŌ TE KATOA



Other Events/Notices

NET Recruiting

Young people deserve to hear the hope that Jesus brings. God has a plan for their lives.

NET are accepting applications from 18-35 year olds for ten months of life changing mission in Australia and New Zealand next year. Are you good at running camps? Are you interested in building youth groups? Will you step out and share your story of how Jesus impacted your life?

NET Ministries Australia and New Zealand do this in teams, fostering authentic relationships, being peer with peer on this journey of life together—sharing that faith 'fully alive' is possible..

If you want to take up the call of mission with NET, express your interest at

www.netaus.org.

NET will be excited to hear from you!

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!



Movie Fundraiser

Challenge 2000 is running a movie fundraiser on Sunday 1st of September!

We will be watching the film 'Ghostlight' : "When a construction worker joins a local theatre's production of "Romeo and Juliet," the drama onstage starts to mirror his own life."

The movie starts at 5pm at the Penthouse Cinema in Brooklyn. Tickets are \$30 and all proceeds will go towards unfunded

programmes at Challenge 2000. If you would like to come along, or would like to sponsor someone else to go, email gabriellelawson@challenge2000.org.nz.



St Theresa's Catholic School, Plimmerton



We are celebrating our 75th Jubilee
and invite you to join us.
Thursday, 12th September
9.30 - 11.30a.m.



Archbishop Paul Martin will be celebrating
Mass followed by the blessing of our art installation, the sharing of stories of the
past and present and light refreshments.

*For catering purposes, please email the School Office
office@stp.school.nz or call us on 04-2338093 if you know you will be attending.

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

'Jesus affirms that the true bread of salvation, which transmits eternal life, is his
very flesh; him, in his incarnation. This means that... God... must be recognized
in the humanity of Jesus and, as a consequence, in that of the brothers and
sisters we meet on the path of life.'

Pope Francis, [Angelus](#), 22 August 2021

What is happening around our Diocese ?

Stay up to date with Archdiocesan events:
<https://www.wn.catholic.org.nz/events/>

MASS INTENTIONS

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



Recently Deceased: Alfredo Reino

Anniversaries: Azucena Yu Perez

Prayers for the Sick: Carmen Godinez, Anna Mika-Hunt Walsh, Terry Marks, Lote So'oa, 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 24th August– Friday 30th August

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; 5.30pm Mass (New)
Wed:	11.00am Liturgy - 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

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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Parish Bank Account for Donations:

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