



# St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish

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**Thirtieth week of Ordinary Time 27 October 2024, Year B**  
**Readings: Jeremiah 31:7-9 Hebrews 5:1-6 Mark 10:46-52**

“Get up, Jesus is calling you.”

The readings for this week are connected by various threads, a key one being ‘restoration’.

The 1st Reading from Jeremiah reports on the Israelites returning home, joyfully, from exile following their conquest by the Assyrians. Importantly, no one is left behind, including those who would have been a physical liability on the trek. God's restoration is for everyone.

Meanwhile, the 2nd Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews reminds us of our restoration in Christ, the new high priest, who replaces the previous high priests. He is our reliable “representative before God,” always offering us a new beginning in the face of our failures.

Finally, in the Gospel, we read about Bartimaeus, a beggar, who has his sight successfully restored.

An important clue as to how we are to interpret the Gospel is found in the final line which speaks of Bartimaeus “following Jesus on the way”. This is a phrase the early Christians (and others) would have immediately recognised because it is one of the first titles given to Christians.

In other words, this story is ultimately about the call to discipleship. Bartimaeus is each of us; we are each called to have our sight restored. The key to Bartimaeus healing was that he recognised his blindness. We are each challenged to reflect on our personal blind spots so that we, too, can be restored and better follow Jesus on the way.

John Kleinsman

*“Get up, Jesus is calling you.”*

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

It was ātaahua (beautiful) to have whānau join our first syndicate Mass.

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.*

Teams: (start at **9.15am**)

Kākā - 22 October Mass

Tūi - 5 November Liturgy (please note change of date), 26 November Mass

Titipounamu - 12 November Mass, 3 December Liturgy

School Masses:

All Saints' Day - 1 November 11am

End of Year Mass - 17 December 11am



## Upcoming Feast Days

Friday 1 November—All Saints Day there will be a joint Parish and St Brigid's school Mass at 11am

Saturday 2 November—All Souls Day there will be a Mass at 9am

*All Saints and All Souls Day*

## Remembrance Mass

The Parish Remembrance Mass will be held on Wednesday 6 November at 7.00pm

All are welcome to join us at this annual Mass where we remember our deceased family members and friends.

At the end of this Mass, you are very welcome to stay for supper and a chat with others.



## Tuesday Night Masses

Our Masses on Tuesday evenings at 5.30pm are well attended.

These are quiet Masses, perfect to pop into on your way home.

If you would like to join us, you would be most welcome.



## Parish Information

### PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP ACTIVITIES

Oct/Nov/Dec 2024

CD group Afternoon tea at Watsons	Oct
PICKNIC group Dia de las Velitas celebration	Sat 7 Dec
Day of the Little Candles – Eve of The Immaculate Conception	
Crew group Catchup at Brentons	Sun 3 Nov
New group Christmas party	Sun 8 Dec
Teddys Coffee catchup at Kleinsmans	Sun 10 Nov
Newlands group Movie and Dinner	Oct/Nov tbc
Spanjaards group Coffee and chat	Sat 9 Nov
Philippians group Garden Party at the Lawsons	Sun 24 Nov



Would you like to join a group for fun, fellowship and community building?  
Please contact John & Kerry Kleinsman: 027 3116618 or 027 8467489

Or email: [kleinsklan88@gmail.com](mailto:kleinsklan88@gmail.com)

### **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 9th 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](mailto:avfundingyouth@gmail.com)

Te paepae o te paerangi ki te paewhenua

Where heaven and earth come together

## Parish & other Information

### **Volunteer Shop Assistant – Khandallah**

*Do you have a knack for customer service? And love helping people find the things they are looking for? We have a great role for you based in the newly refurbished Vinnies Op Shop in Khandallah. There are spaces available on the shop assistant roster both during the week and on a Saturday. You'll be joining a team friendly team dedicated to providing great service while selling quality clothing and goods to the community.*

*We will give you training on our new POS system, and how we curate and merchandise stock, and of course all health and safety is covered too. If you have some experience and can commit to a regular shift or two we'd love to hear from you.*

*Either pop in store and talk to the Manager or you are welcome to contact Tracy in the office 02106618063 to find out more.*



### **Notices from Titipounamu Study & Joy**

Reflection on Genesis with the late Br Kieran Fenn:

<https://youtu.be/0Yb6Nk8zUtU>

Bible Stories - what do they mean? with Beate Matthies  
Zoom. Sunday, 3 November, 5-6pm. Koha/Donation.

YouTube Recordings

YouTube and Muffin Talk recordings are available online at:

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/category/resources/muffin-talk/>

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



### **Compassion Activities**

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](mailto:events@compassion.org.nz)



Miha Māori – Māori Mass

Every Sunday, 11:00 am – 12:00 pm

Venue: The Chapel of Our Lady of Compassion, 2 Rhine Street, Island Bay, Wellington.

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

## Other Information

### **Requests for funds to send overseas**

We have become aware that there may be people who are soliciting privately for money to be sent overseas to personal bank accounts, allegedly to assist with charitable works.

**If you wish to donate money overseas, we encourage you to do so through a New Zealand registered charity such as Caritas.**

If you have been approached to send money to a private bank account under the guise of overseas mission work, please contact the Archdiocesan Privacy and Complaints Officer,

Elizabeth Berry on 0800 825 528 or 021 567 143  
or email at [e.berry@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:e.berry@wn.catholic.org.nz)

### **Upcoming Concert**

The Bach Choir of Wellington invites you to their final concert of 2024 featuring Chiesa Ensemble and presenting a selection of Baroque masterpieces by Vivaldi (Gloria) , Bach (Nun Komm, der Heiden Heiland)p and Corelli (Christmas Concerto). We are joined by Wellington soloists Rowena Simpson (soprano), Maaïke Christie-Beekman (soprano) and Theadore Moolenaar (tenor).

Tickets available on Eventfinda or at the door. The concert is on Saturday 9th November, 2pm at St Mary of the Angels

### **SUNZ Summer Camp 2025**

SUNZ is excited about the opportunities that exist to serve your church once again in 2025.

One of the ways we do that is by providing children and youth camps where the Good News about Jesus is shared, faith is nurtured, and opportunities are provided for going deeper with God. Camps have always been a vital tool in discipling young people and even introducing them to Jesus for the very first time. Many of us have grown closer to God through attending Christian camps. These camps also continue to provide excellent opportunities for training and equipping of leaders.

There are many camps running in 2025 and one is the SUPAKidZ camp for year 4-6 at Foxton beach in January 23rd – 26th. (go and check it out by clicking the link below.)

<https://sunz.org.nz/event/supakidz-camp-foxton-2024/>

There are many others throughout the year and many of these will be open for registration online. You can find more information at <https://sunz.org.nz/>

## Other Events/Notices

### What is happening around our Diocese ?

Stay up to date with Archdiocesan events:..

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

### Vacancies at Caritas



**Head of Justice and Peace:** Reporting to the Chief Executive, this role will lead our Justice and Peace function, promoting Catholic social teaching, and driving advocacy and education programs. A key focus is on collaborating with tangata whenua and other partners to address social issues and amplify indigenous voices both locally and globally.

**Pouwhakahaere - Chief Operating Officer (COO):** Also reporting to the Chief Executive, the COO will optimise day-to-day operations and ensure the efficient delivery of finance and business services. The COO will develop strategies to align operations with our strategic objectives, ensuring sustainable growth and fostering a culture of continuous improvement.

**Marketing and Communications Advisor:** Responsible for developing, managing, and executing marketing and communication strategies that elevate brand awareness, increase donor engagement, and amplify Caritas Aotearoa's impact across all platforms. The Marketing and Communications Advisor will play a key role in shaping and amplifying messages, connecting with diverse audiences, and driving engagement to support their mission.

For more information or to apply, candidates can [visit our website](#) or reach out to us directly.

### The NZ Catholic Medical Association (NZCMA) |

The NZCMA is an organisation that provides community support and chaplaincy for those involved in providing health care in Aotearoa. We invite doctors, nurses, midwives, students, carers, pharmacists, physiotherapists, psychologists, counsellors, social workers, chaplains, dentists, health administrators, lawyers, and anyone in allied roles to join us. Retreat and Seminar 15-16 November 2024, based at the Home of Compassion, Island Bay, Wellington.

Details and registration: [This link](#)

Accommodation: There are limited spaces on-site (use booking ref BGRP—21024). You can email or phone the Home of Compassion directly.

For updates regarding events, please email [newzealandcatholicmedical@gmail.com](mailto:newzealandcatholicmedical@gmail.com)

## Other Events/Notices

### **Advent Retreat**

This residential Advent Retreat, at the Home of Compassion in Island Bay, will be led by Cardinal John on the weekend of Friday November 29 to Sunday December 1st. Places are limited, so early registration is suggested.

<https://forms.gle/xbzdDhUGSdbrSc679>

### **Focolare Community Day Sunday 10 November 2024, 9.30 am – 4 pm**



focolare  
movement

A day of reflection and fellowship at the Our Lady's Home of Compassion, 2 Rhine Street, Island Bay

Bring a donation for the venue and fundraiser to support families in New Caledonia. And contribute something tasty (which does not require heating) towards lunch, morning/afternoon tea. A fun children's programme will be provided

For more information contact Focolare, 04 4787962, 0221931957 or email: [newzealand-w@focolare.org](mailto:newzealand-w@focolare.org)

### **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**

'Many of those with Jesus ordered Bartimaeus to be quiet. For such disciples, a person in need was a nuisance along the way, an obstacle unexpected and unforeseen. They preferred their own timetable above that of the Master, their own talking over listening to others. They were following Jesus, but they had their own plans... Yet, for Jesus, the cry of those pleading for help is not a nuisance but a challenge... How important it is for us to listen to life! The children of the heavenly Father are concerned with their brothers and sisters, not with useless chatter, but with the needs of their neighbours'.

Pope Francis, [Homily](#), 28 October 2018

## MASS INTENTIONS

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



**Recently Deceased:**

**Anniversaries:** Ellen de Joux

**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 26th October– Friday 1st November

Sat: 5.00pm Vigil Mass

Sun: 10.00am Mass

Tues: 9.15am St Brigid's Tūi Liturgy, 5.30pm Evening Mass

Wed: 11.00am Mass- followed by Morning Tea

Thurs: 9am Liturgy

Fri: **No morning exposition and Liturgy**, 11am All Saints Day Mass with St Brigid.s



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

Website: [www.stfrancisohariu.nz](http://www.stfrancisohariu.nz)

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Parish Bank Account for Koha/Donations

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