



St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish

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Seventeenth week of Ordinary Time 28 July 2024, Year B
Readings: 2 Kings 4 42-44 Ephesians 4: 1-6, John 6: 1-15

28 July 2024 – A genuine prophet

This Sunday we celebrate our grandparents, elders and kaumātua. We also baptise seven of our young people – people at different stages of life, all attracted to Jesus, just as the people in today's gospel are attracted to Jesus.

In today's gospel, Jesus recognises that the crowd is hungry, and does something about it. This, and His whole life are seen as a sign that He is an authentic, genuine prophet.

Psychologist Tiara Talks describes authentic people as having “a clear sense of their life's direction, values, purpose and beliefs”. Authentic people “accept their strengths and vulnerabilities and can make sense of their thoughts and emotions”. “Authentic people prioritise their inner truth over conformity or favourable treatment from others”.

Having fed the crowd, Jesus discerns their intention to make Him king – He escapes to the hills. Yet He moves steadily toward Jerusalem where He knows that He will have to pay the heavy cost of His authenticity.

We are all called to be authentic disciples, just as Jesus is authentic.

It is when we are authentic that we are able to fulfil the Great Commission:

“go, make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit”.

And it is those who go before us, our grandparents, elders and kaumātua who lead the way.

Joe Green

Parish Information

Refugee and Migrant Family Support Coordinator

As I finish the role of refugee and migrant family support coordinator in the parish, after two and a half years, I would like to record my heartfelt thanks to everyone for their wonderful generosity and support for this outreach.

It has truly been a parish outreach. The support has been in practical help, and time given to families; financial contributions, gifts of quality household goods such as kitchen things, bedding and just as importantly, by offering friendship to newcomers.

Thanks for everyone who has participated in liturgies and reflections. I'd also like to thank people for looking out for each other and then referring families to our team, so we can assist.

Together with SVDP, Challenge 2000, Catholic Social Services and many other agencies, our parish has been active in helping families settle and thrive here in New Zealand. It has been a joy for me to celebrate our international parish and the outreach we have been able to offer in our wider community.

Ngā mihi nui
Jo-Anne Carley .

Thank you!

Vegetable garden – advisors and helpers sought:

Next to the small, wooden house beside our church is a vegetable gardening area. This has been looked after by Challenge 2000 for community needs.

We would like to renew this work in conjunction with Challenge as both a food production and educational project. Planting time will soon be upon us and we are looking to bless the garden during the Season of Creation (1 Sept-4 Oct).

We are looking for people who might be interested in gardening but also anyone with skills in planning a vegetable garden and/or maramataka (lunar) planting.

Please contact parish office if you are able to help

Phone 04 478 7137 Mon to Thursday 8.30am—
2.30pm or email office@stfrancishariu.nz



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@stfrancisohariu.nz

Signed: *Parish Leadership Team*

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.**



Monday Liturgies

The Monday 9am liturgy is not very well attended.

We are making a decision as to whether to continue with this liturgy.

If you would like to comment please do so to Pat Collier--

Email tchpat.collier@gmail.com

Visitation Ministry

Our parish has a dedicated team who visit and take Holy Communion to parishioners in our parish who are ill or otherwise cannot attend mass.

These parishioners either live at home, or in one of the care facilities in our parish area. This can be either a weekly or fortnightly commitment.

If you would like to become part of our ministry, we would love to hear from you. Please contact **Joanne on phone 021 043 6856.**

Sacramental Programme 2024

Confirmation Programme

1st session **Sun 4th August 11.15am**

2nd Session **Sun 11th August 11.15am**

Practice Session **Fri 16th August 6.30pm**

Confirmation Date - **Sun 18th August - 2.00pm**

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

Please continue to keep all the Children in the Programme in your prayers



Parish & Other Information

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

Malvina Major

Ecumenical Service

Wednesday 7 August 2pm:

All parishioners are warmly invited to attend this Service in the Chapel-Reflection Room. Afternoon Tea will be served.

Enquiries: Judith 021 293 1144



Notices from Titipounamu Study & Joy

Shining the Light - Women who changed the course of the biblical narrative with Debbie Miller

Sunday, 28 July 2024, 5-6pm (Zoom). Fee: \$20.

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/shining-the-light-women-in-the-bible/>

Video Clips and other Online Resources are available anytime at:

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

For more information: www.studyjoy.nz

Te paepae o te paerangi ki te paewhenua

Where heaven and earth come together

Other Events/Notices



HOPE and ACT and CREATION

All are welcome to A Season of Creation Workshop to animate Care for our Common Home in our Communities.

With an inspirational speaker, time to share ideas, and the opportunity to gather practical tips and resources for your community the EJP (Ecology Justice & Peace Commission) invite you to one of their workshops:

Tuesday 6th August

St Peter & Pauls, 60 Knights Road, Lower Hutt from 6:45 pm to 9:00pm

Or

Saturday 10th August

Our Lady of Kapiti, 1 Presentation Waym, Paraparaumu from 9:45 am to Midday

KPF

The KPF Wellington invites everyone to attend their annual **Life in the Spirit Programme**.

It will start on **Saturday 3 August 2024**,

with mass at **1pm**,

at **St Bernadette's Church**,
194 Naenae Rd, Lower Hutt.

This is a Catholic faith-sharing experience covering topics on the Basic Truths about Christianity and living a Spirit-filled Christian life.

For more details, please email wn.kfsp@kpfellowship.org.nz

Some of our Parish members are serving at this Programme. Do not worry if you have children with you, they will all be taken care of. We hope to see everyone who's interested.

KPF WELLINGTON
LIFE IN THE SPIRIT PROGRAMME

03 AUGUST 2024
01-5PM SATURDAY

OPENING/WELCOME SESSION

HOLY MASS CELEBRATION WITH TWO ORIENTATION TALKS

FREE REGISTRATION
Food provided
Welcome gift
Please SCAN QR code to REGISTER

MORE INFORMATION

- Bro Roy 0275712825
- Bro Roy 0225892481
- Email to wn.kfsp@kpfellowship.org.nz
- Website: www.kpfellowship.org.nz

St Bernadette's Church / Hall
194 Naenae Road, Naenae, Lower Hutt

This is a Catholic faith-sharing experience covering topics on the basic Truths about Christianity, the authentic Christian, and living a Spirit-filled Christian life

QR code for registration

Other Events/Notices

The Suzanne Aubert Heritage Centre and Cloister Café are open

Everyone is welcome to spend some time in our public spaces.

Cloister Café: 10am to 2pm, Tuesday to Friday.

Suzanne Aubert Heritage Centre: 9am to 3pm, Tuesday to Friday

Chapel of Our Lady of Compassion & Resting Place of Suzanne Aubert: 8:00 am – 4:00 pm, Everyday

Game On!

Parenting Course for Dads. Our highly regarded parenting course for dads, run by dads starts next in Upper Hutt. The course looks at what our kids need, our role as Dads, communication, discipline and boundary setting, and more. The course is co-facilitated by two dads with a mixture of prepared content, "role modelling" and some group work. Facilitators are trained counsellors, social workers, and trained volunteers. Starts Wednesday 31 July for 8 weeks, 6.30pm – 8.30pm, Family Works 4 Exchange Street Upper Hutt. Contact reception@wn.catholic.org.nz or phone Francis 021 0887 4824 for more information.

Current of Grace Wellington

Only a few days left so remember to make the 'Prayer for Wellington' your go-to event this coming Saturday 27th July between 1:00 and 3:30pm at the Sacred Heart Cathedral, Hill Street. Everybody is welcome. Afternoon tea to follow. Hosted by Current of Grace Wellington. Any queries? Contact Josephine Olsen josie_olsen5@hotmail.com or mobile 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.

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Archdiocese of Wellington

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Other Events/Notices

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.

***Lord hear us (Lord hear our prayer)
E te Ariki (Whakarongo mai rā ki a mātou)***

Joshua Men's Retreat

3 weeks to **Men's One-Day** Retreat on Saturday 17th August at Home of Compassion, Island Bay. Starts 8:30am. All refreshments provided.

Koha to defray costs - \$30 if able to.

Leader: Brendan Woodnutt (Christchurch)

Theme: 'Hear then what God is asking you. Only this...' (Micah 6:8)

Want to know more? Ring Steve Ready 027-356-9995 or

email: joshua.wgtn@gmail.com

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

'Even today, the multiplication of goods cannot solve problems without fair sharing. The tragedy of hunger comes to mind, which affects the little ones in particular... Faced with scandals such as these, Jesus also addresses an invitation to us... "Be brave, give what little you have, your talents, your possessions, make them available to Jesus and to your brothers and sisters. Do not be afraid, nothing will be lost, because if you share, God will multiply.'

Pope Francis [Angelus](#), 25 July 2021

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Recently Deceased:



Anniversaries: Shaun McElwee, Pio F. Roa Luisa Victa, Pio Estipona, Salvacion Estipona, Elipidio Alano

Prayers for the Sick: Sam Weaver (USA) Desmond Leahy, Andrea Reiser, Anna Mika-Hunt Walsh, Terry Marks, 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 27th July– Friday 2nd 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 the school
Wed:	11.00am Mass - followed by Morning Tea
Thurs:	9.00am Liturgy
Fri:	No Exposition or 9.00am Liturgy, -10am Mass with St Benedict's School

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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