



# St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish

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**Twenty Sixth week of Ordinary Time 29 September 2024, Year B**  
**Readings: Numbers 11:25-29 James 5:1-6 Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48**

A Heart that Corrodes.....

An anonymous old fable told us that 'There was a man who wanted to own many rubies. So a sage said to him "if that is your wish, all the sand on the seashore would become rubies". This answer disappointed the ambitious man, for he really wanted to become rich.



Gemstones, gold and silver are only precious simply because people wish to own them. If all the gold in the world is mined, gold would lose its monetary value. Riches can allure us to only consider our own economic wealth, losing focus on everything else that is important around us in the process. When economic gains are prioritised above the people the economy serves, unjust structures materialise that serve a select few.

Gold is a noble metal resistant to chemical change with every common treatment except putting it in a mixture of nitric and hydrochloric acids. So for the Letter of James to suggest that gold can unnaturally rot and corrode speaks volumes not of the physical corrosion of the metal, but the decay of the heart for the most important treasure of all – human life.

If our life had a purpose – it definitely isn't for some to be like fattening cattle, eating themselves to death by "their heart's content till their time of slaughter". Not to own many rubies, which if there were many, has no value in themselves. When we look after the treasure of our hearts and set our hearts on the preferential option for the poor, we bear the fruit of joy.

With Prayers and Blessings,

Fr Alfred.

## Parish Information

### Sacramental Programme 2024

As a parish community we congratulate our young people who made their first communion on 22 September 2024.

It was a wonderful and joyous event, with a big "I do!" as we renewed our baptismal promises, and an even louder "VIVA!" at the end of Mass as we proclaimed Jesus in Espanol/Spanish.

A huge thank you to all those who assisted: there are many, flowers, sacristan, readers, Eucharistic Ministers, the AV expert, and especially the music group which enriched our liturgy.

A special thanks to Pat, who coordinated the Children's Liturgy team, and to Helen, our parish administrator, who has been the main point of contact.

It was indeed a blessing on us all.

Signed, Pa Gerry, Pa Alfred and Joe.



## Parish Information

### A Note from Ewen and Gillian

Last weekend Ewen and Gillian Laurenson were recognised during Sunday Mass for the many years of service and devotion to our Parish. They have responded below...

#### Thank you.

We were deeply blessed last Sunday by the love shown us by all who attended then 10.00am Mass.

Thank you Father Alfred for your kind words and the depth of the blessing you gave us.

We are grateful for the flowers, the basket of goodies and the cards we received.

Especially we are grateful to all for your prayers of blessing and best wishes that graced us.

God bless you  
Ewen and Gillian.

### Malvina Major Ecumenical Service:

Parishioners are warmly invited to join Malvina residents at an Ecumenical Service in the Chapel-Reflection Room on Wednesday 2 October at 2.00pm.

Enquiries: Judith 021 203 1144



### Can you help?

I would like to re-instate a roster to make sure our Church is a tidy, clean and welcoming place to come and worship.

I have a small group who have volunteered to help with weekly cleaning of the church or to be called on to ensure that everything is presentable for occasions during the week, but I need more volunteers.

If you are able to help or would like to know more about what's required, please email Helen, (Parish Office)

[office@stfrancisohariu.nz](mailto:office@stfrancisohariu.nz)

*Thank you!*



### Season of Creation Liturgy

*On the Feast of St Francis of Assisi*  
**TO HOPE AND ACT WITH CREATION**

**Friday 4th October**

7.00pm cuppa for 7.30pm start

St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish

(37 Doctor Taylor Terrace, Johnsonville Wellington)



Hosted by The Ecology, Justice and Peace Commission  
and St Francis of Assisi Parish



## Parish Information

### Op Shop Thank you Luncheon

To all our wonderful volunteers,

We are having a thank you luncheon on Thursday 17th October at 12.30 pm in the Friendship Lounge at the Community Centre.

Please bring a donation for the Foodbank.

RSVP to your coordinator or Yvette - [ycelliston@gmail.com](mailto:ycelliston@gmail.com)

### The St. Brigid's Quiz Night is back again this year.

After the fabulous success of last year's one, we are doing another one this year at the same venue - 1841, on the 20th of October.

If quizzing is your thing, or you would just like a night out with friends, **please register as soon as possible as we need to ensure we have at least 100 people for the event to go ahead.**

**Tickets are \$20 each or \$140 for a team of 8**

Click on this link to sign up for the quiz:

[St Brigid's Quiz Night - 20th October 7-9pm - Google Forms](#)

Contact Rebecca for information on how to book  
[beckcross75@gmail.com](mailto:beckcross75@gmail.com)



Start rounding up your teams – it'll be a fun night!

### 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 09th 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)

## Parish & Other Information

### Prayer Chain

Is someone you know in need of prayer because of health, poverty, hunger or any special need?

Email Katharina Dobson - [dobsonkatharina@gmail.com](mailto:dobsonkatharina@gmail.com)  
ph: 027 327 3609 or (04) 976 9191.



Your request will be passed on to the Prayer Chain.

Would you like to join the Prayer Chain and add your voice to ours?

### Who are St Vincent de Paul?

We are a lay Catholic organisation that aspires to live the Gospel message, by serving Christ and the poor with love, respect, justice, hope, and joy, and by working to shape a more, just and compassionate society.



### **Working in your Community - how we help**

Support local families under stress - *we can help.*

Provide material assistance, food, clothing, furniture and white wear - *we can help*

Visiting people in their homes - *we can help*

Running a network of shops to support people in need - *we can help*

Organising foodbanks - *we can help*

Providing social work - *we can help*

Supporting migrants to adjust to life in a new land - *we can help*

CONTACT US:

St Vincent de Paul Office 207 Riddiford St Newtown - Ph (04) 389 7122

LOCAL CONTACT:

Paul Cameron 027 444 562 Justin Shaw 027 587 5467 Diane Szabo 027 476 2299

### **Suzanne Aubert Tertiary Scholarship 2025 applications are open**

We are delighted to announce that applications for the Suzanne Aubert Tertiary Scholarship 2025 are open from **1 September until 1 October 2024**.

This scholarship is designed to support students within the Catholic Archdiocese of Wellington and the Diocese of Palmerston North who will be studying in their second year of tertiary studies in 2025.

For more details and to apply, please visit our website:

<https://compassion.org.nz/suzanne-aubert-tertiary-scholarship/>

If you have any questions regarding the application process, please contact:

Felicity Giltrap: [felicity.g@compassion.org.nz](mailto:felicity.g@compassion.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/>

### **Love is a Decision :**

**Love Is A Decision**, spaces are filling up quickly for the final course of LIAD for 2024, in November. The next one won't be until March 2025.

This is the flagship marriage preparation course of the Archdiocese.

Enrol online at [wn.catholic.org.nz](http://wn.catholic.org.nz).

Any queries email [marriage@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:marriage@wn.catholic.org.nz)

### **Theology Course**

TH502 What is Theology? Course Wed-Fri: 9-11 October  
9am-4pm CTC Thorndon, Wgtn  
with Dr Christopher Longhurst-  
Enrol now – call (04) 819 8380 or email [office@ctc.ac.nz](mailto:office@ctc.ac.nz)  
or visit [www.tekupenga.ac.nz](http://www.tekupenga.ac.nz)



### **Fundraiser in aid of missionaries helping poor communities in Africa and India**

Please join us for our fundraiser Ethnic Dinner organised by the Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver on:

- Saturday, 5 October 2024, 6:30 p.m.
- St. Anne's Catholic Church Hall, 22 Emmett St, Newtown

#### **BRING YOUR FAVOURITE DISH TO SHARE!**

Admission: \$15. 5-10 Yrs: \$10. Below 5: Free

Tickets available from Sister Elcy and Sister Reena or at the entrance to the hall.

Enquiries: 04 388 8401

Email: [peterclaver@xtra.co.nz](mailto:peterclaver@xtra.co.nz)

### **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...**

### **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](mailto:l.hensel@wn.catholic.org.nz) for details

We look forward to hearing from you

### **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**

#### **Season of Creation**

"Christian spirituality proposes a growth marked by moderation and the capacity to be happy with little. It is a return to that simplicity which allows us to stop and appreciate the small things". (# 222 *Laudato Si'*)



**Action:** Say a prayer of appreciation for the small things that make you happy e.g. a tree starting to bud in your garden.



## MASS INTENTIONS

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



**Recently Deceased:** Pelenato Paulaisa

**Anniversaries:** Johan Hermon, Tono Setiawan

**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 28th September– Friday 4th October

Sat: 5.00pm Vigil Mass

Sun: 10.00am Mass

Tues: 9.15am No Tuesday Liturgy, 5.30pm Evening Mass

Wed: 11.00am Mass- followed by Morning Tea

Thurs: 9am Liturgy

Fri: 8.30am Exposition and 9.00am Liturgy, 7.30pm Season of Creation 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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**02-0524-0203642-00**