



St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish

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Thirty First week of Ordinary Time 3 November 2024, Year B
Readings: Deuteronomy 6:2-6 Hebrews 7:23-28 Mark 12:28-34

On 22nd October 2024 Gustavo Guitèrrez, the founding father of Liberation theology died in Peru.

He spent his ministry urging us to:

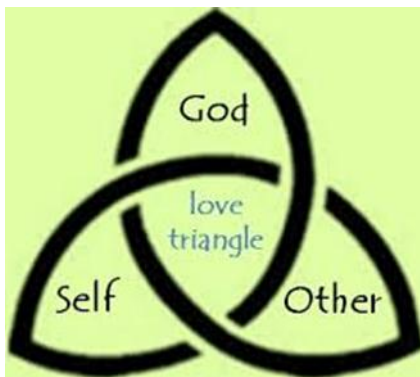
- Love God and love your neighbour as you love yourself.
- Love others as you love your family, those you spend your time with.

When asked: "Who is my neighbour?"

Guitèrrez responded: "your neighbour is the other".

The 'other' in our Catholic tradition is the poor, the widows, the isolated, the alienated, orphans and strangers.

Gustavo emphasised: "We love God by loving our neighbour," "Only then will God be with us". To "make an option for the poor, is to make an option for Jesus".



Today's scriptures present this golden triangle of LOVE: God/Jesus, me and the other. God made every bit of me, loves me and calls me to love ME. Even when I ruin things and can't love me.

My triangle mission fuelled by God's love is to go out to my neighbour – the other – to love them as Jesus did.

God's love is transforming. So is your love of you and your love for the other-. Grace, love and energy flows to, from, round all parts of the triangle building communities where God's LOVE works.

Kitty McKinley

Parish Pastoral Council—Parish Assembly

The Parish Pastoral Council was aiming to have a parish assembly on Nov 10th but due to other events at that time, this will be postponed till February next year.

Thank you

Upcoming Feast Days NB this weekend

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.



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.

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



Parish Information

PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP ACTIVITIES

Oct/Nov/Dec 2024

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

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

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.



Parish & other Information

Volunteer Van Assistant – Make a Real Difference in your Community!

Do you enjoy helping in your community?
Are you physically fit and reliable?

Vinnies is looking for new team members to assist with pickups and deliveries of donated goods, ensuring that our community's generosity reaches those who need it most.

As a Volunteer Van Assistant, you will be the hands and heart that make a difference behind the scenes. Ideally, you'll have a full driving licence - but if not, we can still find lifting and assisting roles for you on the team. With the holiday season fast approaching, both donations and community needs are on the rise. Your skills and energy will be invaluable during this crucial time.

If you're ready to make a difference, join us today! Your time and energy can be the missing piece that allows Vinnies to keep supporting your community in meaningful ways.



Contact our Volunteer Manager on
volunteer@vinnieswqtn.org.nz or phone/text 0210618063

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
See flyers on our noticeboard.

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

'Where danger is, precisely there is the saving power'.

Pope Francis, Let Us Dream

Reflection: The great beauty of a crisis is that the danger it threatens is never total, there is always a way out.

MASS INTENTIONS

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



Recently Deceased: Demos Ioannou, Ting Chiong Ming

Anniversaries:

Prayers for the Sick: Carmen Godinez, Anna Mika-Hunt Walsh, 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 2nd November - Friday 8th November

Sat: 9.00am All Souls Day Mass 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: 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, 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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