



# St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish

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**The Thirteenth Week of Ordinary Time 30 June 2024, Year B**  
**Readings: Wisdom 1: 13-15, 2: 23-24, 2 Corinthians 8: 7-9, 13-15, Mark 5: 21-43**

## 13 TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

30 TH JUNE 2024

Jairus was the leader of the synagogue in Capernaum. In that position, he would have been pressured to be in opposition to Jesus. But his daughter was ill, and his daughter was more important to him than the opinions of the other religious leaders of the time. He humbly came to Jesus by himself, fell at Jesus' feet and pleaded with Him to heal his daughter.

The haemorrhaging and broke woman was at the other end of the social spectrum to Jarius. In Jewish law she was ritually unclean and effectively segregated from her community and from partaking in Jewish rituals.

Both of these desperate suffering people 'interrupted' Jesus after he had just crossed back over the Sea of Galilee to his home town of Capernaum.

It strikes me that two of the theological themes in this detailed and complex scripture reading are that Jesus makes the most of life's interruptions; and Jesus goes purposefully toward suffering.

Our society is so full of plans, goals and targets. Even interruptions require allowance for contingency and a plan B. And clearly as we grow, we realise none of us are immune from suffering – in all its many forms.

Let us take a minute to pause in order to discern that it's in life's interruptions and sufferings where God can really get into us and move us closer to our infinitely merciful and compassionate Lord, irrespective our trips and stumbles on life's journey.



**Peter Mulqueen**

**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](mailto:eskydk@gmail.com)

**Alpha - a faith journey**

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The second parish Alpha programme is well on its way, and we are looking forward to our time away together in the first weekend of July.

Thank you to all those who have been praying for our Alpha participants by name. It makes a difference!

The Alpha sessions are both inspiring and practical, giving us food for reflection as well as practical ways we can grow our faith. Talk to us if you, or someone you know, would like to participate in a future Alpha course, or just want to know more. Email [alpha@stfrancisohariu.nz](mailto:alpha@stfrancisohariu.nz)

A huge thanks to those who have been preparing food for our Tuesday night sessions. We are still looking for someone to prepare a meal for 24 people on Tuesday 16th July.

Contact Lucienne at [alpha@stfrancisohariu.nz](mailto:alpha@stfrancisohariu.nz) or call the parish office if you think you can help out.

## Parish Information

### **Sacramental Programme 2024**

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

Confirmation begins **4th August 11.15am**

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

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



### **Preference Certificate Requests**

The Parish Office is currently receiving a number of requests for Preference Certificates, particularly from Parents wanting to enrol their Child at our Colleges.

Please ensure that you make your request well ahead of College enrolments closing, and with supporting documentation where appropriate and include a contact phone number in your email.

You can email your request, Preference Form and documentation to [office@stfrancisohariu.nz](mailto:office@stfrancisohariu.nz)

### **Johnsonville Combined Churches Opportunity Shop**

This shop is situated in the Community Centre building next to the Johnsonville Library.

Four churches - Anglican, Brethren, Uniting, and our Catholic parish volunteer in the shop on a four weekly basis. The funds raised are shared between the churches.

Volunteers are urgently needed for a two hour shift, either 10 am - 12 noon or 12 noon - 2 pm on a Tuesday when our parish is rostered on in the shop.

If you can help, please contact Carol on 021 174 3585.



**Refugee and Migrant Sunday**

Refugee and Migrant Sunday last weekend was a beautiful celebration of our international parish. During the Masses we heard from migrants; at Vigil Mass Edwin Sibanda shared their family's recent migration story from Zimbabwe/South Africa. At 10am, Johanna Rodriguez, who has a refugee background from Colombia, shared what has happened in the five years she has been here and how this year she will finish her NZ nursing qualification.

The Prayers of the Faithful were offered in Hindi, Igbo, Irish, Mandarin, Portuguese, Samoan, Sinhala, Spanish, and Tagalog. The morning tea was a-buzz with foods from many countries.

Many thanks to everyone who made this such a special celebration. Jo-Anne Carley, Refugee and Migrant Family Support Coordinator

[jo-anne@stfrancishariu.nz](mailto:jo-anne@stfrancishariu.nz)



## Other Events/Notices

### **Hearts Aflame Catholic Summer School:**

Hearts Aflame Catholic Summer School is back again this summer with ten days of world-class lectures, uplifting prayer and authentic community! Hearts Aflame is a life-changing experience for young adults aged 18 to 35 who want to know more about their faith, have an authentic encounter with Christ and meet other Catholic young adults from all over New Zealand. Join us this year at Nga Tawa Diocesan School, Marton, from January 3rd-12th 2025! Registrations open July 14th at 2pm: we sell out fast so be in quick! Visit [heartsaflame.org.nz](https://heartsaflame.org.nz) to register or find out more.

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

#### **Bible Stories - what do they mean?** with Beate Matthies

Join us in unravelling Bible stories and looking for answers within a group. Sunday, 07 July 2024, 5-6pm (Zoom). Koha

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2024/05/07/bible-stories-what-do-they-mean/>

#### **Videos & Podcasts on the Bible, Liturgy, Religions and more**

Free and available anytime online.

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

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

### **“Ko Te Tiriti Mai Rano: The Treaty is Always Speaking. A Covenant for the Generations”**

#### **9:30am-3pm, 6/7 July, Home of Compassion, Island Bay**

A two day hui to deepen understanding and appreciation of Te Tiriti/ the Treaty and related issues from the perspective of Catholic Social Teaching. Presentations from speakers will be followed by small group reflection and a plenary session. Participants can attend one or both days with daily registration by koha. Lunch provided.

For more information and to register contact:

Deirdre Meskill [d.meskill@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:d.meskill@wn.catholic.org.nz)

6 July Te Tiriti in the light of Catholic Social Teaching  
Te Tiriti as Covenant

7 July A Guide to using te reo in Liturgy and in daily life  
What does a bicultural future look like? What blessings can we hope for?

The hui is organised by Christian Life Community and the Bicultural Relationships Committee of the Ecology, Justice and Peace Commission

## Other Events/Notices

### **St. Patrick's College is urgently looking for host families, both long and short term stays.**

**Long Term:** We are looking for two families to host our incoming international students arriving mid-July to attend St. Patrick's College until the end of the school year. One student is a 15 year old from Vietnam, and the other is a 16 year old from China. St. Patrick's College offers a homestay fee of \$340 per week.

**Short Term:** We are looking for four families to host short-term visiting Japanese students in July for 9 days. Host families for these boys would be asked to host 2 students together. There is a different homestay fee for these students.

If you would like to host any of these young men, or would like to learn more about hosting in general, please contact Meg Szulinski, the International Student Coordinator at St. Patrick's College, at 027-319-2858 or by email at [meg.szulinski@stpats.school.nz](mailto:meg.szulinski@stpats.school.nz).



**St Patrick's College**

WELLINGTON

Hato Patariki ki Poneke

### **Current of Grace Wellington**

Everybody is welcome to join in Prayer for Wellington on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> July between 1:00 and 3:30pm at the Sacred Heart Cathedral, Hill Street. Afternoon tea to follow.

Hosted by Current of Grace Wellington.

Contact: Josephine Olsen [josie\\_olsen5@hotmail.com](mailto:josie_olsen5@hotmail.com)

### **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.

**2025**

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Understand what Church teaching means for us today

Be trained and equipped to serve in your parish community

## Other Events/Notices

### WelCom readership survey

The Archdiocese of Wellington is conducting a survey over the next few weeks among WelCom readers within the Archdiocese of Wellington.

The survey is intended to gauge readers' views about how they may prefer to receive news and information from the Archdiocese and how the Archdiocese can generally improve its communications with parishioners.

The SurveyMonkey website link is <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PK66XNR>. This link will also be placed on the Archdiocese of Wellington website.

### Joshua Men's Retreat

Put this date in your diary. Men's One-Day Retreat at Home of Compassion, Island Bay on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> August 8:30am to 5pm.

Theme: 'Hear then what God is asking you. Only this...'

Retreat leader: Brendan Woodnutt, Christchurch

Want to know more? Ring Steve Ready 027-356-9555  
email: [joshua.wgtn@gmail.com](mailto: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

'In today's gospel 'the little girl's father and the sick woman are not disciples of Jesus yet they are satisfied through their faith. They have faith in that man. From this we understand that all are permitted on the Lord's path: no one should feel as an intruder, an interloper or one who has no right. To have access to His heart, to Jesus' heart, there is only one requirement: to feel in need of healing and to entrust yourself to Him. I ask you: do each of you feel that you need to be healed? Of something, of some sin, of some problem? And, if you feel this, do you have faith in Jesus?'

Pope Francis, [Angelus](#), 1 July 2018

## MASS INTENTIONS

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



**Recently Deceased:** Antonia Davin, Rev Fiatepa Faæe

**Anniversaries:**

**Prayers for the Sick:** Jennifer Mettrick, Anna Mika-Hunt Walsh, Terry Marks, Madonna Aspinall, Fr Joe Savesi, Betty Stewart, Fr David Orange, Jocelyn Whitehouse, David Clarke, Moe Pio Tafaeae, 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 29th June– Friday 5th July

### 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
Wed:	11.00am Mass - followed by Morning Tea
Thurs:	9.00am Liturgy
Fri:	8.30am Exposition and 9.00am Liturgy

Please note, Reconciliation will be held every Wednesday at 10.30am before the

### 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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