



St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish

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Eighteenth week of Ordinary Time 4 August 2024, Year B

Readings: Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15 Ephesians 4: 17, 20-24 John 6: 24-35

Food for Life

Today's readings are about being hungry and being fed.

To be hungry is to be alive and to know the satisfaction we experience when our bellies are full.

In the first reading the People complained to Moses because they were hungry. God heard them in their distress and provided bread from heaven, as much each morning as they could eat.

Hunger is both physical and spiritual. We hunger for nourishment through food and drink; we hunger for success, money and other material possessions; we hunger for love, peace and safety and warm relationships with others.

The sad reality is that millions of people throughout our world are hungry; people – young and old – die from starvation each day. The hopeful reality is that worldwide we produce enough food to feed the world's almost eight billion people. What can we each do about this?

Paul in his Letter to the Ephesians urges the people to become a new people by giving up their old way of life hungering for things of this world only and to follow the way of goodness and holiness (wholeness and health) by putting on their new self that is created in God's way.

The joyful reality of the Good News in John's Gospel is that Jesus himself is our food and drink. He tells his followers and that includes us

“I am the bread of life.

***They who come to me will never be hungry;
they who believe in me will never thirst.”***

When we gather around the table of the Eucharist may we each pray a heartfelt “Thank you.”

Judy McCormack

Parish Information

Children's Liturgy and Hospitality on Sunday 4&11 August

There will be no Children's Liturgies or hospitality during and following the 10am Mass for the next two weeks due to the Sacramental Programme.

Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation begins this weekend—the 4th of August.

Please continue to keep the 75 Children in our Confirmation Programme in your prayers



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

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



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.



Mass in Spanish language (Misa en español):

Fr Gerard will celebrate a Mass in Spanish on **Sunday, 11 August at 4.30pm** (at St Francis of Assisi church) for any Spanish-speakers who wish to attend.

There will be a short time of coffee and conversation afterwards.

All welcome/Todos bienvenidos. Pasan la voz a sus vecinos.

Feast of the Assumption Mass times

Thursday 15th August

11.30am Led by St Benedict's School

2.00pm Led by St Brigid's School

7.00pm Parish Mass

*Feast of the
Assumption
15 Aug*

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.**



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.**

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@stfrancisohariu.nz



Last week in our Parish...

Last week was a very busy week for our Schools and Parish.

St Benedict's Grandparents' Mass

On Friday we welcomed St Benedict's school and their extended community for their Grandparents' Mass.

This is a photo of some of the children's beautiful artwork that was on display during Mass.



St Brigid's Annual School-led Parish Mass with Baptisms

What a very special celebration!

Ngā mihi nui (Many thanks) to each and every person who contributed - whether it be by your presence and participation or by using your talents and generosity to contribute to the occasion.

Please know how appreciative we are.



Other Events/Notices

Parish Pastoral Council Members:

Following a process of nomination, discussion and discernment, the following people have accepted to be members of a parish council for St Francis of Assisi for a 3-year term.

They are Joanne Byrne, Ning Ibarra, James Fouhy, Ed Becker, and Lucienne Hensell.

A chair for the PPC has yet to be elected but the group has begun a process of formation around its role and in terms of the parish plan.

Happily there were a good number of nominations but many could not accept because of previous commitments or seeing their gifts being in other areas. It may be that one or two others might be added but the Leadership Team would like to thank those who have accepted this role.

A date for commissioning will be set.

We ask your prayers for our new council.

Employment Vacancy in St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish

Jo-Anne Carley, who has held the role of Community Outreach Worker, has recently resigned because of moving out of the Ohariu area. So, we need to replace her. Jo-Anne was amazing and contributed much to our parish life and service outreach.

Thanks Jo-Anne!

Refugee, Migrant and Family Support Community Outreach Worker
This role is an integral part of the mission of our Church and a particular expression of the collaborative model of being church in the Ohariu community of communities. It has both a delivery service and a developmental focus. The Outreach Worker reports directly to, and will be supported by, the SFOA Community Outreach Committee that is part of the SFOA Parish.

The role is offered as a fixed term one-year contract (reflecting the funding arrangements for the position) for a minimum of 16 hours, but with the option of extending up to 30 hours per week. The successful applicant will ideally have training and a background in one of the helping or community/pastoral development professions and proven experience in successfully working with different cultures and communities.

If you would like to know more about this role or receive a copy of the Job Description, please email or call:

kittymckinley@xtra.co.nz – 021491459 or
jkleinsman@nathaniel.org.nz or John 0278467489

Vacancy!

Other Events/Notices

What is happening around our Diocese ?

Stay up to date with Archdiocesan events:

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

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.



We look forward to hearing from you!

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

St Vincent de Paul

Your fashion finds can change lives!

All adult clothing and shoes at just \$5.00!

Join us for our Saturday sale, 10 August from 10am to 4pm. Be part of something bigger.

At Vinnies Khandallah 18 Ganges Road.



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)*

"Do you remember who you are?"

A day of reflection

with Cardinal John Dew
17 August
Home of Compassion, Island Bay
9.00am – 4.00pm

To register please email
taniahalliday@challenge2000.org.nz

Places are limited to 25 participants.

Cost:	Waged	\$80
	Unwaged	\$40

What to bring -
your lunch, your journal, and a pen
Coffee and tea provided



Quote from Pope Francis

CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME

"Efforts by households to reduce pollution and waste, and to consume with prudence, are creating a new culture we are helping to bring about large processes of transformation rising from deep within society."

(Pope Francis # 71 Laudate Deum)

Action: St Paul urges the Ephesians to "Give up your old way of life." Try and consume with prudence this week; maybe eat less meat or refrain from making an unnecessary purchase .

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

MASS INTENTIONS

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



Recently Deceased: Desmond Leahy

Anniversaries: Susan Byrne, Marie de Joux, Freddie Dias, Denis Santiago, Doreen Espina

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 Tafaeese, 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 3rd August – Friday 9th 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 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 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



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