



St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish

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Twenty Seventh week of Ordinary Time 6 October 2024, Year B
Readings: Genesis 2:18-24 Hebrews 2:9-11 Mark 10:2-16

Family

Families come in all shapes and sizes and have been part of the fabric of life from the earliest of times. Families are about people and relationships. Families are dynamic and changing.

At the heart of a family is the essence and energy of love – that brings new life into the world; that shelters and nurtures its members; and gives a person a sense of belonging – a home.

Jesus Christ was born into a family and lived His life here on earth in relation to his immediate family and his wider family whom he called his brothers and sisters. By living in His family Jesus showed us how to be a family.

However, families can experience hard times when circumstances both inside and outside a family can cause harm to and fracture that family. Families and family members need our support while they heal.

In my experience most families do their best for their spouses, their children and their relatives. Being part of a family can be both rewarding and difficult.

Families need to be honoured, respected and supported as cornerstones of society and of church.

Healthy families are reflected in a healthy society and a healthy church/parish.

Families have been called the Domestic Church – the church of the home whose calling is to show to the world God's great love for the world.

Family is a most radical sacrament of love.

Let us today reflect on, and give thanks for our families.

Judy McCormack

The St Vincent de Paul Society



Last Sunday our parish Society of St Vincent de Paul invited the Challenge 2000 Youth team to do a play centred on the life of Frederic Ozanam and why he started the Vincent de Paul Society to help the poor in his time.

Frederic (played by James Tuck), was a 20 year old French University student who with his friends, (played by Kate Nahu, D'Angelo Baice and Miguel Rodriguez) saw the poor of his city and then committed to doing something about it. He then put his work under the patronage of St Vincent de Paul, (played by Steve O'Connor). Years later, his commitment to his faith lives on in the work of Vincentians throughout the world. And here in Ohariu too.

A great line to end the drama was said by Daniel Paul Year 8: "Yes I'll do something to help others too. My dad's in St Vincent de Paul. I'll step up and do the same'.

The St Brigid's students practiced during the week and both they and our older younger people learnt a lot about Frederic, Vincent and how to help others today.

Frederic challenges us today with his words to do what we can.

"Yours must be a work of love, of kindness, you must give your time, your talents, yourselves.

The poor person is a unique person of God's fashioning, with an inalienable right to respect.

You must not be content with tiding the poor over the poverty crisis; You must study their condition and the injustices which brought about such poverty, with the aim of a long term improvement".





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
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Parish Information

On Friday 4th Oct we celebrated the Feast of St Francis of Assisi,
- our parish patron saint.



Take time to reflect on the following:

Francis found himself wandering about the outskirts of his home town of Assisi in the hills of Umbria – breath taking vistas at every turn, but he seemed to hardly notice. Until he came upon San Damiano, a little church in need of a good bit of repair. He entered and knelt down underneath a large wooden crucifix painted in the Byzantine style of an icon. “Lord, what do you want me to do?” he asked. “Show me what you want me to do with my life.”

And the Lord answered! A voice as clear as the day responded:
“**Francis, go and rebuild my church which, as you see, is falling down.**”

Reflection: **how does this story speak to you? What do you do to "build the Church"?**

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

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

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



Prayer for the Beatification of Suzanne Aubert

Lord Jesus Christ,

you taught us that as often as we show compassion to the least of your brothers and sisters, we show it to you.

Hear our prayers that Venerable Suzanne Aubert, who loved the Māori people and devoted her life to the poor, the sick and the underprivileged, and whom the Church has declared to be one of your true and humble followers, may soon be recognized as a saint.

Amen.



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

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
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?

Anointing Mass Malvina Major:

Malvina Major residents are reminded that the next Anointing Mass will take place on Tues 15 October at 10.30am in the Burma Lounge.

Enquiries: Judith 021 203 1144.



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.

Any queries email 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
or visit www.tekupenga.ac.nz



Joshua Men's Group

Joshua Wellington back in Connolly Hall for the second time after 6 years; next to Sacred Heart Cathedral in Guildford Terrace.

Come and join other men on Thursday 17th October from 7:00pm for a cuppa and a 7:30pm start for meeting followed by supper.

Speaker: **Rainer Hensel** on "The Lord has set me free from all my fears"

Want to know more? Ring David Monastra 027-4477-280 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...

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

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

"Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it" (Mk 10:15). Here is what is new: the disciple must not only serve the little ones, but also acknowledge himself as a little one. And every one of us, do we recognise ourselves as small before God? We must seek out our smallness and recognise it. And there, we will find Jesus."

Pope Francis [03.10.21 Angelus, St Peter's Square](#), 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr B

Action: Seek out your smallness by standing near tall trees. Grow in your awareness of being little in God's Creation and open yourself up to the need for God in your life.

MASS INTENTIONS

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



Recently Deceased:

Anniversaries: Owen de Joux

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 5th October– Friday 11th 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



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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