



St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish

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Fourteenth Week of Ordinary Time 7 July 2024, Year B
Readings: Ezekiel 2: 2-5, Corinthians 12: 7-10, Mark 6: 1-6

AMAZED

The theme that links the readings this Sunday seems to be that of the “rejected prophet”: the call of Ezekiel in the first reading; then the Gospel describes Jesus’ return to Nazareth where he had grown up. When on the Sabbath day he begins to teach in the Synagogue, his fellow villagers are amazed at the authority and wisdom of his words. But for them he is the carpenter: it is impossible that one of them, one so familiar, could really be a prophet sent from God to instruct them.

The Gospel shows that the greatest enemy to faith can simply be “familiarity”: a refusal to believe that God’s presence and God’s power could come to us in so familiar a form as the person next door. Growth in the Spirit and progress in the spiritual life are often manifested in the ability to recognise God more and more in the ordinary, the everyday. And amazement happens when we meet God. We read many times in the Gospel that people who encountered Jesus and recognised him felt amazed. Without openness to what is new and, above all openness to God’s surprises, faith becomes a habit.

There is a phrase of Saint Augustine that has struck me: “I am afraid of the Lord when he passes by”. Augustine is afraid of not recognising him!

In prayer, let us ask Mary, who welcomed the mystery of God in her daily life in Nazareth, for eyes open to God’s surprises, to His humble and hidden presence in daily life; and for hearts free of prejudices and ready to be amazed: “Lord, may we recognise you in the ordinary and in our neighbours”.

Anna Franceschini

Parish Information

Alpha - a faith journey

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The Alpha participants are at Silverstream Retreat this weekend.

Please keep them in your prayers.

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

Thank you and God bless you.



A note from Sr Cyprian following her Birthday celebrations in the Parish last week.

Grateful Thanks

I am still feeling overwhelmed by all the love and kindness I have received from so many people.

The flowers, the gifts, the beautiful cards and the wonderful messages are all treasures.

My grateful thanks to all who have been part of my life these many years.

May God Bless you all.

Love, Sr Cyprian



Malvina Major

There will be an Anointing Mass on Tuesday the 16th July at 10.30am in the Burma Lounge



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

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.

Thank you!

Warmest thanks to Father Alfred and Father Warwick, Robyn Radomski, Kate Sanders, and those parishioners who in so many ways showed kindness and compassion during David's illness and subsequent death

Barbara Ogilvie and family will always be grateful.

Parish Information

Challenge Inspire Action project

Challenge 2000 is running a **Challenge Inspire Action project** for College seniors on the 10th of July from 3pm to 8pm, based at our place at 1 Wanaka Street. It's a chance for Year 12s and 13s to find out more about Challenge 2000 and ways they can make a difference in their communities through service. This event will kick-start a regular group programme for those interested in living out the Gospel, growing in leadership and belonging to a group of like-minded young people. Dinner and home drop-offs are provided. If you or someone you know are interested, get in touch with Jacob or look at the notice in the church foyer.

jacobbang@challenge2000.org.nz or 02108208722



HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Thursday July 11th; 10am-3pm Holiday Programme for children aged 5-11 at Saint Francis of Assisi Hall. Limited to 20 children.

Games, art, music and activities, learning and fun!. If you would like to enrol your child please e mail Gabe on

gabriellelawson@challenge2000.org.nz or phone Sindy on 0225137914. See you there. Cost \$5.00 per child.

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

St Benedict's School Mass

On Thursday the 4th July, St Benedict's School gathered in our Parish Church for an early celebration of their Patron Saint —St Benedict who's feast day falls during the school Holiday's on July the 11th.



During the Mass, six Children were welcomed in Baptism.

“May they always keep God's Commandments, walk in His love and proclaim the Good News to others”



Welcome...

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.



Saturday 13 July. **Archdiocesan Mass for our migrant communities** and chaplaincies. Mass starts at 9.30am at the Metropolitan Cathedral of the Sacred Heart celebrated by Archbishop Paul Martin. The Mass will be followed by morning tea, fellowship, a workshop and shared lunch between 10.30am – 1.30pm. Feel free to bring a plate to share. All welcome. For questions or to confirm attendance contact Deirdre at

d.meskill@wn-catholicsocialservices.org.nz

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 to register or find out more.

Other Events/Notices

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/>

Shining the Light - Women who changed the course of the biblical narrative with Debbie Miller

Sunday, 28 July 2024, 5-6pm (Zoom). Fee: \$20.

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/shining-the-light-women-in-the-bible/>

For

more information: www.studyjoy.nz

Portraying the Invisible God: How Early Christian Artists Depicted Christ
Tues. July 23, 7.00 – 9.00pm Presented by Prof. Robin Jensen. Public Lecture, All Saints Church, 90 Hamilton Rd, Haitaitai.

[REGISTER HERE >>](#)

Current of Grace Wellington

Everybody is welcome to join in Prayer for Wellington on Saturday 27th 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

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.

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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 17th 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

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

"It often happens in life that we seek from our experiences and even from people only what conforms to our own ideas and ways of thinking so as never to have to make an effort to change. And this can even happen with God, and even to us believers, to us who think we know Jesus, that we already know so much about Him and that it is enough to repeat the same things as always. And this is not enough with God. But without openness to what is new and, above all – listen well – openness to God's surprises, without amazement, faith becomes a tiring litany that slowly dies out and becomes a habit, a social habit."

Pope Francis [Angelus](#), 4 July 2021

MASS INTENTIONS

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



Recently Deceased: Jennifer Mettrick

Anniversaries: Elisabeth Grigg, Rito Kisteria, Vera Coutinho, Tony Campbell,

Prayers for the Sick: Desmond Leahy, Andrea Reiser, Anna Mika-Hunt Walsh, Terry Marks, 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 6th July– Friday 12th 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
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



Office Hours Monday to Thursday 8.30am to 2.30pm

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