



St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish

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The Tenth Week of Ordinary Time 9 June 2024, Year B
Readings: Genesis 3:8-15, 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1, Mark 3:20-35

Clothed to who I am.

Recently we've experienced some really cold temperatures and the instinct to clothe ourselves becomes more pronounced. When we lack suitably warm clothing our physical selves can experience vulnerability, or the feeling that we are exposed. We can then be attacked by winter illnesses.

Vulnerability was what Adam and Eve experienced when they saw themselves as the naked humans needing a makeshift garment of fig leaves to hide their inadequacy. They were attacked by the illness or bad voice which said to them that their body they were in was no longer good for their mind. And therefore, they needed to desperately seek all sorts of external things to cover their perceived lack of self-worth. And yet, all God wanted to do is to fill their deepest desire to be loved, by meeting them where they are at.

We may all be able to identify with the cover that we sew for ourselves - perhaps in an attempt to look better than we already are. And yet when the fig leaves aren't good enough for the public arena - and it attracts more dislikes rather than likes on social media - our self-worth and 'dignity' becomes condemned. People become divided as vicious opinions cut to the bone.

To see with the eyes of God means that we see the connection between our exposed selves and the way God has clothed us inside. Unlike the people who fail to see Jesus in others, by judging as they did Jesus as a disposable body "out of his mind", we are called to clothe others in the same brotherly and sisterly dignity God gives us.

Ngā manaakitanga, **Fr Alfred Tong**

Parish Information

Dear Parishioners

A heartfelt thanks for your prayers while I was unwell. I am much improved in health now for which I am deeply grateful.

God bless you.

Ewen Laurenson.

Thank you!

Sacramental Programme 2024

Upcoming dates

13th June 7pm First Reconciliation

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

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



Preference Certificate Requests

The Parish Office is 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

Please note that the Parish Office is not open on Friday's or weekends.

Invitation to join in Adoration

After being closed for several years the Metropolitan Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Wellington will reopen on with three days of celebrations beginning Friday, 7 June 2024.

On the second day, **Saturday, 8 June** there will be a morning Mass at 8.30am followed by a day of Adoration.

Our parish has been invited to lead an hour of adoration from **10am**. The Divine Mercy prayer group from our parish will be coordinating and leading the adoration during this hour and we invite all our parishioners to join with them in prayer and thanksgiving.

If you would like to help or need further information please contact Solomon Concessio : 0212017160

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HAVE YOU TRIED ALPHA?
MEET NEW PEOPLE AND EXPLORE FAITH TOGETHER
JOIN US THIS TUESDAY
AT 7PM IN THE PARISH HALL.
EMAIL alpha@stfrancisohariu.nz or
talk to one of our team after Mass to register.

Malvina Major

Malvina residents and parishioners are warmly invited to attend our next

Ecumenical Service led by Joe Green in the Chapel-Reflection Room **Wednesday 12 June 2 00pm.**

This is a great opportunity for parishioners to join the Malvina Community in a prayerful Service and to catch up over Afternoon tea.

Malvina Major Anointing Mass:

Tuesday 18 June 10.30am in Burma Lounge.

Malvina Major - Leaders for Sunday Service

Each Sunday morning, a 30 minutes service is held at Malvina Major, led by members of our Parish. We are looking for new leaders to join the roster to lead a service approx every 8-10 weeks.

This is a very rewarding ministry, and full training is given. Please contact Robyn Radomski 027 2018766 or robynrad71@gmail.com to discuss this further, or to make a time to come along to a Sunday Service to see what's involved



Cathedral Information

CATHEDRAL OF THE SACRED HEART RE-OPENING

On the weekend of 7-9 June celebrations will take place at the Metropolitan Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Hill Street, Wellington. After nearly 6 years of earthquake strengthening, renovations and plenty of fund-raising the doors are ready to be re-opened.

Friday 7 June

5:30 a.m. Whakawātea dawn blessing at 5.30am by Mana Whenua

7:30 p.m. Archdiocesan Mass of Thanksgiving (by invitation only)

Livestream available <https://www.youtube.com/live/bANyq3s3RCs>

Saturday 8 June

8:30 a.m. Parish Mass

9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Day of Adoration. **SFOAO Divine Mercy will be leading Adoration from 10am – 11am, please join them.**

5:00 p.m. Ecumenical celebration of Evening Prayer – all welcome

Sunday 9 June

10:00 a.m. Archbishop Paul to preside at the Cathedral 'parish-homecoming' Mass

11:00 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship following Mass.

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Tours of the Cathedral. Entry by Koha.

Tours at 2:00 p.m. 2:45 p.m. 3:30 p.m..

7:00 p.m. Evening Mass

Volunteers required at our Sacred Heart Cathedral

In 2018 the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart closed for earthquake strengthening and restoration. Next month it will finally be reopening, although all the work will not yet be completed.

The Cathedral, the 'Mother church of our Archdiocese', is a beautifully restored, peaceful, and prayerful space for visitors, people working in central Wellington and parishioners to worship, and drop by for a time of prayer, adoration, and reflection.

It is desired that the Cathedral is open between 10.00am and 3.00pm weekdays. However, this is only possible with the assistance of volunteers, Cathedral Guardians. We are seeking people who to fill regular weekly, or bi-weekly time slots of either 10.00am-1.00pm or 1.00-3.00pm.

During the cruise ship season the Cathedral also receives many visitors wanting to visit the Cathedral and hear about its history. If you would like to know more about this hospitality role, please contact the Cathedral Parish Office on 496 1700 or cathedral.parish@wn.catholic.org.nz

Other Events/Notices

Vacancy

Come work for us – Advocacy Lead at Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand

Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand is the Catholic bishops' agency for justice, peace and development.

We're on the hunt for an Advocacy Lead to join our team and bring about positive social justice through education, advocacy, and Māori engagement. The ideal candidate will have strong writing and research skills, experience in an advocacy and/or policy position, and a relevant tertiary qualification. Reporting to the Chief Executive of Caritas NZ, and the Regional Coordinator of Caritas Oceania, they will be responsible for contributing towards the establishment of the advocacy function and framework for Caritas Oceania and Caritas NZ, and coordinating programmes aligned to the Caritas mission.

This role offers an exciting opportunity within a close-knit Wellington-based team.

Visit <https://mclaren.co.nz/vacancies/?ja-job=4240637>

Erskine Chapel

All Erskine Old Girls and Staff are invited to a service at Erskine Chapel, Avon Street, Island Bay, on **Saturday 8th June at 9.30am**. Service starts at 10.00am. The chapel will be open for old girls and staff to visit from 12.30 to 2.30pm.

Please register <https://bit.ly/3T8oEz7> ,
monicatresch@gmail.com

Notices from Titipounamu Study & Joy

Recent YouTube Videos:

Remembering **Kieran Fenn fms** - a collection of some interviews.
Jan Rutledge on **De Paul House** - achievements and challenges.
<https://www.studyjoy.nz/category/resources/video-clips/>

For more information: www.studyjoy.nz

Te paepae o te paerangi ki te paewhenua

Where heaven and earth come together

Other Events/Notices

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...



Fundraiser Movie

Join us for this special fundraiser event to support the young people going to the GENFEST in Brazil in July 2024 – an international summit organized by the youth section of the Focolare Movement, to bring together ideas and experiences on how to make the world more peaceful and fraternal.

The movie is **Garfield** at the Lighthouse cinema 52 Beach St, Petone.

When:- Sunday 16 June at 5pm arrive from 4.30pm Tickets:- \$20

Contact:- Ian 022 544 3872 or Gloria 022 193 1957

Loving for Life - Educating for Love and fullness of Life

Loving for Life NZ run programmes grounded in Christian teaching and medical expertise.

These programmes are a great way to introduce your child or teen to a holistic vision for their relationships.

The following programmes will be on offer in Wellington:

Toward Loving - 18 June 5:30pm - 8:00pm

Mother/Caregiver & Daughters - Year 7- 8 students (11-13 yrs)

Father/Caregiver & Sons - Year 7- 8 students (11-13 yrs)

Suggested donation \$30 per parent/child pair (includes dinner/supper)

Russell Keown House, Cnr Queens Drive & Laings Rd, Lower Hutt

For info/registration email info@lovingforlife.org.nz

‘Let us lift up our hearts to Christ, and become *singers of hope* in a culture marked by much despair. By our actions, our words, the decisions we make each day, our patient efforts to sow seeds of beauty and kindness wherever we find ourselves, we want to sing of hope, so that its melody can touch the heartstrings of humanity’

Pope Francis, [Homily](#), Ascension, 9 May 2024.’

Other Events/Notices

Christian Meditation

A Christian Meditation groups meets:

Mondays, at 7.00 - 7.45pm in the Committee Room, Uniting Church, J'Ville
Meditation is not something new to Christianity. It is rooted in the gospel and in Paul's letters. Also known as contemplative prayer, meditation is the ecumenical prayer of silence and listening.

"Be still and know that I am God" - Psalm 46:10

To learn more about Christian Meditation ring Linda or Nick Polaschek, ph: (04) 479 7955 or simply come along any Monday evening.

The World Community for Christian Meditation has a comprehensive website: www.wccm.org

Joshua Catholic Mens Fellowship

Joshua Wellington invites men to join us on Thursday 20th June at 7:30pm in 'Loaves and Fishes' next to Anglican Cathedral of St Paul, corner Hill and Molesworth Streets followed by supper.

Speaker: Steve Ready on "Pray with meaning"

Want to know more? Ring David Monastra 027-4477-280 or email: joshua.wgtn@gmail.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.

We look forward to hearing from you!

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- Learn how to share faith with others
- Understand what Church teaching means for us today
- Be trained and equipped to serve in your parish community

MASS INTENTIONS

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



Recently Deceased: Br Kieran Fenn fms

Anniversaries: Gerardine Mollo

Prayers for the Sick: Anna Mika-Hunt Walsh, Terry Marks, Madonna Aspinall, Fr Joe Savesi, Rev Fiatepa Faaee, 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 8th June– Friday 14th June

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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.**



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