



ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI

St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish Te paepae o te paerangi ki te paewhenua

Where heaven and earth come together

The Presentation of the Lord Sunday 2nd February 2025, Year C
Readings: Malachi 3:1-4; Hebrews 2:14-18; Luke 2:22-40

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Mass/ Liturgy Times

For the coming week

Sat: 5.00pm Vigil Mass

Sun: 10.00am Mass

Mon:

Tue: No Liturgy with St
Brigid's this week
5.30pm Mass

Wed: 11.00am Mass (with St
Brigid's & no Morning Tea this
week)

Thurs 5.30pm Liturgy (**NEW**)

Fri: 8.30am Exposition &
9.00am Liturgy

Reflection

Dear Parishioners.

First of all, thank you for the lovely celebration of my 40th anniversary of ordination last weekend. It was enjoyable to have a fun time with yourselves, some of my family, and the connections that were (re-)made were good to see.

We also marked the beginning of the Church's international jubilee year, under the theme of *Pilgrims of Hope*. There will be various events for that jubilee in the archdiocese during the year. But regardless of the events, consider the different elements of the theme. We are pilgrims towards the fullness of God's reign/presence in our world. And we make this pilgrimage in Hope.

Hope is the virtue that gets us going and keeps us going. It goes beyond optimism and does not let us fail before obstacles and setbacks, because it is rooted in our faith in God and his crucified and risen Son. It is the virtue that encourages us (gives us courage). Courage comes from the Latin word for 'heart'. So to have courage is to have new heart.

In the midst of the many things that could dis-courage us (the many wars in our world, discrimination against migrants, the hardship that is being constructed by benefit and job cuts, de-nationalizing the economy, failure to keep promises, etc...), Hope enables to engage and work to change what needs changing.

All best for the year.

Fr Gerard



Remembering the Holy Souls

Recently deceased: Val Smith, Weronkia Franz, Fabino Ibarra, Pat Hilliard,

Anniversary: Fr John Murphy, Brian de Joux, Jack Odell

Prayers for the sick, Fr Frank Whitaker Tovia Fa'i, Carmen Godinez, Anna Mika-Hunt Walsh, Lote So'oa, Madonna Aspinall, Fr Joe Savesi, Betty Stewart, Fr David Orange, Jocelyn Whitehouse, David Clarke, Saili Tafaese, 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 Peter O'Connell, .



For the more information please visit the Parish Website - <https://www.stfrancisochariu.nz>

St Brigid's Feast Day

There will be a Prayer Service to Celebrate the Feast Day of St Brigid at 2pm, 1st February in the Church. Click [here](#)

Our Congratulations to our Brigidine Sisters and to the Pupils, Families and Staff of St Brigid's School.

"May the blessing of God and the Trinity be on this cross and where it sits, and on everyone who looks at it," a customary blessing for St. Brigid Cross



Summer Picnic

Start the year with a gathering alongside the Kenepuru Stream at the Willowbank Reserve in Tawa.

Sunday 2nd February, from 12pm organised by the Focolare Movement

For more information click [here](#) or contact Gloria:022 193 1957

Bring your lunch, sunhat, sunscreen, seat, picnic blanket etc..

Nau mai haere mai



Waitangi Day Service

Arranged by Challenge 2000 Youth Ministry and Whānau

6th February 11am followed by kai/shared food.

Contact Gabe 022 656 1070 or Naia 027 525 0052

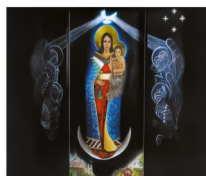
Click [here](#) to view flyer.

Waitangi Day Mass

Thursday February 6th
9:00 a.m.

St Mary of the Angels church, Boulcott St, Wellington

The customary Mass to mark Waitangi Day will be held at the national shrine of Mary, Whaea o te Atua (Mother of God) with Archbishop Paul Martin presiding. The Mass includes prayers and hymns in Māori, English, Latin and other languages .



A feature of the church is the special artwork presenting Mary, dressed as a woman of Aotearoa. The work includes places connected with the history of the Church here, including Te Tii marae in Waitangi.

All welcome, nau mai, haere mai!

Parish Synodal Gathering SUNDAY 23rd February

You are warmly invited to attend a parish gathering to be held on **Sunday 23rd February**, from 1:30pm to 4pm.

Please save this date and join us for an afternoon of connecting, listening and reflecting together as we head into the new year.

The meeting will include afternoon tea, and childcare will be provided.

IS THERE MORE TO LIFE THAN THIS?

Are you a young adult searching for the meaning of life?

We have an invitation for you! Alpha is coming to our parish - a place to connect with others as you explore the big questions in life. Join us and bring your mates along for a shared meal, an episode on a topic of faith, a chance to ask questions and share ideas. All are welcome to attend.

Join us for a PROMO NIGHT on **Tuesday 11 February**, 7:00pm in our church hall.

To register, email alpha@stfrancisohariu.nz. We look forward to seeing you there.



St Vincent de Paul Christmas raffle

This raffle has been drawn but we have been unable to contact the winner using the phone number provided.

The winning ticket is **13E** under the name **Middleton**.

If you are this person or know how to contact them, please call **Peter Byrne on 021 170 1336**.

If we don't hear anything we will redraw the raffle in a week's time.

Quote from Pope Francis, Laudato Si

"[The] gift of the earth with its fruits belongs to everyone. Those who tilled and kept the land were obliged to share its fruits, especially with the poor, with widows, orphans and foreigners in their midst: "When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap your field to its very border, neither shall you gather the gleanings after the harvest. And you shall not strip your vineyard bare, neither shall you gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard; you shall leave them for the poor and for the sojourner" (Lev 19:9

Action: How can we become the offering and sign of hope for those rejected this year?

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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

Website: www.stfrancisohariu.nz

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Parish Bank Account for Koha/Donations

02-0524-0203642-00

Account name: **Arch Dio of Wgtn St Francis of Assisi Parish**

