



St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish

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Twenty Second week of Ordinary Time 1 September 2024, Year B
Readings: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8 James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27 Mark 7:1-8, 14-15,21-23

We are made in the image of God, who smiles at us saying, yes, you are indeed very good.

This message is reinforced in today's gospel. It's our inner truth self, our heart "God meets me space" that counts.

Here, our awareness of God, self, conversion, healing and compassion begins and grows.

The Pharisees disapprove of Jesus' friends ignoring man made, external scrupulous rules. Jesus reminds them of who they are and calls his disciples to follow their heart, their inside truth, not a rule bound washing formula from their old tradition.

Jesus wanted his disciples and calls us today to refresh our hearts. It's dirty, distracted hearts not hands that prevents God's transformative love flowing in and through us into our communities ,country and world. Jesus challenges us to be "doers of the word."

We are called to do justice, to care for others, to be Jesus alive today. The state of our hearts matter. Our words matter. Our actions matter.

We pray for the grace to hear God's word, to be heart people reflecting Gods dream, to act as Jesus did, so that what comes out of us will bring love, justice and peace to our world.

Kitty McKinley

*"The state of our minds matter. Our words matter.
Our actions matter."*

Parish Information

Sacramental Programme 2024

First Communion

Session 1 : **8th September 11.15am**

Session 2 : **15th September 11.15am**

We warmly invite the children and their families to join the **10am Parish Mass** before sessions 1 & 2



Practice : **20th September 6.30pm**

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

Please continue to keep the Children in your Prayers

Weekday Mass

We are trialling a new weekday Mass at **5.30pm Tuesday**

We warmly invite you to attend.

Weekday Mass...

Parish Pastoral Council Members:

Last weekend, our Parish Pastoral Council, Joanne Byrne, Lucienne Hensel, Ed Becker, James Fouhy and Ning Ibarra were Commissioned during both of our Masses,



We ask for your prayers for our new council.

Greeters required for the both Weekend Masses

We are looking for friendly, welcoming people to act as Greeters for our weekend Masses. Training will be given!

Please contact Helen in the Parish office 04 478 7137

(Mon—Thursday 8.30am—2.30pm). office@stfrancisoharuii.nz



Archbishop Paul Martin SM addressing the congregation at our recent Confirmation Mass

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@stfrancisochariu.nz



Season of Creation...

Social Justice Week: 8-14 September 2024

Imagine Peace for all:
Choose forgiveness, know peace.

Each year, the New Zealand Catholic Bishops lead us in Social Justice Week to consider an issue of social justice in Aotearoa. This year we are looking at the importance of forgiveness and reconciliation for building lasting peace. Join us in reflecting on how these values can transform our lives and communities. Through prayer, education, and action, we can work together to create a more just and peaceful society.

For resources and more information visit www.caritas.org.nz/parishes/social-justice-week.

Social Justice Week 8th to 14th of September.

The theme is 'Imagine Peace for all'. During this week our 2 weekend masses, on **Saturday 7th September** at 5pm, and **Sunday 8th September** at 10am, will have the Caritas Social Justice focus. There will also be a special Children's Peace liturgy on **Sunday 8th September at 4pm**, this is specially designed for our school children. Please come along, and if you, or your children, would like to be involved by playing music, drama, art, readings, or prayers, please email jacobbang@challenge2000.org.nz, or gabriellelawson@challenge2000.org.nz.

We will also be visiting our local schools and contacting children on our past sacramental programmes to catch up with you again.

IMAGINE PEACE FOR ALL

POHEWATIA TE RANGIMĀRIE MŌ TE KATOA



Other Information

Social Justice Week is approaching, running from September 8th to 14th. To mark this week, we will have two masses and a Children's Liturgy over the weekend (Saturday 7th September and Sunday 8th September).

The **Challenge Parish Foodbank** is currently in need of the following items: baked beans, tinned spaghetti, tea bags, sugar, toilet paper, soap, and toothpaste. If you're able to contribute, please bring any of these items to one of the masses for donation. Your support is crucial, as the foodbank relies on donations. This is a wonderful opportunity to engage in the spirit of Social Justice Week and make a meaningful impact!

Thank you

Help Required

Social Justice Group

Last weekend our group met to learn about Te Tiriti o Waitangi and began to look at it through a gospel -Catholic Social Teaching lens.

We learnt about the See, Judge and Act model and how this applies to any social, international, national issue that we are aware of and concerned about.

We also helped out at the Challenge Parish Food bank, making up boxes and also checking on where the need was for goods over the next few weeks.

Now we are preparing for Social Justice week and also some of us are involved in the Garden project to ensure that we have plenty of fresh veggies for our parish and Food bank later this year.

If you'd like to join this group or be involved in social outreach please contact Jacob or Gabe



jacobbang@challenge2000.org.nz, gabriellelawson@challenge2000.org.nz

Love is a Decision :

Limited places left available in the next course of 'Love is a Decision' the flagship marriage preparation course of the Archdiocese, Sundays 9th & 15th September.

Enrol online at wn.catholic.org.nz Only two more courses in 2024 – the last course for 2024 will be in November.

Any queries email marriage@wn.catholic.org.nz

Other Events/Notices

NET Recruiting

Young people deserve to hear the hope that Jesus brings. God has a plan for their lives.

NET are accepting applications from 18-35 year olds for ten months of life changing mission in Australia and New Zealand next year. Are you good at running camps? Are you interested in building youth groups? Will you step out and share your story of how Jesus impacted your life?

NET Ministries Australia and New Zealand do this in teams, fostering authentic relationships, being peer with peer on this journey of life together—sharing that faith 'fully alive' is possible..

If you want to take up the call of mission with NET, express your interest at www.netaus.org.

NET will be excited to hear from you!

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!



Movie Fundraiser this weekend

Challenge 2000 is running a movie fundraiser on **Sunday 1st of September!**

We will be watching the film 'Ghostlight' : "When a construction worker joins a local theatre's production of "Romeo and Juliet," the drama onstage starts to mirror his own life."

The movie starts at 5pm at the Penthouse Cinema in Brooklyn. Tickets are \$30 and all proceeds will go towards unfunded

programmes at Challenge 2000. If you would like to come along, or would like to sponsor someone else to go, email gabriellelawson@challenge2000.org.nz.



St Theresa's Catholic School, Plimmerton



We are celebrating our 75th Jubilee
and invite you to join us.
Thursday, 12th September
9.30 - 11.30a.m.



Archbishop Paul Martin will be celebrating
Mass followed by the blessing of our art installation, the sharing of stories of the
past and present and light refreshments.

*For catering purposes, please email the School Office
office@stp.school.nz or call us on 04-2338093
if you know you will be attending.

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

Season of Creation Day of Prayer for Care of Creation

"To hope and act with creation means above all to join forces; to
walk together with all people of good will, to extend this harmony
between human beings to creation with responsibility for a humane and
integral ecology." ('To Hope and Act with Creation'
Message of His Holiness Pope Francis for the World Day of Prayer for the Care
of Creation 2024)



Action – Join forces with a local or international initiative taking responsibility
for a humane and integral ecology.

What is happening around our Diocese ?

Stay up to date with Archdiocesan events:..

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

MASS INTENTIONS

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



Recently Deceased: Georgia (Gina) Demicoli

Anniversaries: Bernie McSweeney, Nellie Stowers

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 31st August– Friday 6th September

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; 5.30pm Mass
Wed:	11.00am Liturgy - 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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Parish Bank Account for Donations:

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