



St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish

Te paepae o te paerangi ki te paewhenua

Where heaven and earth come together

2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday) – 12 April 2026, Year A
Readings: Acts 2:42-47 ; 1Peter 1:3-9 ; John 20:19-31

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Mass/Liturgy Times

For the coming week

Sat: 5.00pm Easter Vigil Mass

Sun: 10am Easter Sunday Mass

Weekdays Mass Time

Tue : 5.00pm Reconciliation
5.30pm Mass

Wed: 10.30 am Reconciliation
11.00 Mass followed by
morning tea

Reconciliation can also be
requested by arrangement with
office 04 478 7137

Important Dates

12 April 2026

Feast of the Divine Mercy 2026
at St Francis de Sales Catholic
Church, Island Bay
Starting at 2.00 pm

25 April 2026

Anzac Day

6 May 2026

Parish Property Consultation
Workshops after 11 am Mass

Reflection

The 2 nd Sunday of Easter is Divine Mercy Sunday – the end of the Easter Octave. The Easter Octave is about hope above all else. Hope in the eternal. The late theologian John O'Donohue wrote of the eternal in the following way.

I sincerely trust it brings you all some merciful comfort.

The dead are not distant or absent. They are alongside us. When we lose someone to death, we lose their physical image and presence, they slip out of visible form into invisible presence.

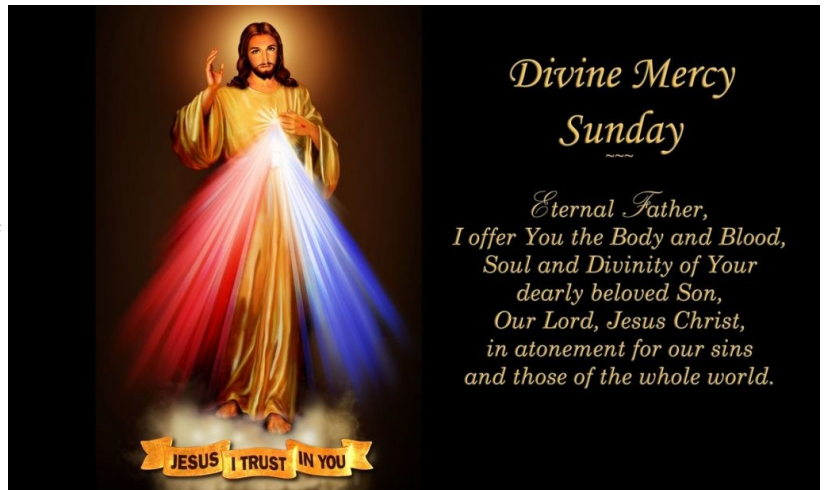
This alteration of form is the reason we cannot see the dead. But because we cannot see them does not mean that they are not there. Transfigured into eternal form, the dead cannot reverse the journey and even for one second re-enter their old form to linger with us a while.

Though they cannot reappear, they continue to be near us and part of the healing of grief is the refinement of our hearts whereby we come to sense their loving nearness.

When we ourselves enter the eternal world and come to see our lives on earth in full view, we may be surprised at the immense assistance and support with which our departed loved ones have accompanied every moment of our lives. In their new, transfigured presence their compassion, understanding and love take on a

divine depth, enabling them to become secret angels guiding and sheltering the unfolding of our destiny.

Peter Mulqueen



Remembering the Holy Souls

Recently Deceased : Sosaiete So'oa (uncle of Mel Aspinall)

Anniversary:

Prayers for the sick: Mrs. Theresa Peteli, Patricia Keane, Isabel Zamorano F, Kolotita Gae'e, Fr Frank Whitaker ,Tovio Fa'I, Carmen Godinez, Lote So'oa, Fr Joe Savesi, Betty Stewart, Fr David Orange, David Clarke, Saili Tafaese ,Moe Pio Tafaese, Gerard McDonagh, Jessie Hensen, Tau So'oa, John Fanning, Domingo Basilio Navera Jr, Joe Godinet, Augafa & Sefine Pelelo, Fr Maurice Carmody, Fr Peter O'Connell, Delia Flores Fabreag



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A Joyful Welcome to Our Newly Baptized! We joyfully celebrate Peter Mattiassi, Naveen Suthar, and Alastair Francis Smith who received all three Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, and First Holy Communion during the Easter Vigil on April 4, 2026. This sacred milestone marks the beginning of a beautiful journey in faith. May the Holy Spirit continue to guide, inspire, and strengthen them as they grow in the love of Christ and become an active member of our faith community.

Sacramental Programme 2026 – Enrol Now!

Enrolments are now open. See full details and download the application form from our website [here](#) or email: sacramentalprogramme@stfrancisohariu.nz
Enrolments close 1 July 2026.

Children's Liturgy: No children's liturgy 12th April and during school holiday/public holiday. The 1st session for the 2nd term will be on **Sunday, 3rd May 2026.**

Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship: Come and join other men at Joshua Wellington's next meeting on Thursday **16th April 2026 from 7:00pm** for a cuppa and a 7:30pm start in Connolly Hall (next to the Sacred Heart Cathedral). **Speaker: Lislie Pietersz**, Current of Grace Wellington leader, on "Seek and witness Jesus' love" Want to know more? Ring David Monastra 027-4477 280 email: joshua.wgtn@gmail.com

Retreat Days and Themes at Pā Maria 2026

Take time and space for a guided day of prayer and reflection. **Saturday, 2 May at 9.00am - 3.15pm.** Theme: Easter. A day of prayer to enter into the spirit of Easter. Please bring your own lunch. Entry by koha.

RSVP by 28 April to pamariabookings@gmail.com



Easter Celebration : Last weekend, we joyfully celebrated Easter with the blessing and lighting of the Paschal candle, symbolizing Christ's resurrection, and the blessing of the baptismal water, a sign of new life and grace. Thank you to everyone who joined us in these beautiful moments. May the hope and joy of Easter continue to shine in your hearts this season!



Challenge 2000 Movie Fundraiser : Join us for **HOLY DAYS**,



a comedy filmed in NZ, on **Sunday 19 April at 7:45pm** at **Lighthouse Cinema Petone**. Tickets are \$30 or you can sponsor one. Pay to Challenge 2000 Trust (01-0519-0057660-046) using "Movie" as reference, and RSVP to info@challenge2000.org.nz with the number of tickets. Tickets will be emailed to you.

Quote :

'Peace be with you all! Dear brothers and sisters, these are the first words spoken by the risen Christ, the Good Shepherd who laid down his life for God's flock. I would like this greeting of peace to resound in your hearts, in your families, among all people, wherever they may be, in every nation and throughout the world. Peace be with you! It is the peace of the risen Christ. A peace that is unarmed and disarming, humble and persevering. A peace that comes from God, the God who loves us all, unconditionally.'

Pope Leo XIV, First Address, 8 May 2025

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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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