



ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI

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

Where heaven and earth come together

**Pentecost Sunday – 24 May 2026, Year A**  
**Readings: Acts 2:1-11; 1 Corinthians 12:3-7,12-13; John 20:19-23**

## Parish Priest

Msgr Gerard Burns  
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## Parish Office Hours

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Mon to Thurs : 9am to 2pm  
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## Mass/Liturgy Times

For the coming week

**Sat: 5.00pm Vigil Mass**

**Sun: 10am Sunday Mass**

## Weekdays Mass Time

Tue : 5.00pm Reconciliation  
5.30pm Mass

Wed: **NO Reconciliation & Mass**  
11.00 Liturgy followed by  
morning tea

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

**Holy Hour/Adoration every  
Wednesday at 7.00 pm**

## Important Dates

**27 May 2026**

Malvina Major Anointing Mass at  
2.00 pm

**31 May 2026**

Parish Consultation Community  
Workshop at 11.30

**6 June 2026**

COME & SEE Vocation Morning  
9am - 12.30 pm

**9 & 13 June 2026**

OCIA Information Evening at 7pm

## Reflection



Dear Parishioners,

Come Holy Spirit!!

This feast day is really a reminder, a focussing on what we are surrounded by, depend on, are called forth by – God's prevenient and sustaining grace.

What are you talking about I can hear you say? Prevenient =

coming before us, from the beginning (of creation). Sustaining = keeping us going. Calling us forth = into the future. Translation: God's grace/presence/LOVE that brought all things into being, that sustains us and the universe in each moment and that invites/pushes us into the future. All that is the Spirit of God who is LOVE.

And the Spirit is one with the Creator (Father) and the Word (Son) who was made flesh in Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ. So when we celebrate Pentecost day, we are really marking the fact that God is breathing his Spirit not just on one day, but every day and every moment. We just have to have our hearts, minds, eyes, ears open/ready to receive that presence.

Simple, isn't it?

E te Wairua Tapu – nau mai, haere mai (Come Holy Spirit, you are welcome)!!

**Fr. Gerard Burns**

## Important Notice: **WARNING**

Please be aware of scam emails circulating that claim to be from priests requesting money for personal appeals. These messages are not genuine. Do not respond or send money or gift cards in response to these emails. Our priests will never engage by email, text, or any other form of communication in any solicitation for personal appeals or financial assistance. If you receive a suspicious message, please contact the parish office directly to verify it.

## Remembering the Holy Souls

**Recently Deceased :** Rosemary Arbuckle (mother of Vince Arbuckle)

**Anniversary:** Caesar Concessio

**Prayers for the sick:** Vaeluaga Aspinall , Mrs. Theresa Peteli, Patricia Keane, Isabel Zamorano F, Kolotiita 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



For the latest information visit the Parish Website - <https://www.stfrancisoHariu.nz>

**An Evening of Prayer with the chants of Taizé - Jubilee of St Francis of Assisi event.** You are invited to an evening of prayer through the chants of Taizé at St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish (37 Dr Taylor Terrace, Johnsonville) on **Sat 20th June, starting at 6.15pm.** All welcome, bring your singing voices and prayerful hearts as we celebrate and strengthen our connection with God in this jubilee year of St Francis of Assisi. Drinks and refreshments will be provided. For more information contact Fr Alfred Tong [alfred@stfrancisohariu.nz](mailto:alfred@stfrancisohariu.nz)

#### **Farewell for the men's Focolare.**

The men's Focolare has been a part of our parish for 26 year; you may know **Mario, David and Ian.** David has kindly presented recently the crosses exhibition in the church over Easter. The men's Focolare is shifting to Melbourne. We will **farewell them after 10 am, Mass on 31 May.** In addition to the usual coffee and cookies, we will have cake. Do come along to this parish event, nau mai haere mai

**Late Night Mass** for Young People on **Friday, 5th June at 8.00pm** at the Sacred Heart Cathedral, Hill Street, Wellington. Bring a plate for fellowship!

**Malvina Major** : Anointing Mass **Wednesday, 27 May at 2pm** at Malvina Major reflection room.

#### **Sacramental Programme 2026 – Enrol Now!**

See full details and download the application form from our website [here](#) or email: [sacramentalprogramme@stfrancisohariu.nz](mailto:sacramentalprogramme@stfrancisohariu.nz) **Enrolments close 1 July '26**

**COME & SEE Vocations Morning** for young men exploring a vocation to the priesthood. **Saturday 6 June, 9:00am-12:30pm,** St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish. An opportunity for reflection, discussion, and fellowship with other young men discerning the priesthood. Text 021 164 5800 or email [l.hensel@cadw.nz](mailto:l.hensel@cadw.nz) to let us know you're coming!



**BAPTISMS on 17 May 2026:** We warmly welcome into our parish community Maria Eliana Viojan, who was baptised by Fr Gerard Burns and Elijah Amaris Penamante - Siao who was baptised by Fr Alfred Tong.

#### **Children Liturgy :**

There will be **NO** children liturgy this Sunday 24 May.

#### **Parish Property Consultation Workshops**

Upcoming workshops : **31 May at 11.30 am ; 14 June at 11.30 am ; 20 June at 2pm ONLINE** (RSVP mandatory). If you are unable to attend any of these sessions please send your feedback to:

[pv@stfrancisohariu.nz](mailto:pv@stfrancisohariu.nz) All feedback must be received by **6PM, 22 June 2026.**

#### **OCIA Neophytes Visit Our Lady's Home of Compassion**

As part of the mystagogy for our 2026 OCIA Neophytes (new Catholics), we visited Our Lady's Home of Compassion in Island Bay. Our group was accompanied by the Education Co-ordinator, Rebecca Taylor-Hunt who gave an informative tour of the site, sharing the story of Meri Hōhepa (Suzanne Aubert) and leading us to her resting place. Special thanks to Ning and Joey Ibarra for arranging this meaningful visit for our Neophytes.



#### **PENTECOST MASS LED BY ST BRIGID'S SCHOOL**

St Brigid's School Kākā Year 7-8 students will be leading the **Pentecost Mass on Sunday, 24 May, at 10:00 am.** The service will be held at the St Francis of Assisi – Ohariu Church. This year's theme is **"Have māia – Have courage!"** We are incredibly proud of our many students who are demonstrating this spirit by taking on responsibilities for the service, including leading prayers and sharing readings. We warmly invite all parishioners to join us for this special celebration.

#### **A Relic of St Carlo Acutis is Coming to Aotearoa**



You are all invited to visit a relic of St Carlo Acutis, the first millennial saint, **from Sunday 7th June to Tuesday 10th June at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Hill Street, Wellington!**

*"We don't need superpowers to be saints, we just need to love."*

– St Carlo Acutis

For more details please visit:

<https://www.catholicdiscovery.nz/seed/stcarlo>

#### **St Pats College Open Day:**

**Tuesday 23 June 2026 & Thursday 25 June** between 10.00am to 11.30am and from 12.30pm to 2.00pm

#### **Quote :**

*'In a divided and troubled world, the Holy Spirit teaches us to walk together in unity. The earth will rest, justice will prevail, the poor will rejoice and peace will return, once we no longer act as predators but as pilgrims. No longer each of us for ourselves, but walking alongside one another. Not greedily exploiting this world, but cultivating it and protecting it, as the Encyclical Laudato Si' has taught us.'*

Pope Leo XIV, Homily, Vigil of Pentecost 7 June, 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](http://www.stfrancisohariu.nz)

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