



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 Most Holy Trinity Sunday – 31 May 2026, Year A
Readings: Exodus 34:4-6,8-9; 2Corinthians 13:11-13; John 3:16-18

Parish Priest

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Parish Office Hours

04 478 7137
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: 10.30am Reconciliation
11.00am Mass 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

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

20 June 2026

Taizé Prayer Evening – Jubilee of
St Francis of Assisi at 6.15 pm

Reflection - THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Earlier in the year I was at a parish hui, and ended in a group that included 4 mothers, or grand mothers actually. It struck me how dedicated they were praying for others. My beloved and long deceased mother kept supplied with prayers clipped out of magazines or noted down in her own beautiful hand writing – even a shopping list was beautifully written. So here is another Thomas Merton, one of my spiritual heroes for you.

“Lord Jesus Christ, true God and true Man, in Whom the fullness of God dwells and is manifested to men, the man who tries to be a contemplative without You is dead. The man who enters into an interior darkness in which You cannot be found enters into the gate of hell. The man who enters into a silence in which Your voice cannot be heard enters into the antechamber of the devil. The man who willingly goes where You cannot be seen by him is crazy. But I will not fear the darkness where, though I desire You, my desire cannot seem to find You. Because, if I desire You, I have already found You, and if I love You, You are with me. And if I cry out to You, You have already heard my voice. Saviour of the World, fill me with faith, fill my heart with desire, deliver my mind from all the illusions of the devil and enlighten my soul with Your discretion. Anoint my will with the grace of the Holy Spirit and bring me, through Your Cross and by the power of Your Blood, to the heaven of Your love for Your Father and for all men, that I may dwell with You where my life is hidden in You in God forever, one with Him through You in the unity of His Spirit. Amen.”

Peter Mulqueen



Planned Giving and Donations

Thank you for your ongoing support throughout the year. We are very grateful for your generosity. Planned giving envelopes are still available, or you are welcome to give by automatic payment—please contact the parish office for details. Please remember you can claim a 33.3% tax rebate on your donations. Your 2025–26 tax receipts have been emailed or printed and are available for collection in the church foyer.

Remembering the Holy Souls

Recently Deceased :

Anniversary: Jesus V. Fernandez , Marcelo Buenviaje

Prayers for the sick: Vaeluaga Aspinall , 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



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

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 to let us know you're coming!

Taizé Prayer Evening – Jubilee of St Francis of Assisi

Join us for an evening of Taizé prayer at St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish, Johnsonville, on **Saturday 20 June at 6.15pm**. All are welcome to pray, sing, and celebrate the Jubilee year of St Francis. Refreshments provided. For info, contact Fr Alfred Tong.

OCIA Information Evening : for individuals wishing to become baptised Catholics, or those who have already been baptised and would like to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist, sessions will be held on **Tuesday 9 June and Saturday 13 June at 7:00pm** at St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish Church. For more information, please contact ocia@stfrancisohariu.nz.

Altar Server Training – 14 June 2026

Training for altar servers will be held on **Sunday, 14 June at 1.00pm** at St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish Church. All current altar servers and those interested in becoming altar servers are welcome.

Whānau Mercy Education Limited seeks support for St Mary's College and St Catherine's College through volunteer School Board representatives, tax-deductible donations for families in need, and a volunteer minute taker. For more information, please email Anna: WMEL.wn@whanaumercy.nz

Celebrate Compassion 2026 marks 100 years since the passing of Venerable Meri Hōhepa Suzanne Aubert. Join biographer Jessie Munro on Saturday 20 June, 2pm, at the Home of Compassion, Island Bay. Free, but registration via EventFinda is required (limited places). The full link is: www.eventfinda.co.nz/2026/meri-hohepa-suzanne-aubert-an-afternoon-with-jessie-munro/wellington-region

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!

Farewell for Men's Focolare

After 26 years in our parish, the Men's Focolare group (Mario, David, and Ian) is moving to Melbourne. We will farewell them after the 10am Mass on Sunday, 31 May, with coffee, biscuits, and cake. All are warmly invited—nau mai, haere mai.

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>

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 All feedback must be received by **6PM, 22 June 2026**.

Sacramental Programme 2026 – Enrol Now!

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

BLESSING OF NEOPHYTES: Peter Matiassi (and others) being Commissioned by Archbishop Paul at the evening Mass of Pentecost, Sacred Heart Cathedral. God bless you in your new life as part of our church family



Community Quiz Night—Challenge 2000

Join us for a fun Community Quiz Night supporting local families and young people! Enjoy quiz rounds, raffles, spot prizes, snacks, and plenty of laughs at the **Johnsonville Club on Sunday 14 June, 5-7pm**. Teams of 4-8 welcome, or come along solo and we'll find you a team. Tickets via info@challenge2000.org.nz or bank transfer to 01-0519-0057660-46 (reference: Quiz Night).

Quote :

"Even in the darkest nights, the Lord raises up men and women who refuse to give up, who persevere in doing good, who protect the vulnerable and open pathways to reconciliation. The memory of the saints, righteous people, and the oft-forgotten peacemakers, show us that grace does not magically eliminate conflict, but instead it inspires active resistance to evil and an astonishing creativity in doing good."

Pope Leo XIV, Magnifica Humanitas #211, 15 May, 2026

Parish Office: 37 Dr Taylor Tce, Johnsonville

Office Hours: Monday to Thursday 9am to 2pm

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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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