



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

Where heaven and earth come together

Easter Sunday - 5 April 2026, Year A

Readings: Acts 10:34,37-43; Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6-8 ; John 20:1-9

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Parish Office Hours

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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

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

HOLY WEEK

2 April 2026

Holy Thursday Mass 7.00 pm

3 April 2026

-Station of the Cross : 9.30 am
followed by Ecumenical Walk
at 10.45 am

- Liturgy and Veneration : 3 pm

4 April 2026

Easter Vigil Mass 7.00 pm

5 April 2026

Easter Sunday Mass 10.00 am

Reflection

The evil of war and the forces and motivations that lead to it are very evident as we come to this Easter. Wars are going on in many places and particularly in the Middle East with the US-Israeli war on Palestine, Lebanon, Syria and Iran.

On Good Friday a collection is taken up for the 'Holy Places' of the Holy Land. This supports the small, ancient Christian communities particularly around Bethlehem, Jerusalem, Nazareth, Galilee and Gaza. It helps maintain a Christian presence in places where Jesus walked.

These communities have been diminishing for many years because most Christians in the Holy Land are Palestinian and suffer in the same ways as their fellow Palestinians. In Bethlehem for example, the Christian community has lived mainly from pilgrimages. Pilgrimages have suffered greatly from the recent wars so many migrate to find other work.

This is a great loss because the Arab/Christian nature of these communities means they are bridges in a mainly Muslim world. The people link us directly with the first disciples in Jesus' homeland. The collection is for education, social projects, hospitals, parishes. It is distributed through the Franciscan Fathers (Custody of the Holy Land). Please give generously.

Fr, Gerard Burns



Remembering the Holy Souls

Recently Deceased : Narayanabhatta Srinivasa (father in law of Nandita Srinivasa), Mark Hinton (brother in law of David Dobson)

Anniversary: Mary Jean

Prayers for the sick: Mrs. Theresa Peteli, Patricia Keane, Isabel Zamorano F, Kolotita Gae'e, Fr Frank Whitaker, Tovio Fa'l, 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.stfrancisoohariu.nz>

Palm Sunday – 28/29 March : Last weekend, we began Holy Week with Palm Sunday, celebrating Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. The blessing and procession of palms reminded us of the joy and hope of Christ's mission as we prepare to reflect on His Passion, Death, and Resurrection.



Holy Week Religious Art Exhibition at St Francis of Ohariu Parish : As you enter the church through the corridor this Holy Week, you are warmly invited to pause for a moment of quiet reflection. Displayed along the entrance is a collection of crucifixes, thoughtfully gathered and shared by one of our parishioner David Krsticevic (Focolare).

Feast of the Divine Mercy 2026



The Divine Mercy Community of the Wellington Archdiocese warmly invites you to come together to celebrate the Feast of the Divine Mercy 2026 at St Francis de Sales Catholic Church, Island Bay on **Sunday, 12 April 2026**. Schedule as follows:

2:00 PM Confessions, Eucharist Adoration and Worship,
3:00 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet, Benediction
3:30 PM Holy Mass
4:30 PM Final Blessing, Blessing of Divine

Mercy Image, Veneration of the Divine Mercy Image , Blessing of personal religious objects, Refreshments and Fellowship follows (please bring a plate to share)

5:00 PM End of celebration

Contact : Masani Aukusitino (029 2009 504)

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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.

Children's Liturgy: No children's liturgy 5th 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: Lislle 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

Seasons for Growth – Adult Programme : Catholic Social Services is offering a four-week course this April for adults coping with change, loss, or grief. Sessions run **Wednesdays, 8, 15, 22 & 29 April, 10:00 am–12:30 pm** at Level 2, 204 Thorndon Quay. Morning tea provided. For info or to register, contact Jess: 04 385 8642 or : seasons@cadw.nz.

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.

ONLINE Safeguarding Workshop : Join our online Safeguarding Workshops, perfect for those new to ministry or anyone curious about **Safeguarding**. Sessions are on **Monday, 13 April (12:00–1:15 pm) and Tuesday, 14 April (7:00–8:15 pm)**. To register, email Kevin Plant at k.plant@cadw.nz. A Microsoft Teams link will be sent two days before each workshop.

Parish Ministry Property Consultation Workshops : The Parish Property Committee invites parishioners to attend consultation workshops to help shape the location and design of our future church. Upcoming Workshops: Wednesday, 6 May 2026 after 11 am Mass-Please RSVP to pv@stfrancisohariu.nz with your name and anyone attending. Everyone is welcome! Your views are important to us.

Quote :

'An awareness of the gravity of today's cultural and ecological crisis must be translated into new habits.'

Laudato Si' 209

Action: *In this Eastertide season of new life and hope, what new habits can I begin living out in the way I travel, in the food I eat, the clothing I wear, the words I speak and the witness I show in my family?*

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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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