



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

Where heaven and earth come together

The Body & Blood of Christ Sunday – 7 June 2026, Year A
Readings: Deutronomy 8:2-3,14-16; 1 Corinthians 10:16-17; John 6:51-58

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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: 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

9 & 13 June 2026

OCIA Information Evening at 7pm

14 June 2026

Community Workshop 11.30 am

14 June 2026

Altar Server Training at 1.00 pm

20 June 2026

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

30 June 2026

Sacramental Programme Parents
Session

Reflection - The Body & Blood of Christ

A Good Gift



Wine connoisseurs are professionals who employ “the four ‘S’” (see, swirl, smell and sip) to appreciate a cup of wine they are tasting. Otherwise, it is actually impossible for the human senses to get a grip on how good the wine actually is – leading to poor judgement in a wine-tasting competition.

The purpose of human life is not to consume or control as much as we can – for we will then fail to acknowledge that we live with human limits – flesh and blood, body and soul, needing our senses to grapple, savour and adapt to flavour. If we ‘gulp’ instead of savouring and appreciating, a good gift will simply pass us by. Our senses will never know how good a gift that was.

Pope Leo writes in his latest encyclical Magnifica Humanitas that humans can never be upgraded by AI. Robots can fold napkins, but can never see, taste, learn, touch, feel or think like humans. Humans in fact can make mistakes, have weaknesses, be inconsistent in thinking (that’s why standard operating procedures always require updating!), but have the creative power to think/feel/be in ways beyond robotic deep learning routines and algorithms. It’s humans, not robots, that ‘live’.

God in Christ fully embraced the weakness of humanity so much that He would ask us to “Take and Eat” freely, but to savour what it means to live. To grow so that we may not “become proud of heart”, but build and admire a city of God living “from everything that comes from the mouth of God”.

Fr Alfred Tong

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.

Remembering the Holy Souls

Recently Deceased : Mary Elizabeth Millmow

Anniversary: Bob Washington

Prayers for the sick: Vaeluaga Aspinall , Sam Godinet, Mrs. Theresa Peteli, Patricia Keane, Isabel Zamorano F, Kolofita 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>

Sacramental Programme 2026 – Enrol Now!

Parents Session: Tuesday, 30 June at 7 pm

First Reconciliation: Sunday, 9 August at 2 pm

Sessions: Sunday 26 July & 2 August at 11.15am

Practice : Saturday 8 August at 2 pm

Sacrament of Confirmation: Sunday, 13 Sept at 2 pm

Sessions: Sunday 23 Aug & 30 Aug at 11.15 am

Practice : Saturday, 12 September at 2.00 pm

First Holy Communion: Sunday, 15 Nov at 2.00 pm

Sessions: Sunday 1 Nov & 8 Nov at 11.15 am

Practice : Saturday, 14 November at 2.00 pm

The application form are available in the church foyer or download from our website [here](#) or email to:

sacramentalprogramme@stfrancisohariu.nz



Saturday, 20 June 2026, 11am to

2pm: Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver Convent, 1 Mersey Street, Island Bay. Enjoy a variety of homemade foods while supporting

the education of underprivileged children in Pakistan. All proceeds will assist the Franciscan Tertiary Sisters of Lahore with school fees, uniforms, books, and stationery. Further details contact Sisters: (04) 3838401.

OCIA Information Evening : For those interested in becoming Catholic or receiving the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist. Sessions will be held on **Tuesday 9 June and Saturday 13 June at 7.00 pm at St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish Church.** For more information, please contact ocia@stfrancisohariu.nz.

St Brigid's Movie Fundraiser - Toy Story 5

Saturday, 20 June 2026, 3.00 pm at St Brigid's School.

Tickets: \$20 per person. Complimentary lolly bag with each ticket and spot prizes on the day. To make this event extra special, we encourage moviegoers of all ages to dress up as their favourite Disney character.



To book, scan the QR code or pay online to St Brigid's (Johnsonville) School Board: 12-3041-0341681-00. Reference: Movie.

Particulars: Your name.

St Brigid's School Mass

Kia ora koutou, parishioners of St Francis of Assisi Ohariu. We'd love you to join us in the church for our syndicate Masses. St Brigid's Team Masses at 9.15 am on Tuesdays at St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Church.

16 June - Titipounamu (Year 0-3) Mass

23 June - Tūi (Year 4-6) Mass

30 June - Kākā (Year 7-8) Mass

Billings Life NZ Seminar: Billings Life NZ will host a two-day Natural Fertility Awareness seminar in **Whanganui on Friday and Saturday, 19-20 June 2026.** It is open to couples, health professionals, and anyone interested in learning or becoming accredited teachers. More info and registration: www.billingslife.org.nz/training-seminar

Parish Property Consultation Workshops

Upcoming workshops : **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.**

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.

Celebrating Our Stories: The "Book of Life"

The Book of Life honours the blessings and faith journeys of our St. Francis of Assisi Parish family. Parishioners are invited to **contribute** by placing submissions in the church foyer box or emailing fionakearnz@gmail.com. It will be presented **on 27/28 June** during the Offertory Procession.

A Relic of St Carlo Acutis is Coming to Aotearoa. Sunday 7 June to Tuesday 9 June at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Hill Street, Wellington!



You are all invited to visit the relic and join in the events prepared. Events include Holy Mass, adoration, talks, youth events, and a small exhibition in the foyer. "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>

Challenge 2000 Community Quiz Night — POSTPONED

The Community Quiz Night scheduled for Sunday 14 June has been postponed until further notice.

Quote :

'The Eucharist opens us to justice and sharing, with a preferential concern for those who are burdened by poverty or marginalization... The Church — nourished by the Eucharist — is called to make visible a different paradigm, one that preserves human connections, gives a voice to the invisible and ensures that processes are aimed at respecting people's dignity.' - Pope Leo XIV, Magnifica Humanitas #235, 15 May, 2026

'...the Eucharist is also a source of light and motivation for our concerns for the environment, directing us to be stewards of all creation.' Laudato Si #236

Action: How does the Eucharist guide your concern for the marginalised and the environment in loving action?

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

Account name: ARCHDIO OF WGTN ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH

Parish Bank Account for Planned Giving/Koha: **02-0524-0203642-00**

