

St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish



12th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A - 25 June 2017
Readings: Jeremiah 20:7,10-13; Romans 5:12-15; Matthew 10:26-33

Dear Friends,

I have invited you to participate in the Synod consultation process which you are able to do either as individuals or in various groups. I am most grateful to those of you from around the diocese who have already sent in responses. At the heart of the process I have invited you to engage in is a deep and profound respect for one another. This respect come from the conviction that each of us can learn from another, that each of us may be an instrument of God's Spirit.

In asking you to do this I want to tell you that I need to hear your words, spoken courageously and with humility from your hearts. I need to hear the words that have been given shape in prayer and reflection. I need to hear the words which have been prompted by the Holy Spirit and then spoken, knowing that they have come from the inspiration of God's Spirit. This is happening in the submissions which have been coming in, and it is a joy to see people speaking up so honesty and constructively.

This current phase of the Synod process is vital for us if the Synod is to bear fruit. Therefore I really encourage everyone to participate prayerfully in this discernment time, with listening ears and with listening hearts. In these weeks our spoken words, and our listening must come from quiet prayer and a genuine openness to the experiences and vision of those who share their thoughts with us. Words that have been spoken over and over again may suddenly be heard as if for the first time, they may ring with a truth we have previously missed. If we listen with our hearts, as well as with our heads, I am sure that we will come to see our mission in a whole new way. We will then step out on a new direction which God challenges us to follow as we are sent out into the world taking Jesus and His Gospel with us.

With sincere thanks for all that you ae doing and with every blessing
+ John

Confirmation

Please pray for all our children who will be presented for the Sacrament of Confirmation this Sunday. There are 50 from our Johnsonville and Newlands communities and a further 29 from our Khandallah community.



PARISH ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY 25 JUNE

SVDP Newlands Meeting 8.45am in the Chapel at St Andrew's

Malvina Major Eucharistic Service 10.30am in the Chapel

Confirmation with Cardinal John

8.30am at St Benedict's

2pm at St Peter & Paul's

MONDAY 26 JUNE

Christian Meditation 7pm in St Benedict's foyer.

All welcome.

TUESDAY 27 JUNE

Legion of Mary - 10am in the St Andrew's Chapel. All welcome

11am Mass at Johnsonvale Rest home

6.30pm Information Evening Yr 7/8 St Benedict's School

WEDNESDAY 28 JUNE

11am Mass at Johnsonville for the Feast of St Peter & Paul, with a cuppa to follow.

THURSDAY 29 JUNE

7pm Board of Trustees meeting at St Brigid's

6.30pm St Brigid's School Dance

FRIDAY 30 JUNE

Adoration and Divine Mercy 7pm at St Andrew's Chapel

St Benedict's school disco at the Khandallah Scout Hall

SATUDAY 1 JULY

Fr Peter's anniversary of ordination

SUNDAY 2 JULY

Malvina Major Eucharistic Service 10.30am in the Chapel

PLEASE SEE NOTICE BOARD IN CHURCH FOYER FOR EVENTS IN THE ARCHDIOCESE

Preference Certificates

To obtain a Preference Certificate for entry to a Catholic School please contact the Parish Office. Email ohariuparish@clear.net.nz

St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish Bank Account Number 02-0524-0203642-000

PARISH NOTICES

Prayer Focus: Let us promote with courage all necessary means to protect the lives of our children. *Pope Francis*

URGENT REQUEST FOR FOOD!!!

Newlands Saint Vincent de Paul Food Bank

We are currently supporting many families in need within our community. Our food bank supplies have dwindled considerably and we urgently need our supplies to be restocked. If you are able to add one or two of the following items to your weekly food shop, and leave them in our basket in the church foyer, that would be wonderful.

For those of you who can't manage to contribute at the moment, your prayerful support is, as always, much appreciated. The SVDP poor box, in the church foyer, helps us to purchase fresh items, which are unable to be stored with our dry goods. Some suggestions are: **Flour/Sugar, Milo, Tea Bags/Coffee, Rice/Pasta, Vegemite, Muesli Bars/Biscuits, Tinned Soup/Vegetables, Breakfast cereals, Tinned Fruit, Washing up Liquid, Feminine Hygiene Products, Laundry Powder, Toilet Paper/Soap, Toothpaste/Toothbrushes.** Thanking you all in anticipation for your continued support of our food bank.

Refugee Collection

A huge "Thank You" to all those who contributed to our Refugee Appeal last weekend. The collection totaled \$3,600 with more donations being direct credited to our Parish Bank account



PRAYERS FOR THE SICK



Please remember in your prayers those who are ill: Malia Lemalu, Cheryl Austin, Sister Mary Gordon, Mary Cummins, Therese Walsh, Tabea Squire, David Shroff, Loretta Donworth, Lisa Talty, Alex Lines, Agnes Ram, Jessy Hensen, Nancy Garrett, Maria Stewart, Greta Harris, Samantha Hedge and Ryan McLellan (aged 2 1/2).

St Benedict's School, Khandallah

Parent Information Evening Intermediate Students (Years 7 & 8)

Tuesday 27th June 2017 - Beginning at 6.30pm in the School Library with a slideshow of the Year 8 camp from Term 1 followed by a presentation about our Intermediate Syndicate.

Come along and hear about the opportunities we offer Year 7 & 8 students in their Intermediate Years at St Benedict's School and how we prepare them for secondary school. We are taking enrolments for "preference" students in Years 7 & 8 for 2018. See our school website under "Enrolment" for information about preference criteria

'Five Languages of Love' Workshop

Sunday 30 July, 12:30pm – 5:00pm, St Peter & Paul Church, 29 Dr Taylor Terrace, Johnsonville, Wgtn. Join us for a light lunch and an afternoon of enlightening talks based on Gary Chapman's book, *The 5 Love Languages*, which explores different ways couples relate to each other and how their relationship can be enriched. Brought to you by your Marriage Encounter Community. Please rsvp to james.glenis@hotmail.co.nz by 21 July.

Onslow Catholic Women's League

Owing to a significant number of absences and illnesses, it has been decided that the June 27th social meeting of the Onslow CWL will be cancelled. We apologise to all our members for this unfortunate occurrence. Next month's social meeting will celebrate the WUCWO Day of Prayer and will be held on the afternoon of July 25th - full details to follow.



Baptisms



We welcome into our Parish Family *Rafferty and Lucy Hogan* who are being Baptised in our Parish this weekend.



REMEMBERING THE HOLY SOULS - MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Patrocenio Returan, Yakeza Sarona, Assuero Fastelli and Garth Evans who died recently.
Anniversaries: Eva Maud Schluter, Florida Viernes Bentley

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St Peter & Paul's Church
37 Dr Taylor Tce, Johnsonville
Sunday Mass 9am & 10.30am

WEEKDAY TIMETABLE
Tuesday: Mass 9.15am with School
Wednesday Mass 11am
Thursday Mass: 9.15am
Friday: Mass 9.15am

Fr Sebastian
Ph (04) 478 7189

St Andrew's Church
27 Trebann St, Newlands,
Saturday Vigil Mass 5pm
Sunday Mass 10am

WEEKDAY TIMETABLE
Tuesday: Mass 7pm
Wednesday: Mass 9am
Thursday: Mass 10.30am
Friday: Mass 6.30pm

Fr Doug Shepherd
Ph (04) 479 7777

St Benedict's Church
3 Everest St, Khandallah
Saturday Vigil Mass 6.30pm
Sunday Mass 8.30am

WEEKDAY TIMETABLE
Mon & Tues Liturgy of the Word 9am
Wednesday: Mass 9.15am with School
Thursday: Mass 9am
Friday: Mass 9am
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Friday 8.30am
Saturday Mass 9am

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