

# St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish



**13th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A - 2 July 2017**  
**Readings: 2 Kings 4:8-12a, 14-17; Romans 6:3-4, 8-11; Matthew 10:37-42**

## **A Cup of Cold Water Is A Wonderful Gift**

The early Christian community took these words of Jesus to heart, becoming known for their many small kindnesses toward one another and to the larger world.

Sometimes we expect to earn a reward by doing a kind action, and we forget that the biggest reward may lie in having the opportunity to be a kind person. In other words, the reward often comes before the act, instead of afterwards.

In this passage, Jesus encourages us to recognize him in each other's hearts, and to recognize God the Father in him.

In Jesus' time, there was no refrigeration nor any way to make ice - it didn't freeze hard enough in the winter in Palestine to make ice outdoors. The only way to get cold water was to make a special trip to a well, where the water would be chilled from being deep in the ground.

Does Jesus ask us to give large or expensive gifts? Jesus says even a cup of cold water given to a thirsty person is a great gift.

### **Dear Parishioners**

***Last week you will have heard that St Andrew's Church has been closed for health and safety reasons caused by leaks. With the coming of winter, the building is no longer considered suitable for Mass. Understandably, people have been upset because of this closure, and I acknowledge that the Newlands community will face considerable disruption for a while. In the interim, the 5pm Mass has been transferred to Johnsonville, with an extra Mass at 12pm in Johnsonville to allow parishioners from Newlands to choose what best suits them from the times available.***

***A building report has been commissioned and it is now available on the Parish website. Next weekend there will be speakers at all Masses to present this report to parishioners. There will also be a summary of the building report attached to next week's newsletter, inviting feedback. For people wishing to give feedback please write to P O Box 13016, Wellington 6440 or email [ohariuparish.feedback@gmail.com](mailto:ohariuparish.feedback@gmail.com) Please be assured that your feedback is valued.***

**Fr Peter**

## **PARISH ACTIVITIES**

### **SUNDAY 2 JULY**

**Welcome Ministry Cuppa** 10am in St Peter & Paul's Church

**Malvina Major** Eucharistic Service 10.30am in the Chapel

**PFG Teddy's Group** 10.30am Coffee at Saddleback Café,  
Ohariu Valley

**Young Fathers Group** 4.30pm Upstairs room St Peter & Paul's  
Johnsonville

### **MONDAY 3 JULY**

**Christian Meditation** 7pm in St Benedict's foyer.

All welcome.

**St Mary's College** Enrolments close

### **TUESDAY 4 JULY**

**Ohariu Liturgy Meeting** 2pm in St Peter & Paul's Church.

**PFG Moth Group** 7pm Quiz night at the Roundabout Tawa.

**Khandallah Liturgy Meeting** 7pm in the Presbytery

### **FRIDAY 7 JULY**

**First Friday Morning Tea** 9.30am in St Benedict's Foyer.

All welcome.

**SLF Choir practice** 7pm Johnsonville Church

**St Brigid's School** Term ends 2pm

**St Benedict's School** Term ends 2.50pm

### **SUNDAY 9 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](mailto:ohariuparish@clear.net.nz)

**Prayer Focus:** We pray that God will make us an instrument of his love, able to recognize Him in others .

# PARISH NOTICES

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

## Newlands Saint Vincent de Paul – Breaking News!!

The recent closure of Saint Andrew's means we are making a few little adjustments to our Newlands Conference of SVDP. There is no cause for concern as it is business as usual for our group and we will continue to serve those in need within our community. Our meeting will now be **after** the 9am Mass at Saint Peter and Paul's, still on a fortnightly basis (next one is the 9<sup>th</sup> of July) and it will be in the Parish Office. Our poor box collection will also be at Saint Peter and Paul's right next to where you pay for the NZ Catholic. Look out for the poster above it to guide you. Our foodbank is still very much up and running, so all of that food you have been saving up to donate, bring it along to Saint Peter and Paul's and we will collect it from there. We are working with our good friends at Johnsonville Conference SVDP to ensure both Conferences Foodbanks benefit from your kindness. We appreciate your continued support as these changes are initiated. Kia ora.

## WELCOME MINISTRY

We warmly invite all parishioners and visitors to join us for a cup of tea, coffee or hot chocolate at the rear of St Peter and Paul's church after the 9am Mass, today Sunday, 2 July. Those who have recently arrived in the parish are especially welcome. It takes just a few minutes and is an easy opportunity to meet new people and chat with old friends.

## '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](mailto:james.glenis@hotmail.co.nz) by 21 July.

## FAREWELL FOR FATHER SEBASTIAN

We will gather together to farewell Father Sebastian after the 5pm Mass, on Saturday July 22<sup>nd</sup>, at St Peter and Paul's Church. A collection for Father Sebastian will be taken up at all of the Masses prior to this date. Just place an envelope with Father Sebastian's name on it and pop it in the collection plate. A function will be held in St Peter and Paul's Church Hall, for Father Sebastian, so please bring along a plate so that we can farewell Father Sebastian in style.

## You Are Wonderful – thank you!

On behalf of the parish resettlement team and the families we continue to support in their new lives here in New Zealand, many thanks for your generosity with our recent call for your support. The call has been well and truly answered with money, goods and plenty of encouragement. The collection so far totals \$4,430. We will continue to keep you updated and please pray for our next arrivals in August. Thank you again!

## 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, Ryan McLellan (aged 2 1/2) and Gaye Hollamby (sister of Jackie Vaughan).



## Caregiver required

A very kind caring adult or student is required to help out with a disabled boy two mornings per week. Jacob is blind and deaf and needs assistance to get ready for school. Jacob lives in Madras St Khandallah. This is a paid position. If you are interested call Debbie on 021 225 6368. Thank you.

## Baptisms

We welcome into our Parish Family *Melna Mathew, Claire Gannon, Gabriele Moorthy* who are being Baptised in our Parish this weekend.



## REMEMBERING THE HOLY SOULS - MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Judy O'Donnell who died recently.  
Anniversaries: Nicholas Sebastian, Luiz D.Romero, Guillerma Valencia Melendez

*St Francis of Assisi*

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**St Peter & Paul's Church**  
37 Dr Taylor Tce, Johnsonville

**Saturday Vigil 5pm**  
**Sunday Mass 9am, 10.30am and 12pm**

### 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

**Closed**

### WEEKDAY TIMETABLE

(Masses held in Presbytery Lounge)  
**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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