

St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish



15th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A - 16 July 2017
Readings: Isaiah 55:10-11 ; Romans 8:18-23; Matthew 13:1-23

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us a parable. In this parable he talks about planting seeds as a way to help us understand the way to be closest to God. He tells us that when people hear God's word but don't try to understand it (or maybe just don't listen), that's almost the same as planting a seed in a place that it will never grow.

What about people who really hear God's word and show that they understand it? People who live by God's rules – following the commandments and showing kindness to one another? Jesus tells us that those seeds have been planted in just the right soil – and that they'll grow and grow. So today Jesus uses this story about seeds to help us remember to open our ears and our hearts to God.

Pastoral Snippets

- The Pope has added a third pathway to canonisation of saints. Previously the pathways have been either heroic virtue or martyrdom for the faith. To these Pope Francis has added offering one's life for others. This could be of interest to people who know about Fr Vernon Douglas.
- Pope Francis, winding up the Year of Mercy invites us to have a special day when we focus on the scriptures.
- And another day to be called "World Day of the Poor". Cardinal John will be writing to us on these two topics.
- The Pastoral Council also heard about ecumenical initiatives in Napier. These could assist us in our Parish.
- Say NO to Euthanasia. Pre-printed Cards will be available for people to sign and send to their local MP.

PARISH ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY 16 JULY

Mojo Coffee on sale at all Masses
Malvina Major Eucharistic Service 10.30am in the Chapel

MONDAY 17 JULY

Marian Mothers Meeting 10 to 12pm 261 Middleton Rd
Glenside. All welcome
Christian Meditation 7pm in St Benedict's foyer.
All welcome

TUESDAY 18 JULY

Mass 3.30 at Malvina Major Chapel. All welcome
SVDP Johnsonville Conference 7pm meeting in the Upper
room at Johnsonville

WEDNESDAY 19 JULY

SVDP Onslow Conference 7pm meeting at St Benedict's

THURSDAY 20 JULY

Music Practice 7.30 at St Ben's Church

FRIDAY 21 JULY

Divine Mercy 7pm at St Andrew's Presbytery

SATURDAY 22 JULY

Life in the Spirit seminar 12.30 Johnsonville Main School
Hall
Fr Sebastian's Farewell at the 5pm Vigil St Peter & Pauls

SUNDAY 23 JULY

Malvina Major Eucharistic Service 10.30am in the Chapel
Connie's Choir Practice 5pm St Peter & Paul's Church

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

Prayer Focus: *Help us to hear your word and understand your ways. Plant your seeds in our hearts and let them grow*

PARISH NOTICES

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

Monday Marian Mothers' meeting

The Monday Marian Mothers' meeting for July will be held at 261 Middleton Road, Glenside (Churton Park) from 10.00am - 12pm on Monday 17 July. Why not use the school holidays as a good excuse to have a get-together! All mothers and children are warmly invited. If you have any questions, please contact Stephanie on 478 5852.

Onslow Catholic Women's League Meeting

The next meeting will be held on MONDAY 24th July at 2pm (please note the change in day and time) in St Benedict's Church, followed by afternoon tea in the foyer. We will be celebrating the WUCWO (World Union of Catholic Women's Organisations) Day of Prayer. All women in the parish are invited to join us. Also CWL members will be selling tickets to the Khandallah Art Theatre's production of 'Wind in the Willows' at Cochran Hall (Cashmere Ave school) after both Masses this weekend; these tickets are for Friday 21st July. Cost is \$25 per adult and \$20 for children/concessions. Proceeds in aid of the National CWL.

Mojo Coffee

Bags of **MOJO coffee** beans and plunger coffee will be on sale from the foyer at St. Peter & Paul's on 15/16 July.

Transport from Newlands to Mass on Sunday

The number 55 bus leaves the Newlands Medical Centre at 8.52am and arrives at the Johnsonville railway station at 8.58 just in time for the 9am Mass. See timetables in the foyer.

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)



FAREWELL FOR FATHER SEBASTIAN

We will gather together to farewell Father Sebastian after the 5pm Mass, on Saturday July 22nd, 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.

Vinnie's shop in Khandallah

is trading well and particularly needs more quality men's and women's clothing. Please contact the manager, Erin Whelan on 479 0225 if necessary.

The Archdiocesan Young Church Ministries team invites all Young Adults to **The Rising Tide: The human unit: marriage, family and community** at the Catholic Centre 22-30 Hill Street Wellington. Monday 24th July. Doors open at 6.30 pm and event starts at 7.00pm. more information contact Josh Nerona 496 1701 j.nerona@wn.catholic.org.nz

KEYBOARD player required to join music team at St Peter and Paul's. Please contact Pat Collier 4786230 or email tchpat.collier@gmail.com

Mark your Diaries for this year's Information Evening

GO YOU ARE SENT ...TO THE PERIPHERIES OF SOCIETY On **Tuesday August 8th** a panel of highly qualified speakers, chaired by our own Kitty McKinley, will share their work and experiences in the lives and rehabilitation of those in prison. A former inmate will also contribute to the panel. The evening is to be held in St Benedict's Church at 7.30p.m. and includes discussion and supper, arranged by St Benedict's Grief and Loss Ministry.

REMEMBERING THE HOLY SOULS - MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Betty Butler, Gaye Hollamby, and Verdon Kean (*brother in law of Rosemary Molloy*) who died recently. Anniversaries: Joe Millmow, Jose Lopez, Rupert Maria, Pio and Salvacion Estipona, Elpidio Alano, Danilo and Stephanie Sy, Eulogio and Maria Tiamzon



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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
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 9am
Thursday: Mass 9am
Friday: Mass 9am

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Friday 8.30am

Saturday Mass 9am

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