

St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish



16th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A - 23 July 2017
Readings: Wisdom 12:13, 16-19 ; Romans 8:26-27; Matthew 13:24-43

In last week's gospel Jesus told us a parable about seeds to teach us a lesson about keeping our hearts and our minds focused on God. He told us that we need to make ourselves "good soil" by really listening to God's word and leading good lives.

But that can be hard – and this week he tells us about weeds.

In the same way that Jesus was talking about seeds – but really talking about us, this week's story isn't about real weeds in a garden. Jesus is telling us that sometimes being a Christian is hard.

It would be easy to do all the right things in life if everyone around us was doing them too. But they're not.

People lie and steal and fight. They can be greedy and mean and selfish.

People can be weeds. Sometimes they can be doing the wrong things in our lives – our "gardens." They set bad examples and make it just that much harder for us to do the right things.

That's why being a Christian can be so hard. It's something we have to do even when so many people around us seem to be setting the wrong example – and pulling us in the wrong direction.

Are you a seed or a weed? (A seed) Good – keep it up!

Couples for Christ and Youth for Christ will be attending the mass this Sunday 12pm to offer thanksgiving for their recent youth conference. The recent Youth for Christ Oceania conference with the theme "Solid Ground" and held in El Rancho Waikanae had close to 700 delegates from all over New Zealand and Australia.

The state of our buildings. *Have your say!*
Please remember to put in your feedback by 15th of August to ohariuparish.feedback@gmail.com or write to PO Box 13016, Wellington

We farewell Fr Sebastian this weekend and thank him for his pastoral service to our parishioners. To accommodate everyone in our Parish there is a change to the weekday Mass times. See below

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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

**Tuesday: 11am Requiem Mass for
Delcie McGuinness**

Wednesday Mass 11am

Thursday Liturgy: 9.15am

Friday: Mass 6.30pm

St Andrew's Church
27 Trebann St, Newlands

Closed

WEEKDAY TIMETABLE

Tuesday: Mass 7pm

**Mass held in Presbytery Lounge
Last weekday Mass while the
Church is closed**

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 9.15am with School

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Friday 8.30am

Saturday Mass 9am

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: *Speak to the Lord, frankly and humbly asking for whatever you need to dedicate yourselves totally to him.*

PARISH NOTICES

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

A kind caring adult or student is required to assist a disabled boy, Jacob aged 9 to get ready for school two mornings a week. Jacob is situated in Madras St Khandallah. This is a paid position. For further information please call Deborah on 021 225 6368. Thank you.

Faith, Fatima & the Family (A Recollection)
 Speaker Fr Bernard Espiritu, SVD Director Mission NZ
 Venue: Our Lady of Fatima Church, 169 Main Rd Tawa
 Time: Saturday 29 July 2pm to 4pm
 Entry by Koha

 **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.

Holy Hour You are invited to a Holy Hour on Tuesday 25 July beginning at 7.30 pm in the Cathedral Chapel to pray for vocations to priesthood and consecrated life. This Holy Hour will include prayers, Scripture, praise and worship, times of silence and conclude with Benediction followed by supper.

Funeral for Austin McClean (*Robert McClean's father*)
 Rosary on Sunday night, 23 July 7pm at St Theresa's in Plimmerton. The funeral will be on Monday 24 July at 11 am. He was a parishioner of Johnsonville Parish from 1954 to 1970 and he helped build the original Catholic Church on Blackrock Road.

Fr Peter saying Mass last week at the Johnsonville Main School and commissioning the leaders of the Life in the Spirit programme.



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

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.

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.

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, Ryan McLellan (aged 2 1/2)



REMEMBERING THE HOLY SOULS - MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Austin McClean, Delcie McGuinness, Betty Day and Nada Sterievitch who died recently.
 Anniversaries: Agnes Wardropper, Visitacion Te, Pio F. Roa and Luisa Victa.



PARISH ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY 23 JULY

Malvina Major Eucharistic Service 10.30am in the Chapel
SVDP Newlands Conference meeting after the 9am Mass in the Parish Office
Connie's Choir Practice 5pm St Peter & Paul's Church

MONDAY 24 JULY

Onslow Catholic Women's League 2pm Day of Prayer in the St Benedict's Foyer
Christian Meditation 7pm in St Benedict's foyer.
 All welcome

TUESDAY 25 JULY

Funeral of Delcie McGuinness 11am at St Peter & Paul's Church

THURSDAY 27 JULY

PFG Corinthians Lunch at the Bay Plaza

FRIDAY 28 JULY

Grandparents Mass 9.15 St Benedict's Church
Divine Mercy after the 6.30 Mass at St Peter & Paul's Church

SATURDAY 29 JULY

Life in the Spirit seminar continues

SUNDAY 30 JULY

Malvina Major Eucharistic Service 10.30am in the Chapel

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