

St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish



17th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A - 30 July 2017
Readings: 1 Kings 3:5-12, Romans 8:28-30, Matthew 13:44-52

Jesus compared the kingdom of God to hidden treasure. The kingdom of God is the treasure. The kingdom of God is FAR more valuable than anything in this world. There is nothing that even compares to a loving relationship with the Creator of the universe!

When we discover that we can enter God's kingdom, we have a choice to make, just as the man in the field did. We can see the treasure and we can just go back to our old way of life. Or we can see God's kingdom, full of peace, love, forgiveness, freedom, and joy, and want that more than anything else.

Jesus is not saying that you must go out and sell everything you own. He is saying that you should be willing to. He is saying that NOTHING compares in value to the new life that the King wants to give you. You should not love anything or anyone more than you love the King, God Himself. If you belong to the kingdom, you have the greatest treasure! This treasure is freely given by God, the King, to everyone who trusts in Him.

INFORMATION EVENING AT ST BENEDICT'S CHURCH

GO YOU ARE SENTTO 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 7.30pm and includes discussion and supper, arranged by St Benedict's Grief and Loss Ministry.

Social Justice Week: 10-16th September – the theme this year is "Weaving bonds of belonging: Knowing our neighbours." We have a week of events planned at Challenge 2000 for young people, young adults and children, all are welcome. Check out the notice board for more information.

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

PARISH ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY 30 JULY

Malvina Major Eucharistic Service 10.30am in the Chapel

MONDAY 31 JULY

Christian Meditation 7pm in St Benedict's foyer.
All welcome.

TUESDAY 1 August

St Ben's Liturgy Meeting 7.30pm in Presbytery.

WEDNESDAY 2 August

First Holy Communion Parents' Evening 7.30pm at St Peter & Paul's Church, Johnsonville

FRIDAY 4 August

First Friday Morning Tea 9.30am in St Benedict's foyer. All

welcome. Hospitality Trudy Flynn & Keri Byrne

Divine Mercy after the 6.30pm Mass at St Peter & Paul's Church

SATURDAY 5 August

Life in the Spirit 12.30pm seminar continues at Johnsonville Main School.

SUNDAY 6 August

St Ben's Church 9.45am 1st Children's session for Holy Communion.

Malvina Major Eucharistic Service 10.30am in the Chapel.

SVDP Newlands Conference meeting after the 9am Mass in the Parish Office

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: *Treasure on earth is fleeting, Lord, we turn to Heaven to find the treasure you have in store for us.*

PARISH NOTICES

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

DOVE NOTICE: Please come and join us at the Wellington Dove Fellowship for Women. Saturday 19th August 2017 at 1.15pm. Connolly Hall, Guildford Terrace. Our speaker is Rebecca Millar who will be sharing her faith journey in which the Lord led her into the Catholic church, Catholic Charismatic Renewal and Dove Fellowship. For further information contact Shura Price 04 3899938

St Brigid's School Fair – Sunday 12 November – How Can You Help? Calling All Gardeners

It's a great time to plant seeds, take cuttings, and look out for any medium sized pots ready for the school fair in November. **Room 9** are busy planting and we look forward to your support in making the plant stall at the Fair a huge success again this year. Empty pots can be dropped into Room 9. We have very limited space for plants so please grow them at home and bring them down to school over the Fair weekend.

ANNUAL GARAGE SALE

The Spring of Life Fellowship is inviting you to participate in this year's Annual Garage Sale in support of St Peter and Paul's earthquake strengthening fund and the SLF Outreach Programme, on Saturday 30 September 8am - Noon. Items for the sale will be received at St P & P Hall 6pm - 8pm on Friday 29 September. This early advice provides time to start identifying items to be donated for the sale. Inquiries to Gina, 021 1388149.

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).



The Rosary – A Spiritual Weapon for our Times (A Youth Workshop)

Our Lady of Fatima Church, Tawa, Saturday 12 August 4-6pm
Speaker: Maximilian Fuhrer, Life Teen
Cost: Koha/Donation

What is the Rosary? Why should we pray it? For only \$5, make your own Rosary bracelet or make a rosary to give away to elderly Catholics in rest homes, or to show someone that you care. The Rosary (and learning how to pray it) will perhaps be the best gift once can receive (and give) during this centenary of the apparitions of our Lady at Fatima. Contact 022 028 9737 or email patricia@marriageandfamily.org.nz for more information.

Board wanted for a Filipino male in his late 30's. He recently came to New Zealand and is working as a carpet layer for Devon and Patterson. If you are able to help or know someone that is, please contact Nicole on 021655697 or 4770045

Upcoming events in the Archdiocese

- 1 August**—5.30pm at Samuel Marsden Karori. "Help Katherine Mansfield's Legacy live on."
- 3 August**—7pm St Anne's Hall Newtown. Fr Gerry Burns talks on "What it is like to be a prophet in Today's World"
- 10 August** 12pm at the Catholic Centre, Hill St. "The Hope of Pope Francis" e'Conference
- 29 October** St Benedict's School Spring Fair

Housing Forum: In the past week we have learned that New Zealand has the highest rates of homelessness in the OECD. Cardinal John Dew and Bishop Justin Duckworth invite you to a housing forum at the Anglican Cathedral of St Paul, **Wednesday 9 August** at 6.30pm (snacks and drinks available from 5.45pm). Come and hear stories from the community, Christian perspectives on housing, and responses from political parties.



REMEMBERING THE HOLY SOULS - MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Fr Michael Anderson, Mary Wilson, Brendan Hall, Noemi Viernes (*Sister-in-law of Evelyn Fabish*) who died recently.
Anniversaries: William Smith, Simplicio Lantin Sr, Eulalia Gomes

St Francis of Assisi



Parish Priest: Fr Peter Fitzgibbon
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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 Liturgy 11am
Thursday Liturgy: 9.15am
Friday: Mass 6.30pm

Followed by Divine Mercy

St Andrew's Church
27 Trebann St, Newlands
Closed

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37 Dr Taylor Tce, Johnsonville
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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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