

# St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish



**The Transfiguration of the Lord - Year A - 6 August 2017**  
**Readings: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; 2 Peter 1:16-19; Matthew 17:1-9**

*For Jesus the Transfiguration was the turning point in his life. Until then all was onward and upward. The Transfiguration gave Jesus a foretaste of his glory, and in the strength of that joy he could endure the cross and despise the shame. But most of all the Transfiguration gave Jesus affirmation of his Father's love. He says, "This is my beloved son, listen to him."*

*We can all identify with the apostles because in our mountain-top experiences of joy and consolation we also want to stay. We want them to go on forever. And then in the moments of trial we want to flee. We forget that our Lord did not promise us a rose garden, but a garden of olives and a crown of thorns. "If anyone will come after me let him pick up his cross daily and follow me."*

*The Transfiguration was the mountain-top experience of the apostles which prepared them for their future trials. The Mass is our mountain-top experience which prepares us for the trials of our day. And in the joy and consolation of Communion we say with Peter, "Lord, it is good for us to be here." And we do not want to leave. But it is not to be. Soon we will hear the words, "The Mass is ended. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord." So we pick up our cross and leave to face the trials of the day. But having been to the top of the mountain we know that nothing can separate us from the love of God made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord.*



## INFORMATION EVENING AT ST BENEDICT'S CHURCH

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

## PARISH ACTIVITIES

### SUNDAY 6 August

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

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

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

### MONDAY 7 AUGUST

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

### TUESDAY 8 AUGUST

**Finance Committee Meeting** 7pm at St Peter & Paul's Church, Johnsonville

**Information Evening** at St Ben's 7.30pm

### THURSDAY 10 August

**Parish Pastoral Council Meeting** 7.30pm at St Peter & Paul's Church, Johnsonville

### FRIDAY 11 August

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

**Choir Practice** 7.30pm St Peter & Paul's

### SATURDAY 12 August

**Opening of the new Challenge 2000 Centre** at 1 Wanaka St at 11am

### SUNDAY 13 August

**St Peter & Paul's Church 10am** 1st Children's session for Holy Communion at St Brigid's School Library.

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

PLEASE SEE NOTICE BOARD IN CHURCH FOYER FOR MORE INFORMATION ON 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:** *Lord we pray that you restore our sight that we may look upon your Son who calls us to repentance and change of heart.*

# PARISH NOTICES

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

## 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.

## Baptisms

We welcome into our Parish Family  
*Victoria Wardle-Rundlett*  
who is being Baptised in our Parish this weekend.



## 100 Years of Fatima

### 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  
Contact 022 028 9737 or email  
patricia@marriageandfamily.org.nz for more information.

## Feast of the Assumption Tuesday 15 August

St Benedict's will have Mass at 9am  
St Peter & Paul's will have:  
9.15am Mass with the school  
and an evening Mass at 7pm



## 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 Sts Peter and Paul's Church after the 9am Mass, on Sunday, 6 August. 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.

**TUI MOTU** on sale at Johnsonville this Sunday \$7.00 a copy  
The August edition of TUI MOTU contains a very beautiful farewell letter from a young woman who is dying. Mimi is known to many in our parish. Special bargain today July and August editions for \$10.00

## 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).



## Upcoming events in the Archdiocese

- 9 August - Housing Forum** hosted by Cardinal John Dew and Bishop Justin Duckworth, Anglican Cathedral 6-8pm (light food from 5.45pm) all welcome
- 10 August** 12pm at the Catholic Centre, Hill St. "The Hope of Pope Francis" e-Conference
- 17 August - Joshua** Catholic Men 7.30pm in Connolly Hall, Guildford Tce
- 19 August** - Vigil for the unborn 10am St Anne's Newtown
- 19 August - Dove** Fellowship for Women 1.15pm at Connolly Hall, Guildford Tce
- 22 August - Healing Service** with Fr John Rea at St Bernadette's in Naenae at 7.30pm
- 26 August - Retreat Day** with Fr John Rea at Sacred Heart Cathedral 9.30am to 3.30pm. Bring Lunch, a bible and a pad.
- 29 October** St Benedict's School Spring Fair

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

Anniversaries: Marie de Joux, Michael Betham, Dorothy Horan, Joe Harte and Kathleen Kelly



# 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 Mass 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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Fr Doug Shepherd  
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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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