

St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish



21st Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A - 27 August 2017
Readings: Isaiah 22:15, 19-23; Romans 11:33-36. 29-32; Matthew 16:13-20



We are right now approaching a very significant milestone for our Archdiocese, SYNOD '17. Coming together to plan our journey, as we move into times and places ahead.

Cardinal John says " for several months we have been praying at our Sunday Masses the prayer for the Synod. The need for prayer continues as we prepare to go into the Synod. Synod '17 has been an invitation to all people of the Archdiocese. Prayer, dialogue, discernment and sharing were all part of the consultation and many thousands of people participated". Our Synod meets over the weekend 15, 16, and 17 September. All the material that was sent in will continue to be reflected on and ways forward discerned for the future.

Next Sunday at Mass, 9am at Khandallah and 10.30 at Johnsonville, Synod members will be introduced to the congregation and receive a blessing as we say the Synod prayer...

Go , you are sent....

Fr Peter



Baptisms

We welcome into our Parish Family

Isaac Johnson-Ortiz

who is being Baptised in our Parish this weekend.

**Please pray for the 27 children
at St Benedict's
who are making their
First Holy Communion this Sunday.**



PARISH ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY 27 August

First Holy Communion St Benedict's 9am

First Holy Communion Johnsonville 10am 2nd Children's session in St Brigid's School Library.

Malvina Major Eucharistic Service 10.30am in the Chapel

Couples for Christ General Assembly 2pm St Peter & Pauls Hall

MONDAY 28 August

Christian Meditation 7pm in St Benedict's foyer.

All welcome.

Faith Sharing Group 6.30pm at the home of Ewen & Gillian.

TUESDAY 29 August

Finance Committee Meeting 7pm in St Peter & Paul's Presbytery.

FRIDAY 1 September

First Friday Morning Tea 9.30am St Benedict's foyer. All welcome. Hospitality: The Polacheks

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

SUNDAY 3 September (Fathers Day)

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 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

Prayer Focus: *Lord, we pray, that like Peter, we may become a rock of support, not a rock of obstacle.*

PARISH NOTICES

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

Marriage Encounter - A weekend you deserve!

Who wants the best for their children? The strength of your relationship as parents in love is one of the best gifts you can give to your children. So why not take time out for just the two of you to enrich your relationship. Our next weekend is at Silverstream Retreat, 6 - 8 October. For more details and bookings phone Angela & David on 0800 362 686.

New resettlement family thrilled!

Our latest family are now in their new home in Porirua and very excited. Their Red Cross support worker said: "The family just loved the house today. Huge smiles all round.....they were really overwhelmed by it all!" You can't get better than that! Thank you everyone for your support and prayers.

Parish Resettlement Team



Catholic Foundation Scholarships for study in the 2018 tertiary year are now open. Application forms and conditions are available on the Foundation's website. Completed applications together with supporting documentation should be at the Foundation's office by 01 September – please contact the Foundation's office if this time frame presents difficulties.

CELEBRATE DIVERSITY SOCIAL EVENT

This event, involving members of the 3 churches in our Parish, will be held on Sunday, 10 September. It is a celebration of the diversity in the ethnicities, skills and interests in our community. The event will take 2 hours between 2pm and 4pm and will be held in the Newlands Community Centre, 9 Batchelor St. One person from each church will speak for 15 minutes with 5 minutes for questions. The second hour will consist of afternoon tea and a time for socializing and further questions. The musical components, and dance, will be provided by young people. More specific details next week.

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.

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, Loretta Donworth, Lisa Talty, Alex Lines, Agnes Ram, Lamar Aspinall.



You are invited to a **Holy Hour** on Tuesday 29 August 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, times of silence and concluding with Benediction followed by supper.

St Benedict's School Khandallah Open Day 2017

Tuesday 12th September 9.00am – 12.00pm
Parents and those interested in finding out about our school are invited to come and see us in action. Visitors will see a typical day at St Benedict's School and experience the Catholic Character that is our foundation and underpins all we do. All inquiries welcome for 2018
Dave Lamont, Principal St Benedict's School
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Email: office@st-benedicts.school.nz

100 Years of Fatima (1917–2017)

Our Lady of Fatima family Pilgrimage 30 Sept–1 Oct 2017
Join us in a pilgrimage in the North Island beginning from Our Lady of Fatima Church Tawa to other Marian sites (i.e. Our Lady of Lourdes statue in Kapiti, Our Lady of Fatima Church in Waikanae) to culminate in a visit to the National Shrine of our Lady of Fatima, Meadowbank, Auckland. For more information: info@marriageandfamily.org.nz

REMEMBERING THE HOLY SOULS - MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Recently Deceased: Margaret Devotta, Benjamin Naboa.
Anniversaries: Philip Joy Salandanan, Eliezer Viernes, Doris Bose

ROSTERS

New Rosters are available now from the Parish Website. Paper copies are in the foyer.



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: Mass 9.15am
Friday: Mass 6.30pm

Followed by Divine Mercy

St Andrew's Church
27 Trebann St, Newlands

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37 Dr Taylor Tce, Johnsonville
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Fr Doug Shepherd
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St Benedict's Church
3 Everest St, Khandallah

Saturday Vigil Mass 6pm
Sunday Mass 9am

WEEKDAY TIMETABLE

Monday Liturgy of the Word 9am
Tuesday: Liturgy 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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