

St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish



24th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A - 17 September 2017
Readings: Sirach 27:30-28:7, Romans 14:7-9; Matthew 18:21-35

Buildings Update

The Parish Pastoral Council has now received information on the feedback from the Building Report. There were a number of scenarios (options) presented. The Pastoral Council has begun to look at each of these. Their focus at this stage is to consider the pastoral (human) implications of each scenario. They will be assessing the impediments (negatives) and the opportunities (positives) of each of these options.

The Finance Committee and the Pastoral Council meet again in October. More information will be available to parishioners after that. Many other Parishes are also facing similar issues and it has become a topic for the Synod of the Archdiocese, "Go, you are sent..... to use your assets wisely".

Fr Peter

Minutes from the PPC meetings are available from the Parish Website on the Leadership page.

NEWLANDS PRESBYTERY

We have been asked by the Cardinal to make available the vacant Newlands Presbytery as a residence for Father Sebastian Kollam, a member of the Samoan Chaplaincy Pastoral Team. Thus, with our own Fr Sebastian having returned to India, our Newlands house is set to become home for another Fr Sebastian. The difference is that the second Fr Sebastian already has full-time commitment outside of the parish. Parishioners should understand that normally he will refer any Ohariu parishioner enquiries he may receive to Fr Doug and Fr Peter, or to the Parish Office. He is expected to take up residence from October.

Open Home Foundation International is raising funds for its project of supporting impoverished children and families in Lusaka, Zambia.

We are holding a Quiz evening at the Khandallah Town Hall, on Friday 13th October at 7pm. We would welcome your support. Please see notice in the foyer for further details or ring Ewen Laursen on 4787108.

Please pray for the 47 children from Newlands and Johnsonville who are making their First Holy Communion this Sunday.



The Archdiocesan SYNOD is being held this weekend. There will be NO 12pm Mass at Johnsonville on this Sunday.

PARISH ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY 17 September

Malvina Major Eucharistic Service 10.30am in the Chapel
SVDP Newlands Conference Meeting after the 9am Mass in the Parish Office.

First Holy Communion Mass 2pm St Peter & Paul's Church

MONDAY 18 September

Christian Meditation 7pm in St Benedict's foyer. All welcome.
Colleen's Choir Practice 7pm in St Peter & Paul's Church.

TUESDAY 19 September

Legion of Mary 10am at Jan's house. Contact 972 7557
Ohariu Parish Liturgy meeting 2pm Johnsonville round table
SVDP Johnsonville Conference Meeting in the Upper room at St Peter & Paul's.

WEDNESDAY 20 September

Anointing Mass 2pm in St Benedict's Church
SVDP Onslow Conference meeting at St Ben's

THURSDAY 21 September

Malvina Major 3.30pm Mass in the Chapel
Khandallah Music Group Practice 7.30pm in St Benedict's Church.

FRIDAY 22 September

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

SATURDAY 23 September

Young Father's Group 4.30pm in the Upper room at St Peter & Paul's Church
KPF Baptism Mass 1pm at St Ben's Church
Couples for Christ 7pm St Peter & Paul's Hall

SUNDAY 24 September

Malvina Major Eucharistic Service 10.30am in the Chapel.
Afternoon Tea for St Andrew's Community 2.15pm Newlands Community Centre

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

PARISH NOTICES

CELEBRATE DIVERSITY EVENT

Last Sunday's gathering was well attended. The 3 presentations were interesting and varied, and the dance items were applauded enthusiastically. Altogether a delightful afternoon, with a lovely blend of youth and maturity. Certainly an occasion worth repeating.

ANOINTING MASS St Benedict's

On Wednesday 20 September an Anointing Mass will be celebrated at St Benedict's Church at 2pm. We require the services of a Proclaimer of the Word and a Minister of the Eucharist. The Catholic Women's League will provide transport for anyone who requires it, and will serve afternoon tea after the Mass. Any enquiries, phone Margaret Dunne on 478 6348.

FAREWELL

St Andrew's Sunday morning organist, Lynne Candiliotis, is shifting away up the coast during the first week of October after 35 years plus with us, but she will be joining the choir for the last time at the 9am Mass at St Peter and Paul's church on Sunday, 24 September, where we will farewell her. (Lynne will be commuting to St Brigid's for work.) There will be a short time between 9am and 10.30am Masses when we will have coffee/tea and biscuits in the church hall. We look forward to seeing as many 'old' faces as can make it.

Peter Bleakley's 90th birthday: After the 12pm Mass on 1st October, there is a cuppa and shared food to celebrate Peter's birthday in the Parish Hall. All are most welcome and if you are coming, please bring a plate of finger food.

Newlands Community Afternoon Tea

The Catholic community of St Andrew's Church are invited to their afternoon tea at the Newlands Community Centre on the 24th of September from 2.15pm to 3.45pm. Let's get together and recapture our community spirit. For those needing assistance with transport to and from the venue please contact Marushka on 021 815 264 or 477 4990.



Onslow Catholic Women's League

The next social evening for the Onslow CWL will be a **film evening** on **Sunday 8th October** at the Penthouse Cinema in Brooklyn. We have booked the film 'Battle of the Sexes' (PG13), a comedy-drama loosely based on the famous tennis match in 1973 between Billie Jean King and Bobby Riggs; a match which became the most watched sports event of all time. The film showing will commence at 7.30pm. Tickets: \$20 per person. Nibbles and raffle. More details to follow in next week's newsletter, **but put the date in your diaries now!** All parishioners welcome, subject to ticket availability!

ANNUAL GARAGE SALE at St Peter & Paul's Hall

This year's Annual Garage Sale in support of St Peter & Paul's building fund is again being organised by the Spring of Life Fellowship on Saturday 30 September from 8am to noon. Bring donated goods to the Hall on Friday evening 29th from 6pm to 8pm. In addition to food and general sales the services of hairdressers and massage experts will be available. Enquiries to Gina, 021 1388149.

Upcoming events in the Archdiocese

17 September Bach Choir Concert 3.30pm at St Andrew's on the Terrace. \$30 entry

18 Sept 7pm The Rising Tide: Modern day Lepers and Tax Collectors at the Catholic Centre 22-30 Hill Street contact Josh Nerona 496 1701

22-24 September "Current of Grace" Conference in Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, Palmerston North.

27 & 28 September 9.30am to 1pm Grace Anointing Retreat at St Theresa's Church in Karori.

30 Sept-1 Oct Our Lady of Fatima **family pilgrimage**. Full schedule available at info@marriageandfamily.org.nz

30 Sept 1.30-5pm Become a **Sister of Mercy**. Contact Sister Stephanie on 04-8198312 or skit2@xtra.co.nz

15 October 2-4pm **Multicultural Mission Concert** at St Patrick's in Kilbirnie.

REMEMBERING THE HOLY SOULS - MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Anniversaries: Ranulfo & Veneranda Rasalan, Eldon Porter, John Collier, Elizabeth Ananthi Williams, Eufemia Ruedas, Joseph Cooney



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, 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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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: Anointing Mass 2pm
Thursday: Mass 9am
Friday: Mass 9am

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Friday 8.30am

Saturday Mass 9am

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