

St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish



28th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A - 15 October 2017
Readings: Isaiah 25:6-10a, Philippians 4:10-14, 19-20, Matthew 22:1-14

Lectio Divina

At the end of the Year of Mercy, Pope Francis wrote a document for the Universal Church called *Misericordia et Misera*. In it he wrote: "It would be beneficial if every Christian community, on one Sunday of the liturgical year, could renew its efforts to make Sacred Scriptures better known and more widely diffused." Over the weekend Masses of 28/29 October, each parish has been asked to read the Gospel using Lectio Divina. This way is designed to help us read, meditate and live the Word of God. There are four phases: the reading of God's word; meditating on what we have heard; prayer, which is when we enter in dialogue with God; contemplation, where we get ready to listen to God's voice, who speaks within us. Finally thinking about a concrete action arising from the scripture. You may like to try it at home - sit down with your bible, choose a passage and follow the process above. We are looking forward to Lectio Divina on 28/29 October at our Masses.

Buildings Update

This week the Parish Pastoral Council and the Finance Committee have both had the opportunity to assess all the feedback so far and have grouped the results into possible options. These options will be presented to the wider community in the form of an Expo scheduled to begin on the weekend of 11/12 November. It will run until the end of November giving everyone an opportunity to view and comment on the various options for the future of our Parish. Your comments will help in the next stage of the process going forward. The Expo will be displayed in the foyer of St Peter & Paul's and St Benedict's, and possibly at the Newlands Community Centre. The projected timeline for the process is on the Church noticeboard and on the Website. This is a very important time for our Parish and you are encouraged to be part of the solution.

There will be an **AGM** at St Benedict's Khandallah on Sunday, 5th of November after the 9am Mass. This meeting will be for the parishioners of St Benedict's who have traditionally held an AGM annually, although all interested parishioners are welcome. A brief report from the various groups will be prepared prior to the AGM. With the merger of our 3 faith communities, we are still evolving ways of finding what works best in each community.

October Marian Mothers' Meeting

This month's meeting will be held on Monday October 16th, at 10am (or just when you can!) at 12 Elgin Way, Khandallah. All mothers and children are welcome to this informal and supportive group session. The kids play, the mothers pray, and in between there is tea and chat. Call Stephanie on 479 2307 for further information if you are interested.....or why not just come along!

PARISH ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY 15 October

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

MONDAY 16 October

Marian Mothers Group 10am 12 Elgin Way.
Christian Meditation 7pm in St Benedict's foyer. All welcome.

TUESDAY 17 October

Legion of Mary 10am at Jan's house. Contact 972 7557.
SVDP Johnsonville Conference Meeting 7.30pm in the upper room at St Peter & Paul's.

WEDNESDAY 18 October

SVDP Onslow Conference Meeting 7pm at St Ben's Church.

THURSDAY 19 October

Music Group Practice 7.30pm St Ben's Church.

FRIDAY 20 October

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

SATURDAY 21 October

Couples for Christ 7pm St Peter & Paul's Hall.

SUNDAY 22 October (Mission Sunday)

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

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

Columban Calendars now available in the Foyer - \$12 each

PARISH NOTICES

Preference Certificates

To obtain a Preference Certificate for entry to a Catholic School, please contact the Parish Office.
Email ohariuparish@clear.net.nz

Stewardship Month October 2017 'Go now, you are sent ... to be Stewards of Creation'

As disciples of Christ, what feast or event of huge importance have we been invited to, or to pay attention to, but have not because we have been too occupied? Too self-absorbed? Not interested? Are we too busy to contemplate God's beauty? "The universe unfolds in God, who fills it completely. Hence, there is a mystical meaning to be found in a leaf, in a mountain trail, in a dewdrop, in a poor person's face. The ideal is not only to pass from the exterior to the interior to discover the action of God in the soul, but also to discover God in all things. Saint Bonaventure teaches us that "contemplation deepens the more we feel the working of God's grace within our hearts, and the better we learn to encounter God in creatures outside ourselves". (*Laudato Si, 233*) *From the Archdiocesan Stewardship Committee*



The Onslow Catholic Women's League will hold its AGM on Tuesday 24th October at 7.30pm (*please note early start time*) in St Benedict's Church foyer. Following the business of the meeting, Sister Margaret Anne – of the Sisters of Compassion – will talk about the events and changes taking place at the Home of Compassion and touch on the Cause of Venerable Suzanne Aubert. Supper will be served, and a gold coin donation for our Mission House in Lomary would be very much appreciated. Open to all the parish. Many thanks to those who supported the Film Night - \$1,200 was raised, a wonderful effort!

100 YEARS OF FATIMA - Mary, Fatima and the Rosary
Saturday, 21 October 2017, Speaker: Maximilian Fuhrer
Venue: Our Lady of Fatima Church, 169 Main Road, Tawa
Time: 4-6pm

Next Week's Readings

**Isaiah 45:1,4-6; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5ab;
Matthew 22:15-21**



Baptisms

We welcome into our Parish Family
Eliza Lexie Brillo

who is being Baptised in our Parish this weekend.

Bags of **MOJO Coffee** beans and plunger coffee will be on sale from St Peter & Paul's foyer next weekend 28/29 October.

The Filipino Chaplaincy invites everyone to celebrate the Traditional Filipino Simbang Gabi 2017 towards Christmas Day. 15-23 Dec 2017 at 7pm, St Peter & Paul's Church, Lower Hutt. Further announcements at Facebook Filipino Chaplaincy - Archdiocese of Wellington

St Brigid's School Fair

Sunday 12 November, 10.30 am – 1.30 pm. Food and second hand stalls, cakes and treats, bouncy castle, sumo, Police and Fire, kids games, face painting and more! Raising money for upgrading our playgrounds

Upcoming events in the Archdiocese

- 15 October** 1-3pm Celebrating Our Lady's birthday at St Josephs Church Upper Hutt
- 15 October** 2-4pm **Multicultural Mission Concert** at St Patrick's Parish Hall in Kilbirnie.
- 16 October** 6.30pm The Rising Tide at 22-30 Hill St.
- 19 October** 7.30pm **Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship Wellington** Fellowship and Prayer. Connolly Hall, Guildford Terrace. Speaker: Michael Powell.
- 19 October** 7pm **St Pat's Old Boys'** Association Annual Dinner, SPC Hall, Kilbirnie. Speakers: Paul Eagle & Greg O'Connor.
- 21 October** 1.15pm **Dove Women's Fellowship Meeting** at Connolly Hall, Guildford Terrace. 25th Anniversary

REMEMBERING THE HOLY SOULS - MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

RIP: Ruth Comeskey, Virgilio Espanol, Esme McGovern

Anniversaries: Wiebe Herder, Leonora Lacbanes, Esteban Abitang, Serapion Romarate



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
Wednesday: Mass 11am
Thursday: Mass 9.15am
Friday: Liturgy 6.30pm
Followed by Divine Mercy

St Andrew's Church
27 Trebann St, Newlands

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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 9am
Thursday & Friday: Mass 9am
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Friday 8.30am
Saturday Mass 9am

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