

St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish



25th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 23 September 2018

Readings: Wisdom 2:12, 17-20; James 3:16-4:3; Mark 9:30-37

The Parish Position Paper & Questionnaire

Three weeks ago, a Position Paper containing important information about the St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish was distributed. Further copies of the paper are available in the church foyers and on the parish website, <http://stfrancisoohariu.nz/Future.html>

Parishioners are urged to study carefully the contents of this important document, complete an attached questionnaire, put it in a sealed envelope marked CONFIDENTIAL TO THE PARISH PRIEST, and place it in the collection basket at Mass. A good number have already been received from parishioners at Masses.

It is important that your completed questionnaire remains confidential. This is a part of the determination of the future of the Ohariu Parish. It is the opportunity for people to say what they really think without undue influence, and for their thoughts to remain private.

A third priest from outside the Parish as an impartial auditor will go through the questionnaire responses first. Personal information will be removed at this point. Your responses will then be collated and prepared for the information of the parish leadership.

Once again, all Parishioners are strongly urged to take the Position Paper home, review it carefully, complete the attached questionnaire at home, bring it to Mass in a sealed envelope, and place it in the collection basket.

Fr Peter

NATIONAL CATHOLIC PRIESTS ASSEMBLY PASS ON THEIR THANKS

190 Catholic priests from throughout New Zealand met in Christchurch last week for their five-yearly national assembly. The assembly provided priests with an opportunity for them to renew their commitment to priesthood in an informal gathering. In a real spirit of collegiality, the week's programme gave the priests a chance to spend time together and to openly reflect on and discuss their own experiences in ministry and pastoral life. Thank you to you, our parishioners, for your prayers and support for what was an invigorating and inspirational week.

Marriage Preparation Course

ADW Marriage Preparation Course 'Love is a Decision' will be run in Wellington on October 7 & 14 and November 18 & 25. Contact Felicity Giltrap at the Family and Young Church Office at marriage@wn.catholic.org.nz or phone 496 1719 for more information or to book a course.



Children's Liturgy at St Peter & Paul's Church will be taking a break for the school holidays from next weekend and will resume on 21st October.

A big thank you to all who are offering their **Gifts and Talents** to the Ohariu parish community.

We are currently going through your completed forms and you will be contacted when we have finished that process. For any one who missed out filling in a form last weekend, forms are available at the entrances of the Johnsonville and Khandallah churches. Date for Newlands is still to be decided. Completed forms can be put in the collection basket or handed in to the parish office. We would love to hear from you. Contact Graham Cooper 9729386.

PARISH ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY 23 September

Malvina Major Eucharistic Liturgy 10.30am in Chapel.

Newlands St Vincent de Paul Conference 10.45am at St Andrew's Newlands in the Chapel.

Couples for Christ Prayer Assembly 2pm at St Peter & Paul's Church Hall.

MONDAY 24 September

Christian Meditation Group 7pm St Ben's. All welcome.

TUESDAY 25 September

Onslow Catholic Women's League Meeting 2pm in St Benedict's Church foyer.

THURSDAY 27 September

St Benedict's Music Group Practice 7.30pm in the Church.

FRIDAY 28 September

Legion of Mary 10.30am in St Andrew's Newlands Lounge.

Rosary and Divine Mercy 6.30pm in St Andrew's Chapel.

SUNDAY 30 September

Malvina Major Eucharistic Liturgy 10.30am in Chapel.

Couples for Christ 1.30pm at St Peter & Paul's Church Hall.

Preference Certificates: To obtain a Preference Certificate for entry to a Catholic School, please contact the Parish Office Email ohariuparish@xtra.co.nz

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

PARISH NOTICES



Baptisms:

We welcome into our Parish
Henry Queree

who is being Baptised in our Parish this weekend.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please remember those who are ill: Malia Lemalu, Mary Cummins, Tabea Squire, Frances Willetts, Beven Francisco, Graham Commins, Stan George, Therese Walsh, Argea Fabris-Hall, Seniorita Laukau, Ryan McLellan, Tony Quinn.



The **Loss and Grief Ministry** would like to thank all who attended the Information Evening last week "Hold me close...Understanding and Supporting people affected by suicide".

Our three speakers, Heather Henare, CEO of Skylight Trust, Wayne Stevens, Volunteer Paramedic and Barry Taylor, Leading suicide prevention campaigner, had information for us from three different angles. We heard about the vast resources of the Skylight Trust, training programmes and support they offer to people of all ages affected by suicide. Wayne Stevens spoke of practical aspects involved in his role as a first responder to events. Barry Taylor provided insights about people who are at risk of suicide and practical steps to support them in their time of despair. He challenged our thinking in many ways with this difficult, yet important subject. The koha received was donated to the Flashlight Trust, which provides counselling for vulnerable people.

Robyn Radomski, on behalf of the Loss and Grief Ministry.

Onslow Catholic Women's League: We warmly invite all CWL members and any other interested parishioners to join us on Tuesday 25th September at **2pm** in St Benedict's Church to watch a video, 'The Story of Suzanne Aubert'. Afternoon tea will be served in the church foyer after the video (which lasts about an hour). Please note the earlier than usual time of this social meeting. A gold coin donation for our Mission Station in Lomary, Fiji, appreciated.



REMEMBERING THE HOLY SOULS - MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Recently Deceased: Antonio Moreno Jr

Anniversaries: Ray Vaughan, Alex Telfar, Elizabeth Ananthi Williams

St Francis of Assisi



Parish Priest: Fr Peter Fitzgibbon
Ph (04) 478 7137

St Peter & Paul's Church
37 Dr Taylor Tce, Johnsonville
Saturday Vigil 5pm
Sunday Mass 9am, 10.30am

WEEKDAY TIMETABLE

Tuesday: Mass 9.15am with school
Wednesday: Mass 11am
Thursday: Mass 9am
Friday: Mass 9am

St Andrew's Church
27 Trebann St, Newlands

Sunday Mass 12pm
WEEKDAY TIMETABLE
Friday: Rosary followed by Divine Mercy
6.30pm

Parish Office location
37 Dr Taylor Tce, Johnsonville
Email: ohariuparish@xtra.co.nz
www.stfrancisohariu.nz
Phone 478 7137

Fr Doug Shepherd
Ph (04) 479 7777

St Benedict's Church,
3 Everest St, Khandallah
Saturday Vigil Mass 6pm
Sunday Mass 9am

WEEKDAY TIMETABLE

Monday: Liturgy 9am
Tuesday: Liturgy 9am
Wednesday: Mass 9.15am with school
Thursday: Mass 9am
Friday: Mass 9am
Saturday: Mass 9am

St Benedict's School, Khandallah - Ph 04 479 6878 E-mail: office@st-benedicts.school.nz
St Brigid's School, Johnsonville - Ph 04 478 6516 E-mail: office@stbrigids.school.nz

Next Week's Readings:
Numbers 11:16a, 17c, 25-29; James 5:1-6;
Mark 9:38-43, 45 47-48

Upcoming Events in the Archdiocese

25 September: Holy Hour 7.30pm in Viard House, Cathedral Presbytery to pray for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. Includes prayers, Scripture, times of silence, singing and conclude with Benediction. All are welcome.

26 September: Teaching Night 7.30pm at St Anne's Hall, Newtown. Hosted by Catholic Charismatic Renewal. Speaker: Fr John Rea on "The Gift of Healing".

27 September: Healing Service with Fr John Rea 7.30pm at St Bernadette's in Naenae.

28-30 September: MAX18NZ A National Catholic Event for Men at King's College, Otahuhu, Auckland. Jointly organised by Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship and menALIVE. For more information, see www.max18nz.info

29 September: Annual Celebration of **Open Home** Foundation International. 7-9pm Johnsonville Uniting Church. Contact Hilda 021 02753184

29-30 September: Vinnies Book Fair, St Anne's Church Hall.

4 October: LIFEEST 2018 Seminar for youth 13 and over. 9am to 9pm. Epsom Girls Grammar School. clare.fli@xtra.co.nz

4 October: Caritas State of the Environment Report at Our Lady's Home of Compassion, Island Bay.

13 October: Vigil Mass for Canonization of Archbishop Oscar Romero (1917-1980) celebrated by Msgr Gerard Burns at the Home of Compassion Chapel, Island Bay, 5pm. A recent documentary (75 mins) about Romero will be shown at 3pm in the same venue. Inquiries to Msgr Gerard 496 1737.

18-21 October: Bishop Viard College 50th Jubilee Registrations are now open. You are invited to email Phil at philjoconnell@gmail.com. Or call 237 9902.

28 October: St Benedict's Spring Fair

10 November: Fr Leo Patalinghug speaks on The Family Banquet. St Christopher's Church, Main Road, Tawa

25 November: A Tribute Concert 3pm at our Lady of Fatima Church, Tawa. Contact patricia@marriageandfamily.org.nz. Entry by Koha