

St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish



27th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 7 October 2018
Readings: Genesis 2:7-8, 18-24; Hebrews 2:9-11; Mark 10:2-16



Due to the generosity of a parishioner, a Statue of St Francis of Assisi, our Parish Patron, has been placed in St Peter & Paul's Church. It will be blessed this weekend.

Saint Francis of Assisi: Born at Assisi in Umbria Italy, in 1181.

He was charming, and a born leader. Francis' conversion did not happen overnight. God had waited for him for twenty-five years and now it was Francis' turn to wait. Francis started to spend more time in prayer.

Francis, who loved beauty, was picky about food and hated deformity, came face to face with a leper. Repelled by the appearance and the smell of the leper, Francis nevertheless jumped down from his horse and kissed the hand of the leper. When his kiss of peace was returned, Francis was filled with joy. He looked upon it as a test from God...that he had passed.

Soon Francis started to preach. He was never a priest, though he was later ordained a deacon under his protest. Francis' brotherhood included all of God's creation. Francis really felt that nature, all God's creations, were part of his brotherhood. The sparrow was as much his brother as the pope.

Following the Gospel literally, Francis and his companions went out to preach two by two. Francis did not try to abolish poverty, he tried to make it holy. When his friars met someone poorer than they, they would eagerly rip off the sleeve of their habit to give to the person.

Francis was a man of action. His simplicity of life extended to ideas and deeds. If there was a simple way, no matter how impossible it seemed, Francis would take it. So when he wanted approval for his brotherhood, he went straight to Rome to see Pope Innocent III, and was thrown out. But when the Pope had a dream that this tiny man in rags held up the tilting Lateran basilica, he quickly called Francis back and gave him permission to preach.

Francis' final years were filled with suffering as well as humiliation. Praying to share in Christ's passion he had a vision, received the stigmata, the marks of the nails and the lance wound that Christ suffered, in his own body. He died on October 4, 1226 at the age of 45. Francis is considered the founder of all Franciscan orders and the patron saint of ecologists and merchants. He was made a Saint in the year 1228 by Pope Gregory his former protector.

Full life story on the Parish website....

Rosary Aotearoa is encouraging parishes and groups to gather at different locations around the country at 3pm on Sunday 7 October to pray the Rosary. **There will be a Rosary held at 3pm in St Peter & Paul's Church today.**

Position Paper & Questionnaire

The **closing date** for replies to the Parish Priest has been extended beyond these school holidays

PARISH ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY 7 October

Malvina Major Eucharistic Liturgy 10.30am in Chapel.

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

Shared Lunch after 12pm Mass at St Andrew's to celebrate the Feast of St Francis of Assisi. All welcome

Couples for Christ Christian Life Programme 3-8pm in St Peter & Paul's Church Hall.

Rosary 3pm St Peter & Paul's Church

MONDAY 8 October

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

TUESDAY 9 October

Finance Committee Meeting 7pm in the Parish Office

THURSDAY 11 October

Parish Pastoral Council meeting 7.30pm at Johnsonville
Music Group practice: 7.30 St Ben's Church

FRIDAY 12 October.

Legion of Mary 10.30am in St Andrew's Newlands Lounge
Rosary and Divine Mercy 6.30pm in St Andrew's Chapel.

SUNDAY 14 October (Respect Life Sunday)

Malvina Major Eucharistic Liturgy 10.30am in Chapel.
Deaf Community join the 10.30 Mass at St Peter & Paul's.

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

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

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



Next Week's Readings:

Wisdom 7:7-11,; Hebrews 4:12-13; Mark 10:17-30

Baptisms:

We welcome into our Parish

Alana Butler, Keira Clarke, Meghan Tan, Declan Mantann who are being Baptised in our Parish this weekend.

Religious Musician Andrew Chinn's Day Workshop and Evening Church Concert

On 23rd October, Australian religious songwriter and singer, Andrew Chinn, will be visiting St Benedict's School to share his songs with our children. The concert will take place in St. Benedict's Church, Khandallah at 5.45pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

St Benedict's Memorial/ Remembrance Mass

On November 4 there will be a Memorial Mass celebrated at the 9am Sunday Mass at St Benedict's for all families, who wish to remember their beloved deceased in a special way. As we may be unaware of all bereavements, you are invited to contact a member of the Grief and Loss Ministry should you have lost a close family member during the past year. We would then include their name in the Mass. Phone 973 5553 or email natalie.brockie@icloud.com



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 St Peter and Paul's Church after the 9am Mass, today, 7 October. Those who have recently arrived in the parish are especially welcome. It takes just a few minutes and is an easy way to meet new people and chat with old friends.

Anointing Mass at St Peter and Paul's Johnsonville

The next Anointing Mass will be at 11.00 am on Wednesday 17th October, followed by lunch in the church hall. If you require transport please phone Ted on 0221343816

Time & Talents: For anyone who missed out on volunteering, these forms are now on the Parish website.

Upcoming Events in the Archdiocese

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 October: Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship. 7.30pm at the Loaves & Fishes Hall, Molesworth St. Contact 027 3569555

18-21 October: Bishop Viard College 50th Jubilee

You are invited to email Phil at philjoconnell@gmail.com.

24 October: Wellington Abrahamic Council of Jews, Christians and Muslims invites you to a public meeting to hear three speakers, at Temple Sinai 147 Ghuznee St, Te Aro 7pm

27 October: 4pm at St Joseph's in Mt Victoria. You are warmly invited to the launch of **Joy Cowley's new book**, Veil Over the Light. It's a book of huge encouragement and deep insight.

27 October: Stewardship Retreat, with the Cardinal 9.30-3.45pm at Sacred Heart Church Petone. Contact a.williams@wn.catholic.org.nz or ph 496 5182.

28 October: St Benedict's School Spring Fair

29 October: Dove Catholic Fellowship for Women. 1.30 Charismatic Mass at St Joseph's, Mt Victoria. Contact 389 9938

9-11 November: Marriage Encounter weekend at the Home of Compassion in Island Bay. Enquiries to 0800 362686 or visit <http://www.marriageencounter.org.nz>

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

12-16 November: Non-Residential Retreat at Pa Maria Marist Spirituality Centre, Thorndon, 9.30am - 4.00pm daily.

24 November: Reflection Day at Pa Maria Marist Spirituality Centre, 9.30am - 4.00pm. Contact Fr Brian Cummings SM at bgcummings@xtra.co.nz or 021 703 580.

REMEMBERING THE HOLY SOULS - MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Recently Deceased: Dale Carter (*husband of Andrea Adams*), Daniel Craig (*husband of Margaret nee O'Donnell*)
Miriam Wilkins (*Sister of Emma Johnson*) Patricia Mary Hollis.

Anniversaries: Mary Fabish, Ruth Comesky, Domingo Navera



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
Wednesday: Mass 11am
Thursday: Mass 9am
Friday: Mass 9am

St Andrew's Church
27 Trebann St, Newlands

Sunday Mass 12pm

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Friday: Rosary followed by Divine Mercy
6.30pm

Fr Doug Shepherd
Ph (04) 479 7777

St Benedict's Church,
3 Everest St, Khandallah

Saturday Vigil Mass 6pm
Sunday Mass 9am

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Friday: Mass 9am
Saturday: Mass 9am

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