

St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish



1st Sunday of Advent - 2 December 2018

Readings: Jeremiah 33:14-16; 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2; Luke 21, 25-28, 34-36

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI OHARIU PARISH PARISHIONER CONSULTATION AND SURVEY

In 2018 the Newlands committee requested permission to begin fundraising for a new roof and general upgrade of the St Andrew's Church. Before a decision could be given it became necessary to canvass support across all three areas of the Parish. Full responsibility rests with all parishioners.

During August 2018 a Position Paper was prepared for the information of parishioners embracing the Johnsonville, Khandallah and Newlands communities. Parishioners were encouraged to study the document, complete the associated questionnaire, and then place it in a sealed envelope addressed confidential to the Parish Priest.

The basic issue was whether with changing life patterns and rising costs it made sense to keep three Churches and three presbyteries on three sites all within proximity of one another.

Some returns were not completed appropriately. Others did not address all the questions. Some returns provided a narrative only. In total, parishioners returned 258 questionnaires.

SUMMARY OF SURVEY RESULTS

Support for retention of three churches	34.4%
Support for reducing number of churches	65.6%
Support for replacing a church with a chapel	72.7%
Opposed to provision of a chapel	27.3%
Support for the sale of parish assets	87.4%
Opposed to the sale of parish assets	12.6%

ANALYSIS

The Newlands fundraising proposal could not be advanced until all parishioners had considered its implications. The issues are complex, much greater than the re-sheaving of a roof. The above results of the questionnaire show why the request for fundraising to begin has not been approved. With thanks to all who contributed to the survey.

Fr Peter Fitzgibbon

Family Advent Mass at St Andrew's Church Sunday 16th December at 12pm

There will be a special Family Mass at St Andrew's Church led by the children and youth on the 3rd Sunday of Advent. We warmly invite all children and teenagers in our parish to help with the singing, offertory, readings and announcements. Email newlandscatholics@gmail.com or speak with Stephanie D'Mello or Lorraine Dias.



Bags of **MOJO** plunger coffee and coffee beans will be on sale at St Peter and Paul's next weekend 8/9 December.

Celebration



A special Pot-Luck dinner will be held in the Johnsonville Community Centre to celebrate 10 years of wonderful Pastoral Care provided to Parishioners by Father Peter.

Date: Friday 7 December **Time:** 7pm
BYO food and **BYO** drinks. Come and enjoy.

CONCERT at St Peter & Paul's Church, Johnsonville Sunday 2nd December at 6pm

Light tea followed by "**A Christmas Night to Remember**"
A musical presentation by our own music ministry.
Entry by Koha

Prayer Day on Saturday 8th December at St Peter & Paul's Church, Johnsonville. From 9am, concluding with Mass at 12pm. Come and pray for a culture of life. Open to all.

PARISH ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY 2 December

Malvina Major Eucharistic Liturgy 10.30am in Chapel.
Newlands St Vincent de Paul Conference 10.45am at St Andrew's Newlands in the Chapel.
Music Ministry Concert 6pm at St Peter & Paul's Church.

MONDAY 3 December

Christian Meditation Group 7pm St Benedict's Church. All welcome.

TUESDAY 4 December

St Benedict's Liturgy Committee Meeting 7pm in the Presbytery.

WEDNESDAY 5 December

Anointing Mass 2pm at St Benedict's Church.

FRIDAY 7 December

School Mass 9.30am at St Benedict's Church.
Legion of Mary 10.30am in St Andrew's Newlands Lounge.
Divine Mercy and Rosary 7pm at St Andrew's Church.
Fr Peter's Celebration Dinner 7pm in Johnsonville Community Centre.

SATURDAY 8 December

Prayer Day 9am-1pm in St Peter & Paul's Church.

SUNDAY 9 December

Hamper Mass 9am at St Benedict's Church.
Malvina Major Eucharistic Liturgy 10.30am in Chapel.

The Khandallah Churches welcome you to a

Combined Advent Service

7pm Sunday 2 December at the Onslow Anglican Church
(St Barnabas) 35 Boxhill Rd.

PARISH NOTICES

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please remember those who are ill: Nita Simmons, Malia Lemalu, Mary Cummins, Tabea Squire, Frances Willetts, Beven Francisco, Stan George, Therese Walsh, Senorita Laukau, Ryan McLellan, John Norman, Petelo Godinet, Abbey Washington, Marie Millward.



Next Week's Readings:
Baruch 5:1-9; Philippians 1:3-6, 8-11, Luke 3:1-6

Baptisms:



We welcome into our Parish
Penelope Walker, Zane Verchez & Harper Adams
who are being Baptised in our Parish this weekend.

Anointing Mass at St Benedict's Church Wednesday 5th December at 2pm

This is a wonderful opportunity for anyone who is elderly, or in need of healing, to receive the strength to cope with their difficulties – illnesses of mind and body – or for anyone who is caring for the sick. We require the services of a Proclaimer of the Word and a Minister of the Eucharist. If you can help with either of these tasks, please let Margaret Dunne know as soon as possible. The Catholic Women's League will provide transport for anyone who requires it, and will serve afternoon tea after the Mass. Any enquiries, please phone Margaret Dunne on 478 6348.

Christmas Hampers St Vincent de Paul Johnsonville



This year we will be providing Christmas Hampers for 42 families in need in our community. This annual project is only possible with your generous support which we very much appreciate. Christmas treats, such as chocolates, sweets, cakes, fancy biscuits, mince pies, etc, as well as non perishable food items, are required by the weekend of the **8th/9th Dec**. Gifts are not required - only Christmas treats and food items. Please put contributions in the Food Basket at weekend Masses. Thanks.

First Saturday Devotions at St Benedict's Church

Everyone is warmly invited to attend First Saturday Devotions to the Immaculate Heart of Mary on the first Saturday of the month immediately after the 9am Mass starting on 1st December 2018. These devotions were requested by Our Lady of Fatima to make reparation for offences caused by sin, the conversion of sinners and the salvation of souls. There will be confessions heard during the devotions which will include the Holy Rosary and a time of silent prayer before the Blessed Sacrament exposed. The devotions will conclude with Benediction. Please come to these beautiful devotions and honour Our Blessed Mother. For further information contact Tim Hanlon

Advent Action: Challenge 2000 is a charitable trust that this year celebrated 30 years of service to those on the peripheries of our society. Life is very tough for many of those we serve in the Wellington, Porirua and Hutt Valley region. On 23rd December 2018 we will be delivering 120 hampers filled with fresh produce, meat, and gifts that our children and young people really need and will enjoy.

If you would like to sponsor a child, young person or family and make a direct difference, then please donate to Challenge 2000, ANZ, 01-0519-0057660-00 and reference Advent Action. Alternatively, you could drop items off to our premises at 1 Wanaka Street Johnsonville or call Megan on 04 4776827 and we will come and collect them! Thank you in anticipation.

Caring for those in need:

During Advent, we are promoting the **Cardinal's Care Appeal**, to assist Catholic Social Services in supporting Refugee resettlement, counselling and responding to poverty. Envelopes available at Church or go to www.givealittle.co.nz/cause/CCA2018

Upcoming Events in the Archdiocese

8 December: March for Life 2pm. Civic Centre to Parliament.

8 December: Catholic Sri Lankans invites all to Our Lady of the Rosary Church, Waiwhetu. Eucharistic Adoration from 9.30am, Rosary 10am, Thanksgiving Mass 10.30 am. Contact Althea on 567 4420, 0211690408, Denzil Fernando 478 0506.

Volunteers needed for the Bread Run

St Vincent de Paul require 2 people to help deliver bread on a Saturday evening. It takes less than an hour. Contact Carol Ryan on 938 3037.



REMEMBERING THE HOLY SOULS - MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Recently Deceased: Argea Fabris-Hall (*Funeral Wednesday*)

Anniversaries: Susan Clark, Winnie Dooley, James Dooley Jr

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: Requiem Mass 11am
Thursday: Mass 9am
Friday: Mass 9am

St Andrew's Church
27 Trebann St, Newlands

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

Parish Office location
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 9am
Tuesday: Liturgy 9am
Wednesday: Anointing Mass 2pm
Thursday: Mass 9am
Friday: Mass 9.30am with School
Saturday: Mass 9am

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