

St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish



3rd Sunday of Advent - 16 December 2018
Readings: Zephaniah 3:14-18a; Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:10-18

Christmas Mass Times

St Peter & Paul's Catholic Church

37 Dr Taylor Tce, Johnsonville

24 December - 7pm and Midnight Mass

25 December - 9am and 10.30am Mass

St Benedict's Catholic Church

3 Everest St, Khandallah

24 December - 6pm Family Mass

25 December - 9am Mass

St Andrew's Catholic Church

27 Trebann St, Newlands

24 December - 8pm Family Mass



Up to 250 people gathered to celebrate Fr Peter's and Fr Doug's farewell at the Johnsonville Community Centre. It was a night to remember, six choir groups performed and entertained everyone, a potluck dinner that included culinary delights from many cultures, and fellowship and camaraderie were present in abundance. Heartfelt speeches were given by Fr. Doug and Fr. Peter. We will miss their guidance and excellent pastoral care both church and school-related, and wish them all the very best for the future. Fr Doug will take up his appointment soon at Sacred Heart Cathedral Parish.

As for Fr Peter—he's in retirement. *It's not far to Tokoroa, It's not far to go. If you're up there you would be welcome so come visit say hello.*

PARISH ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY 16 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.

Family Advent Mass at St Andrew's Church 12pm.

MONDAY 17 December

Christian Meditation 7pm St Benedict's Church.

TUESDAY 18 December

Malvina Major 3.30 Service in the Chapel

SVDP Johnsonville Conference Meeting 7pm in the upper room at St Peter & Paul's Church.

WEDNESDAY 19 December

Reconciliation Rite 1 7pm at St Benedict's Church.

THURSDAY 20 December

Music Group Practice 7.30pm at St Benedict's Church.

FRIDAY 21 December

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

Divine Mercy and Rosary 6.30pm at St Andrew's Church.

Reconciliation Rite 1 7pm at St Andrew's Church.

SUNDAY 23 December

Malvina Major Eucharistic Liturgy 10.30am in Chapel.

Music Practice 4pm St Peter & Paul's

Reconciliation Rite 1 7pm at St Peter & Paul's Church.

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

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, Seniorita Laukau, Ryan McLellan, Petelo Godinet, Abbey Washington, Marie Millward, Leonardus Adi Chandra, Jack Odell.



Newlands SVDP—Christmas Food Parcels

We will be making up Christmas Food parcels for people in need. If you are able to help with donations of food, we would be most grateful. Here is our suggested list but we are always appreciative of any dry goods you donate.

Flour, Sugar, Honey, Vegemite, Biscuits, Muesli Bars, Jam, Peanut Butter, Raro, Refresh, Tea Bags, Coffee, Milo, Weet-bix, breakfast cereals, Rice, Pasta, Noodles, tinned food, Sauces, Cooking Oil, Washing Powder, Dishwashing Liquid, Tooth brushes, Toothpaste, Soap, Shampoo, Conditioner, Feminine Hygiene Products, Toilet Paper.

Thank you for your support.



2019 Sacramental Programme

Enrolments are open for the 2019 Sacramental programme. Children should be in Year 4 or over in 2019.

Johnsonville/Newlands inquiries to ohariuparish@xtra.co.nz
Khandallah inquiries to mike-clare@xtra.co.nz

Many thanks to everyone who sent sympathy cards and gave support to Marina since the death of her Mother Argea Fabris-Hall. It is much appreciated by Marina and her family.

St Benedict' Church Christmas Family Mass

Calling all shepherds, angels, wise men, donkeys and sheep! We would love to have you join us to celebrate Christmas at our family Mass on Mon 24th Dec. If you have any children that would like to take part in the nativity play or other parts of the mass please contact Angela Houston angelahoustonnz@gmail.com. There will be 2 practices the weekend before Christmas. Children that do not want any speaking roles or are younger are also welcome to dress up and take part.

The full list of Mass times over Christmas and January are available from the website. Some printed copies in the foyer.

Next Week's Readings:
Micah 5:2-5; Hebrews 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-45

'FlashMob Christmas Carols - 2018'

Once again, St Benedict's Worshipping Community is organizing 'FlashMob Christmas Carols' this year!

When: We don't know "when"! That will depend on the weather - we DO know it will be a gorgeous calm Wellington summer evening between Monday 17th and Sunday 23rd December
Bring a picnic!

Where: Homebush Park, Homebush Road, Khandallah.
Notification: By 'text message' 24 to 48 hours before the event.
Register to be notified: Please text "Xmas Carols" from your mobile phone to 027 422 6625
or email to: paulwhitehousenz@gmail.com
Yours in harmonious anticipation 'St Benedict's Herald Angels'

St Vincent de Paul Johnsonville



Thank you from St Vincent de Paul Johnsonville
We had a fantastic response to our request for food and Christmas treats to go in our Christmas Hampers. Last weekend we made up hampers for 42 families which provided for 135 children and 61 adults - a total of 196 people.

Thank you for your support and generosity, we couldn't do this each year without you, and also for your continuing contributions to our food bank through the food basket each week.

PARISH RECONCILIATION Rite I

Wednesday 19 December 7pm at St Benedict's
Friday 21 December 6.30pm at St Andrew's
Sunday 23 December 7pm at St Peter & Paul's

Upcoming Events in the Archdiocese

21 December: 7.30pm **Healing Service** with Fr John Rea. St Pius Church, Titahi Bay. Come along and be healed.

REMEMBERING THE HOLY SOULS - MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Recently Deceased: Joo-Gek Tan (*Grandmother of James Lee*), Wayne Smith

Anniversaries: Iris Fruscalzo, Mark Telfar



St Francis of Assisi



Parish Priest: Fr Peter Fitzgibbon
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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
WEEKDAY TIMETABLE
Friday: Rosary & Divine Mercy 6.30pm

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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: Mass 9.15am
Thursday: Mass 9am
Friday: Mass 9am
Saturday: Mass 9am

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