

# St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish



## Feast of the Ascension - 2 June 2019

Readings: Acts 11: 1-11; Hebrews 9:24-28;10:19-23; Luke 24:46-53

ASCENSION



### The Meaning of being Catholic in a Changing World.

"What does it mean to be catholic? Jesus gave the best definition of the term when he said: 'In my Father's house there are many rooms.' This is not a description of a certain geography in heaven but a revelation of the breadth of God's heart. The bosom of God is not a ghetto. God has a catholic heart — in that catholic means universal, wide, all-encompassing. The opposite of a catholic is a fundamentalist, a person who has a heart with one room. Thus, any spirituality of the church needs to emphasise wide loyalties and inclusivity.

The Feast of the Ascension calls us to be Jesus. We are 'missionary disciples'. Everyone is challenged today, to be actively engaged in moving out of our comfort zones and to engage in conversations with all people. We are called not to convert but rather to be the presence of Jesus by the way we live. We are called to develop our communities to be 'homes' of openness, inclusiveness and attractiveness thereby presenting a Face of God so that those 'seeking' will say, truly I am home.

When, in the life of our communities, we experience a certain "listlessness", when we prefer the status quo to the newness of God, it is not a good sign. It means we are trying to find shelter from the wind of the Spirit. When we live for self-preservation and keep close to home, it is not a good sign. The Spirit blows, but we lower our sails rather than harnessing the power of the wind.

And yet, how often have we seen the Spirit work wonders. The Spirit is the soul and heartbeat of our Church, who constantly enlivens her with renewed hope, renewed joy and causes new life to blossom.

In a family, when a new baby is born, it upsets the schedules, one loses sleep, but it also brings such joy that renews the lives of the family, driving them on, expanding them in love.

SPIRIT of GOD, blow upon us, blow into our hearts and make us breathe forth the tenderness of our God.

Jesus says, 'It is better for you that I go away', so that my Spirit can change you to have the energy within, to renew the face of the earth. Let's go for it. AMEN!

*Pete Roe SM*

### Safeguarding in our Ohariu Parish

The Catholic Church Internationally, nationally and locally has apologised and is seeking to make amends for the way in which we have not safeguarded children and vulnerable adults from many different forms of abuse. The sexual abuse crisis has shaken many faithful Catholics who have been left searching for answers and stunned by how those they trusted, betrayed them and brought discredit on the church and what the gospel proclaims.

Part of the way of preventing this abuse from happening again is to ensure that every parish and faith community has robust strategies in place to support, develop, train and supervise volunteers and all parishioners involved in ministry.

This includes priests, members of the Leadership Formation Team, youth ministers, home visitors, chaplains to the sick and elderly, those who train altar servers and really anyone who is in contact with parishioners in any "church" capacity. Over the past few months a number of parishioners have attended Safeguarding training, read and signed the Code of Conduct and filled out Police vetting forms. Over the next month we will be providing more training sessions, having more group meetings and/or meeting with parishioners individually to talk about what is needed to ensure our parish is a safe, loving, life giving community.

If you wish to know more about Safeguarding please view [wn.catholic.org.nz](http://wn.catholic.org.nz) and view the Safeguarding sections or contact Kitty McKinley the LFT Parish safeguarding co-ordinator. This is something we all need to be aware of and take responsibility for.

### PARISH ACTIVITIES

#### SUNDAY 2 June

**Malvina Major Eucharistic Liturgy** 10.30am in Chapel

#### MONDAY 3 June (Queens Birthday)

**Christian Meditation** 7pm St Benedict's Church

#### TUESDAY 4 June

**Re-discovering Our Sacramental Spirituality** 10am with Fr Eddie at St Peter & Paul's

**LFT Meeting** 7-9.30pm Johnsonville Presbytery

#### WEDNESDAY 5 June

**Eucharistic Minister Formation** 6pm St Peter & Paul's

#### FRIDAY 7 June

**First Friday morning tea** after 9am Mass at St Benedict's.

Hospitality Sybil Vince Keating. All welcome

**Divine Mercy** 6.30pm at St Andrew's Church.

#### SATURDAY 8 June:

**Youth for Christ:** 2pm St Andrews Church

**Altar Server** training 6pm at St Andrews

**Bingo / Housie Night** 8pm Newlands Community Centre

#### SUNDAY 9 June

**Confirmation children's session** after 9am Children's Mass at St Benedict's

**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** at St Andrews after 12pm Mass

**Prayers please** ... During these days leading up to and following Pentecost, we pray for children in our parish who are preparing to be confirmed on 23 June. We pray also for their parents and families and for the wonderful parishioners who are helping with the preparation. **"Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful ...."**



## PARISH NOTICES

### Next Week's Readings:

Acts 2: 1-11; Romans 8:8-17; John 14:15-16, 23-26

### Re-discovering Our Sacramental Spirituality - A series of Workshops by Fr Eddie Condra

**Dates: June 4, 11, 18 and 25 (Tuesdays) Time: 10am.**  
Venue: St Peter and Paul's hall, Dr Taylor Terrace. Jville For further information: call Helen Sligo 0274243365 or sligohelen@gmail.com

For those who attended the May seminar above Mass will be celebrated on June 11th at 7.30pm in the chapel at Challenge 2000.

Saint Andrew's **Altar Server Training** Saturday 8th June Training will be held at Saint Andrew's for all new and current Altar Servers at 6 p.m. All young people interested in joining the Altar Server team, at Saint Andrew's, are welcome to come along. Contact marie.paurini@outlook.com

The "Cuppa & a Chat" Sunday afternoons at St Benedict's have ceased until further notice

### Reverence for Life

The reverence for life group has been working for 18 years. We are now looking for new members to help us who have some computer skills and the energy to continue our work. For more information contact Joanne Gordon 027 3190492

### Book of Life

If you have an article that other parishioners may want to know about contact carol.may.ryan@gmail.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 Sts Peter and Paul's church after the 9.00 Mass, this Sunday, 2 June. It takes just a few minutes and is an easy opportunity to meet new people and chat with old friends.

St Vincent de Paul **Street Day appeal** June 28 2019 (Friday) Volunteers for collecting 1 Hour shifts at New World Khandallah + Countdown Crofton Downs. Contact Eustie Kamath 5509240 or 022 3878435

### REMEMBERING THE HOLY SOULS - REST IN PEACE

**RIP:** Annie Peasants, Ned Wilson, Elvigia Tampos  
**Anniversaries:** Renato Gomez Montenegro, Fernando Agustin, Rolando Benito, Antonio Vestil



**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:** Please remember those who are ill: Nita Simmons, Mary Cummins, Tabea Squire, Frances Willetts, Beven Francisco, Sharron McSweeney, Stan George, Malia Lemalu, Seniorita Laukau, Petelo Godinet, Abbey Washington, Jessy Hensen, Peter McKenzie, Ian Coleman, Jan Chandler.

### Eucharistic Ministry Formation

6pm - 7.30pm Wednesday 5 June

Our parish is seeking new Ministers of the Eucharist across our 3 church communities. This is a foundational formation introduction that will also lead to the training of Celebrants of Liturgy of the Word with Eucharist in the future. Please join us if you would like to understand more about this ministry. Everyone is warmly invited to attend and learn from each other. Come along at 6pm Wednesday 5 June in the Johnsonville Presbytery. Peter Roe and Kitty McKinley will lead the evening. Contact: Kitty 021 491 459 or Paul 04 4787137.

### Celebrating Pentecost Sunday : 8 - 9 June

(special notice for St Peter and Paul's Church Community)

Pentecost Sunday is a day we love to acknowledge and honour the culture and languages of our parishioners.

- 1) Prayers of the Faithful in languages other than English. If you are willing to translate and read a prayer in your own language, please contact Carol in the Parish Office : ohariuparish@xtra.co.nz. (This is for all three Masses - so we need at least 12 prayers!)
- 2) National Dress : We invite everyone, adults and children to wear your national dress to Mass next weekend. Thank you! Send out your Spirit, O God - and renew the face of the earth.

### News from the Archdiocese

- 9 June: Pentecost Celebration** at St Josephs Church Mt Victoria. 1-4pm with Bishop Colin Campbell. All welcome
- 10, 17 & 24 June: Monday Pa Maria Winter Film series:** The life which beats in things. Contact 021 703580 or bgcummins@xtra.co.nz to register.
- 13 June: Open Day** 9am at St Mary's College, Guildford Tce.
- 14 June: Compassion Soup Kitchen Street Appeal** - Street Collectors Needed. Sign up at soupkitchen.org.nz/street appeal or call (04) 385 9299
- 15 June:** Vigil for the Unborn, 10am St Anne's Newtown.
- 29 June:** Stewardship breakfast with the Cardinal. At Connolly Hall in Hill St, Thorndon, Wellington. Time: 7.00am-9.00am
- 27 July:** Joshua Men's Fellowship 1 day Retreat in Palmerston North. Contact jo.mo.hamm@gmail.com

*St Francis of Assisi*



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

### WEEKDAY TIMETABLE

**Tue: 9.15am** Liturgy of the word with Communion  
**Wed: 11am Mass**  
**Thurs: 9am** Liturgy of the word with Communion  
**Friday: 9am Mass**

**St Andrew's Church 27 Trebann St, Newlands**  
**Sunday Mass 12pm**  
**WEEKDAY TIMETABLE**  
**Friday: 6.30pm** Rosary & Divine Mercy

### Parish Office

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

### WEEKDAY TIMETABLE

**Mon: 9am** Liturgy of the word with Communion  
**Tues: 9am** Liturgy of the Word with Communion  
**Wed: 9.15 Mass**  
**Thurs: 9am** Liturgy of the Word with Communion  
**Friday: 9am Mass**  
**Sat: 9am** Liturgy of the Word with Communion

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

# St Brigid's School

## ***Catholic Schools Day 2019 - Tuesday 28 May***

Our two schools, St Brigid's and St Benedict's continue to provide quality faith inspired education for the children of our parish. Their work is often taken for granted. This Sunday, we want to celebrate our schools and thank our school communities - students, teachers and parents for the great contribution they make to parish life.



We are fortunate to have a group of passionate young students who help our Catholic Character come alive for our community. They meet regularly to plan events and create opportunities to strengthen our school.

Over the last few weeks St Brigid's School has participated in an Anti-Bullying day, where our children all dressed in pink and promoted harmonious relationships. They also took part in Catholic Schools Day with our year 3 and 4's creating a mural, sharing who we are.



# St Benedict's School



Late in Term 2 we raised \$2,329.00 which was split equally between Caritas aid work in South Sudan and Victim Support for the Christchurch attack. Pictured is the cheque handover presentation to Michael Stewart from Caritas.

In the lead up to Easter our whole school participated in the Stations of the Cross with members of the Parish on hand to participate.



On Wednesday buddy classes attend Mass – last week Rooms 1&8 enjoyed Mass said by Fr John Pettit OCSO and youth worker Sio from Challenge 2000.

This week has been Catholic Schools Day – our Senior Students (Years 7&8) joined with St Brigid's as they had liturgy, a shared meal and some engaging activities. The students enjoyed an opportunity to make new friendships before going to college.

