

St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish



3rd Sunday of Lent - 24 March 2019

Readings: Exodus 3:1-8,13-15; 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12; Luke 13:1-9

NORTHERN SUBURBS VIGIL THIS SUNDAY 24 MARCH 2019

We are having a gathering of our community to show our support and compassion for the victims of Christchurch and our local Muslim community based in the Kenmore Street Mosque and Prayer House on Bracken Road, Newlands. This gathering will be at **St Andrew's Church**, in Newlands from **6pm sharp to 6.20pm** latest. If the gathering is more than 500 people, then there will be a change of venue to the Newlands Park opposite New World. Please register your interest on the Facebook Page for Johnsonville/Newlands/Paparangi/Woodridge Community.

Feedback on Parish conversations

As undertaken in last week's Newsletter, a synthesis of the recent Parish Conversations is now available to parishioners:

1. On the Parish website
2. On the noticeboards of Parish churches
3. As a take-away hard copy in church foyers

The synthesis was prepared by Michael Fitzsimons - a professional writer and editor and a parishioner in St Anthony's, Seatoun. He is a former editor of Zealandia Catholic Newspaper and a regular contributor to Tui Motu magazine.

Records of the 11th March Parish meeting with Cardinal John and Fr David Kennerly SM are available as follows:

1. By audio link – on the Parish Website
2. Copies of power point presentations (Cardinal John and Fr David) are on the church noticeboards

All-Parish Mass last Sunday

What a wonderful, powerful and deeply-moving Parish Mass we celebrated last Sunday! With Cardinal John leading us – a grieving community in a grieving Nation – we experienced first-hand the uplifting and strengthening power of love and community in a time of crisis and confusion. Nearly 500 people (ie 50% of our weekly parish Mass attendance) gathered together in Newlands for this important occasion. An outsider visiting St Andrews for the first time might have observed "This is a people who wish to share their joy, who point to a horizon of beauty and who invite others to a delicious banquet." Pope Francis, *Evangelii Gaudium: The Joy of the Gospel*

Many, many thanks to all those attending and who contributed in any way, including to the shared lunch. Especial thanks to our wonderful St Andrews Community liturgy and music groups who worked so hard and joyfully to make this such a powerful and memorable occasion. Many thanks too to Challenge personnel and friends who did so much in so many ways including communal BBQ, children's games and traffic organization.

This was the first time we have gathered as an all-Parish community since the Inaugural Mass in February 2016 – may there be many more such gatherings in the months/years ahead.



PARISH ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY 24 March

Children's Reconciliation session 10.10am room 12 St Brigid's school and 10am at St Benedict's Church
Malvina Major Eucharistic Liturgy 10.30am in Chapel.
Retreat in Daily Life 4pm St Peter & Paul's Church

MONDAY 25 March

Christian Meditation 7pm St Benedict's Church

TUESDAY 26 March

LFT meeting in the Johnsonville Presbytery 9.30am
First Reconciliation 7pm St Benedict's Church

WEDNESDAY 27 March

Open Door Reconciliation 7-8pm St Peter & Paul's
Stations of the Cross 7pm St Benedict's

FRIDAY 29 March

Divine Mercy and Stations of the Cross 6.30pm at St Andrew's Church.

SATURDAY 30 March

Couples for Christ Christian Life Programme 4.30pm St Andrew's Church

SUNDAY 31 March

Newlands St Vincent de Paul Conference 10.45am at St Andrew's Newlands in the Chapel.
Malvina Major Eucharistic Liturgy 10.30am in Chapel.
First Reconciliation 2pm St Peter & Paul's Church
Lenten Programme 4pm St Peter & Paul's Church
Couples for Christ Chapter prayer assembly 2pm St Andrew's Church.

Lenten Giving Envelope Packs

These are available today at Mass. You can either use the weekly donation envelopes or use a single donation envelope. You may either return your donation envelopes during the parish offertory collection, or send them to Caritas directly. A freepost envelope is available for this option. NZ Post specifies that cash must not be sent through the post.

Donations received by Caritas in these envelopes by 31 March 2019 will be sent receipts for the 2018/2019 tax year. Donations received by Caritas after April 1st will be sent receipts for the 2019/2020 tax year. Thank you for your generous support.



PARISH NOTICES



Baptisms:

We welcome into our Parish
Joseph & Isaac Willoughby
Olivia & Liam Swan

who are being Baptised in our Parish this weekend.

Open Door Reconciliation on Wednesdays

Father Pete will move around the parish churches offering the opportunity for the **Sacrament of Reconciliation Rite 1** (personal confession).

St Benedict's Church will have Stations of the Cross at 7.00pm on all the Wednesdays of Lent.

St Andrew's and St Peter and Paul's will be open 7 – 8pm on two Wednesdays each.

7 – 8pm this coming Wednesday 27 March :
Reconciliation at St Peter & Paul's Church

Full Easter Timetable available on the website

Lenten Programme

Ohariu Parish is offering a Sunday **Series of Lenten Reflections** every Sunday from 4pm till 5.30pm.

Over 100 people came last Sunday to pray.

This quiet space time will be held in St Peter and Paul's Hall in Johnsonville. All are welcome: Further information call or e mail Kitty 021491459 or Paul 02102493712

Greetings all Parishioners

As the Leadership formation team meets with many of you it is becoming clear that lots of people would welcome the opportunity to talk and discuss their ideas in a relaxed setting. As a result, we will be having "**Soup and Chat**" times in the Johnsonville Presbytery from **5pm till 7pm on Tuesday 26 March and Thursday 28 March.**

Anyone who wishes to pop in is really welcome. At least 2-3 Team members will be available.

From this Monday we are also inviting different parish groups to attend the full Leadership Team meeting for half an hour to make suggestions and share hopes.

For further info contact any of the team. AND soup and bread rolls are provided!!

The Khandallah Presbytery is now being rented for a short term tenancy to a Parish Family. This will generate revenue.



REMEMBERING THE HOLY SOULS - REST IN PEACE

RIP: Maurice Gavin, Arlene Weaver (USA),
Jim Larkins

Next Week's Readings:

Joshua 5, 9:10-12; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Ministry Formation Day for the Archdiocese – On 14th March seven LFT members attended this day-long seminar on "Parish Leadership and Collaboration". Cardinal John provided a comprehensive summary and history of the Lay Pastoral Leader programme initiated under Cardinal Tom Williams and mandated by Vatican II, subsequent papal encyclicals and synod resolutions.

A LENTEN PRAYER OVER 40 DAYS

Fast from hurting words and say kind words
Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude
Fast from anger and be filled with patience
Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope
Fast from worries and trust in God
Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity
Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others
Fast from pressure and be prayerful
Fast from bitterness and fill your heart with joy
Fast from words and be silent, so you can listen. *P Roe*



First Saturday Devotions at St Benedict's Church on 6 April

Everyone is warmly invited to attend First Saturday Devotions to the Immaculate Heart of Mary on the first Saturday of the month following immediately after the 9am Mass. 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 on 0275907312.

Due to the recent tragedy in Christchurch against our Muslim brothers and sisters, the Pacific People Campaign rally – **End of Life Choice bill** onto parliament has been postponed to Tuesday, 2nd April 2019.

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

St Francis of Assisi



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

St Andrew's Church 27 Trebann St, Newlands
Sunday Mass 12pm
WEEKDAY TIMETABLE
Friday: Divine Mercy & Stations of the Cross 6.30pm

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

WEEKDAY TIMETABLE

Tues: 9.15am Liturgy of the Word with Communion
Wed: 11am Mass
Thurs: 9am Liturgy of the Word with Communion
Friday: 9am Mass

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WEEKDAY TIMETABLE

Mon: 9am Liturgy of the word with Communion
Tues: 9am Liturgy of the Word with Communion
Wed: 9.15 Mass with the school
Thur: 9am Liturgy of the Word with Communion
Friday: 9am Liturgy of the Word with Communion
Saturday: 9am Liturgy of the Word with Communion

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