

# St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish



## 4th Sunday of Lent - 31 March 2019

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

### Another very busy and productive week in the Parish!

After the tragic events in Christchurch on 15 March, there was another vigil at St Andrew's church on Sunday 24 March. This was in response to an initiative from local people from outside the Parish community. Over 250 adults and children including from the wider community of Johnsonville and Newlands gathered and showed their support and compassion for the victims of Christchurch and our local Muslim community. Many attended from the Newlands Muslim community, local businesses, City Councillors, a local MP and people from other Christian denominations. It is wonderful that this gathering to defend difference itself brought so many of us together!

Within the parish, we had 4 baptisms. Two at St Peter and Paul's and two at St Benedict's. Both carried out by Father Peter Roe and prepared by the Baptism Ministry team and Sister Judith.

Our two schools had their usual church liturgies on Tuesday and Wednesday and our Youth Ministry team were involved in these. Sio, our male Youth Minister, also spends three lunch hours with students at St Brigid's and a Youth Team member from Challenge 2000 is also supporting the Pasifika group on Thursdays at the school.

St Benedict's School had reconciliation for the whole school on Tuesday. Frs Peter Roe, Tim Duckworth and Eddie Condra supported the children in this sacrament. That same night Fr Peter and Fr Eddie provided first Reconciliation for 31 children at St Benedict's Church. We continue to work on better ways to strengthen the links between our schools and parish communities.

The Pathways to Lent session last Sunday afternoon was well-attended and prayerful and as usual all our parishioners have continued undertaking many sacramental and pastoral activities. Thank you to all.

The LFT has been kept busy. On Sunday night we met The Spring of Life Fellowship and on Monday night the Couples for Christ. As usual we had our LFT meeting on Monday and our LFT "Nuts and Bolts" team met on Tuesday morning. We also attended the St Benedict's Board of Trustees meeting on Wednesday night and had meetings with other Ministry teams and individuals.

A rewarding initiative has been the Soup & Chat opportunities on both Tuesday and Thursday evenings. A number of parishioners came along to meet with LFT members, talk through ideas, concerns and hopes and enjoyed a bowl of soup too.

We will be continuing these evenings so keep an eye out for them. Your input is welcome and valued.

The latest questions and answers are available on the website, on the church noticeboards and as handouts this weekend.

**Members of the Leadership Formation Team will be available through the weekdays at the Johnsonville Presbytery - between 10am and 4pm Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Just pop in or ring 4787 137 and make a time - whichever suits you. We are also available at other times so please make contact if you need anything.**

## PARISH ACTIVITIES

### SUNDAY 31 March

**Malvina Major Eucharistic Liturgy** 10.30am in Chapel  
**Newlands St Vincent de Paul Conference** 10.45am at St Andrew's Newlands in the Chapel.

**First Reconciliation** 2pm at St Peter & Paul's

**Lenten Programme** 4pm at the Challenge Chapel

**Couples for Christ** Chapter prayer assembly 2pm St Andrew's Church.

**St Andrew's Committee meeting** 6pm at St Andrew's

### MONDAY 1 April

**Reconciliation** 1.30pm for St Brigid's school

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

### TUESDAY 2 April

**LFT meeting** in the Johnsonville Presbytery 9.30am

**Liturgy Meeting** 7.30pm St Benedict's

### WEDNESDAY 3 April

**Open Door Reconciliation/Stations of the Cross** 7pm to 8pm at St Benedict's

### FRIDAY 5 April

**1st Friday morning tea** after 9am Mass St Benedict's Church

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

### SATURDAY 6 April (Daylight saving ends)

**1st Saturday Devotions** after 9am Mass at St Benedict's

### SUNDAY 7 April

**Youth Mass** 10.30am St Peter & Paul's

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

**Safeguarding Workshop** 4pm at St Peter & Paul's Church

**Lenten Programme:** Ohariu Parish is offering a Sunday Series of Lenten Reflections every Sunday from 4pm to 5.30pm. This Sunday (31 March), Fr Eddie Condra will lead a Meditation and Mindfulness session. Please note this will be held at the Chapel at Challenge 2000 (1 Wanaka St, Johnsonville) All welcome. Contact Kitty 021 491 459 or Paul 0210 249 3712

## PARISH NOTICES



### *Baptisms:*

We welcome into our Parish  
**Wayne & Carey Chen**  
who are being Baptised in our Parish this weekend.

### 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 9.00 Mass, next Sunday, 7 April. Those who have recently arrived in the parish are especially welcome. It takes just a few minutes and is an easy opportunity to meet new people and chat with old friends.

### New Minister of Communion appointed

Last Sunday at the 9am Mass at St Benedict's, Fr Peter Roe welcomed and anointed Lachy McGrail as a Eucharistic Minister in line with his Baptismal calling as a Priest Prophet and Leader.



### Walk of the Cross Johnsonville

11am Good Friday, starting at the Uniting Church in Dr Taylor Tce then to St Johns Church Ironside Rd and finishing at St Peter & Paul's Church. Helpers needed.  
Contact Kevin 021 2301422

### Vacancy - Receptionist Catholic Centre

This is a part time position (20-30 hours) for a person with a calm demeanour and a mature outlook on life. contact hr@wn.catholic.org.nz to receive a job description and application form. Applications close on 9th April 2019.

**Music Practice for Good Friday** will be on Monday 1 April at 9.45am in the St Benedict's Church. New singers welcome. Contact Judith on 478 7736

**Working Bee St Benedict's Church** 10.00am on April 6. Cutting back trees and shrubs on east side of church and on the corner in front of the entrance area.



### REMEMBERING THE HOLY SOULS - REST IN PEACE

**RIP:** Yvonne Christopher  
**Anniversaries:** Brian Chambers, Alec Don Silva, William Cooney, Marshal Concessio

### Next Week's Readings:

Isaiah 43, 16-21; Philippians 3:8-14; John 8:1-11

**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.

### 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.

### Open Door Reconciliation on Wednesdays

Father Pete will move around the parish churches offering the opportunity for the **Sacrament of Reconciliation Rite 1**  
**7 - 8pm this coming Wednesday 3 April:**  
*Stations of the Cross led by the St Ben's School Children and Reconciliation*

Full Easter Timetable on the website and noticeboards

**Youth Mass:** Sunday April 7th 10.30am St Peter and Paul's. This is a youth and child friendly Mass prepared by our young people. If you would like to be involved phone Jacob on 0211250853 or Sio 02108160396. Followed by food and fun.

### "Cuppa & Chat" St Benedict's Church. 7 April 3-4pm

*As our communities enter a never before experienced situation, these Sunday afternoons could become a very useful time to share PFG and Parish matters.*

### First Friday Morning Tea

5 April at St Benedict's Khandallah straight after the 9am Mass Hospitality Margaret Dunne & Christine Patete. All Welcome

### News from the Archdiocese

**2 April: A Public discussion on the impact of palliative care** 7-8.30pm Rutherford House—Rm RHLT2  
33 Bunny St. Koha entry

**7 April: Abrahamic Meditation Day** 9.45am-2.30pm, Pa Maria, 78 Hobson Street, Thorndon. Email preddey@xtra.co.nz

**11 April: Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship** 7.30pm Connolly Hall with Fr Kevin Connors. "You are called to be..." email: joshua.wgtn@gmail.com

**13 April: Book Launch** "The School On The Hill" 3pm at St Patrick's Church, Childers Tce, Kilbirnie. \$25.00 for a copy.

## 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

### Parish Office

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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** Liturgy of the Word with the school  
**Thur: 9am** Liturgy of the Word with Communion  
**Friday: 9am** Mass  
**Saturday: 9am** Mass

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