

St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish



Palm Sunday - 14 April 2019

Readings: Isaiah 50: 4-7; Philippians 2:6-11; Luke 22:14, 23-56

With today's celebration of Palm Sunday we enter a week that we call Holy Week. While every week is holy, in this Holy Week we face death. While some will simply look back two thousand years and recall the historic events of Jesus' suffering and death, we Christians today make a decision to walk this path to the cross with Jesus. Not that we will necessarily die this week, but every one of us will face death in some way: uncertainly in a relationship, work and home worries, financial insecurity, anxiety about those we love. Each of these unwanted experiences is a taste of death and every week is holy when we remember the cross of Jesus. A challenge this week is to recall that resurrection only makes sense for the one who has died, and death (because of the death and resurrection of Jesus) is no longer the problem in life or the obstacle to growth but a pathway to intimacy with God and others now and eternally.

So we invite you to travel, the journey to Easter, as a time of retreat in the midst of your daily life. While you keep doing all the necessary family, work and social commitments, take time every day to sit with a crucifix. Feel with Jesus the pain of being betrayed and abandoned by friends and unjustly punished and crucified. Know that the crucifix is the reminder that our own struggles, anxiety and suffering when lived with Jesus, is our path to abundant life for ourselves and others. And if you don't have a crucifix, then perhaps with real focus make the sign of the cross more often during the day and ask for the grace to travel with Jesus this week.

The North Island **Chrism Mass** will be held at St Teresa's in Karori at 7pm on Tuesday April 16th.

The Chrism Mass is a time of Unity where parishioners, leaders, Religious and priests of the Archdiocese join with the Archbishop to renew our commitment to Christ as the people of God. At this Mass the Oils of Chrism, of Catechumens and of the Sick are blessed and consecrated.

This year the Archdiocese has invited one parishioner to receive the Oils on our behalf. Donald Elemento will do this for us and bring them back to our parish us so these oils can be used in Baptism, in Confirmation, Anointing of the Sick and in Holy Orders.

The Youth Mass

last Sunday was well attended with many parishioners saying they were profoundly effected by the message to 'Lay down your stones.'

Parishioners were given stones as they

entered the church and at the end of the dramatized gospel were invited to reflect on the stones they had thrown in their lives or the stones that had been thrown at them by others. Then if they wished to pile these before the altar. Most did this. This was a wonderful liturgy. Thanks to our youth ministry team who lead it.



PARISH ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY 14 April

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

MONDAY 15 April

Christian Meditation 7pm St Benedict's Church
LFT meeting in the Johnsonville Presbytery 7pm

TUESDAY 16 April

LFT (Nuts & Bolts) meeting in the Johnsonville Presbytery 9.30am
Malvina Major Mass 2.30pm in the Chapel with Fr Brian Wysocki. All welcome
SVDP Meeting 7pm Upper Room Johnsonville

WEDNESDAY 17 April

Mass 11am at Johnsonville with Fr Pete Roe

SVDP Meeting 7pm at Khandallah

Open Door Reconciliation 7pm to 8pm at St Peter & Paul's

Lay led Stations of the Cross 7pm at St Benedict's

HOLY THURSDAY 18 April

Mass of the Lords supper 7.30pm at St Benedict's and 7pm at St Andrew's

GOOD FRIDAY 19 April

Good Friday Service 3pm in all three Churches

HOLY SATURDAY 20 April

Liturgy Meeting 6pm St Andrew's

Easter Vigil 8pm St Peter & Paul's

EASTER SUNDAY 21 April

Malvina Major Eucharistic Liturgy 10.30am in Chapel.

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



Baptisms:

We welcome into our Parish
Cooper Morton & Nayla Handapangoda
who are being Baptised in our Parish this weekend.

NEW FAMILY GROUP

We are excited to announce the beginnings of a new family group made up of young families.
Are you interested in belonging to a group who commit to meet once every 6 weeks for friendship and fun, building up community together?

There will be a gathering of interested people on **Saturday 11 May** in the Johnsonville Parish Hall; 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Come along – no obligation – bring your children, meet some new friends and find out more.
Contact: Kerry 027 3116618 or 232 3538

Passionist Family Group Formation Day

Saturday 4 May, at Johnsonville Uniting Parish
3 pm – 7pm and dinner
Open to all FG people and all parishioners
Contact: John & Kerry ph: 232 3538
Or 027 3116618

Helpers needed 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. Contact Kevin 021 2301422



Fr Pete and the Youth Ministry at Wednesday Mass with the children at St Benedict's Church

ANZAC Services Wednesday 25 April

9am Mass at St Andrew's Newlands
3pm Remembrance & Peace Service at Challenge

The **Euthanasia Bill** sponsored by MP David Seymour is about to get its 2nd reading and vote in parliament. We encourage every one of you who will be of voting age at the next election (currently aged 17yrs+) to sign the Care Alliance Petition available at Masses to let your MP know your opposition to this Bill.

Next Week's Readings:

Acts 10: 37-43; 1 Colossians 3:1-4; John 20:1-9

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, Jessy Hensen, Peter McKenzie, Ian Coleman.



David Dobson, one of the Parish music team and an organ recitalist in his own right, will present **a recital of organ music** at St James Anglican Church, Lower Hutt, at 3pm on April 29th. All welcome! Entry by donation

Vinnies Book & Fabric Fair

When: Saturday 27 April: 8am – 4pm
Sunday 28 April: 9am – 3pm

Where: St Anne's Church Hall, 22 Emmett Street, Newtown

The Vinnies Book & Fabric Fair is back once again. All books are \$2 or less alongside fabrics and recycled haberdasheries from our very own Vinnies Re Sew.

The proceeds from the Vinnies Book and Fabric Fair go towards our Vinnies Welfare Programs. From providing food parcels and advocacy support to helping people move into their new homes, combating loneliness and upskilling

Tax Receipts and new planned giving envelopes are now available from the foyer of your local Church. For anyone wanting to sign up for envelopes please fill out a sign up sheet.

Last year of Red Envelopes for the Johnsonville building fund. Thanks to everyone for these special donations. We expect to have the mortgage paid off by December this year

News from the Archdiocese

14 April: Nota Bene Concert (St John's Passion) 1pm at St Mary of the Angels. Tickets \$45 Children free

14 April: Tawa Community Orchestra play "Come Dancing" 3pm at Tawa College 38 Duncan St. Koha entry.

14 April: Palm Sunday Candlelight Vigil for the unborn 7pm outside Wellington Hospital in Newtown.

28 April: Divine Mercy Celebrations. 2pm-4.15pm at St Teresa's Karori. Mass, Reconciliation, Blessing of religious objects

7 May: Cardinal's Lunch. 12—2pm Te Papa National Museum. Speaker Br Guy Consolmagno SJ (The Popes Astronomer) Bookings at <https://cardinal-lunch.lilregie.com> Tickets \$115.

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St Peter & Paul's Church
37 Dr Taylor Tce, Johnsonville

Easter Saturday Vigil 8pm
Sunday Mass 9am, 10.30am

WEEKDAY TIMETABLE

Wed: 11am Mass
Holy Thurs: 8.30pm Exposition
Good Friday: 3pm Service

St Andrew's Church 27 Trebann St, Newlands

Sunday Mass 12pm
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Holy Thursday: 7pm Mass
Good Friday: 3pm Service

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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 Liturgy of the Word with Communion
Holy Thursday: 7.30pm Mass
Good Friday: 3pm Service

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