

St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish



Easter - 21 April 2019

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

The Week we have just walked with Jesus provides us with a summary of our own lives. Palm Sunday was a time of celebration with a niggling and powerful hint of what was to come. Holy Thursday showed us what the life of Jesus was all about. Service and self-giving and a command to do as he did – to live our lives modelled on Jesus who is the focus and example of our Christian faith. Then the awful judgement and death because he lived his good news and proclaimed love, newness and liberation. On the cross we hear his forgiveness, kindness and compassion and his total trust as he surrendered himself into the hands of his loving Father. The nothingness and uncertainty of Saturday – a time of darkness and absence for him, his friends and us. Then Easter Sunday when he has risen and the women run from the tomb shouting their good news. Throughout our lives we experience joy and anxiety, hope and despair, surety and anxiety, fear and faith, aloneness and relationship and crucifixion and resurrection. Jesus became one of us so we might have the grace and confidence to live our lives fully and to be able to help others to do the same.

Easter shows us that like Jesus we can triumph over our personal and communal fears and give life to hope, creativity and authentic care of others. So let us as people of the Resurrection roll the 'stones' away from our 'personal tombs' of entrapment and take up the call to revive our faith, broaden our horizons and ensure that no one walks their weeks alone. God breaks into our personal histories, challenging our conventions, those fixed ways of thinking and acting that end up paralysing us from living our lives in authentic faith, hope and love. Let us run from our tombs shouting Yes! ALLELUIA I will live my life and death and resurrected life as he did.

The Leadership Formation Team and our Marist priests wish you all a very happy and life filled Easter. We all thank you for what you are doing and what you have done in our parish and community. A big thank you too for making our Easter ceremonies relevant, life giving and special. Happy, happy Easter to everyone.



ANZAC Services Thursday 25 April

9am Mass at St Andrew's Newlands
3pm Remembrance & Peace Service at
Challenge 2000 1 Wanaka St

Say No to the Euthanasia Bill – Care Alliance Petition

The Care Alliance has started a nation-wide petition to all MP's urging them to vote 'NO' to the End of Life Choice Euthanasia Bill.

Some of you have already taken the opportunity to sign this petition. If you have not yet done so, and you will be eligible to vote in next years election, you can still sign online: This petition has the full backing of the NZ Bishops. Go to www.carealliance.org.nz and simply click on the "Sign the Petition" button. Your support for this.

Over 40 people attended the Parish **Safeguarding** Session held for parishioners two Sundays ago. Our church is committed to ensuring that all people are respected, cared for and are kept safe in the Parish and various ministries. The next workshop opportunity for those who could not attend the recent one is at Our lady of Fatima Church in Tawa on Tuesday April 30th from 7.30pm till 9pm.

ALL ministries and ministers who work with children, young people or vulnerable adults need to attend these workshops. Please contact Carol 044787137 or Kitty 021491459



PARISH ACTIVITIES

EASTER SUNDAY 21 April

Malvina Major Eucharistic Liturgy 10.30am in Chapel

MONDAY 22 April

Christian Meditation 7pm St Benedict's Church

LFT Meeting 7-9.30pm Johnsonville Presbytery.

TUESDAY 23 April

LFT (Nuts & Bolts) meeting in the Johnsonville

Presbytery 9.30am

THURSDAY 25 April

ANZAC Service at Challenge 2000, 1 Wanaka St

FRIDAY 26 April

Funeral 11am Johnsonville for Mary Taylor

Divine Mercy 6.30pm at St Andrew's Church.

SUNDAY 28 April

Youth Mass 10.30 St Peter & Pauls with Chris Skinner

Malvina Major Eucharistic Liturgy 10.30am in Chapel.

Newlands St Vincent de Paul Conference 10.45am at St Andrew's Newlands in the Chapel.

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

St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish Bank Account Number 02-0524-0203642-000

PARISH NOTICES

Passionist Family Group Formation Day

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

NEW FAMILY GROUP

Are you interested in belonging to a Family 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

May 7th **Soup and Chat Night** 5pm to 7pm at St Benedict's Church. Three such evenings have occurred in Johnsonville and Newlands over the past two weeks and the attendees and Leadership Team found them very helpful. Mutual questions were raised, discussed and answered and ideas, support shared. Please come along to this one if you have ideas and questions.

The first Parish **Youth Focus Night** held in the Johnsonville Presbytery on April 9 resulted in a number of suggestions and decisions by the young people about what they would like to be involved in and do for the next year/s. 9 Young people aged 19-33 attended and 8 apologised as they could not attend but would like to be more involved. Another night or afternoon will be held after the holidays. There will also be a St Francis Parish Youth Facebook page started shortly so watch this space!



Thank you to everyone who helped with activities for Palm Sunday in all of our Churches last weekend, especially Sr Judith and the Challenge crew who collected the palms for Johnsonville Newlands and St Mary of the Angels.



REMEMBERING THE HOLY SOULS - REST IN PEACE

RIP: Ida Irving, Mary Taylor
Anniversaries: Shirley McGrail, Marie Odell

Next Week's Readings:

Acts 2: 42-47; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please remember those who are ill: Nita Simmons, Mary Cummins, Tabea Squire, Frances Willetts, Beven Francisco, Stan George, Malia Lemalu, Senorita 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

Re-discovering Our Sacramental Spirituality

A series of Workshops by Fr Eddie Condra

Many still participate in the sacramental life of the church and the fact that so many do not, is of concern.

Could this lack of participation be due as some suggest because people have 'lost the faith' or can we believe them when they tell us our sacred rites have become irrelevant and hold little or no meaning for them?

Whatever our conclusion or explanation might be this series offers an opportunity to 'revisit' our understanding of our sacraments and spirituality. The format of each session would involve input, group discussion and a period of meditation. Attendance at all the sessions will be of more value.

Dates: May 7, 14, 21 and 28

Where: In St Peter and Paul's hall, Dr Taylor Terrace Jville

Time: 7.30pm to 9pm

Venue: St Peter and Paul's hall, Dr Taylor Terrace. Jville

For further information: call Helen Sligo 0274243365 or sligohelen@gmail.com

News from the Archdiocese

23 April: Holy Hour 7.30pm Cathedral Chapel to pray for Vocations to the Priesthood and consecrated life.

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

28 April: Vinnies Book & Fabric Fair. Saturday 27 April: 8am – 4pm and Sunday 28 April: 9am – 3pm at St Anne's Church Hall, 22 Emmett Street, Newtown

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>

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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

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

St Andrew's Church 27 Trebann St, Newlands

Sunday Mass 12pm
WEEKDAY TIMETABLE
Thursday 9am ANZAC Mass
Friday: 6.30pm Rosary & Divine Mercy

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

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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
Thurs: 9am Liturgy of the Word with Communion
Friday: 9am Mass

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