

St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish



5th Sunday of Lent - 7 April 2019

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

Is God in our homes? Schools? Colleges? Absolutely YES!

These places of life and living are so sacred. Because it is here where forgiveness and reconciliation are already happening – as part of our daily life with our family, friends and work colleagues.

We come to Church to celebrate the forgiveness, healing and reconciling that have already occurred and continue to occur in our daily lives. We celebrate this forgiveness together – and are strengthened as a community.

THEME of the Reconciliation Celebrations for St Brigid's and St Benedict's Schools and those making their First Reconciliations in the three communities of our Parish: ONE PERSON CAN FORGIVE. IT TAKES TWO TO RECONCILE.

With God's assistance, I have the power to forgive anything. And sometimes a wrong is so hurtful that it can take the rest of our lives to forgive completely. But the possibility is there. My capacity to forgive does not depend on anyone else's behaviour or permission. The person I forgive can continue to be cruel, thoughtless and relentlessly set against me.

Forgiveness is a spiritual act, which means that ultimately, I rely on God's Grace (which is all-embracing love) to accomplish it. In practice, my own faults and weaknesses will get in the way of my ability to forgive, especially in some situations.

But whatever I'm lacking, God can supply. At times my need for God's assistance is acute, but when I choose to forgive, my effort does not rely on any other person... but ME and the knowledge that I am embraced by my God.

Reconciliation is when I reconcile with another person. One of us must first ask for or offer forgiveness – and the other responds to forgive or accept forgiveness.

But that is not the end of the process. Together we choose to do whatever it takes to restore the relationship of trust.

One person can be completely willing to be reconciled, but if the other person is not willing, Reconciliation cannot be achieved.

It may happen later, but in the meantime – one person forgives or wants forgiveness – and waits for the other to accept or offer forgiveness.

Fr Pete Roe SM



Holy Week Timetable

Sunday 14 th April	<i>Normal weekend Mass timetable in all churches</i>	Palm Sunday
Thursday 18 th April	St Andrew's	7pm Holy Thursday- Mass of the Lord's Supper
	St Benedict's	7:30pm Holy Thursday- Mass of the Lord's Supper
	St Peter and Paul's	8.30-10pm Holy Thursday- Exposition
Friday 19 th April	St Peter and Paul	10am Good Friday- Stations of the Cross
	Johnsonville Churches	11am Good Friday- Ecumenical Walk of the Cross
	St Andrew's Church	2:30pm Good Friday- Stations of the Cross
	St Andrews St Benedict's St Peter and Paul's	3pm Good Friday- Celebration of the Lord's Passion in all three churches
Saturday 20 th April	St Peter and Paul's	8pm- Holy Saturday- Easter Vigil
Sunday 21 st April	<i>Normal weekend Mass timetable in all churches</i>	Easter Sunday

Sacramental happenings with our children and schools this week

Sunday 31st March **First Reconciliation** with 42 children from Johnsonville and Newlands communities plus their families, grandparents and friends present.

Monday 1st April St Brigid's school: **Reconciliation** Liturgy for 158 children.

Wednesday 3rd April at St Benedict's: **Mass** with two classes from St Benedict's School plus parishioners. *(With the Youth Ministry team of Elisa, Sio, Piki and Fiona with Fr Pete)*

Thursday 4th April **Fr Pete in Rm 9** at St Benedict's school. Q&A on Lent, Easter and the Passover with the children.

PARISH ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY 7 April

Malvina Major Eucharistic Liturgy 10.30am in Chapel

Cuppa & a Chat 3 to 4pm St Benedict's Church

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

MONDAY 8 April

Christian Meditation 7pm St Benedict's Church

TUESDAY 9 April

LFT meeting in the Johnsonville Presbytery 9.30am

WEDNESDAY 10 April

Open Door Reconciliation 7pm to 8pm at St Andrew's

FRIDAY 12 April

Stations of the Cross 11.15 with St Benedict's School

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

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.

Next Soup and Chat: The LFT will be hosting another Soup and Chat this Thursday 11 April at St Andrew's, Newlands, 5pm to 7pm. Please pop in with your questions, ideas and concerns - you are very welcome. And the soup is great!

PARISH NOTICES



Baptisms:

We welcome into our Parish

Victoria Claverie

who is being Baptised in our Parish this weekend.

Pacific People say 'NO' to the Euthanasia Bill

11.00am – 2.00pm A rally, protesting the legalisation of euthanasia in New Zealand is being held this Tuesday 9 April at Parliament. It is being led by Pacifica People but everyone is invited to attend.

Please support this important initiative with your presence. We must make our voices heard NOW! People will start gathering at 11am with MP's appearing at 12pm.

Johnsonville Combined Churches Opportunity Shop

Ohariu Parish is now a member of this group and are looking for volunteers to work in the shop. All we need is 2 hours of your time for one week in each month as each group does a week. Plus we need some volunteers who would be able to do a cleanup on a Monday morning particularly after our Sale Day which is the last Saturday of the month. Contact Carol Burns on 478 7137.

Tax Receipts up to 31 March 2019 will be issued in the next 2 weeks along with your new planned giving envelopes. If you have changed your address please email the parish office

Lenten Giving Envelope Packs

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. 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.

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 next weekend after Masses to let your MP know your opposition to this Bill.



REMEMBERING THE HOLY SOULS - REST IN PEACE

Anniversaries: Jill Clarke, Neil Dorrington, Patrick Pardo, Purificacion Polestico

Next Week's Readings:

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

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.



Calling ALL Young People aged 15-25 ish!

You are invited to a meeting to be held at the Johnsonville Catholic Presbytery from 5pm till 7pm on Tuesday 9 April. The Leadership Formation Team want to hear your ideas of how you would like our parish to be. Everyone is very welcome. A meal is provided. For further information contact Sio on 02108160396 or Elisa 021 655087.



Marian Mothers Evening Meeting

This month's meeting is being held on Monday 8 April at 18 Burdendale Grove, Johnsonville at 7:30 pm. The April reflection is called "Being made Welcome" written by Maria Kennedy following her visit to Montserrat in Spain. Our material comes from Marist Laity (Society of Mary) and meetings take about an hour and a half, finishing with a cup of tea for those who wish to stay. All welcome. For information and transport, call Joanne on 021 0436856.

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

News from the Archdiocese

The new **Apostolic Nuncio** is Archbishop Novatus Rugambwa
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.

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.

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

St Francis of Assisi



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

Saturday Vigil 5pm
Sunday Mass 9am, 10.30am

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

St Andrew's Church 27 Trebann St, Newlands
Sunday Mass 12pm

WEEKDAY TIMETABLE

Friday: Divine Mercy & Stations of the Cross 6.30pm

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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 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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