

St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish



3rd Sunday of Easter - 5 May 2019

Readings: Acts 5: 27-32, 40-41; Revelation 5:11-14; John 21:1-19

It has now been three months since the new model in Ohariu began. Parish life has continued healthily with many people providing their many talents to serve the community and strengthen our many ministries. Since February, weekend masses have continued as previously, we have had 18 Baptisms, 10 funerals and one wedding. Week day liturgies with communion, other liturgies and week day masses have occurred and responded to specific local or national events. Closer connections have been built with the school communities and a large number of small and large meetings have been held to hear the needs and ideas of the communities and parish.

The LFT has learnt a lot and has with your help identified some of the critical requirements for the parish going forward. These include and are not limited to the ongoing development of ministries, the formation of people, safeguarding to ensure the wellbeing of all who are served and serve, the need to assess how we can use properties and assets for the betterment of the parish and wider community, our place in supporting the common good in the Archdiocese, the greater involvement of youth and ensuring ongoing succession planning for the parish as a whole.

Feedback has also highlighted the opportunity to improve our parish website and introduce innovations like a parish app. Have a look at the call for skills needed!

There will be a Special Mass today for the victims and families of

the Sri Lankan massacre.

Sunday 5 May 12pm
at St Andrew's Church
Newlands.

This will be a time to come together in solidarity. There will be a space for candles and flowers for those that wish to bring them and a shared lunch after.

Parish Website – skills needed!

From the Leadership Formation Team's conversations with parishioners a common theme was the importance of communications. The newsletter is only one form of communications. It is proposed that a new website and App be developed to improve communication about the parish and its activities.

A project team will be established to design and develop a new website and App.

If you have skills and experience in developing websites, are a graphic designer, a writer or have any other skills relevant to this project we would appreciate your input. Please contact either;

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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 Sts Peter and Paul's church after the 9.00 Mass, **this Sunday, 5 May**. 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.

PARISH ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY 5 May

Malvina Major Eucharistic Liturgy 10.30am in Chapel
Special Mass 12pm at St Andrews for the Sri Lankan community. Shared lunch afterwards.

MONDAY 6 May

Christian Meditation 7pm St Benedict's Church
LFT Meeting 7-9.30pm Johnsonville Presbytery.

TUESDAY 7 May

Soup & Chat 5 to 7pm St Benedict's Church
Liturgic Group meeting 7pm St Benedict's Foyer.
Re-discovering Our Sacramental Spirituality 7.30-9pm with Fr Eddie at St Peter & Paul's

THURSDAY 9 May

Introduction to Bereavement / Grief and Loss Ministry
6 to 8pm at the Johnsonville Presbytery.
Music Group Practice 7.30pm St Benedict's Church

FRIDAY 10 May

Divine Mercy 6.30pm at St Andrew's Church.

SATURDAY 11 May

St Benedict's Grief and Loss Ministry. 10am 8 Burma Rd
New Family Group 11 to 1pm St Peter & Paul's Church Hall.

SUNDAY 12 May (Mothers Day)

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



Baptisms:

We welcome into our Parish

Mikhael Jacob

who is being Baptised in our Parish this weekend.

12 May

Mother's Day

There will be a cuppa after the 10.30am Mass. All are welcome especially mothers. Also a chance to meet Wayne Chen and his daughter Carey on this special occasion when they are both being confirmed and receiving their first Holy Communion at this Mass

PARISH NOTICES

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 4-6 weeks for friendship and fun, building 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.

Refreshments provided. 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. Come along.

St Benedict's Grief and Loss Ministry.

On Saturday 11 May, there will be a meeting of the Ministry at 8 Burma Road at 10 a.m.

Anyone with a calling to assist others is most welcome to attend. Any queries please contact Natalie Brockie 973 5553

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 (Tuesdays)

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

Next Week's Readings:

Acts 13: 14, 43-52; Revelation 7:9,14-17; John 10:27-30

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.



Invitation to be part of Bereavement / Grief and Loss Ministry

We are blessed to have members of our parish who walk alongside families at the time of a bereavement, to support them and help with preparation of funerals. It is time for us as a parish to expand the Bereavement / Grief and Loss Ministry, both in the number of parishioners involved and in the scope of the Ministry itself.

We invite any parishioner who is interested in learning more about this Ministry and perhaps becoming involved to come to a meeting in the Johnsonville Presbytery 6 .00 – 8.00pm Thursday 9 May 2019.

People from the communities of St Andrew's, St Benedict's and St Peter and Paul's will outline briefly what they do at the moment. There will be the opportunity for questions and discussion and a little initial formation.

For further information, text or call Sister Judith 027 6933552

Anointing Mass at St Peter and Paul's Johnsonville

The next Anointing Mass will be at 11.00 am on Wednesday 15th May, followed by lunch in the church hall. If you require transport please phone Ted on 0221343816

News from the Archdiocese

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>

7 May: Br Guy Consolmagno SJ speaks about his vision of God and our Universe. 7.30pm Sacred Heart College, Lower Hutt. See details at <https://skies.catholicdiscovery.nz/>

12 May: Day of Prayer for Vocations for the Priesthood. Vocations Director Fr David Dowling frdavidd@gmail.com

16 May: Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship. 7.30pm in Connolly Hall Guildford Tce. Speaker Fr John Pettit

19 May: Promoting interfaith relations in NZ 11.30am at St Mary of the Angels, Boulcott St. Free booklets available

13 June: Open Day 9am at St Mary's College, Guildford Tce.



REMEMBERING THE HOLY SOULS - REST IN PEACE

Anniversaries: Agnes Ram, Robert Taylor, Norma Webby, Consolacion Miranda

St Francis of Assisi



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

Saturday Vigil 5pm
Sunday Mass 9am, 10.30am

WEEKDAY TIMETABLE

Tue: 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: 6.30pm Rosary & Divine Mercy

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

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