

St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish



Pentecost Sunday - 9 June 2019

Readings: Acts 2: 1-11; Romans 8:8-17; John 14:15-16, 23-26

This weekend we celebrate Pentecost, often known as the birthday of our Church. We know the story well. The disciples who had accompanied Jesus for many years, had heard his voice directly, had watched his miracles and had explored their lives with him, had locked themselves in an upper room. They were terrified, blaming, anxious and confused. They had lost the plot! Jesus must have suspected this would happen. He had earlier said to them don't leave Jerusalem until the Spirit comes. He probably knew that people often forget things or get distracted from the truth when sad, bad, unexpected or life - familiarity things happen. Jesus knew that his friends needed a source of power and energy to keep them focussed and active on their mission – on his mission.



So Jesus breathed on them – the breath of life- he gave them his Spirit. The Spirit that we often liken to the wind. The readings today speak of how the wind was heard and seen at Pentecost. The wind in Wellington this past week has been a great lead into today. Powerful. Unpredictable. Unexpected. Unpleasant. House shaking. Exhilarating. Fresh. Tree bending. The thing about the Spirit is this. As it is the power and love of God it can't be controlled and blows where it will. Powerful. Unpredictable. Unexpected. Unpleasant. Exhilarating. Fresh. It shakes us, surprises us, scares us, fills us, inspires us, pushes us along or knocks us over. Often all at the same time!!

The Spirit is the power house of energy that fills us so we can be Christ like. So we can walk his way, do his will, speak his gospel and bring about the kingdom of God today. That is our individual mission. That is the mission of our Ohariu Catholic parish. That is the only mission of the Catholic church, whose birthday we celebrate today. So let us open our hearts and minds and invite the Spirit to breathe - blow new life into our individual and collective missions. And dream what our parish and community would be like if we were a powerful sign of Love for all. If today we celebrated a new Pentecost...

"We stand before you, Holy Spirit, conscious of our sinfulness, but aware that we gather in your name. Come to us, remain with us, and enlighten our hearts. Give us light and strength to know your will, to make it our own, and to live it in our lives". Part of Pope John XXIII's prayer at the opening of the second Vatican Council:

Kitty McKinley

PARISH ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY 9 June

1st Confirmation children's session after 9am

Children's Mass at St Benedict's

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 10 June

Christian Meditation 7pm St Benedict's Church

LFT Meeting 7-9.30pm Johnsonville Presbytery

TUESDAY 11 June

Re-discovering Our Sacramental Spirituality 10am with Fr Eddie at St Peter & Paul's Presbytery

Mass 7.30pm at the Challenge Chapel with Fr Eddie

THURSDAY 13 June

Music Group practice 7.30 at St Ben's

FRIDAY 14 June

Divine Mercy 6.30pm at St Andrew's Church.

SATURDAY 15 June:

St Andrew's Liturgy meeting 6pm at St Andrews

SUNDAY 16 June

2nd Confirmation Children's session 10am at St Bens

2nd Confirmation Children's session 10am at St Brigid's school in room 12

Youth Mass 10.30 Johnsonville

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

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

PARISH NOTICES

Next Week's Readings:

Proverbs 8:22-31; Romans 5:1-5; John 16:12-15

Baptisms:

We welcome into our Parish
**Henry Walker, Daniel McDonald,
Poppy Smith and Charles Smith**

who are being Baptised in our Parish this weekend.



PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please remember those who are ill: Nita Simmons, Mary Cummins, Tabea Squire, Frances Willetts, Beven Francisco, Sharron McSweeney, Stan George, Malia Lemalu, Seniorita Laukau, Petelo Godinet, Abbey Washington, Jessy Hensen, Peter McKenzie, Ian Coleman, Jan Chandler.



Prayers please ... During these days following Pentecost, we pray for children in our parish who are preparing to be confirmed on 23 June.

We pray also for their parents and families and for the wonderful parishioners who are helping with the preparation.

"Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful"

Re-discovering Our Sacramental Spirituality - A series of Workshops by Fr Eddie Condra

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: June 11, 18 and 25 (Tuesdays) Time: 10am.

Venue: St Peter and Paul's Presbytery Dr Taylor Terrace. Jville
For further information: call Helen Sligo 0274243365 or sligohelen@gmail.com

Thank you to the ten parishioners aged 18 -70 who are keen to serve as Eucharistic Ministers and attended the formation evenings lead by Pete Roe and Kitty McKinley.

It was a wonderful reflective time that placed this important ministry in a theological, scriptural, spiritual and social context. Next week the formation material will be available on the parish website once it is updated with the suggestions made by the participants. Thank you to all who serve our parish in this way.



For those who attended the May seminar above Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday June 11th at 7.30pm in the chapel at Challenge 2000.

Book of Life

If you have an article that other parishioners may want to know about contact carol.may.ryan@gmail.com

St Vincent de Paul **Street Day appeal** June 28 2019 (Friday)
Volunteers for collecting 1 Hour shifts at New World Khandallah + Countdown Crofton Downs. Contact Eustie Kamath 5509240 or 022 3878435

News from the Archdiocese

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

14 June: Compassion Soup Kitchen Street Appeal - Street Collectors Needed. Sign up at soupkitchen.org.nz/street appeal or call (04) 385 9299

15 June: Vigil for the Unborn, 10am St Anne's Newtown.

17 & 24 June: Monday Pa Maria Winter Film series: The life which beats in things. Contact 021 703580 or bgcummings@xtra.co.nz to register.

20 June: Joshua Men's Fellowship 7.30 Connolly Hall. Theme: Living as a Christian in a secular world.

22 June: Dove Catholic Fellowship. 10-3.30pm Connolly Hall. Speaker Johnson Sequiera

29 June: Stewardship breakfast with the Cardinal. At Connolly Hall in Hill St, Thorndon, Wellington. Time: 7.00am-9.00am

27 July: Joshua Men's Fellowship 1 day Retreat in Palmerston North. Contact jo.mo.hamm@gmail.com



REMEMBERING THE HOLY SOULS - MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

RIP: Mariana Putoku, Karyn Godber

Anniversaries: Peter Keen, Manuel Hanopol
Brian Mahony, Mary Weakley

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 Mass with school
Wed: 10.30 Reconciliation 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

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St Benedict's Church,
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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 School
Thurs: 9am Liturgy of the Word with Communion
Friday: 9am Mass
Sat: 9am Liturgy of the Word with Communion

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