

St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish



15th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 14 July 2019
Readings: Deuteronomy 30: 10-14; Colossians 1:15-20; Luke 10:25-37

Today's Gospel is the well-known parable of the Good Samaritan. Have you ever wondered how the Priest and the Levite could have walked past a dying man – a victim of crime – without stopping to help? Not only walk past – but cross the road to pass on the other side! You and I would never have done that...

The answer lies in the Priest's and the Levite's occupations. They were from the castes of people who served in the Temple at Jerusalem. Were they to touch a dead or dying man – even worse a non-Jew – they would be rendered unclean. They could not enter the Temple again without lengthy purification rituals to cleanse themselves. How tiresome! The Priest and the Levite could not take that risk. They passed by – perhaps averting their eyes to ease their consciences...

...because, like the lawyer in the Gospel, the Priest and the Levite would have *known* the Law. That is, to inherit eternal life they had to love God with all their heart, soul, strength and mind *and their neighbour as themselves*. But they allowed ritual purity and their own convenience to come between them and their obligation to love the dying man, their neighbour.

Jesus had no time for ritual purity! He constantly flouted the rules of conduct. He did not care about hand-washing rituals, fasting practices, he denounced prescribed Sabbath practices. Against the social and religious norms of the day, he surrounded himself with tax collectors, prostitutes, beggars, the hungry and marginalized. He socialized with women and welcomed them among his disciples. God's reign was open to ALL – no one was to be excluded or marginalized - Jesus loved his neighbour and particularly in the despised, the diseased, the disturbed, the disadvantaged and the dispossessed.

Each of us might ask :

"What is stopping *me* from loving my neighbour? – this person in front of me! I can see that he/she is in need. Why am I passing by...?"

John Lawson

Safeguarding: The next sessions will be held at 5.30pm at the Catholic Centre (Level 1, room 2) on:
• **Thursday 25th July** • **Tuesday 6th August**

To attend please email b.weir@wn.catholic.org.nz AND Carol at ohariuparish@xtra.co.nz. Please contact Kitty if you have any concerns or questions relating to Safeguarding.

Today is Seafarers Sunday
We pray for all those at sea—may they return home safely

PARISH ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY 14 July

Children's Mass 9am at St Benedict's
Malvina Major Eucharistic Liturgy 10.30am in Chapel.
Shared Lunch after 12pm Mass at St Andrew's

MONDAY 15 July

Christian Meditation 7pm St Benedict's Church

TUESDAY 16 July

LFT Nuts & Bolts meeting 9.30am in the Presbytery
Mass at Malvina Major 2.30pm in the Chapel with Fr Brian Wysocki
SVDP Johnsonville Branch 7.30pm upstairs room at St Peter and Paul's

WEDNESDAY 17 July

SVDP Onslow Branch 6.30pm at St Benedict's

THURSDAY 18 JULY

Music Group practice 7.30pm at St Benedict's

FRIDAY 19 July

Divine Mercy 6.30pm at St Andrew's Church.

SATURDAY 20 July

St Andrew's Liturgy Meeting 6pm at St Andrew's

SUNDAY 21 July

Youth Mass 10.30am at St Peter & Paul'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.

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

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, Margaret D'Souza, Peter McKenzie, Ian Coleman, Jan Chandler, Ione Haines, John Duffy.



Next Week's Readings:
Genesis 18: 1-10; Colossians 1:24-28; Luke 10:38-42

Saturday Night @ the Movies,
The Newlands Passionist Group is organizing a 'Movie Night' The Green Man a 1950s Black & White Comedy on Saturday 03rd August 2019, Time Cinema 191 Sutherland Road, \$10.00 a Ticket. Bring a plate for supper at interval, coffee & Tea provided. For booking your seat, Please contact Mike & Marie Coghlan on 04-478 7787 /021 026 97379

**On-going Formation
Baptism Ministry**
Tuesday 6 August 6pm to 7pm. Johnsonville Presbytery.
If you attended one of these earlier sessions, would like to be involved or understand more about these ministries, please come along. Further details from Marushka Caldeiro 021 815 264, John Lawson 021 616 031 or Sr Judith 027 693 3552.


Northern Chorale Concert
St Peter & Paul's Church 7.30pm Friday 26 July
"Going for Baroque" featuring music by Bach, Handel, Telemann, Scarlatti and others.
\$15 Door sales Children free

Summer in the Forest :
a movie about Jean Vanier and his work
Jean Vanier is one of the "saints next door". See this film and be inspired! Roxy Theatres, Miramar
6.30pm Wednesday 24 July.
to book : www.summerintheforest.co.nz

July Monday Marian Mother's Meeting
It's school holidays! We warmly welcome school-age children as well as pre-schoolers to this month's meeting. The venue is Sts Peter and Paul Church Hall on **Monday 15th July** 12-2pm. Pot-luck lunch at 12 noon, so please bring a plate to share. Any mums are welcome for some prayer time and a chat while the children play. Contact Andrea 0212160388

New Rosters are being prepared for all 3 Churches for August and September. If you are unavailable over this time please contact the Parish Office

A Night of Music and Entertainment – X Factor
7 September in the Uniting Church at Johnsonville. 7pm onwards. \$15 per family. BYO drinks and finger food to share. Categories are *Solo performers, below 12yrs, 13yrs to 25yrs, 26yrs and above, Duets/Groups.*
Entries should be in by 25 July.
Contact Clayton on 027 2676263 or Nirmala on 021 1082074
Blanche on 021 2375558 or Derrick on 027 5058403

 **Youth Mass Sunday July 21**
10.30am at St Peter & Paul's Johnsonville.
If you would like to be involved in this please contact Sio on 02108160396 or Kitty 021491459.

St Andrew's Committee is consulting the church community on the preferred **Sunday Mass time** at St Andrew's Church. The options provided are 11.00am, 11.30am or 12noon (current Mass time). If you do attend St Andrew's Church and would like to have your say; votes are being collected at the next three Sunday Masses held at St Andrew's in July. The St Andrew's Committee will count the votes and present a recommendation to the LFT in August.

TUI MOTU on sale next weekend
\$7.00 a copy or \$10 for two Next weekend there will be several issues of Tui Motu on sale (February - July).
Great winter reading!

News from the Archdiocese
15-19 July: Retreat at Pa Maria 9.30 to 4pm daily. Contact Brian Cummings SM at bgcummings@xtra.co.nz
16 July: Holy Hour 7.30pm in the Cathedral Chapel
18 July: Joshua Mens Catholic Fellowship. 7.30pm Connolly Hall "Freemasonry and Christianity"
19 July: Lecture by Dr Chris Belitto "Where is Pope Francis taking us?" Ground floor lecture theatre, Old government bldg. opposite the Beehive. Call 819 8380 or email k.mody@tci.ac.nz
20 July: Vigil for the unborn. 10am St Anne's Newtown.
27 July: Joshua Men's Fellowship 1 day Retreat in Palmerston North. Contact jo.mo.hamm@gmail.com
17-22 October: Pilgrimage to Naju in South Korea to celebrate the 33rd anniversary of Our Lady's first weeping Tears of Blood. Contact Chrissy on 021 233 6883

REMEMBERING THE HOLY SOULS - MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

RIP: Carlos Ballesteros
Anniversaries: Fernando Agustin, Mary Armadass, Edwin Pardo Sr, Danilo Sy, Stephanie Sy, Graham Nicholl, Jose Lopez



St Peter & Paul's Church
37 Dr Taylor Tce, Johnsonville
Saturday Vigil 5pm
Sunday Mass 9am, 10.30am

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

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

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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
Sat: 9am Liturgy of the word with Communion

St Benedict's School, Khandallah - Ph 04 479 6878 E-mail: office@st-benedicts.school.nz
St Brigid's School, Johnsonville - Ph 04 478 6516 E-mail: office@stbrigids.school.nz