

# St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish



**16th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 21 July 2019**  
**Readings:** Genesis 18: 1-10; Colossians 1:24-28; Luke 10:38-42

## **"Bidden or unbidden God is present"**

When guests are coming to dinner we usually prepare carefully. As we tidy the house, we might think about those who are coming and choose food and drink we know they will enjoy. Offering generous hospitality is important in all cultures. The first reading from the Book of Genesis tells the story of Abraham welcoming strangers and offering the best food and drink he could provide. He also engaged in conversation with his guests and listened to them. He somehow knew they were of God.

In today's Gospel Martha welcomed Jesus into her house. We don't know if he was invited or if he just arrived at the door. He obviously felt at home in this family. Martha got busy preparing food, while Mary and Jesus started chatting. (I wonder what they were talking about.) The little exchange between Martha and Jesus would suggest that Jesus was often in this home and he knew both Martha and Mary well. He gently teased Martha and brought her into the circle. At home and at church attentive listening and loving conversation go hand in hand with sharing food - Word and Eucharist. God is there.

Gracious hospitality is at the heart of the Gospel and at the heart of our weekly celebration of Eucharist. The word "hospitality" has the feel of welcoming another into my life, my inner being. In the Gospels many familiar stories and teachings of Jesus occurred during a meal - just as in a family the evening meal can be a precious time of togetherness and sharing food and life. Coming together each Sunday can be a time of meeting friends and welcoming strangers; of sharing each other's sadness, joys - and ordinariness; seeing goodness all around, acknowledging limitations and meeting God in one another.



*Judith McGinley*

## **The essence of Christian Spirituality**

'Spirituality is to life what the backbone is to our body'.

Over four weeks we look at eight core aspects of a Christian Spirituality. Each session involves input, discussion—comments and questions—and concludes with a time of meditation. The seminar offers a clear understanding of spirituality and how it impacts on our life.

Where: St Benedict's Time 10.00am  
When Tuesday August 13th, 20th, 27th and September 3rd  
Presenter Eddie Condra

## **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.

## **Catholic Ministries Appeal coming up on the 28th July**

### **PARISH ACTIVITIES**

#### **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.

#### **MONDAY 22 July**

**Funeral** Nita Simmons 10am St Peter & Paul's  
**Christian Meditation** 7pm St Benedict's Church

#### **TUESDAY 23 July**

**LFT Nuts & Bolts meeting** 9.30am in the Presbytery  
**CWL Social event** 7.45pm at St Benedict's

#### **WEDNESDAY 24 July**

**School Practice** for the Grandparents Mass 11am at St Ben's  
**Training for new Proclaimers** 6.30pm St Peter & Paul

#### **FRIDAY 26 July**

**Grandparents Mass** 10am St Benedict's Church with the school  
**Divine Mercy** 6.30pm at St Andrew's Church.  
**Song of Mary** 7.30pm at St Andrew's Church  
**Concert by the Northern Chorale** 7.30pm St Peter & Paul's


#### **SUNDAY 28 July**

**Malvina Major Eucharistic Liturgy** 10.30am in Chapel  
**Couples for Christ** 2pm St Peter & Paul's  
**St Andrew's committee meeting** 6pm at St Andrew's

**Preference Certificates:** To obtain a Preference Certificate for entry to a Catholic School, please contact the Parish Office Email [ohariuparish@xtra.co.nz](mailto: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: 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: 20-21; Colossians 2:6-14; Luke 11:1-13

**Passionist Family Group Night @ the Movies,**  
On 3 August—now cancelled

**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

**Can you help ? 10.30am Mass, Johnsonville**

For those who regularly attend 10.30am Mass at St Peter and Paul, we are looking for a person or two (per mass) to assist the sacristan closing up the church after mass is completed. Things to do include turning off heaters, checking the toilets, clearing out the pews, closing the internal glass doors and locking up when the last people have left. It should only take 10-15 minutes. Please contact Carol at the parish office - ph 4787 137 or email [ohariuparish@xtra.co.nz](mailto:ohariuparish@xtra.co.nz) if you can assist.

The Parish is investigating an improved web presence to better communicate parish matters with current and new parishioners. We would like your views on what you want from a **Parish website**. A short survey will be released soon, which will be available online or in paper copy format - further details in the newsletter next Sunday. Your views will be key in helping us shape this important communication platform. *Thanks, LFT Communications Committee*

**TUI MOTU on sale this weekend**

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

**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

**Update on the heaters at Johnsonville**

Due to the failure of some of the panel heaters at St Peter & Pauls, the LFT are currently investigating new heating options and will advise in the near future.  
Thank you for your patience in the meantime.  
*A reminder to all hall users - Please turn the heaters off at the switch NOT the meter box.*

**First Friday** morning tea after the 9am service at St Benedict's on 2 August.  
Hospitality: Keri Byrne and Trudy Flynn  
**First Saturday** devotions 9am at St Benedict's on 3 August

**Job vacancy:** Altar Bread Manufacturing Supervisor / Full-time  
We are looking for a full-time Manufacturing Supervisor to join our team based at the Vinnies Welfare & Services office in Newtown. You will be leading a team of people with intellectual disability to cook, cut, sort, package and distribute altar bread. You must be confident, empathetic to your team's needs and knowledgeable of the manufacturing and food safety standards to efficiently run the kitchen. Applications close: Wed 31 July. Contact: Millie at [marketing@vinnieswgn.org.nz](mailto:marketing@vinnieswgn.org.nz)

**Healing Rooms** is a new healing movement spreading around the world. Now a group of Christians from churches in the Northern Suburbs are planning to start healing rooms for our area. If you would like to learn more or join our team there will be training offered. **Please contact** (Rev) John Daysh 04 977 2055 [jddaysh@gmail.com](mailto:jddaysh@gmail.com) or Roger Ellis 021 526 264 [rogerellis07@gmail.com](mailto:rogerellis07@gmail.com) see [www.healingrooms.co.nz](http://www.healingrooms.co.nz)

**News from the Archdiocese**

**24 July:** Summer in the Forest, a movie about Jean Vanier and his work. 6.30 Roxy theatre, Miramar.  
**27 July: Joshua Men's Fellowship** 1 day Retreat in Palmerston North. Contact [jo.mo.hamm@gmail.com](mailto:jo.mo.hamm@gmail.com)  
**1 August:** 7pm St Catherine's Gala Auction at The Pines in Houghton Bay. Tickets \$30  
**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:** Nita Simmons, Matthew Trundle, Yang Yong Nian, Lois Tangney (*ex teacher of St Benedict's and St Brigid's*)  
**Anniversaries:** Eulalia Gomes, Peter Gilligan, Herbert Melendez Snr, Guillerma Melendez, Francisco Romero Snr. Marjorie Faircloth, Royce Doyle



**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 Mass with the school**  
**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: 10am Grandparents Mass with school**  
**Sat: 9am** Liturgy of the word with Communion

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