

St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish



17th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 28 July 2019
Readings: Genesis 18: 20-32; Colossians 2:6-14; Luke 11:1-13

Where is God?

This week I have been confronted by the fear and aloneness of three very sick friends – two in hospital and one at home. Each lives alone and has no family support. I have wondered, “How would I cope in her situation?” When we feel really ill and don’t know what’s wrong, when there is no one to care for us, listen to our fears and comfort us, life is very scary. There are times in life when we simply don’t have our own inner resources to help us keep going. I wonder if Jesus was thinking along these lines when he preached today’s parable – and gave us the Our Father.

I am full of questions this week. What are your questions? What are our questions as the parish of St Francis of Assisi, Ohariu? How can we live each day the prayer Jesus gave us? Would I open the door in the middle of the night and give bread to a friend or stranger?

Sr Judith

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

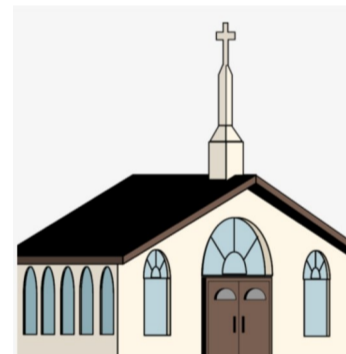
Presenter Eddie Condra

Update on Parish Building Review

As we know, earlier this year, Cardinal John asked all parishes in the Archdiocese to present a plan on their buildings, including options, by the end of October this year.

The LFT have decided to delay this review as the parish focus is on building its mission and focussing on community before buildings. We have appraised Cardinal John of this decision and he is happy with the reasoning but has asked we confirm that in writing. This we will do.

The review of buildings in Ohariu does need to take place, but at a time when we are all ready to deal with those questions. This will likely occur in the first part of 2020. In the meantime, no decisions about buildings and their future have been made, nor will they be until we all come together to discern and discuss the mission of our parish and how our properties and assets support this mission.



PARISH ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY 28 July

Malvina Major Eucharistic Liturgy 10.30am in Chapel.

Couples for Christ 2pm St Peter & Paul’s Church

Syro Malabar community 5 to 9pm at St Andrews

MONDAY 29 July

Christian Meditation 7pm St Benedict’s Church

Combined Liturgy Meeting 7pm in the Jville Presbytery

TUESDAY 30 July

LFT Nuts & Bolts meeting 9.30am in the Presbytery

FRIDAY 2 August

First Friday morning tea after 9am Mass at St Benedict’s

Hospitality: Rae and John Gray

Divine Mercy 6.30pm at St Andrew’s Church.

SATURDAY 3 August

First Saturday devotions and reconciliation after 9am Mass at St Benedict’s

SUNDAY 4 August

Children’s Session for Holy Communion 10am at St Bens

Children’s Session for Holy Communion 10am room 12 St Brigid’s School

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 2pm at St Benedict’s Church

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: 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, John Duffy.



National Vocations Awareness Week - Lives of Service, Lives of Joy
Please pray for all those in our Archdiocese who are discerning their vocation, including our three seminarians Alfred, Kinh and Matthew, and Emilio who is preparing to enter the Seminary next year. May we all be open to God's call and respond with generosity and courage.

Ione Haines says THANK YOU for all the prayers after her recent illness

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.

New tenants coming into the St Benedict's Presbytery.

Our Izard St neighbours at St Benedict's Church will shortly be commencing extensive building works on their property.

During the construction period they will be renting the St Benedict's presbytery. If you see them around, please say hello and make them feel welcome.

Thanks to the Challenge 2000 team for all their assistance in clearing out and getting the premises ready. And to Carol for organising all this.

Pizza Night: 1 August at the Johnsonville Presbytery 7pm. Hosted by the Ohariu Youth Team. For 15 to 30 yrs Come and have your say and meet some new people. Contact Sio at 021 08160396

REMEMBERING THE HOLY SOULS - MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

RIP: Daniel McNeillage

Anniversaries: Agnes Wardropper, Bernie Diggins, Pio F Roa Luisa Victa, Bill Smith.



Next Week's Readings:

Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23; Colossians 3:1-5,9-11;
Luke 12:13-21

Seasons for Growth is an education programme which explores the effects of change, loss and grief. Using the imagery of the four seasons, the programme is a safe and proven way to help people process and adjust to changing experiences. A programme for adults will be offered: six weekly sessions, starting on Sunday 18 August, 2.00 – 4.30pm, in the Emmaus Centre, St Christopher's Anglican Church, 167 main Road, Tawa. Cost \$25 for the workbook. For more information, or to register, please contact Bridgett on 934 1811 or email: honitonfantail@gmail.com

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

Catholic Ministries Appeal

"Every person shall give as they are able, according to the blessing of the Lord your God." Deut 16:17
There is a deep desire among our people to do more to bring the Good News to others, and to provide the services that our Archdiocesan ministries can offer. Cardinal John invites you to join him in providing financial support to these important Catholic ministries, to consider volunteering your time and to commit to pray for the work of the Archdiocese. For more information and ways to donate, pick up a Catholic Ministries Appeal envelope today.

First Friday morning tea after the 9am service at St Benedict's on 2 August. Hospitality: Rae and John Gray
First Saturday devotions 9am at St Benedict's on 3 August Exposition, Reconciliation and Benediction

News from the Archdiocese

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

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: 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

Parish Office
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www.stfrancisohariu.nz
Phone 478 7137

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 St Bens Room 1 and 8
Thurs: 9am Liturgy of the Word with Communion
Friday: 9am Mass
Sat: 9am Mass

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