

# St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish



**19th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 11 August 2019**  
**Readings:** Wisdom 18:6-9; Hebrews 11:1-2,8-19; Luke 12:32-48

**Theme for the Month:**  
**Eucharist**

## 'Real Presence'

We believe that the Mass, the celebration of Eucharist is the source and summit of Christian life. This is why each weekend we gather to praise and thank God, to listen and to pray - and to receive communion. Christ comes to us. We become one with him. This sacrament that we continue to share today during Mass is not symbolic as some parts of our Mass are, it IS the body and blood of Jesus. Eucharist is God's gift to me, to you, to us, to hold onto when our daily lives take us places. We are continually called to share of ourselves in our daily lives, expectations to fulfil – both personal and that of others. It is exhausting! Then every so often we get the opportunity to say, "Here I am Lord, I am tired, nourish me"; "Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed."

When we receive Eucharist during the celebration of Mass, it is the opportunity to surrender. There is no judgement, there is no expectation, there is no need to reciprocate. It is a simple communion with Jesus who is present and holding out the gift of himself, waiting to be accepted by me, by you, by us. HE is waiting for you, ONLY YOU - to take this moment and receive, to feel the warmth in your being, as you did when you got your first gift from someone who loved you. It is your time to feel loved unconditionally and to be reminded that with Jesus you can be yourself and rest awhile.

Blessings to all!

*Marushka Caldeiro*

Until January 2020 our parish has **monthly themes** that will be the focus of our parish masses, formation, liturgies, prayer, social life and outreach. The themes are: August – Eucharist, September – Community, October – Mission and St Francis of Assisi, November – Prayer and December – Advent and Christmas. August will be looked after by members of the LFT as it is already underway!

The LFT invite all parishioners to actively participate in the monthly planning of these themes. We invite you to bring these Christian and spiritual themes to life in our parish and the wider community. Four committees and maybe sub committees, will steer each month's activities. We invite you to consider if YOU can lead or join one of these monthly committees and offer your gifts to support this new parish venture. It will not be too arduous- particularly if many offer their God-given talents to make this happen. The first parish theme meeting will be held on Sunday August 18th at 3pm at Ss Peter and Pauls Johnsonville. Please come along or alternatively offer your ideas and hands to ohariuparish@xtra.co.nz or contact one of the LFT members.

## 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*

## FILIPINO COMMUNITY MASS

All members of the Filipino community are invited to attend a Mass on Sunday 11 August at 4pm at Sts Peter and Paul Church, Johnsonville, followed by a time of fellowship. Celebrant: Fr Marlon Tebelin, Filipino Chaplain.

## Assumption Mass Times - 15 August Holy Day of Obligation

9.30am St Benedict's Church with the school  
11am at St Peter & Paul's Church  
6pm at St Andrew's Church in Newlands

## PARISH ACTIVITIES

### SUNDAY 11 August

**Malvina Major Eucharistic Liturgy** 10.30am in Chapel

**Filipino Community Mass** 4pm at St Peter & Paul's Church

### MONDAY 12 August

**Christian Meditation** 7pm St Benedict's Church

### TUESDAY 13 August

**Combined Liturgy meeting** 7pm in Johnsonville Presbytery

### THURSDAY 15 August (*Feast of the Assumption*)

**Mass** at St Bens 9.30 with the School

**Mass** at St Peter & Paul's 11am

**Mass** at St Andrew's 6pm

### FRIDAY 16 August

**Divine Mercy** 6.30pm at St Andrew's Church.

### SUNDAY 18 August

**Holy Communion** Children's session 10am St Benedict's

**Holy Communion** Children's session 10am St Peter & Paul's

**Youth Mass** 10.30 St Peter & Pauls Church

**Malvina Major Eucharistic Liturgy** 10.30am in Chapel

**Newlands St Vincent de Paul Conference** 11am at St Andrew's Newlands in the Chapel.

## **National Vocations Awareness Week : 4 - 11 August 2019:**

Lives of Service, Lives of Joy: "God calls you to make definitive choices, and he has a plan for each of you: to discover that plan and to respond to your vocation is to move toward personal fulfilment. God calls each of us to be holy, to live his life, but he has a particular path for each one of us." *Pope Francis - WYD July 2013.* 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 Seminary next year. May we all be open to God's call and respond with generosity and courage.

## 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.



**Next Week's Readings:**  
Jeremiah 38:4-6,8-10; Hebrews 12:1-4; Luke 12:49-53

As part of our Parish theme month on Community in September, the Focolare group, who reside in our parish are kindly offering to facilitate the following:  
Be inspired by reading together and share insights in a group, THE APOSTOLIC EXHORTATION GAUDETE ET EXSULTATE OF POPE FRANCIS ON THE CALL TO HOLINESS IN TODAY'S WORLD.  
Initially Johnsonville Parish Hall on Tuesday 24 Sept at 10.30am and on Thursday 26 September at 7.30pm.  
Register your interest on the forms in the back of the church or ring the Parish office , 044787137 for additional information.

**Mass for Alternative Thinkers** will be celebrated by Eddie Condra at the Chapel, Challenge 2000, 1 Wanaka Street, Johnsonville on Sunday 25 August at 4pm. All welcome. Queries, please contact Helen 027 4243365 or sligohelen@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*.  
Contact Clayton on 027 2676263 or Nirmala on 021 1082074 Blanche on 021 2375558 or Derrick on 027 5058403

Celebrating the feast of the **Assumption of Mary** – patroness of New Zealand. This coming Thursday, 15 August is a very special feast in our church. Although the dogma of the Assumption is relatively recent (proclaimed in 1950), the feast of the Assumption is one of the earliest in the Christian tradition. For us in New Zealand and for the peoples of the Pacific, it is of particular importance. "Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us."

**Open Home International: Annual Report**  
Friday 30 August 2019 - 7- 9.00pm followed by supper.  
VENUE: Johnsonville Uniting Church Main Hall, Dr Taylor Tce  
RSVP with names by 23 August to Ewen Laurenson 478 7108  
email: ewen.gillian@ohfint.co.nz

**Proposed Community Hymn Sing**  
This is proposed for a weekday morning for a 30 minute session, singing 5 or so hymns. And this is also open to the wider community. Part singing welcomed. Mainly traditional hymns from common usage. To register interest and offer suggestions on time, and content, please contact organist Malcolm Leitch on 479-3100, or [malcjl51@gmail.com](mailto:malcjl51@gmail.com)

**Commissioning of Proclaimers of the Word.**  
The commissioning will take place in a short ritual after the homily. This weekend, 10 - 11 August, Proclaimers of the Word will be commissioned during all parish Masses.

**St Vincent de Paul Food Bank - Johnsonville**  
Thank you for your generosity in supplying items for the food bank to help families in need. At the moment we don't require pasta and rice as we are very well stocked with these items.

### News from the Archdiocese

- 15 August: Joshua Catholic Fellowship** for Men. 7.30pm Connolly Hall. Theme: Palmerston North Retreat Testimony.
- 17 August: St Pat's Sports Sale** 10-2pm for pre loved sports gear. To donate gear contact [parentsassociation@stpats.school.nz](mailto:parentsassociation@stpats.school.nz)
- 17 August: Vigil for the Unborn** 10am Mass St Anne's, Newtown followed by Rosary procession to the Hospital.
- 17 August: Dove Catholic Fellowship** for Women. 1.30pm Connolly Hall, Speaker: Silvana Abella Director of ICPE Wgtn
- 18 August: Sausage sizzle** at Newlands New World 11am to 1pm. Northern Ward City Councillors will be selling emergency water tanks. \$110 each. Malcolm Sparrow 027 232 2320
- 20 August: Exploring the true meaning of loveableness** 7pm at St Anne's Church, Newtown. A talk by Fr Kevin Connors. In his recently completed thesis called "A phenomenology of the Eucharist", Fr Kevin seeks to unveil the kindness of God's face in the Eucharist. All are welcome
- 28 August: Cardinals Lunch.** 12pm at the Intercontinental Hotel. "Go, you are sent" Register at <https://cl2019.lilregie.com>  
For more information phone Robyn 027 2018766
- 31 August: Daffodil Day.** Collectors wanted for 2 hour shifts. Contact Toby at the Cancer Society 389 8421

**Youth Mass** next Sunday 18th August 10:30am  
SS Peters & Paul, Johnsonville.  
Contact Sio at 02108160396 for more information or if you would like to be involved.



### REMEMBERING THE HOLY SOULS - MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

**RIP:** Bishop Stuart O'Connell  
**Anniversaries:** Bridie Taylor, Eileen Cooney, Nicolasa Lalic Basabas, Joseph Radomski, David Shroff



## St Francis of Assisi



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

**Tues: 9.15am** Liturgy of the Word with Communion  
**Wed: 11am** Liturgy of the Word with Communion  
**Thurs: 11am Mass (Assumption)**  
**Friday: 9am** Liturgy of the Word with Communion

**St Andrew's Church**  
27 Trebann St, Newlands  
**Sunday Mass 12pm**

**WEEKDAY TIMETABLE**  
**Thursday: 6pm Mass (Assumption)**  
**Friday: 6.30pm Rosary & Divine Mercy**

**Our Lady of Fatima Church**  
169 Main Rd TAWA  
**Weekday Mass available**  
**Mon-Sat at 9am**

**St Benedict's Church, 3 Everest St,**  
**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** Liturgy of the Word with Communion  
**Thurs: 9.30am Mass with the school**  
**Friday: 9am** Liturgy of the Word with Communion  
**Sat: 9am** Liturgy of the Word with Communion

**Catholic Ministries Appeal:** Pick up a Catholic Ministries Appeal envelope today.