

St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish



20th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 18 August 2019
Readings: Jeremiah 38:1-2,4-6,8-10; Hebrews 12:1-4 Luke 12:49-53

Theme for the Month:
Eucharist



Photo from the children's Mass at St Ben's last week

DON'T PUT ME BACK IN THE TOMB: MY STONE IS ROLLED BACK.

The Eucharist is the most ordinary and the most divine gesture imaginable. That is the truth of Jesus. So human, yet so divine; so familiar, yet so mysterious; so close, yet so revealing! But that is the story of Jesus... It is the story of God who wants to come close to us, so close that we can see him with our own eyes, hear him with our own ears, touch him with our own hands; so close that there is nothing between us and him, nothing that separates, nothing that divides, nothing that creates distance.

Jesus is God-for-us, God-with-us, God-within-us. Jesus is God giving himself completely, pouring himself out for us without reserve. Jesus doesn't hold back or cling to his own possessions. He gives all there is to give.

'Eat, drink, this is my body, this is my blood... this is me for you. Now go out and be me to others.'

Pete Roe sm

PARISH MEETING TODAY, SUNDAY 18 AUGUST 3pm at Sts Peter and Paul's, Johnsonville. All parishioners are invited to come together on Sunday afternoon to share and discuss ideas for celebrating and bringing to life our parish themes for the coming months. SEPTEMBER: Community; OCTOBER: Mission and St Francis of Assisi; NOVEMBER: Prayer; DECEMBER: Advent and Christmas. After a brief introduction and explanation, everyone will be invited to write ideas relating to the various themes on large pieces of paper around the walls. Then we will form groups to draft an initial plan for each theme. There is a place for everyone and everyone's ideas. Come along as a family! There will be leaders and activities for the children.

Commissioning of Ministers of Eucharist and Proclaimers of the Word: Congratulations to all who were commissioned over the past two weekends! Those who were unable to take part in August will be invited to be commissioned next month.

Baptism Ministry: Sincere thanks to Father Pete, Kevin Rodrigues, Lizza and Ronald Martinez who have led two formation sessions with couples preparing to join the Ministry. These generous couples will be welcomed to the Ministry and commissioned next month.

Introducing Fr John Pettit: I came to Wellington and am residing at Viard House in the Cathedral Parish. After fifteen years as an OCSO monk at Kopua I am well grounded in contemplative prayer and keen to encourage this; remembering it's not just for monks. Although an older man I am only four years a priest; ordained at Kopua. I am also a registered Spiritual Director, having trained while at Kopua. I have deep concern for the environment and following Pope Francis' Laudato Si, I am happy to encourage care for creation in whatever way I can. I was once a married man with family so have a good understanding of family life. For the next few months Fr John Pettit will assist with pastoral work in the parish on Tuesdays 10am onwards.

Fr John will accompany those who visit and take Holy Communion to rest homes in the parish and will anoint residents who wish to be anointed. He will also be available at the Johnsonville presbytery for parishioners who may like to speak with him.

Update on heaters at Sts Peter and Paul's church: Many thanks to Brian Hill who is working with an electrical engineer and heating consultant to prepare options and quotes for replacement heaters for the church.

PARISH ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY 18 August

Holy Communion Children's session 10am St Benedict's
Holy Communion Children's session 10am Rm 12 St Brigid'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

MONDAY 19 August

Christian Meditation 7pm St Benedict's Church
Music Meeting 7.30 St Peter & Paul's

TUESDAY 20 August

Christian Spirituality with Fr Eddie 10am St Benedict's
Malvina Major Mass in the Chapel at 2.30pm with Fr Wysocki

SVDP Johnsonville meeting 7.30pm at St Peter & Pauls

THURSDAY 22 August

SVDP Onslow branch meeting 6.30pm at St Benedict's

FRIDAY 23 August

School Mass 11.30 with St Brigid's at St Peter & Paul's Church
School Concert 6pm at St Benedict's Church
Holy Communion practice 3.30 at St Peter & Paul's Church
Divine Mercy 6.30pm at St Andrew's Church.

SUNDAY 25 August

Holy Communion Mass 9am at St Ben's
Malvina Major Eucharistic Liturgy 10.30am in Chapel
Holy Communion Mass 12pm at St Andrew's Church
St Andrew's Committee meeting 6pm at Newlands

The essence of Christian Spirituality (follow on from the last series) '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 20th, 27th and 3 September

Presenter Eddie Condra

PARISH NOTICES

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please remember those who are ill: Mary Cummins, Tabea Squire, Frances Willetts, Beven Francisco, Stan George, Malia Lemalu, Seniorita Laukau, Petelo Godinet, Abbey Washington, Margaret D'Souza, Peter McKenzie, Ian Coleman, Jan Chandler, John Duffy, Bernie McSweeney.

Celebrating Differences: Building Bridges of Trust. An amazing story of bitter enemies becoming best friends. Imam Dr Muhammad Ashafa and Pastor Dr James Wuye of Nigeria will be speaking on Monday 19 August 5.30-7 pm at Victoria University GBLT1, Old Government Buildings (access off Stout Street and Whitmore Street) and Tuesday 20 August 6pm - 7.30pm at Wellington Islamic Centre, 7-11 Queens Drive, Kilbirnie. A profound presentation of how two mortal enemies moved from vengeance and killing to healing and friendship. For a ride in to this event please call Sio - Youth Min team on 02108160396

The final date for **submissions on Abortion** is THURSDAY 19 SEPTEMBER 2019, but the Select Committee is already receiving submissions. View the 8-page Submission Guide <https://www.chooselife.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/Submission-Guide.pdf>

Check our website www.LoveThemBoth.nz
Abortion is both a legal and a health issue. It's about the health of the mother and the health of the unborn child. The legal safety of the mother and the legal status of the unborn child. Love them both. Thank you for your time. Now, the real work begins!

St Benedict's School Spring Fair. Sunday 3 November 11am—2pm—Help needed

Knitted goods contact wendybarber02@gmail.com
Garden stall contact ruthburns74@yahoo.co.nz
Café food contact kimhowardnz@gmail.com

Onslow Catholic Women's League: We warmly invite all our members and women of the parish to attend a celebration of the feast day of St Margaret Clitherow, the patroness of the CWL, on Friday 30th August at St Benedict's Church. Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion at 11am followed by a shared lunch, then an activity sharing afternoon and a raffle.

REMEMBERING THE HOLY SOULS - MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

RIP: Marietta Martinez, Rosita Dabalos Dacuyan
Su'a Logotaeao Sialava'a

Anniversaries: Louis Pinto, Robin Adair, Joseph Harte,
Vittorio Canderle, Susan Donnelly, Carlos Ballesteros
Raymundo & Rosalina Salang.



Next Week's Readings:

Isaiah 66:18-21; Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13; Luke 13:22-30

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.

Marian Mothers Evening Meeting

This month's meeting is being held on Monday 19 August at 33 John Sims Drive, Broadmeadows at 7:30 pm. Our topic is "John Vanier: Arms Wide Open". We will be reflecting on the life of Jean Vanier, founder of the L'Arche communities. All welcome. For information and transport, please call Joanne on 021 043 6856.

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



Baptisms: We welcome into our Parish
Paikea Mullany & Leana Bernardo
who are being Baptised in our Parish this weekend.

A Night of Music and Entertainment – X Factor

7 September in the Uniting Church at Johnsonville. 7pm onwards. \$15 per family

News from the Archdiocese

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. The Intercontinental Hotel on Wednesday 28 August at 12pm. Our lunch will feature Cardinal John Dew, sharing his vision for the future of the church being young, transformed and transformative. Cardinal John is optimistic for the future, encouraging the faithful to be outward looking, through the message at the 2017 synod of "Go, you are sent". Please join us as we break bread and share our Catholic values. To register on line <https://cl2019.lilregie.com> or phone Robyn 027 2018766

29 August: Parenting Faith. Nurturing your child's faith at home. Presented by Chris Duthie-Jung 7.30-9pm Connolly Hall. Contact Felicity Giltrap f.giltrap@wn.catholic.org.nz

31 August: Suffrage in Stiches. An exhibition of textile work. Wellington Museum 3 Jervois Quay 10am-5pm

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 Mass with the school
Wed: 11am Mass
Thurs: 9am Liturgy of the Word with Communion
Friday: 11.30 School 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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St Benedict's Church, 3 Everest St, Khn
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 the school
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

NEW PARISH WEBSITE VIEWS SOUGHT:

St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish is investigating an improved web presence to better communicate with current and potential parishioners, and want your views on what you want from a Parish website.

Please take a couple of minutes to complete the survey with the link below by 28 August: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/QGRBTZF>. If you have any questions or comments, or have skills in website creation, please contact the parish office. Thanks for your input! There are hard copies available in the foyer of each Church



A few weeks ago..... the question was posed.....

What does the washing of the feet say about the Eucharist?

I was very heartened to receive your replies.

Here are some of the responses that came from you. Well worth reflecting on as this weekend we concentrate on how **Eucharist leads to Service**

Thank you from Fr Pete

I've always felt that the Eucharist was mainly for my own personal, purification and salvation..... And that receiving it was the end goal.

I've not really before until now, contemplated it being the beginning of something.... Of the beginning of ministry to others... which now seems so obvious to me when I think of it's place in the Gospel.

Jesus washed the feet of the disciples after the meal. He did this to make it clear to his followers about the need to love one another. This gives purpose and meaning in life as I am fed by the Eucharist. Instead of thinking "what now". Jesus example to love and serve others shows that I must love and care for others. It is made real now by the Holy Spirit, Jesus sent to us. The presence of God, Jesus is present always.

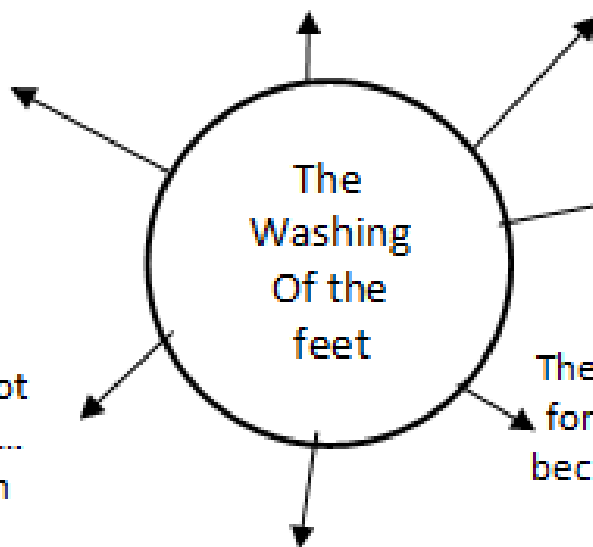
The washing of the feet says that the Eucharist is about empowering us to simple, humble action in service of others...
Action that is mutually Mana enhancing

The Eucharist is not Love as a thought...
It's Love in action

The Eucharist is not a sign of Elitism or exclusivity. It's about a deep and authentic humility (which asks us some serious questions about how we live our lives after receiving it!!)

Servant Leadership

Reversal of Roles



Intimacy. Getting close to those we are with + whom we serve

The Eucharist is not just for I, me and myself! It becomes whole through service of others

Washing of the feet ↔ Eucharist

By washing the feet of his disciples, Jesus gave us the example of how we are to love and serve each other. We are given the strength to persevere in loving and serving God, and loving and serving all we meet every day, by receiving the real Body and Blood of Christ in Holy Communion, Food for the journey, and each and every one of us. (Eucharist)

We receive Holy Communion and we then go to "wash the feet" of all we meet.

Dear Fr Peter

Thanks for the opportunity to comment on Victor Frankl's "Men's search for meaning"

My 46 year old daughter found your leaflet struck the right note for her, particularly the quote about the necessity for a reflective space between stimulus and response.

She considers the washing of the feet at the Lord's last supper highlights the need to serve others before ourselves. Frankl's positive impact on other prisoners in Dachau shows the need to confront the inevitable suffering on our life's journey with the cross of Jesus which we must pick up to follow him.

For me the Eucharist is about being nourished.

Eucharist is about food for the journey.

When I participate in the Eucharistic meal I am nourished by love

I am united intimately with others at the table....

And then nourished and energised by love. I go out and serve by washing the feet of others...

And in the spirit of Love I can be a channel of Love to others.

Washing the Feet

- the Mandatum- commandment
- service
- hospitality
- cleansing
- humility in giving and receiving
- care and tenderness
- dedication - feet are often seen as smelly and dirty
- gift
- meeting -giving and receiving
- friendship
- outward sign of love
- Jesus dressed in a towel
- As preparation
- Thanksgiving afterwards

Eucharist

- Sacrament of love & thanksgiving
- service
- hospitality - all are welcome
- renewal
- humility in giving and receiving
- care and tenderness
- dedication
- gift
- meeting- giving and receiving
- friendship
- outward sign of love
- Jesus dressed in a towel
- Preparation
- Thanksgiving afterwards

I think washing the feet is getting them clean and the dust of the journey off. It is also humbling to have another person wash your feet which also leads to servitude serving the other person. This should work by then going out and serving others in the name of Eucharist

I did not see what Christ washing the feet of the disciples had to do with the Eucharist. After reflection I thought the following may apply.

Washing the feet is a humble act of servitude which would, no doubt, have been done by the lowest servant girl/boy. Christ often is quoted as saying "I came to serve, not to be served" and "the greatest among you must be the servant of all".

When we receive the Eucharist we respond to the words "Body of Christ" with "Amen". This Amen is us saying "yes, I will be the body of Christ" in the world today. God has no arms, no legs but ours and as we say Amen when receiving the Eucharist we are making a commitment to serve

When he washed the feet of the apostles Jesus indicated his desire to serve them.

So we go forth from the Mass to serve the Parish and community. Yes, we DO this AND Yes we could DO MORE.

If, and when there are no, or relatively few priests, this Parish is perfectly capable of getting on and continuing to function effectively.

So I think it is a fine balance between what we implement now and what we leave till it is absolutely necessary and I honestly believe that there are some things for which we cannot prepare but TRUSTING IN THE LORD he will see us through.

The Washing of the Feet

Quote from an elderly Malvina Major Chapel community member:

"We are to Love and serve the Lord and each other"

Washing of the feet - to Eucharist means to me
Take a moment and reach outside yourself.

Washing the feet—Eucharist

Do you want a McDonald's Mass? Or slow Sunday to Sunday top up roast?

I feel sad when so many people miss out on "only once a month" morning tea.

Also sad when people I recognise from Church don't smile or acknowledge you in a different setting. The fast life has taken over.

BUT, if the people who don't stay for a cuppa and the people in the fast lane have serious issues with family, work etc, and are giving them their all, then all of the above should be deleted, in a moment of contemplation. (Frankl) They are washing the feet.

Thank you for the Frankl quote—very helpful.

Personally, an extension of the Eucharist to me is being with those you love including fellow parishioners.