

St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish



21st Sunday in Ordinary Time - 25 August 2019
Readings: Isaiah 66:18-21; Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13; Luke 13:22-30

Theme for the Month:
Eucharist

August Theme Month of the Eucharist:

A special message was given by Pope Francis to a large group of children when he celebrated Mass for their first communion this year (sadly he wasn't here in Ohariu!!).

Pope Francis said: "First Communion is, above all, a celebration. We celebrate Jesus, who wants to remain always by our side. He will always be with us. This is our identity card: God is our Father, Jesus is our brother, the church is our family. All of us are brothers and sisters, and our law is love. Always pray with the same enthusiasm and joy that you feel today and remember that this is the sacrament of your first Communion, not your last! And remember, too, that Jesus is always there, waiting for you".

Before the Pope gave first communion to each of the 250 plus children he said: "Now you will receive Jesus. Don't think of anything else; just think of Jesus".

As each of us receives communion this weekend, let us be filled with joy and hope knowing that Jesus is with us and that he is indeed food for our journey. Jesus is the one who shows us the way to live and gives us his example and body so that we can serve, love and build the kingdom of God. This is our faith – our identity as Catholics.

So huge Congratulations to the 68 children who make their first communion on Sunday. You children are wonderful and make us all very happy.

Thank you to parents, grandparents and family members who are here to support their children on this special day. A big thank you also to those who helped prepare the children and to all who have made this occasion a memorable and holy one.

Let's leave our churches today enthusiastically committed to making our families, schools, workplaces, communities, city and country places of joy, inclusiveness, justice and love.

Theme Team Meeting: Last Sunday 30+ parishioners attended the planning event for the Monthly themes for the rest of 2019. A big thank you for your ideas and commitment. September will be the month of COMMUNITY so we will be focussing on getting to know our parish brothers and sisters, finding out the history of our communities, understanding the needs of our people and working out how to meet those needs, celebrating our diversity, caring for our earth, deepening our faith as a community, marking specific days and having a social event or two! So if you are keen to be involved further then email your ideas to ohariuparish@xtra.co.nz and also watch the space on the notice boards that will update you on what you can get involved with. There will be lots going on! Hopefully there will be something for everyone to enjoy, support, participate in, learn from and get excited about. Please talk to each other!



Our new Eucharistic Ministers: Sio Iaseto-Filo, Savio Concessio, Piki Boyles, Chris Amituanai, Jared Caldiero with Pete Roe at their training session.

PARISH ACTIVITIES

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

MONDAY 26 August

Christian Meditation 7pm St Benedict's Church

TUESDAY 27 August

Christian Spirituality with Fr Eddie 10am St Benedict's

FRIDAY 30 August

CWL Event 11am at St Benedict's
Divine Mercy 6.30pm at St Andrew's Church.
Open Home International: Annual Report: 7-9pm followed by supper at Johnsonville Uniting Church

SUNDAY 1 September (Fathers Day)

Malvina Major Eucharistic Liturgy 10.30am in Chapel
Newlands St Vincent de Paul Conference 11am at St Andrew's Newlands in the Chapel

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 27th and 3 September. *Presenter Eddie Condra*

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. This service will take the place of our usual 4th Tuesday social meeting.

PARISH NOTICES

SEPTEMBER COMMUNITY THEME EVENTS

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 EXULTATE 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.

Father John Pettit leads two workshops focussing on what each of us and our parish community can do to care for the home we live in. His basis of reflection and suggestions for action will be Laudato Si: Pope Francis' Encyclical Letter on Climate change.

Sunday September 8th: What we can do about our Earth? 2pm-4pm

Tuesday September 10th : What we can do about our Earth? 1-3pm This is a repeat of Sundays workshop

Where: Ss Peter and Pauls Johnsonville Presbytery or Church.

Along with the importance of little everyday gestures, social love moves us to devise larger strategies to halt environmental degradation and to encourage a "culture of care" which permeates all of society". (Laudato Si 231)

Social Justice Week Sunday 8-14 will be launched in our parish with a Children's Mass at St Benedict's at 9am on Sunday September 8 and closed with a Youth Mass at 10.30am at Ss Peter and Pauls on Sunday 15th. The Theme set by the New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference is: FAIR – YOU SAY and is based on that golden rule from Matthews Gospel (7-12). "Do unto others what you would have them do to you". A fitting guideline for our Community theme here in Ohariu this month.

CHALLENGE 2000 urgently needs a sewing machine for our young mums group to learn to sew. Our last one kindly donated by a parishioner is unfixable! If you can help please call Jason on 044776827 or simply drop your old one into 1 Wanaka Street. Thanks :)

REMEMBERING THE HOLY SOULS -

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

RIP: Dennis Cody

Anniversaries: Rizalito Mejia, Margaret Devotta



A Night of Music and Entertainment – X Factor

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

Next Week's Readings: Ecclesiastes 3:17-20,28-29; Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24; Luke 14:7-14

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 slighohelen@gmail.com.



Parenting Faith

Nurturing your child's Catholic faith at home. Parents are children's first educators in faith. This seminar aims to equip parents with ideas and recourses to "do" faith at home. Thursday 29 August 7.30 to 9pm in Connolly Hall. Entry by Koha. Please come along

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.



Baptisms: We welcome into our Parish

Amelia Choi

who is being Baptised in our Parish this weekend.

News from the Archdiocese

27 August: Holy Hour 7.30 Cathedral Chapel to pray for Vocations to the Priesthood and consecrated life. Supper after

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

12 September: St. Mary's College PTFA Fundraiser **QUIZ NIGHT** at The Shepherds Arms, Tinakori Road Tickets are now on sale, on-line at this link: <https://booking.co.nz/CGS>

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 Mass
Thurs: 9am Liturgy of the Word with Communion
Friday: 9am Liturgy of the Word with Communion

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

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Friday: 6.30pm Rosary & Divine Mercy

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St Benedict's Church, 3 Everest St, Khn
Saturday Vigil Mass 6pm
Sunday Mass 9am

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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

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