

St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish



18th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 4 August 2019

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

**Theme for the Month:
Eucharist**

Greetings from the Leadership Formation Team: We hope that you are keeping warm during this cold snap.

As you know it is a custom of our church to mark particular days, weeks, months or years as times of remembrance, devotion, action or learning. October, for example, has been designated by Pope Francis as an extraordinary month of Mission. The Pope has asked "that the whole Church revive her missionary awareness and commitment as we commemorate the centenary of the Apostolic Letter *Maximum Illud* of Pope Benedict XV (30 November 1919)". In response to this request and taking on board the comments of many of our parishioners, the LFT along with our Marist priests, have decided to choose themes that our parish masses, formation, social life and outreach will focus on for the next five months.

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 offer your gifts and time in creating liturgies, artwork, devotions, learning modules, wall hangings, projects, planning events and writing prayers and songs - anything that will bring these Christian and spiritual themes to life in a vibrant and community-building way. WE NEED YOU. WE NEED ALL of YOU. WE NEED to become an US.

Already parishioners have offered: to make additional lectern hangings and posters, donate money prizes to create a St Francis parish hymn contest, facilitate reflection evenings on a papal document and prepare videos on parish missionary and service outreaches.

The LFT envisages the setting up of four committees to steer each month's activities. We invite you all to consider if YOU can 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 meeting will be held on **Sunday August 18th at 3pm at Ss Peter and Pauls Johnsonville.** We hope to see as many parishioners as possible getting actively involved in one of the monthly planning committees/teams. So please come along or alternatively offer your ideas and hands to ohariuparish@xtra.co.nz or contact one of the LFT members.

Breaking news: A Kind Good-Bye from Paul Alford: After a busy six months with both the Leadership Formation Team and as the Parish Transition Manager since May, I have, for personal reasons, resigned as manager and from any other formal involvement with the parish.

At this time, I want to take this opportunity to recognise the people who make up the LFT. This is a group of talented people that I have enjoyed working with; faith-driven and totally committed to the good of the parish and all parishioners.

In a time when change is being thrust on us by external factors beyond our control, including a shortage of priests, they are proactively seeking to develop a new model of parish that will ensure we remain a strong Eucharistic Community centred on the Gospel, focused on the mission of Jesus Christ and on a just world. That can ultimately only happen through all parishioners getting involved.

In my experience over the last six months, there are many people excited by the prospects of change and ready to be more involved (and those opportunities will come) and others who are fearful. We need to draw on and trust the Holy Spirit and be kind to each other as change affects us all differently and it can be challenging. If any change is causing you distress, please approach the LFT and talk it through.

I have nothing but positive wishes for the parish going forward. The blessings of the Spirit on you all.

Paul Alford

PARISH ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY 4 August

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

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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

MONDAY 5 August

Christian Meditation 7pm St Benedict's Church

TUESDAY 6 August

LFT Nuts & Bolts meeting 9.30am in the Presbytery

Baptism Ministry 6pm in the Johnsonville Presbytery

Liturgy Committee meeting 7.30pm in St Benedict's Foyer

THURSDAY 8 August

Music group practice 7.30pm St Benedict's Church

FRIDAY 9 August

Ministry to the Sick meeting 2.45pm in the Johnsonville Presbytery

Divine Mercy 6.30pm at St Andrew's Church.

SUNDAY 11 August

Malvina Major Eucharistic Liturgy 10.30am in Chapel

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

National Vocations Awareness Week : 4 - 11 August 2019:

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:

Wisdom 18:6-9; Hebrews 11:1-2,8-19; Luke 12:32-48



Baptisms:

We welcome into our Parish **Lucas & Jonty Bates and Annabelle Walker** who are being Baptised in our Parish this weekend.

"Berkahn & Haydn" Tawa Community Orchestra
St Barnabas Church, 35 Box Hill Rd, Khandallah
Sunday 4 August at 2.30pm Koha entry
Accessible entry. All welcome!

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to the St Benedict's community for the flowers and the gift that was given to me, and also the morning tea after mass on Sunday 21st July 2019. During my 20 years of service. I have met and made many friendships along the way with those whom I call my very dear friends.

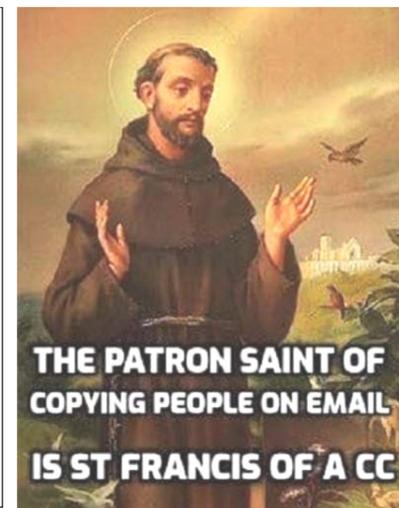
Words cannot express my gratitude for the recognition I have received as the housekeeper for the St Benedict's church presbytery, active and involved church member within the faith community. I pray God's blessings upon you all, that he may continue to shower you with love and kindness as you have done for me. God Bless,
Etevis Kalolo

Commissioning of Ministers of the Eucharist and Proclaimers of the Word.

This weekend, 3 - 4 August, Ministers of the Eucharist will be commissioned or re-commissioned at all Masses in the parish. The commissioning will take place in a short ritual after the homily.

Next weekend, 10 - 11 August, Proclaimers of the Word will be commissioned during parish Masses.

WELCOME MINISTRY: We warmly invite all parishioners and visitors to join us for a cup of tea, coffee or hot chocolate at the rear of Sts Peter and Paul's church after the 9am Mass this Sunday, **4 August**. Those who have recently arrived in the parish are especially welcome. It takes a few minutes and is an opportunity to meet new people and chat with old friends.



Assumption Mass Times - 15 August Holy Day of Obligation

9.15am St Benedict's Church with the school
11am at St Peter & Paul's Church
6pm at St Andrew's Church in Newlands

Children's Mass next Sunday 11th August 9am at St Benedict's, Khandallah.

Youth Mass 18th August 10:30am at SS Peters & Paul, Johnsonville.

For both Masses contact Sio at 02108160396 for more information or if you would like to be involved.



Children's group starting for ages 4 to 9 for boys & girls.

Sunday 11 August 2.30pm to 4.30pm. 128 Cortina Ave Johnsonville. Bible stories, art of loving, fun activities & games! Parents are more than welcome to stay for a cuppa. Contact Anne Shepherd (Focolare) 021 167 4653 email: anneshepherd67@gmail.com



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 Chaplin.

REMEMBERING THE HOLY SOULS -

RIP: Fr Bob Lee, Fr John Mori, Josephine Fouhy
Anniversaries: Marie de Joux, Graham Nicholl



Parish 2018/19 Financial Statements. The Finance Committee had earlier indicated to parishioners that the 2018/19 parish financial statements would be available in July. We however still need to complete further reconciliation of the previous years' accounts, which in turn impact the 2018/19 accounts. This means we are not in a position right now to publish these statements. As soon as the 2018/19 statements are finalised, we will be publishing these to parishioners and submitting to Charities Services. If you have questions, please contact any member of the Finance Committee.

July Collections	\$13,410.60		
Auto Payments	\$7,321.00	Total for July	\$20,731.16

Food for the next week: A message from Pope Francis: 'To Christians, the future does have a name, and its name is Hope. Feeling hopeful does not mean to be optimistically naïve and ignore the tragedy humanity is facing. Hope is the virtue of a heart that doesn't lock itself into darkness, that doesn't dwell on the past, does not simply get by in the present, but is able to see a tomorrow. Hope is the door that opens onto the future. ... And it can do so much, because a tiny flicker of light that feeds on hope is enough to shatter the shield of darkness. A single individual is enough for hope to exist. And that individual can be you. And then there will be another "you," and another "you," and it turns into an "us." And so, does hope begins when we have an "us?" No. Hope began with one "you." When there is an "us," there begins a revolution". TED Talk, 27 April 2017

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: 10.30 Reconciliation **11am** Mass
Thurs: 9am Liturgy of the word with Communion

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,

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, Fri & Sat: 9am Liturgy of the Word with Communion

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