

St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish



22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - 1 September 2019

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

**Theme for the Month:
Community**

"Go, you are sent.....to bring Christ to the world"

In today's Gospel we hear about Jesus sharing a Sabbath meal in the house of the chief Pharisee, and using the occasion to challenge those present – and us! Jesus says. "When you have a party, invite the poor, the cripple, the lame, the blind..." Jesus is calling us to be and to live true community, where everyone belongs, where everyone has dignity and purpose, where everyone is invited in, accepted and loved. A smile, a handshake, a hug, a friendly word, a noticing, an invitation ... let's start again today

We gather around the table of Eucharist to hear God's Word and to share one another's stories – who is sick and suffering, whose children are doing well, what is happening in the world. Together we are nourished and strengthened so that we can LIVE EUCHARIST in our homes and families, in our work places and communities – we can be Jesus for others.

There are people in each of our church communities who regularly visit those who are lonely or sick at home or in rest homes. Today we hear from two of them ...

"The Eucharist is for everyone because Jesus is the Eucharist.

When you are unable to receive the Blessed Sacrament due to illness or unable to get to Mass, you feel left out. People in rest homes feel left out. We have four rest homes around Johnsonville: Cashmere, Cashmere Heights, Churtonleigh and Malvina Major. Each of these rest homes has parishioners taking the Blessed Sacrament to them. We all feel it is a privilege and an honour to do this as Jesus is walking with us. When I start reciting the Our Father people's eyes and face light up as they say the Our Father with me." *Joanne Gordon*

"Administering the Eucharist to the infirm and elderly, to me, means walking in the shoes of Jesus and doing the Lord's work. On entering the room the wonderful feeling I have is when I see the face of the person receiving holy communion light up like a glowing candle. We chat and pray - sometimes holding hands, when I feel the power and warmth of the Lord through the fingers of the other person. I leave feeling humble and very grateful to be able to do this work for Jesus." *Carol Ryan*

Some of those who visit rest homes and homes have been reflecting on "You visited Me" by Fr James Lyons and meeting together to deepen their understanding and to share their experiences. Some also met with Fr James to prepare for their future roles.



If you know of anyone who is residing in the above rest homes who would like to receive communion, or anyone who would appreciate a visit in their own home, please contact the Parish Office or see the notice board for contact details.

Michael Hinds (Principal) with some of the Holy Communion children at St Ben's

PARISH ACTIVITIES

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

MONDAY 2 September

Christian Meditation 7pm St Benedict's Church

LFT Meeting 7pm in the Johnsonville Presbytery

TUESDAY 3 September

Christian Spirituality with Fr Eddie 10am St Benedict's

Fr John Pettit available at the Johnsonville Presbytery from 10am

FRIDAY 6 September

1st Friday Morning Tea: After 9am Mass at St Benedict's

Divine Mercy 6.30pm at St Andrew's Church.

SATURDAY 7 September

1st Saturday Devotions: 9am Mass, followed by Exposition, Reconciliation and Benediction at St Benedict's

SUNDAY 8 September

Malvina Major Eucharistic Liturgy 10.30am in Chapel

Shared Lunch at Newlands after 12pm Mass

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 3 September.
Presenter Eddie Condra

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!

A very happy Fathers day to all Fathers! You are great

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.

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 9am Mass this Sunday, **1 September** Those recently arrived in the parish are especially welcome. A good chance to meet new people and chat with old friends.

REMEMBERING THE HOLY SOULS -

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

RIP: Fr Felix Donnelly, Fr John O'Neill sm, Yvette Hermon

Anniversaries: Philip Desmond, Louis Pinto, Philip Salandanan, Pio Estipona, Freddie Dias, Herbert Schluter, Nellie Stowers, Patricia Mary Hollis



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: 10.30 Reconciliation 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

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Next Week's Readings:

Wisdom 9:13-18; Philemon 9:10, 12-17; Luke 14:25-33

First Friday Morning Tea: Come and join us on 6 September after the 9am Mass at Khandallah. *Hospitality: Ita Delahunty and Ann Corcoran.* All welcome

Shared Lunch at St Andrew's: All are welcome to join us after the 12noon Mass on 8 September. The team is celebrating the birthday of "Our blessed Lady" and all the parishioners that help look after our people, the church and the Mass.

Mass for those affected by Divorce or Separation

Cardinal John extends a warm welcome to any and all who are affected by separation and divorce to join him in the celebration of Mass at Ss Peter and Paul Church, 60 Knights Road, Lower Hutt, 7pm, Wednesday 25 September 2019, followed by a glass of wine and light refreshments. If you would like to help with the Mass, please contact Felicity on email f.giltrap@wn.catholic.org.nz or 496 1719.

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, Bernie McSweeney, Ross Gundersen.

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

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

News from the Archdiocese

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>

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