

Brief History of the Parish.

The first Mass was celebrated in what is now this parish in 1908 in a building known as Vickers Hall, situated in Simla Crescent. The Mass was presided over by Father T Walsh, curate of Lower Hutt. Eventually a small church was built in Ngatoto Street and opened in September 1912.

In 1950 the area of Ngaio and Khandallah was cut off from Johnsonville and became a parish

in its own right - the new Parish of Onslow with Father Tim O'Brien as the first Parish Priest. The parish set about setting up St Benedict's School in Nicholson Road, providing accommodation for a Mass centre in the school buildings.

On January 31st, 1965, St. Benedict's Church, Khandallah, was blessed and opened by His Lordship, Bishop Snedden - thus providing a Church central to the Khandallah area.

. By 1975 St. John's in Ngatoto Street and St. Benedict's in Everest Street were used as two churches within the parish of Onslow. The 50th Jubilee of the Onslow Parish was held on Sunday October 15th, 2000 at which the celebrant was Cardinal Tom Williams The Final Mass and Farewell of the St Johns Church in Ngaio was held on the 20th of May 2012. The building was sold to allow alterations and earthquake strengthening to be made to the St Benedict's Church.

Now here we are in 2016 taking another major step in combining with Johnsonville and Newlands to become part of the Parish of St Francis of Assisi, Ohariu.