



Atawhai Assisi

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ASSISI RETIREMENT VILLAGE NEWS

March 2026

Hi everyone,

Another month has flown by and after about 2 years of producing the newsletter, this will be my final one. Sharon Quinn has kindly offered to continue doing the newsletter and it will be great to see her put her own spin on it and I will be relieved that there will be no last minute panic to get it done. Please forward anything you want put into the newsletter to Sharon at sharonquinn@xtra.co.nz or pop it in her letterbox.

Garden



It was great to see the second vege garden go up so quickly. Thanks Louis. The concrete at the back of the existing garden has been extended to allow people in wheel chairs or on walkers get around the gardens. It can now become a place to visit like the Flight Centre. We now have the opportunity to swap the plantings of various veges from season to season and from garden to garden. The existing garden will need some attention soon, pulling out the dead plants and caring for the newer ones so a working bee will be needed in the near future.

We have had a fabulous growth season this summer and have tried planting some eggplants and kumara which we haven't grown before. The eggplant is ging well and although the kumara was planted late, it's looking good. Goodness knows when you dig them up!

Movie and Pizza Night
Monday, 9th March 2026
Sharon Quinn will put order forms
In your letterboxes. Please return to her
Please pay on the night
Movie is Jumanji – Welcome to the Jungle



Rugby Sweepstake

It was good to see so many people participate in the rugby sweepstake even though many of us wouldn't have a clue about rugby! You're more than welcome to get outside opinions if you so desire, to help you make your choices. Don't forget to hand your weekly picks in to me or put them in our letterbox if that's more convenient to you. Good luck everyone and may you choose well. After the first two weeks, Sharon Quinn and Malcolm are sharing the lead by one point so there's everything to play for.

Villa Lunch
27th March 2026
The Boundary Bar & Kitchen, Tamahere
If travelling in the van, please meet at reception
By 11.45am

Assisi Chapel Services



Here are the sessions for March 2026 to which everyone is welcome

Bible Study

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Venue</u>
Monday, 2 nd , 16 th	11.00am	Chapel
Wednesday, 25 th	11.15am	Chapel

Discussion Group

Wednesday, 18 th	11.15am	Hata Lounge
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Combined Church Services

Monday, 23 rd	11.00am	Hospital
Tuesday, 24 th	11.00am	Chapel

Catholic Mass

Wednesday, 4 th , 11 th , 18 th , 25 th	10.30	Chapel
Saturday, 7 th , 14 th , 21 st , 28 th	10.30am	Chapel
Sunday, 1 st , 8 th , 15 th , 22 nd , 29 th	10.45am	Chapel

I'd like to thank Clive, our Chaplin, for being so helpful in giving me these dates, times and venues. It has been great working with you Clive.

Messages from Suné

Chartwell Shopping: Friday, 6th and 20th March

Supermarket Shopping: Every Monday at 10.30am 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th

Bingo: Monday, 16th March (now 3rd Monday of the month only)

Exercise Classes: Every Tuesday and Thursday in the Rehab Room at 1.30pm

Games: Every Wednesday, at 1.30pm – 3.30pm in the Barn

Eventide Lunches: Every Tuesday and Thursday. Van leaves at 11.45 from reception

Leisure Time Travel Presentation:

John from Leisure Time Travel is making a presentation in the Barn on 10th March at 2.45pm about the travel trips they do.

Winter Olympics



The Assisi Winter Olympic 2026 Games are going to be held in the Barn on Wednesday 4th March starting at 2.00pm. You should all have received your teams and which countries you're representing from Sharron Gray. Please get together with your team members and sort out who is playing which games and get your sheets back to Sharron as soon as possible. Make this a fun event and dress up in your country's colours. Medals will be given out for each event.

During our Olympics, there will be a half time and a full time. Please bring some nibbles to share and your own beverages. These can be consumed at half and full time.



Road Closure

With the intersection of Matangi, Silverdale and Morrinsville Roads closed, if you're going into town or supermarket, check with your neighbours to see you can get them anything or even car pooling may be an option. We've done nearly two weeks – just over 10 weeks to go if you can believe the Council that the round-about will be finished in 12 weeks! Good luck travelling folks.



Happy Hour
Friday, 6th March 2026
3.00pm in the Barn





I have attached a photo of Terry giving the second garden the once over and seal of approval that I thought might give you a giggle.

Thank You

I have some people I'd like to thank and acknowledge who have helped me put the newsletters together over the years which most people wouldn't know about but I'd like to acknowledge them now. First of all is my right-hand man and proof reader - Lyall. There have been many nights that he's been proof reading and editing the newsletter at 10.30pm or later for me so thank you Lyall. Your input has been greatly appreciated.

Carole Flemming – my equivalent in Eventide passes me information that affects Assisi and Eventide jointly on a monthly basis. She's been absolutely fantastic and has helped me heaps so thank you Carole.

Clive, our Chaplin, emails me the dates of the church services, bible studies etc. every month and gives me lots of time so I can update the calendar ahead of time. Thank you Clive.

Bob and Sharron Gray give me the details of the movies for our fish and chip night. Thank you for your help in giving me this information. I really appreciate your help. I'd also like to thank them personally for organising and collecting the fish and chips on a monthly basis and organising the movie connection with Netflix or Prime. It is much appreciated. (I presume I'm doing it in your absence!!) Thanks for your help.

Suné – you're an amazing lady. You're always looking after the villa residents and you are an absolute treasure. I appreciate the communication we have and thank you for giving me your dates and times so I can get the newsletter out on time. I also appreciate your patience when I stuff up!! Thanks for correcting me and also for your help.

A big thanks must go out to Sharon Quinn for stepping up and taking on the responsibility of doing the newsletter on my retirement. I wish you all the best and I know you'll do a fantastic job and put your own spin on it which will be great.

So, when the newsletter is complete, Mary Ann, in Reception steps up to the plate. She has been an absolute angel getting the newsletter printed and ready for delivery with the mail people. Quite often – in fact – more often than not, I have asked her to print them asap so they get delivered on or before the first of the month which she always does without complaint. Thank you, Mary Ann, – your help has been fantastic.

Last but not least, I'd like to thank you – the residents – for all for the kind comments and support you have given me over the years. I/We have enjoyed doing it for you.

Well folks, that's me signing off and my last newsletter done and dusted.

Allison and Lyall Gallagher



Assisi Retirement Village – Calendar of Events – March 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 10.45am Catholic Mass Chapel	2 10.30am New World Shopping 11.00am Bible Study Chapel	3 11.45am Van for Eventide Lunch 1.30pm Strength & Balance Rehab Room	4 10.30am Catholic Mass Chapel 1.30pm Games Barn 2.00pm Winter Olympics	5 11.45am Van for Eventide Lunch 1.30pm Strength & Balance Rehab Room	6 10.30am Chartwell Shopping 3.00pm Happy Hour	7 10.30am Catholic Mass Chapel
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