



Atawhai Assisi

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ASSISI RETIREMENT VILLAGE NEWS MAY 2025

Well another month has flown by and it is getting closer to Lyall and my overseas trip. Yes, we're off to Hawaii and Alaska followed by a seven day inner passage cruise from Whittier to Vancouver aboard the Noordam cruise ship. We arrive in Vancouver, Canada on 25th May where we spend 5 nights there before doing a 7 day trip around the Rockies ending in Calgary on 4th June. The only thing is that we're not looking forward to the nearly 14 hour airflight home from Vancouver. I anticipate we're not going to surface for a few days after arriving home. In my absence, Sharon Quinn has volunteered to do the June newsletter so thank you Sharon. Please email her any news you want put in the next newsletter.

Our village is now full. Sue Lane is moving into the last vacant villa - villa 24, over the next few weeks so please welcome her and her Corgi dog Harley. Please encourage her to join in the village activities and make yourselves known to her.

Louis has advised me by email on 7th April that a golf cart has now been purchased for Assisi which can be used for mail and parcel delivery. It can also be used to pick up residents and take them to and from the Village Barn. Delivery is expected mid-June 2025 so that's great news for the mail ladies and gentlemen.

The lawns around the villas and village were fertilised during April and with the recent rain, the grass is starting to rejuvenate and get back to normal.



Garden Club



The garden has mostly been cleared out of the summer veges with the exception of the last couple of tomato plants which still had a very few tomatoes on it. Winter veges of cauli, broccoli, cabbage and nero kale have now been planted and some bok choy may need to be purchased and planted. The white butterfly has got to some of the brassia leaves but the plants have been dusted with derris dust to try and keep them at bay. Hopefully, the white butterfly will disappear soon. Can someone dust the plants with derris dust which is in the garden shed if you are going past please.

Sandra has been busy in the villa gardens and has done a marvellous job. They look amazing. They have been weeded, bark added and new plants planted. Her back and knees must give her jip when she gets home – I know mine would. Well done Sandra and thank you for keeping our village in pristine condition.

A Message from Sandra

I hope you have all had a wonderful time celebrating Easter and didn't eat too many chocolate eggs. The weather was unpredictable but hopefully everyone stayed safe and sound.

Over the month I will be working on the lawns, gardens and keeping the area behind the fence (i.e. the effluent field) tidy. David, the van driver and I will be taking turns mowing this area as well as spraying the edges over there. So if you don't see me around, I'm either in the effluent field, tidying the internal gardens or weeding around the Rest Home/Hospital complex.

May is the month that we celebrate Mother's Day so I thought I would provide you all a list of the flowers associated with the months of the year. Did you know that each month has a primary and secondary flower? Do you know yours?

January:	Snow Drop or Carnation	February:	Violet or Iris
March:	Daffodil or Sakura	April:	Daisy or Tulip
May:	Lily or Hawthorn	June:	Honeysuckle or Rose
July:	Larkspur or Water Lily	August:	Poppy or Gladiolus
September:	Morning Glory or Aster	October:	Marigold or Cosmos
November:	Peony or Chrysanthemum	December:	Holly or Narcissus

Quote of the Month:

"A weed is but an unloved flower" - Ella Wheeler Wilcox

See you amongst the weeds

Sandra

Getting old is a terrible thing.
I blacked out for 20 minutes this morning
then I realized I'd put my hoodie on backwards

Assisi Chapel Services



Here are the sessions for May to which everyone is welcome to attend

Bible Study

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Venue</u>
Tuesday, 13 th	11.00am	Chapel
Monday, 19 th	11am	Chapel
Wednesday, 28 th	11am	Chapel

Discussion Group

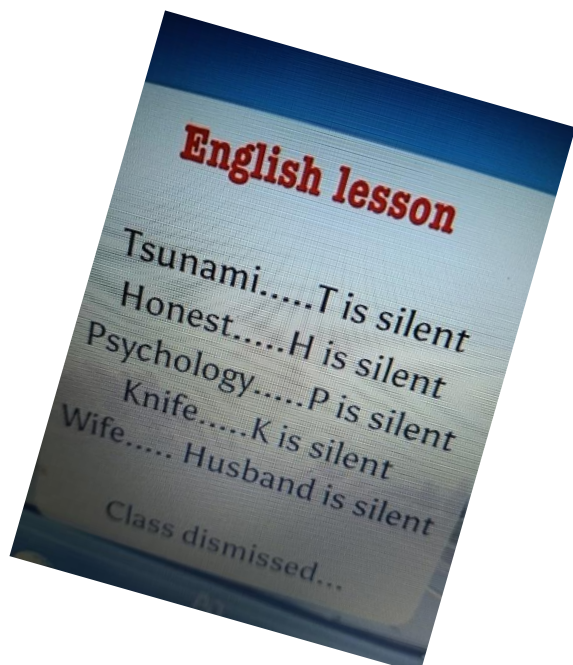
Wednesday, 21 st	11.15am	Rest Home?
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Combined Church Services

Monday, 26 th	11.00am	McAuley Lounge, Hospital
Tuesday, 27 th	11am	Chapel

Weekly Catholic Mass

Wednesday, 7 th , 14 th , 21 st , 28 th	10.30am	Chapel
Saturday, 3 rd , 10 th , 17 th , 24 th , 31 st	10.30am	Chapel
Sunday, 4 th , 11 th , 18 th , 25 th	10.45am	Chapel



Recommendation

Glennis has a lady, Sarah, who is doing some cleaning for her. Sarah is starting up her own business, doing cleaning and gardening and she is looking for new clients. Please contact her on ph 022 625-4914 should you need her services.

Entertainment In The Rest Home

The entertainment for May in the Rest Home is:

Tuesday, 6 th	St Joseph's Singers
Saturday, 10 th	Jem Staria
Friday, 16 th	Dianne
Friday, 30 th	Charlie

Please check Jem's white board in the hallway as to where the entertainment is being held as the venues may change from entertainer to entertainer.

Notices from Eventide



There is only one notice from Eventide this month. Their committee is organising a dance which is to be held on 30th May at 7.00pm at Eventide. An eight piece band is going to play so mark it down on your calendar.

I'd like to thank Carole from Eventide for giving me the notifications and keeping us up to date with our sister village every month of what is happening over there. It is truly appreciated.

Happy Hour
Friday, 2nd May 2025 at 3.00pm
Everyone's Welcome

Matt – Bentley Home PC Support

Last month we had Matt from Bentley Home PC Support, came in to speak to us about scams and the internet. He gave us a few basic do's and don'ts as follows:

- Don't allow websites to send you notifications
- Get an anti-virus product which scans websites and emails e.g. Eset
- Don't make personal details public on sites e.g. Facebook. Matt said Messenger is ok
- Don't save credit card details on websites when making purchases
- If scammed, tell someone immediately including your bank so you can get your bank accounts locked.
- Turn your phone or computer off and get an expert to look at it. In most cases, you'll want to have your computer/phone reset and programmes/data re-installed.

- Use different passwords for different websites
- Unfortunately, if you've been scammed once, you are more likely to be targeted again.
- Don't feel embarrassed if you've been scammed as this can happen so easily.

If you'd like to contact Matt, his details are as follows:

Website: www.homepcsupport.co.nz

Email: info@homepcsupport.co.nz

Phone: 021 134-8576

His fees are \$80.00 per hour on site. No travel fee withing 30kms of Matangi

Hope this gives you a few good hints to help keep yourselves safe on the internet.



Internet and Landline Phones



An update from Louis Fick regarding our landline phones and internet usage.

I gave Louis all the forms regarding those who did and didn't want to retain their landline phone and of the village only 5 chose to retain them. To this end he said that "those who choose to have a phone will be billed monthly through our accounting system. This will make it easy to change should they wish to add or stop the phone. Most people chose to have a direct debit for their personal costs and if they did, then it will be done automatically monthly."

He also said, "We will change the monthly fee to reflect the changed cost and have one standard rate." And to quote him again "The internet will be unlimited as most people use a considerable amount of data." When I spoke to Louis he was on holiday so the only thing I'm not sure of is when this change is taking place so please refer to your bank account on the first of the month to see how much is taken out – the existing rate or the new rate.

I will attach a new list of the mobile phone numbers for everyone so you will now have all the villa resident's contact numbers.



Joke

I finally did it.
I bought a pair of shoes with memory foam insoles.
No more forgetting why I walked into the kitchen!



Outdoor Bowls



Outdoor bowls is now at 4.00pm on a Tuesday. It will be over to those who play bowls to decide when it is too cold to continue and whether they may want to have a game of pool or indoor bowls. If you want to have a roll up on another day, please pop it on the General Chat on WhatsApp when you're going and you may have others wanting to join you.

Movie and Fish & Chip Night
Monday, 12th May 2025 at 5.00pm

Please give your orders to Bob when he puts the
request out on WhatsApp

It would be appreciated if we could go back to just
fish and chips please as this makes it a lot easier
financially

Fish can still be battered, crumbed or grilled.

Wonderful friends are hard to find, harder to lose and impossible to forget. They are family without a birth certificate. Having a Good Friend in your life is one of life's most precious gifts. 🥰❤️

Happy Mother's Day to all the mothers out there. I hope you have a lovely day on Sunday 11th May.



Well everyone, that's about it for me this month. I hope you all have a wonderful month and I'll catch up with the happenings while we are away on our return.

Kindest regards
Allison and Lyall

Assisi Retirement Village – Calendar of Events – May 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 10.30am Chartwell Shopping 3.00pm Happy Hour and Trivia - Barn	3 10.30am Catholic Mass Chapel
4 10.45am Catholic Mass	5 11.00am Supermarket Shopping 1.30pm Crafts - Library	6 1.30pm St Joseph's Singers - Rest Home 1.30pm Strength & Balance Rehab Room 4.00pm Bowls	7 10.30am Catholic Mass Chapel 1.30pm Games - Barn	8 1.30pm Strength & Balance Rehab Room	9	10 10.30am Catholic Mass Chapel 2.00pm Jem Staria – Rest Home
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