

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH
WEEKLY NOTICES
10 February 2019

JOSHUA FELLOWSHIP for MEN

Joshua is a Catholic fellowship for men of all ages and all sizes. We celebrate the power of the Holy Spirit working in our daily lives and encourage each other through the ups and downs of everyday life. There is no “joining” or even commitment required – just turn up and see if it works for you. Prayer, gospel reflection, praise singing, formation and friendship.

7.15 pm Wednesday, 13th February 2019, St Gregory’s Centre, 30 Cotswold Road, Bishopdale. Every second Wednesday of each month. Come and join like-minded Catholic men to grow your faith and be encouraged in your walk with the Lord. More information? Phone Chris on 027-646-4138.

SVDP – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - We are currently needing Volunteers to help out in our very busy Stanmore Road Store in Richmond – no experience is necessary as ‘on the job training’ in all aspects of retail is offered. Our store is open Monday – Friday between 9am - 4pm and Saturday 10am -3pm. Flexible shifts and times are available – we would love to hear from you, even if you can only spend a few hours at a time! Please email: penny@svdpchch.co.nz or text/call 0212449966 for further information. We look forward to hearing from you!

HELPERS FOR BURWOOD HOSPITAL: Anyone able to assist with transporting patients from their wards to the Chapel at Burwood Hospital for an ecumenical service on a Wednesday at 11am, please contact Kirsten Challies at kirsten.challies@cdhb.health.nz. It is a fairly long walk and you may be required to push a wheelchair for about 300m at a time. Services will be fortnightly for 30mins. You may not be able to assist fortnightly but if you are able to assist on a monthly basis, please email Kirsten.

THE PREGNANCY CENTRE VINNIES HUB opens on Monday 4 February. Free pregnancy tests, full information on pregnancy options, and baby loss support will be available at the Vinnies Store on 265 Stanmore Road, on Mondays and Thursdays from 10am - 2pm. The Pregnancy Centre at 88 Idris Road will continue to operate each weekday from 9:30am - 2:30pm offering all services, including practical help.

RHODES ABBEYFIELD WIGRAM is a supported group housing for older people who seek companionship and freedom from the burdens of maintaining their own household. Available now are private, single, studio rooms in a newly built 14 room house in Wigram Skies. Weekly rental of \$370 includes nutritious, home made meals, power and internet. No entry capital is required. An open home is on 13 February 2019, 11am to 3pm, at the house, 22 Erling Ziesler Lane, Wigram. For more information or to apply for residency, contact Fenn Shaw on 03 354 0066 or fshaw36@gmail.com

PRO-LIFE FACTS

The Law Commission’s advice on taking abortion out of the Crimes Act and making it no longer a crime to kill an unborn child but making it a “reproductive choice for women” was released on 26th October. The government has chosen option C which allows abortion

up to 22 weeks gestation for any reason, after 22 weeks abortion up to birth is permitted if a doctor agrees that it is appropriate. The laity are encouraged to defend life and the welfare of women by opposing this proposal by contacting their local MPs.

For more pro-life information, visit www.righttolife.org.nz.

LENTEN WORKSHOPS: Learn the key aspects to liturgy preparation with the focus on Lent. Parish teams encouraged. Tues, 12 Feb 10:00am--3:00pm or Sat 23 Feb 9:30am – 2:30pm. Morning tea & resources provided, bring your lunch. Registration required by Feb 8th & 15th respectively, 03-353-0758 or mdaly@chch.catholic.org.nz

DOVE is a Catholic fellowship for women from all walks of life and all ages. Dove Fellowship has Catholic Charismatic spirituality, freely using the gifts of the Holy Spirit to empower women to evangelise in the home, parish and community and educate women in the authentic teachings of the Catholic faith.

We offer friendship, praise and worship, gifted speakers, reconciliation, prayer ministry – each month. There is no ‘joining’ Dove, simply turn up.

We gather at Christ the King Parish Centre on the **second Saturday of each month** 1-3pm. Contact Diane – 0274312016/dovechch@gmail.com

CATHOLIC YOUTH TEAM

You are invited to join CYT for the Mission Team Commissioning Mass followed by SPORTS DAY!!! Join us for some fun in the sun and a chance to win awesome spot prizes such as paintball, airsoft, movie tickets, etc! Register as an individual or as a team at:

cyt.org.nz/sports-day-sports-night/ (For more info contact Carmela at

cnepomuceno@chch.catholic.org.nz)

When: Sunday Feb 17 2019

Where: Catholic Cathedral College Fields

Time: 10am Mass, Sports Day follows from 11.30am-3pm

Who: Sports Day games are for youth in year 7-13

Cost: Sports Day - \$5

OBERAMMERGAU PASSION PLAY 2020

Fr Chris Friel will escort a tour to Germany to attend this famous play, where 2000 village residents act out the last week of Jesus’ life. The origins of the play date back to 1633.

Contact the Travel Warehouse 0800 356 728 info@travcorp.co.nz for full details.

CATHOLIC SHOP: For the best range of Catholic gifts and resources in the South Island, visit us at 373 Manchester Street, Christchurch, next to St Mary's Pro-Cathedral. Ph 03 366-2853, e-mail catholicshop@chch.catholic.org.nz, or ‘like’ us on Facebook. Open Mon-Fri 9.30am-4.30pm, Sat 10am-1pm.

CATHOLIC HEALTH CARE MASS: Sunday 24th February, 5.30pm, St Mary’s Pro-Cathedral. Bishop Paul warmly welcomes all those who work in health care in Canterbury. This is an opportunity for all those involved in health care; doctors, nurses, rest home staff, pharmacists, administrators etc. Afterwards please stay for a glass of wine/beer/juice in the narthex at St Mary’s to enjoy the company of others who work in this field. For more information contact: Paula Avery, averypaula@gmail.com or Mike Stopforth, Bishop’s Pastoral Office, mstopforth@chch.catholic.org.nz or 027 5398 542

THINKING DIOCESAN PRIESTHOOD? Speak to any priest or contact Vocations Director Fr. John O'Connor vocations.chch@gmail.com

PROMOTING VOCATIONS: The New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference has endorsed the promotion of vocations and asks that you regularly promote vocations with the following (with or without the logo as space is always at a premium).



Holy Cross Seminary
www.holycross.org.nz