

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH
WEEKLY NOTICES
10 March 2019

AN INVITATION to a time of stillness and silence before the Blessed Sacrament, every Tuesday of Lent, 5.30 - 6.30 at St. Mary's pro-Cathedral. Come for a few minutes or the full hour. 5.30pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, 5.50pm reflection, concluding with Benediction beginning at 6.20..

JOSHUA FELLOWSHIP for MEN WEDNESDAY 13 MARCH

Lenten reflection lead by Fr Jack O'Connor. 7.15 pm Wednesday, **13th March, St Gregory's Centre**, 30 Cotswold Road, Bishopdale. Prayer, gospel reflection, praise singing, formation and friendship. Come and join like-minded Catholic men to grow your faith and be encouraged in your walk with the Lord. Every second Wednesday of each month. More information? Phone Chris on 027-646-4138.

ROSARY HOUSE SPIRITUAL LIFE CENTRE

Prayer Series-Noticing God's Presence: Entering into silent prayer. Tuesdays **12 and 19 March**, 10.30-11.30am. Facilitated by Sr Mary Catherwood at Te Manawa Atawhai Catherine McAuley Centre, Villa Maria College.

CATHOLIC SHOP: Lent & Easter resources and gifts now available, including reflections, books and candles. 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.

Pro-Life Facts

The Parliamentary Justice Select Committee after considering 35,000 written submissions with 90% opposed to euthanasia will soon deliver its report to Parliament on the End of Life Choice bill. This will be followed by the second reading of the bill. We all have a duty to defend the lives of the most vulnerable members of our community, the aged, the disabled and the seriously ill. Euthanasia is about doctors killing their patients or assisting in their suicide. Right to Life encourages you to contact your local MPs to ask them to vote against this dangerous and evil bill. **For more pro-life information, visit www.righttolife.org.nz**

FULL TIME POSITIONS: Society of St Vincent de Paul Christchurch (Vinnies)

We are seeking expressions of interest for **two positions** at our Stanmore Road Headquarters. **"Assistant Retail Manager"** This position is 40 hrs/week (may include some Saturdays, negotiable). The role is the day to day management of the Stanmore Road shop. The Stanmore Road shop is a busy shop with an impressive performance in the Charity Retail sector of Christchurch. The key role is to provide assistance to the General Retail Manager. Expressions of Interest to be forwarded to Betty Tannous (email: bettan1701@gmail.com), or phone 022-1509827. A full job description can be requested from Betty. **"Office Manager"** This is a key position for our administration of the Society of St Vincent de Paul in Christchurch. The position requires skills around financial management (Xero), administration, and communication. This is a full time position. Expressions of interest can

be forwarded to Clodagh Ward (email: clodaghward@usa.net), or phone 021-1000974. A full job description can be requested from Clodagh.

Please note these positions are currently vacant. We are looking to appoint these positions as soon as possible, so don't delay in getting an expression of interest to us.

RITE OF ELECTION: Today Sunday, **10 March** 1:00 St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral Bishop Paul will be celebrating the rites that call our catechumen (non-baptized) and candidates (baptized in another faith tradition) to the Easter sacraments. This is not a Mass. All are welcome to come and pledge their support to those journeying to full initiation in the Catholic Church.

Workshop for those who Compose the Prayer of the Faithful: Tues, **12 March**, 7:15 p.m. St Joseph Parish Centre, 133 Main North Rd, Papanui. Explore how the Church calls us to pray for the needs of the world. Registration required by Fri 8 March mdaly@chch.catholic.org.nz or 03.353.0758

Formation for **LEADERS of Liturgy of the Word with Children:** Tuesday, **19th March** 7.00-9.00pm, Cath Edu Office, Registration by 12 March to Mdaly@chch.catholic.org.nz, 03.353.0758. New & experienced leaders welcome. Come learn what the Church envisions for her children.

VACANCY - CLERGY HEALTH COORDINATOR

The Bishop has an oversight over the wellbeing of his priests. On his behalf, the Diocese seeks to employ a Health Coordinator to ensure their medical welfare and general well-being are supported.

A vacancy now exists for this part-time position. The successful candidate will have a nursing background and the ability to be flexible with his / her time to be able to provide an adequate service.

This is an important position in the care of our priests. Having an affinity with the Catholic faith, the Coordinator will have the ability to relate to the priests and to offer practical advice, to be firm in helping them in their medical care and general well-being. The Clergy Health Coordinator will visit clergy in their homes in order to make assessments and to provide the necessary support, advice and counsel.

A full position description is available from Mike Stopforth, Cathedral House, phone 027 5398 542 or 366 9869, email mstopforth@chch.catholic.org.nz

Applications close 4.00pm, **Friday 15th March** 2019.

MASS IN THE SPANISH LANGUAGE: This year there will be a Mass in Spanish every second Saturday of the month at 5 pm at St Teresa's in Riccarton. Following the Mass there will be some time of conviviality in the parish hall.

GOLDEN CATHOLICS:

I am very pleased to advise that our two speakers at our first "Golden Catholics" event for 2019 are **Bishop Paul Martin SM and Mr Tony Sewell**, Manager, Property and Development. The topic is Bishop Paul's vision for the Diocese. For those over 65 who enjoyed our previous Golden Catholic events a warm invite is extended to you again. A special invitation to those who have not been before – we would love you to come. No costs

are involved. The luncheon will be held on **Wednesday, 27 March 2019** from 11.30am – 1.30pm at **St Gregory's Church**, Cotswold Avenue, Bishopdale. Parking is also available behind the church on Colesbury Street. (Please note change of venue).
If you wish to attend please advise your parish secretary by Wednesday, 20 March 2019.

PARISH PASTORAL WORKER

Applications are invited for the position of Parish Pastoral Worker at St. Teresas Parish, Riccarton. The position would suit a confident personality, with empathy who is great at being organised, able to mix with people from all walks of life and someone who is actively involved in parish life. The position is 20 hrs per week. Job description available from office@stteresas.org.nz Please send a cover letter and a CV to office@stteresas.org.nz
Applications for the position close on 1 March and the successful applicant will be required to take up the position on 1 April 2019.

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY COORDINATOR

Applications are invited for the position of Youth & Young Adult Ministry Coordinator at St Teresa's Parish, Riccarton. The position is approx. 10 hours per week including weekend & evening work. Responsibilities will include building relationships, supporting youth workers, communicating with children & youth in the parish, attending Youth Council meetings etc. Job description available from office@stteresas.org.nz Please send a cover letter and a CV to office@stteresas.org.nz Applications for the position close on 1 March and the successful applicant will be required to take up the position on 1 April 2019.

PREGNANCY CENTRE VOLUNTEER TRAINING DAY

Are you caring and compassionate? Do you love life? If you are, please consider volunteering at the Pregnancy Centre. We have many ways you can defend, protect and serve life. We can train you to take calls, sort donations, do needs assessments, and give pregnancy tests. To register for our next Volunteer Training on **Tuesday 26 March** from 10am-2:30pm, please contact Carly at 03 351 3227 or pregcentrechch@gmail.com. *This will also be a great refresher for those of you who already volunteer with us)

25TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST PATRICK'S CHURCH, GREYMOUTH: A Mass to commemorate the opening of the Church on 20 March 1994 will be held at 9.30am on Sunday **17 March 2019**. The celebrant will be Bishop Paul Martin SM.. A morning tea will follow at the Marist Rugby League Rooms. **Note Your Diaries.**

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).



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