

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH
WEEKLY NOTICES
11 November 2018 (Armistice Day)

INNER CITY CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE: The last meeting for the year will be held on Wednesday **14th November** at 6.30pm in the Catering Lounge at John Rhind, 19 London Street. Please bring something to share for a potluck dinner.

JOSHUA FELLOWSHIP MEN'S GATHERING: **14TH November** 2018 at 7.15 pm Wednesday, 14th November 2018, St Gregory's Centre, 30 Cotswold Road, Bishopdale. Come and join like-minded Catholic men to grow your faith and be encouraged in your walk with the Lord. Prayer, gospel reflection, praise and teaching with real life application. This month we hear from Fr Frank Kelly about some aspects of his prison ministry. For more information phone Mark on 027-702-7889.

ROSARY HOUSE ADVENT RETREAT ~ The Christmas Mystery and the Journey of the Soul *'Christ always seeks the straw of the most desolate cribs to make his Bethlehem.'* Thomas Merton. **Joy Ryan-Bloore, Jungian Analyst Friday 30 November 6.45pm – 9pm Saturday 1 December 9.30am – 4.00pm. Mary Potter Community Centre, 442 Durham Street North** Bring own lunch, tea/coffee provided. Suggested contribution \$60 or donation according to means. **For Bookings ring Rosary House 03 379 1298 or email roho@xtra.co.nz**

CHANGE IN SUNDAY MASS TIME AT THE CARMELITE MONASTERY: as from Sunday, **25th November** (Feast of Christ the King), the Sunday Mass time at the Carmelite Monastery will change from 8:00am to **8:30am**

RNDM ANNUAL CHRISTMAS APPEAL: The Sisters of Our Lady of the Missions are an International Missionary Congregation of women who desire to facilitate change by being present with compassion and sharing God's love and justice among those with whom we share life. Their annual Christmas Appeal is now on. Collect a Christmas gift catalogue from the foyer today to help support this work. Thank you.

CATHOLIC SHOP: Advent & Christmas stock arriving daily! We have new books and gift ideas, along with all the traditional items you'd expect. Open Mon-Fri 9.30am-4.30pm, Sat 10am-1pm. 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.

GLOBAL HEALING - how our faith helps us to care for our common home

Christ the King Parish is holding two sessions of a new programme produced by CaFE (Catholic Faith Exploration Film Company), sponsored by the Bishops of the UK. We invite any interested parishioners of other parishes to an inspiring evening of film, food & friendship responding together to Pope Francis' call to care for creation and to pass on a healthy planet to our children's children. Two Sessions, **Wednesdays 28 November and 5 December**. Parish Centre, Christ the King Church, 90 Greers Road. 7.30 pm All Welcome.

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE SERIES: Year of Luke. An overview of the Gospel according to Luke to begin preparation to listen more deeply to the Sunday readings during Year C. Series continues in 2019. Presenter Sr Kathleen Rushton, **Wed 14 Nov, 7.30pm.** Te Manawa Atawhai Catherine McAuley Centre at Villa Maria College. Indication of attendance requested. Rosary House 03 3791298 or roho@xtra.co.nz

PRO LIFE FACTS - Everybody should see the brilliant pro-life documentary film Fatal Flaws opposing euthanasia. All are invited to attend a screening of Fatal Flaws at the Christ the King Parish Centre, on Wednesday **21 November** at 7.30PM, supper will follow.

This is a ground breaking film. The assisted killing movement is trying to redefine the ethics of medicine to change our doctors from carers in to serial killers.

For more information on life issues, visit the Right to Life website at www.righttolife.org.nz

THE JOHN PAUL II CENTRE FOR LIFE invites you to a Candlelit Family Prayer Vigil on **Friday 23 November 2018** at Holy Trinity Parish, Bryndwr. Opening Mass 7.30pm celebrating faith in all the generations, 12 midnight mass for Marriage and Priesthood. Adoration, and rosary throughout the night. Reconciliation available: 8.30pm. Enquiries phone Cathy on tel: 3555 841.

THOMAS MERTON SOCIETY: **Monday, December 10th** marks the fiftieth anniversary of the untimely death of the Trappist monk, Thomas Merton in Bangkok, Thailand. As part of a number of events celebrated worldwide, the Christchurch chapter will hold a commemorative event on the day, starting at **6pm in the evening** at the **Waimalri Cemetery in 195 Grahams Road, Burnside**, where members of the Merton Family are buried. This will be followed by prayer and refreshments in the Narthex at St Mary's Pro-Cathedral for approximately an hour. For catering purposes would those attending please contact Sister Eleanor Capper rsj on: ecapper@chch.catholic.org.nz. or 03 353 0756 by **December 1st**.

OCDS NOVEMBER CARMELITE RETREAT: "Called to holiness with Mary the Mother of Jesus and our Carmelite Saints".

Fr Allan Jones, S.M. will be leading our upcoming November Retreat at Rochester Hall again. Dates are from **Friday, 16th Nov (11 am registration) to Sunday 18th Nov** (approx 3.30 pm) Show Weekend. Costs will be \$215 live-in and \$95 day only. Retreatants are encouraged to live in to gain the full benefit of a silent retreat. This covers all meals, accommodation and other retreat costs. If you would like to join us, contact Megan Emery 027 410 6940 or benedictus@windowslive.com

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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