

**CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH**  
**WEEKLY NOTICES**  
**13 May 2018**

**WHAT ON EARTH IS GOD DOING ABOUT UNITY?** Come to a lively panel discussion to start this year's Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Sunday **13 May** 7-8.30pm Knox Church, 28 Bealey Ave. Fr Frank Kelly and others will share stories of Justice, Peace and Hope.

**ECUMENICAL PRAYER SERVICE:** All parishioners are warmly invited to an Ecumenical Prayer Service led by **Bishop Paul Martin SM** during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity to be held in St Mary's Pro-Cathedral on **16<sup>th</sup> May** at 5.30pm.

**'IT'S JUST A PHASE' TRAINING DAY** For Parents – Youth and Children's Workers - Teachers  
Saturday May 19, 9.30am – 12.30pm. Venue: Hope Presbyterian, Hornby. Cost \$10 (\$15/couple)  
Presenter: Diana Langdon of Strandz  
Register online @ [www.hopechurch.net.nz/blog/event/just-phase-training-day](http://www.hopechurch.net.nz/blog/event/just-phase-training-day)

**PENTECOST BEATITUDES NIGHT** Join the Beatitudes Community for an evening of prayer and the conclusion of the novena for Pentecost, a teaching, the Litany of the Holy Spirit. **Saturday 19th May**, 5.30 - 7.30pm. Prayer is followed by a pot luck dinner. Please bring a plate. Our Lady of Fourvière House of Prayer and Retreat, 67 Leithfield Road, Leithfield 7481. Email:beatitudesnz@gmail.com Phone (03) 314 8837

**GOLDEN CATHOLICS** The next Golden Catholics get together will be held on **Wednesday, 13 June 2018** at 11.30am – 1.30pm at St Joseph's Parish Centre, Vagues Road, Papanui. All those receiving the Gold Card are most welcome. Lunch will be provided. We would love to see you. Our guest speakers are Mike Stopforth (Director of Bishop's Pastoral Office) and a Hospital Chaplain. If you wish to attend please contact your parish secretary before Friday, **8 June 2018**.

**FIREPOWER YOUTH RALLY** -15<sup>th</sup> of June, from 7pm-9,30pm, South City C3 Church, corner of Colombo and Moorhouse. Come experience CFC: Singles and Youth for Christ, as they share their story and testimonies about how our God is "Unstoppable" and how we should be "All Out For Christ". A night filled with live worship, testimonies and fellowship!  
For more info contact Delbert Castillo, Parish Support Coordinator for the Catholic Youth Team at: [dcastillo@chch.catholic.org.nz](mailto:dcastillo@chch.catholic.org.nz) or 03 353 0705

**YOUTH MINISTRY TRAINING DAY** -16<sup>th</sup> of June, 9am-6pm. South City C3 Church, corner of Colombo and Moorhouse. If you are interested in Youth Ministry and/or work with Youth and Young Adults in your community then this day is an opportunity for leaders and potential leaders from all over the diocese to come together, share ideas, learn more about how to effectively lead & communicate with young people, and become part of a bigger vision for sharing the Gospel with youth.  
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**ANTIOCH CAMP** - CYT invites all year 11-13 to register for Antioch **6-8 July 2018** [www.cyt.org.nz/antioch-camp/](http://www.cyt.org.nz/antioch-camp/) If you would like to support a camper to go to this event, all donations would be appreciated. Please contact [cnepomuceno@chch.catholic.org.nz](mailto:cnepomuceno@chch.catholic.org.nz) for further information.

**CATHOLIC SHOP:** For the Marian month of May, see us for reflections & rosaries. We have great gift ideas for First Holy Communions, too. 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](mailto:catholicshop@chch.catholic.org.nz), or 'like' us on Facebook.

### **MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER**

Since Marriage Encounter was established in New Zealand, many thousands of couples, and many priests, have experienced, and benefited from, a Marriage Encounter weekend. You may have been involved with Marriage Encounter in some way during this time, and we'd like to offer you the opportunity to renew those friendships with couples and priests that have been an important part of your lives. A function to celebrate 40 years of Marriage Encounter in New Zealand is being held in Palmerston North on **11th August 2018**.

This is an opportunity to join us to celebrate this milestone – if you'd like to know more please go to [www.wvme40.nz](http://www.wvme40.nz) - full details of the celebration including registration form or phone 0800 362 686. Email: [nzme40@gmail.com](mailto:nzme40@gmail.com)

### **PAUL, APOSTLE OF CHRIST**

[www.foodforfaith.org.nz](http://www.foodforfaith.org.nz) has organised a private viewing of the acclaimed Biblical drama Paul, Apostle of Christ. This film is available in New Zealand only in private viewings. **Sunday 3 June 2018, 6.00pm** at Hoyts Riccarton. Tickets must be purchased beforehand and available at [www.foodforfaith.org.nz](http://www.foodforfaith.org.nz), \$15.00 with all profits to the mission of the St. Vincent de Paul society in Christchurch. For further information email [john@fff.org.nz](mailto:john@fff.org.nz)

### **THURSDAY TALKS WITH THE COMMUNITY OF ST. JOHN – INTRODUCTION TO PHILOSOPHY**

All are welcome to listen to this 9 week series on an Introduction to Philosophy (with special talks on the Ascension and Pentecost) by the Community of St. John. They begin May 10<sup>th</sup> and the final talk July 5<sup>th</sup>. Held in St. Teresa's Parish hall, 8 Puriri St Riccarton at 7.30pm

**"JESUS OF NAZARETH" MOVIE** - The Cathedral Parish is screening the movie and everyone is invited **Saturday, 2 June 3.00 pm** at St Mary's Pro-Cathedral 373 Manchester Street.

The movie is set in six parts, we will be viewing Part 1, which goes for an hour. We will view the remaining parts over the following few months.

**PRAYER SERIES** - Noticing God's Presence: Scripture and sacred music lead into an extended time of silent prayer. Tuesdays 15 and 22 May, 10.30-11.30am, at Te Manawa Atawhai Catherine McAuley Centre at Villa Maria College. (Rosary House Spiritual Life Centre).

**MARYFEST ANNUAL MARIAN PROCESSION** and Consecration of the City and Diocese in honour of Our Lady of Christchurch will take place at Christ the King Church **2pm Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> May** (Mothers' Day!) and will be presided over by Bishop Meeking. Keep up to date with the event, make contact, or just enjoy the pictures and other posts at <https://www.facebook.com/OurLadyofChristchurch/> As in other years the names of those who would like to be enrolled in Our Lady's heart will be placed in the golden votive heart worn by statue during the Maryfest. If you would like to enrol the names of your loved ones you can do so by sending them to [ourladyofchristchurch@gmail.com](mailto:ourladyofchristchurch@gmail.com)

**MARIAN COLLEGE OPEN NIGHT AND OPEN DAY 2018** Haere mai! Talofa lava and welcome!

You are invited to experience the opportunities Marian College has on offer.

#### **Open Night**

Tuesday 15 May from 4-7pm. Principal's welcome 4:15pm and 5:30pm.

#### **Open Day**

Monday 28 May from 1-3pm. starting with Principal's welcome at 1.00 p.m.  
There is Wilsons car parking on Barbadoes Street and next to Marian College on Moorhouse Ave.

### **SUBMISSIONS URGENTLY NEEDED for the Law Commission Opposing the Decriminalisation of Abortion**

You are encouraged to speak up in defence of God's precious infants by making a brief submission to the Law Commission. Our PM, Jacinda Ardern, has directed that the Law Commission review our abortion laws to "make changes to ensure our abortion laws are consistent with treating abortion as a health issue that is a reproductive choice for women, and not a criminal issue".

This proposal will effectively mean that those unborn who are classified as unwanted will be deprived of the protection of the Crimes Act and allowed to be killed. However the unborn children who are classified as wanted, will retain the protection of the Crimes Act and of the state.

Submissions are required to be with the Law Commission **before 5pm on 18th May 2018**. Please make a submission in your own words.

Here are several suggested points you may like to use in your submission

I oppose the decriminalisation of abortion because....

- It would deprive the unborn child of current protection under the law. It would be a declaration by the state that *a woman can terminate the life of her child for any reason*, e.g, the baby being the wrong sex and for disability such as Down syndrome.
- It would no longer be a crime to kill the unborn child, an innocent human being. It would be a declaration by the state that it has no interest in protecting you or your child from the violence of abortion.
- It would provide a cover for crimes against women, rape, incest and sexual abuse. If we followed the Victorian model, it would allow abortion up to birth.

Law Commission- Post, PO Box 2590, Wellington, 6140. Email [alr@lawcom.govt.nz](mailto:alr@lawcom.govt.nz). For further information go to [www.chooselife.org.nz](http://www.chooselife.org.nz) or [www.righttolife.org.nz](http://www.righttolife.org.nz). Thank you for defending life.

**FIRST FRIDAY MASS:** You are invited to join with those in the Renewal on the first Friday of each month as we come together to celebrate Mass at 7.30pm, Christ the King Church, 90 Greers Rd, Burnside, followed by supper in the Parish Centre. Next Mass: Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May.

For more information about the Catholic Charismatic Renewal go to: [www.ccrnz.org](http://www.ccrnz.org)

**CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL COLLEGE** is holding an **open evening** on Thursday **24th May** from 6.30pm – 8.00pm at 62 Ferry Road. Everyone most welcome.

**SLAVERY IN THE NEW TESTAMENT AND MODERN HUMAN SLAVERY.** Thursday **10 May** 7.30pm at Te Manawa Atawhai Catherine McAuley Centre at Villa Maria College. Presented by Dr Kathleen Rushton rsm. Slavery is often unseen and not named for what it is. Sr Kath offers scriptural background and insights from the "Tip of the Iceberg" Conference of 2017. Rosary House Spiritual Life Centre event. Indication of attendance helpful to [roho@xtra.co.nz](mailto:roho@xtra.co.nz) or (03) 379 1298.

**THE BILLINGS OVULATION METHOD™ FAMILY PLANNING NATURALLY :** The Billings Ovulation Method™ is used by millions of women around the world. It was developed by Doctors John and Evelyn Billings, validated by eminent international scientists and successfully trialled by the World Health Organisation. By learning to identify natural signs of fertility, you can use the Billings Ovulation Method™ to achieve or avoid pregnancy and to safeguard your reproductive health. The

method is easy to learn and can be used at any and all stages of a woman's fertile lifetime, including during breast feeding and in the perimenopause. Accredited Billings Teachers are available throughout New Zealand. A distance learning service is available for those that do not have a service in their area. **Website:** [www.billingslife.org.nz](http://www.billingslife.org.nz) **Call Free:** 0800 NZ Fertility (693 378) **Email:** [info@billingslife.org.nz](mailto:info@billingslife.org.nz)

**P.A.T.H.S.** (Post Abortion Trauma Healing Service) is charitable group based in Christchurch, which provides support nationally for those negatively impacted by a recent or past abortion. It also offers education and training around post abortion issues and healing needs. We have been operating for 20 years and have reached another crisis point. For this vital ministry to continue we are seeking people to come on board as trustees. We also require help with administration, funding and the financial accounts; and we need a counsellor with a passion for this area to become the new Co-ordinator of Services. At present these are voluntary roles until such time as funding becomes available. If you have a heart for this area of healing and have skills that you can offer, please consider coming forward to help. For more information about our service visit [www.postabortionpaths.org.nz](http://www.postabortionpaths.org.nz) and for expressions of interest in any of the roles mentioned, please email Karen or Carolina at [admin@postabortionpaths.org.nz](mailto:admin@postabortionpaths.org.nz)

**PRO-LIFE FACTS:** A non-invasive screening programme is offered in NZ to identify babies with Down syndrome or other conditions. Mothers are then offered and are often encouraged to choose to abort their preborn child who may have Down syndrome or another condition. This is a form of genocide, targeting members of a specific group for elimination. For more pro-life information, visit [www.righttolife.org.nz](http://www.righttolife.org.nz).

**THINKING DIOCESAN PRIESTHOOD?** Speak to any priest or contact Vocations Director Fr. John O'Connor [vocations.chch@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://www.holycross.org.nz)