

**CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH**  
**WEEKLY NOTICES**  
**14 July 2019**

**Group Leaders Feedback Training Session**

The Bishop's Pastoral Office would like to assist group leaders in facilitating **group feedback** sessions on the Bishops proposed plan "**Our Faith, Our Future**". On **Sunday 21st July at 3.30pm** they will run an information and support session at the **Assisi Lounge, Mairehau Parish, 380 Innes Rd.** At this session information will be given on the online forms and how to fill them out, as well as tools and suggestions for engaging groups in the feedback process. These sessions are open to anyone who will be facilitating (or supporting) the group feedback process. Contact Matt on 366-9869 for more information.

**APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA – Open day 28<sup>th</sup> July Lyttelton**

Seafarers generally work long hours for little pay, for months at a time away from their families. The Apostleship of the Sea is the Catholic ministry which serves the needs of seafarers. We provide a safe centre in Lyttelton to assist with the basic and spiritual needs of all seafarers. We need more volunteers for the centre. Full training is provided. Come find out more at our Community Open Day Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July 1pm to 3pm, 18 Norwich Quay, Lyttelton. For more info please contact Jess Armstrong, 021 222 0340, [lyttelton.seafarers.centre@gmail.com](mailto:lyttelton.seafarers.centre@gmail.com), [www.aos.org.nz](http://www.aos.org.nz)

**CATHOLIC BUSINESS NETWORK LUNCH Thursday 8 August, Town Hall 12-2pm**

In the wake of the earthquakes, Bishop Paul Martin SM is leading the Diocese of Christchurch through the single largest financial investment undertaken by the Catholic Church in New Zealand. You are invited to attend the second luncheon for the Catholic Business Network of the year to hear about his exciting new vision for the Church.

Tickets to this event are selling fast. To purchase a ticket email [events@cdoc.nz](mailto:events@cdoc.nz) or phone 03 366 9869.

**Bishop's Proposed Plan area meetings**

Bishop Paul has recently released a pastoral letter on his vision for the diocese and a proposed plan for the future structure of parishes. Area meetings are being held in each area for Bishop Paul to share his vision. There will be an opportunity for questions and answers. The dates and venues for meetings with Bishop Paul are below.

**East** - Tuesday 16th July 7.30pm at Redcliffs Function Centre and Bowling Club, 9 James Street, Redcliffs

**West** - Wednesday 17th July 7.30pm at St Thomas of Canterbury College Hall, 69 Middlepark Rd, Sockburn

**Central** - Tuesday 23rd July 7.30pm Cathedral College Hall, 62 Ferry Road

**Selwyn** - Sunday 28th July 2.00pm at Lincoln Event Centre, 15 Meijer Dr, Lincoln

**Waimakariri/Hurunui** - Tuesday 30th July 7.30pm at Chervier Centre, Rangiora

**Spirituality in Midlife:** Anne Shave (PhD) will be visiting our parish to speak on Spirituality in Midlife, the opportunities and challenges often experienced during this period of life and things people have found particularly helpful in their journey of faith at this time. There will be opportunity for reflection and people of all ages are welcome to attend. 7-8.30pm Thursday **July 18th** in the Assisi Lounge, St Francis of Assisi Parish. For more information contact Kirsten Challies on Ph 3853459

## **CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME**

Do you have family and friends who want to explore returning to their faith and spiritual home? Catholics Returning Home is a no pressure, easy going course that begins on the **13th** of **August** for 4 weeks at St Joseph's Parish Centre. Begin your journey today by contacting 0508 HOME NOW (0508 466 366).

## **SEASONS FOR GROWTH**

Are you experiencing change, loss and grief in your life? Learn about how significant losses have impacted your life and learn knowledge, skills and attitudes to respond and understand these experiences. Papanui Parish course is running from **23 August** 12.30-3pm on Fridays for 4 weeks. To register contact Lauren on 027 424 6045 or [seasons@chch.catholic.org.nz](mailto:seasons@chch.catholic.org.nz)

**SEASONS FOR GROWTH COURSE.** All in our parishes have experienced change in regard to their spiritual home over recent years, and this change, for many, has brought a very real sense of loss. Consequently we are offering a Seasons for Growth course, to help deal with this type of change and loss of the spiritual home. The course runs for 4 weeks beginning Wednesday **July 31st** at 10am and again at 7pm and will be held at the Assisi Lounge, St Francis of Assisi Parish. For more information, or to register, contact Kirsten Challies at [kirsten.challies@mairehauparish.org.nz](mailto:kirsten.challies@mairehauparish.org.nz).

## **So the Mass has never Changed – Right? An historical look at the Mass**

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July** 10am to 12noon, Papanui Parish Centre

Fr Tom O'Loughlin is a priest of the diocese of Arundel and Brighton on England's south coast. He is a specialist in the early Church and the early medieval period.

The Church teaches that 'the Liturgy is made up of immutable elements divinely instituted, and of elements subject to change. These not only may, but ought to be changed with the passage of time ...' *SC21*. In this session, Fr O'Loughlin will help us understand some of the changes that have taken place over the passage of time, and what, if anything, this means for us today, as we continue to respond to the wisdom of Vatican II.

For more information contact Mike Stopforth, Bishop's Pastoral Office  
[mstopforth@chch.catholic.org.nz](mailto:mstopforth@chch.catholic.org.nz) phone 027 5389 542

All welcome

The **SRI LANKAN COMMUNITY** wish to thank Bishop Paul, the Priests and all who attended the Mass in remembrance of the Sri Lankan Easter Sunday Terror attack victims and their families. They also wish to thank all who contributed towards the collection which was \$729.00. This was given to CARITAS NZ who will be sending this to the Victim's families in Sri Lanka. If you wish to make a donation towards this worthy cause, deposits can be made to "CARITAS Aotearoa NZ. Account No. 03 0518 0211216 00.

## **IF YOU ARE GOING INTO HOSPITAL...**

It is important when a family member enters hospital, that their next of kin or carer, makes sure they are registered as Catholic.

Due to privacy laws, some hospitals do not now provide names of Catholic patients to our Catholic Chaplains. So if a patient or a family wishes to see the Catholic hospital chaplain please ask the ward staff to ensure that the chaplain is contacted.

If you know you will be entering hospital then you are able to ask your parish priest to anoint you prior to going into hospital.

A Catholic priest is always available for urgent calls by asking hospital staff to contact him.

**SACRED SCRIPTURE** - A series of talks by Fr. Frank Kelly on the problems of the early Church and how some of these remain problems in the Church today. Place: St. Joseph's parish centre, Vagues Rd.

Time: **7.30pm**

Sunday **14<sup>th</sup> July** - Jewish Christians and today's Christians

Sunday **21<sup>st</sup> July** - Hellenist Christians and today's Christians

Sunday **28<sup>th</sup> July** - The Lord's prayer

Admission free. Inquiries: Christine 366 9869.

**"Parish to Parish for B & B"** has been providing Catholic hospitality for 16 years, with catholic hosts opening their homes to fellow catholics for a small charge of \$35 for one person, or \$30 each for 2 or more, this is per night and includes continental breakfast. To obtain a directory of the hosts throughout New Zealand and Australia contact Marie Anderson, email [marie.ian@xtra.co.nz](mailto:marie.ian@xtra.co.nz) or phone 03 3595 541 Christchurch. The book including postage is \$15

#### **GOLDEN CATHOLICS:**

I am very pleased to advise that our two speakers at our next "Golden Catholics" event for 2019 are Rev John Adams (Vicar for Education), Mr Aaron Richards (Principal, St Joseph's Primary School) and Mr Justin Boyle (Rector, St Bede's College). The topic will be "Our Catholic Schools in 2019". For those over 65 who enjoyed our previous Golden Catholic events a warm invite is extended to you again. A special invitation is extended to those who have not been before – we would love you to come. No costs are involved. Please note your diaries that the next luncheon will be held on **Wednesday, 24 July 2019 from 11.30am – 1.30pm at St Gregory's Church, Cotswold Avenue, Bishopdale**. Parking is also available behind the church on Colesbury Street. If you wish to attend please advise your parish secretary by **Wednesday, 17 July 2019**.

#### **ROSARY HOUSE SPIRITUAL LIFE CENTRE PROGRAMMES**

**Prayer Series. Noticing God's presence.** Thursdays **11 and 18 July**, 10.30-11.30. Sr Mary Catherwood will provide starters for contemplative prayer. At Te Manawa Atawhai Catherine McAuley Centre, Villa Maria College.

**Later Life Transformation.** Saturday **20 July**, 10am- 3pm. Seminar led by Joy Ryan Bloore at Mary Potter Centre, 442 Durham Street North. Suggested contribution \$60 or donation. Further Information and bookings to Rosary House 03 379 1298 or email [roho@xtra.co.nz](mailto:roho@xtra.co.nz)

**PRAYER MINISTRY** - We have a prayer team that can offer prayer for people at any time. We are inviting you to join the team. So what is expected of you? A prayer request will be forwarded to you by text message. Upon receipt of the text you will pray for the intention. You do not have to go anywhere or make contact with anyone. Just pray where you are, then continue to pray for the intention in your regular prayer time. If you would like to be part of this ministry please send me your name, cell phone number and email address to email: [prayer@fdm.org.nz](mailto:prayer@fdm.org.nz) If you would like more information, please ring me on **021 413 659**. To request prayer, text details to: **021 413 659** or email: [prayer@fdm.org.nz](mailto:prayer@fdm.org.nz)

**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](mailto:catholicshop@chch.catholic.org.nz), or 'like' us on Facebook. Open Mon-Fri 9.30am-4.30pm, Sat 10am-1pm.

**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).



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