

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH
WEEKLY NOTICES
15 April 2018

MASS OF THE NEOPHYTES: Parishes throughout the Diocese celebrated the rites of initiation at Easter. The Church envisions all newly initiated, or neophytes, to share Mass with their Bishop. All are welcome to this Mass of the Neophytes, **Saturday 5 May** at 9:00 am at Christ the King. A reception will follow.

A DAY WITH MARY will be held at St Peter and Paul's Church Halswell on Saturday 5th May 2018 commencing at 9 30 am and concluding at 3 00pm. Ring Janet on 9605294 for details

ENNEAGRAM WORKSHOP: **Friday May 11th evening and Sat 12th 9.30 -3.30**

The enneagram is a tool to explore your inner journey. It can help you to understand yourself, your relationships with others and your experience of God. Facilitated by Sr. Lyndall Brown rsj from Auckland. For further information or to register contact Trish O'Donnell trish.willem@gmail.com

CATHOLIC SHOP: For reflections & rosaries, candles & cards, books & bibles, NZ Catholic and more. 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 www.facebook.com/chchcatholicshop

REFLECTION DAY: Wednesday **18 April**, 10.30am – 2.30 pm. *Come and rest a while.* Pray in the spirit of Easter. Brief sessions using scripture, music and images will support silent private prayer. At Te Manawa Atawhai Catherine McAuley Centre at Villa Maria College, Peer Street. Bring own lunch, tea/coffee provided. Facilitator Sr Mary Catherwood (Rosary House Spiritual Life Centre).

VILLA MARIA COLLEGE : Open Day: Tuesday **8 May** 2018 9.00am-2.00pm. Villa Maria College invites friends, parents and their daughters to see the College at work on our Open Day. The Principal, Ms Deborah Brosnahan, will address parents and girls in the College Auditorium at 9am, 11am and 1pm. For further information, please contact the College Office, telephone 348 4165 or go to www.villa.school.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.

SCRIPTURE TALKS: A series of three talks, each lasting about one hour exploring the background and social conditions of Jesus of Nazareth with a brief look at St. Joseph, in this environment. On the second and third evening, consideration of a method to understanding some of the parables in the light of Galilean society in the time of Jesus. Please bring a Bible. Open to audience participation and questions.

Location: St. Joseph's parish centre, Vagues Road, Papanui

Date: Sundays 8th, 15th & 22nd April at 7.00 pm.

Cost: Free

Open: to Catholics, members of other Churches and all interested folk.

Topic: The social environment of Jesus of Nazareth and his method of using parables.

Presenter: Fr. Frank Kelly

Inquiries: Christine at Cathedral House 366 9869 or bishops-pa@chch.catholic.org.nz

NATIONAL MARRIAGE TRAINING WEEKEND: Those involved in marriage education (or those wishing to be involved) are invited to the *National Catholic Marriage Training Weekend* on the weekend of **18th – 20th May 2018**, at Chateau on the Park, Christchurch. The theme is “Christian Marriage: Radical Demands – Extravagant Mercy”. The Weekend is held every two years to form and encourage those involved in Marriage Education in the Catholic Church.

For more information, speak to your parish priest and view the website www.chchcatholic.nz/mtw

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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