

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH
WEEKLY NOTICES
17 December 2017

CHRISTCHURCH PARISHES: Those interested in learning more about the Catholic faith who speak Mandarin will begin in Christchurch **7 March 2018**. Mandarin speaking translators will be assisting with teaching the faith. Registrations to: Sr Bertha, bhurley53@hotmail.com or 03.353.0758.

JESUS AND JEWISH WISDOM: Fr Frank Kelly will be giving a one hour talk at 7.00pm on **Sunday 17th December** at the St Joseph's Parish Centre, Papanui. Entry free and everyone is welcome.

YOUTH FOR CHRIST (YFC) ENTRY CAMP : A fun filled camp that will give you the freedom to develop your faith and life long friendships! It's going to be days full of talks, worships, healing, fun activities, opportunities to expose your talents and laughter with new friends. See you there!
Where: Woodend Christian Camp Kaiapoi. **When: Jan. 26-28, 2018. Age Group :** from 12 to 22 yrs
For registration inquiries pls email to: entrycamp2018@gmail.com"

PRO-LIFE FACTS: In their new 38-page booklet "The Unforgotten Babies: the inspiration behind the Buttons Project", Peter and Marina Young write about their experience of abortion and the stories they have received from post-abortive women all over New Zealand who heard about the Buttons Project. To receive the booklet, visit www.buttonsproject.org. For more pro-life information, **visit** www.righttolife.org.nz

MISSION SISTERS' CHRISTMAS APPEAL: The Mission Sisters in the Christchurch Diocese invite you to support one or more of their Missions in Asia, or to make a general donation, as described in their Christmas Gift Catalogue distributed in the parish today. This Christmas Gift will truly make a difference.

HOSPITAL CONTACTS: Most hospitals no longer provide names of Catholic patients to our chaplains. If there is someone from your family going to hospital please advise the chaplain:

Burwood Hospital: Kirsten Challies 027 437 6737

Christchurch Hospital: Angela McCormick 364 0640 (x89554)

Hillmorton Hospital: Michael Hempseed 021 501 683

St George's Hospital: Fr Chris Orr 351 9502

CATHOLIC SHOP: opening on Sundays in December 10am -12pm. For Advent and Christmas gifts, bibles, candles, rosaries, greeting cards, books, and more. **Usual opening hours:** 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

SUBS REQUIRED OVER CHRISTMAS / NEW YEAR FOR THE ADORATION CHAPEL

Over the past four years the Diocesan Perpetual Adoration Chapel has remained open right throughout the Christmas period. This year we have a large number of people going away and require extra people to help out. If you are going to be at home this Christmas and would be happy to cover an hour to two please contact Matt on 366-9869 or chchadoration@gmail.com . It would be much appreciated.

VILLA MARIA COLLEGE IS TURNING 100! Villa's Centennial is just around the corner, with a weekend of special events planned for **16-18 February 2018**. This is a celebration for our whole community! Register your attendance today at www.villamaria100.co.nz or call 348 4165.

MARCELLIN COLLEGE'S 60TH JUBILEE is coming up next year from **23-25 March 2018**. Registrations now open at www.marcellin.school.nz.

FOOD FOR FAITH is offering an online Advent retreat. Sign up to receive daily encouragements in preparation for Christmas. More information and sign up at www.foodforfaith.org.nz

bookabach™ Support the Parish of the Good Shepherd Hurunui and have a holiday at the same time! This Flat in the heart of Hanmer Springs is probably the best value in town. A comfortable refurbished flat with SKY TV and WIFI all for \$80 a night during the week and \$130 a night at weekends. To book, simply search 27 Amuri Ave, Hanmer Springs on www.bookabach.co.nz

FOR HIRE: Gateway to the Waitaki Valley. Former Waimate convent building available for hire. Accommodates up to 11 people in 8 bedrooms. Charges are \$65 per family per night, plus a \$15 booking fee. Costs for individuals (non-families): \$30 per person. BYO linen, towels, e-towels. Contact Parish Secretary 03-689-8763 or stpatswaimate@xtra.co.nz

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).



Holy Cross Seminary
www.holycross.org.nz