

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH
WEEKLY NOTICES
17 March 2019

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF CARITAS:

Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand, the Catholic Agency for Justice, Peace & Development is celebrating 50 years of 'love in action' this year and to mark this wonderful milestone there will be an anniversary Mass at the Pro-Cathedral at 10.30am on **Sunday 24th March** to which you are all warmly invited.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: All are welcome to join us and pray the Stations of the Cross at St Mary's Pro-Cathedral each **Thursday** at 5.30pm.

LEARN HOW TO MAKE ROSARY BEADS. Saturday **23rd March** 1pm at St Francis de Sales Church 41 Victoria St, Rangiora. Come and make your own and hear about the Christocentric history and traditions of the rosary. Suggested donation \$20.00.

DOVE Catholic Fellowship for Women gathers every second Saturday of the month – at Christ the King from 1 – 3:30pm. Under the authority of the Bishop, we offer teachings, prayer ministry, reconciliation and fellowship. Dove is for women of all ages. No sign up required – simply come along. For more information contact: Diane 0274312026 or www.dove.org.nz or DOVE Fellowship Christchurch Facebook page

AN INVITATION to a time of stillness and silence before the Blessed Sacrament, every Tuesday of Lent, 5.30 - 6.30 at St. Mary's pro-Cathedral. Come for a few minutes or the full hour. 5.30pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, 5.50pm reflection, concluding with Benediction beginning at 6.20.

A TIME OF RENEWAL: The Cathedral Parish is organizing a Time of Renewal, Rosary – Adoration – Reflection - Movie "Jesus of Nazareth"... the passion of Jesus. Bring along family members and friends. Everyone is invited. Join for a cup of coffee after the programme.

Saturday, 6 April 2019. From 1.45pm to 3.15pm at Cathedral Parish, 373 Manchester St. Your presence will be much appreciated.

ROSARY HOUSE SPIRITUAL LIFE CENTRE

Prayer Series-Noticing God's Presence: Entering into silent prayer. Tuesday **19 March**, 10.30-11.30am. Facilitated by Sr Mary Catherwood at Te Manawa Atawhai Catherine McAuley Centre, Villa Maria College.

CATHOLIC SHOP: Lent & Easter resources and gifts now available, including reflections, books and candles. 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. Open Mon-Fri 9.30am-4.30pm, Sat 10am-1pm.

PRO-LIFE FACTS

The Parliamentary Justice Select Committee after considering 35,000 written submissions with 90% opposed to euthanasia will soon deliver its report to Parliament on the End of Life Choice bill. This will be followed by the second reading of the bill. We all have a duty to

defend the lives of the most vulnerable members of our community, the aged, the disabled and the seriously ill. Euthanasia is about doctors killing their patients or assisting in their suicide. Right to Life encourages you to contact your local MPs to ask them to vote against this dangerous and evil bill. **For more pro-life information, visit www.righttolife.org.nz**

Formation for **LEADERS of Liturgy of the Word with Children**: Tuesday, 19th March 7.00-9.00pm, Cath Edu Office, Registration by 12 March to Mdaly@chch.catholic.org.nz, 03.353.0758. New & experienced leaders welcome. Come learn what the Church envisions for her children.

MASS IN THE SPANISH LANGUAGE: This year there will be a Mass in Spanish every second Saturday of the month at 5 pm at St Teresa's in Riccarton. Following the Mass there will be some time of conviviality in the parish hall.

GOLDEN CATHOLICS:

I am very pleased to advise that our two speakers at our first "Golden Catholics" event for 2019 are **Bishop Paul Martin SM and Mr Tony Sewell**, Manager, Property and Development. The topic is Bishop Paul's vision for the Diocese. For those over 65 who enjoyed our previous Golden Catholic events a warm invite is extended to you again. A special invitation to those who have not been before – we would love you to come. No costs are involved. The luncheon will be held on **Wednesday, 27 March** 2019 from 11.30am – 1.30pm at **St Gregory's Church**, Cotswold Avenue, Bishopdale. Parking is also available behind the church on Colesbury Street. (Please note change of venue). If you wish to attend please advise your parish secretary by Wednesday, 20 March 2019.

PARISH PASTORAL WORKER

Applications are invited for the position of Parish Pastoral Worker at St. Teresas Parish, Riccarton. The position would suit a confident personality, with empathy who is great at being organised, able to mix with people from all walks of life and someone who is actively involved in parish life. The position is 20 hrs per week. Job description available from office@stteresas.org.nz Please send a cover letter and a CV to office@stteresas.org.nz Applications for the position close on 1 March and the successful applicant will be required to take up the position on 1 April 2019.

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY COORDINATOR

Applications are invited for the position of Youth & Young Adult Ministry Coordinator at St Teresa's Parish, Riccarton. The position is approx. 10 hours per week including weekend & evening work. Responsibilities will include building relationships, supporting youth workers, communicating with children & youth in the parish, attending Youth Council meetings etc. Job description available from office@stteresas.org.nz Please send a cover letter and a CV to office@stteresas.org.nz Applications for the position close on 1 March and the successful applicant will be required to take up the position on 1 April 2019.

PREGNANCY CENTRE VOLUNTEER TRAINING DAY

Are you caring and compassionate? Do you love life? If you are, please consider volunteering at the Pregnancy Centre. We have many ways you can defend, protect and serve life. We can

train you to take calls, sort donations, do needs assessments, and give pregnancy tests. To register for our next Volunteer Training on **Tuesday 26 March** from 10am-2:30pm, please contact Carly at 03 351 3227 or pregcentrechch@gmail.com. *This will also be a great refresher for those of you who already volunteer with us)

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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