

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH
WEEKLY NOTICES
18 November 2018

ADVENT SCRIPTURE TALKS:

Speaker: Fr Frank Kelly

Venue: St Joseph's Parish Centre, Vagues Road, Papanui. Free Admission to all.

Time: Sunday 9th December 7.00pm – Women in the Gospels.

Sunday 16th December 7.00pm – Biblical Reflection on the Incarnation

PROLIFE FACTS: The Law Commission released its long-awaited report on NZ's abortion law on 26th October and it's not good news for mothers and their preborn babies. The Prime Minister and the Minister of Justice directed the Law Commission to come up with options on how abortion would be classed as a health service and not a crime. All 3 options deny the humanity of the child which becomes the property of the mother and effectively allows abortion up to birth. *for more information visit [www. righttolife.org.nz](http://www.righttolife.org.nz)*

ROSARY HOUSE ADVENT RETREAT ~ The Christmas Mystery and the Journey of the Soul *'Christ always seeks the straw of the most desolate cribs to make his Bethlehem.'*

Thomas Merton. **Joy Ryan-Bloore, Jungian Analyst Friday 30 November 6.45pm – 9pm**

Saturday 1 December 9.30am – 4.00pm. Mary Potter Community Centre, 442 Durham

Street North Bring own lunch, tea/coffee provided. Suggested contribution \$60 or

donation according to means. **For Bookings ring Rosary House 03 379 1298 or email**

roho@xtra.co.nz

CHANGE IN SUNDAY MASS TIME AT THE CARMELITE MONASTERY: as from Sunday, **25th November** (Feast of Christ the King), the Sunday Mass time at the Carmelite Monastery will change from 8:00am to **8:30am**

RNDM ANNUAL CHRISTMAS APPEAL: The Sisters of Our Lady of the Missions are an International Missionary Congregation of women who desire to facilitate change by being present with compassion and sharing God's love and justice among those with whom we share life. Their annual Christmas Appeal is now on. Collect a Christmas gift catalogue from the foyer today to help support this work. Thank you.

CATHOLIC SHOP: Advent & Christmas stock arriving daily! We have new books and gift ideas, along with all the traditional items you'd expect. 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.

GLOBAL HEALING - how our faith helps us to care for our common home

Christ the King Parish is holding two sessions of a new programme produced by CaFE (Catholic Faith Exploration Film Company), sponsored by the Bishops of the UK. We invite any interested parishioners of other parishes to an inspiring evening of film, food & friendship responding together to Pope Francis' call to care for creation and to pass on a healthy planet to our children's children.

Two Sessions, **Wednesdays 28 November and 5 December**. Parish Centre, Christ the King Church, 90 Greers Road. 7.30 pm All Welcome.

THE JOHN PAUL II CENTRE FOR LIFE invites you to a Candlelit Family Prayer Vigil on **Friday 23 November 2018** at Holy Trinity Parish, Bryndwr. Opening Mass 7.30pm celebrating faith in all the generations, 12 midnight mass for Marriage and Priesthood. Adoration, and rosary throughout the night. Reconciliation available: 8.30pm. Enquiries phone Cathy on tel: 3555 841.

THOMAS MERTON SOCIETY: Monday, December 10th marks the fiftieth anniversary of the untimely death of the Trappist monk, Thomas Merton in Bangkok, Thailand. As part of a number of events celebrated worldwide, the Christchurch chapter will hold a commemorative event on the day, starting at **6pm in the evening** at the **Waimalri Cemetery in 195 Grahams Road, Burnside**, where members of the Merton Family are buried. This will be followed by prayer and refreshments in the Narthex at St Mary's Pro-Cathedral for approximately an hour. For catering purposes would those attending please contact Sister Eleanor Capper rsj on: ecapper@chch.catholic.org.nz. or 03 353 0756 by **December 1st**.

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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