

**CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH**  
**WEEKLY NOTICES**  
**1 April 2018 EASTER SUNDAY**

**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](http://www.villa.school.nz)

**ALL DAY VIGIL FOR LIFE:** Can you spare one hour to pray for greater respect for Life opposite Christchurch Hospital on April 9<sup>th</sup>, Feast of the Annunciation? To book a time between 7am-6pm in this all-day Vigil for Life, call us at the JP2 Centre for Life, 351 3225.

**CATHOLIC SHOP:** For candles & rosaries, cards & gifts, books & bibles, NZ Catholic as well as Lent & Easter reflections. 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](mailto:catholicshop@chch.catholic.org.nz), or 'like' us on Facebook [www.facebook.com/chchcatholicshop](http://www.facebook.com/chchcatholicshop)

**GREATER COMPANY OF MARY:** Members of the Greater Company of Mary and others are invited to attend Mass on Saturday April 7 at 10.30 a.m. at the Mary Potter Community Centre Durham St Nth. Morning tea to follow, all welcome.

**FIRST FRIDAY MASS:** You are invited to join with those in the Renewal on the first Friday of each month as we come together to celebrate Mass at 7.30pm, Christ the King Church, 90 Greers Rd, Burnside, followed by supper in the Parish Centre. Next Mass: Friday **6<sup>th</sup> April**. For more information about the Catholic Charismatic Renewal go to: [www.ccrnz.org](http://www.ccrnz.org)

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY:** **April 8.** All parishioners are invited to the annual celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday at the Pro-Cathedral on Sunday **April 8**. Our new Bishop Paul Martin will be the main celebrant. Reconciliation 1.30pm-3pm. Chaplet of Mercy 3 pm. Mass 3.15pm. Followed by veneration of the Divine Mercy Image and 1st Class relic of St Faustina. Ph Pat 03 359 2087

**CHRISTIAN LIFE PROGRAMME:** **Couples for Christ** and its Family Ministry invited you to come and join our Christian Life Program - Rekindle! Formation, fellowship and personal testimonies. **8th of April** 2018 at 1.30pm, Sacred Heart Hall, 70 Spencer Street, Addington, Christchurch For more info contact either: Ronel & Janice Catalo – 0220387582 or Jolito & Guada Amistoso - 0223431074 or email as on [Christchurch.clp2018@gmail.com](mailto:Christchurch.clp2018@gmail.com) Search and follow in Facebook Page: Christian Life Program 2018 – Rekindle

**SPIRITUALITY OF AGEING:** Presented by Dr Anna Holmes on Thursday **5 April**, 2pm-3.30pm and repeated on Friday 6 April, 7pm at Te Manawa Atawhai Catherine McAuley Centre, Villa Maria College, Peer St. Koha Donation . Rosary House Spiritual Life Centre Programme. Bookings helpful: 03 3791298 or [roho@xtra.co.nz](mailto:roho@xtra.co.nz)  
"Jesus said: I am the Way, I am Truth and Life." (John 14,6)

**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 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:bishops-pa@chch.catholic.org.nz)

**DOVE WOMENS FELLOWSHIP** welcomes Joan Hauck, MA from the United States. Join us for a practical prayerful look at Joy. *Is Joy the same as happiness? What if I don't feel joy? How do I find joy?* Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> April 1.00-3.00pm Christ the King Parish Centre, Greens Road. For more info contact Dianne 027 4312 026

**PRO –LIFE FACTS:** Media coverage related to David Seymour's End of Life Choice bill has generally exhibited strong bias in favour of assisted suicide and euthanasia. Right to Life has recently lodged 4 complaints related to media coverage of euthanasia and assisted dying, as they believe the principles of the Press Council and the Broadcasting Standards Authority have been breached. For more pro-life information, visit [www.righttolife.org.nz](http://www.righttolife.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 18<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.chchcatholic.nz/mtw)

**THURSDAY TALKS WITH THE COMMUNITY OF ST. JOHN:** You are welcome to attend the Thursday Talks run by the Community of St. John at St. Teresa's Parish. The first series of the year is on the Book of Revelation, by Fr. Michael Therese and Fr. Sean Mary. These talks are every Thursday evening, 7.30pm in the parish hall (8 Puriri St, Riccarton), beginning 15<sup>th</sup> February and the final talk on 5<sup>th</sup> April (no talk during Holy Week).

**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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