

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH
WEEKLY NOTICES
1 March 2020

POST ABORTION SEMINAR - March 13-15 in Christchurch

This seminar could be of interest to anyone in the health, counselling, pastoral care or wellbeing area who meet with people who may be affected by termination. The first two days are foundational and have a wider application. The third day is targeted to counsellors and therapists or those who may journey with clients in a deeper journey of healing.

For more information contact Lauren on admin@postabortionpaths.org.nz or 027 417 6739.

MONTHLY CHARISMATIC MASS

You are warmly invited to join us on **Friday 6th March** for the monthly first Friday Charismatic Mass at Christ the King, Burnside, commencing 7-30pm. It includes a time of Praise & Worship, prayer ministry, fellowship and supper after Mass. Enquires to Maureen: 0275688338

CYT Worship Night (prev Wilder Worship Nights)

Theme: **RESTORE** - Come and be RESTORED in the presence of Our Lord in ADORATION, join us in PRAISE & WORSHIP of God, be reconciled with God in the SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION and there will be people there to PRAY with you if you would like.

Friday 20 March 2020, 7:30pm - 9:00pm @ St Teresa's Church, 8 Puriri Street

All youth and young adults, as well as family and friends are welcome to come.

For more info, contact Sam ssivertsen@chch.catholic.org.nz / 353 0705

Or check out **CYT: Youth and Young Adult Ministries** on facebook

ROSARY HOUSE SPIRITUAL LIFE CENTRE OPPORTUNITIES

Retreat in Daily Life. Tues 3 and 10 March, 7-9pm. Facilitator Kevin Gallagher. These two evenings and suggested daily exercises introduce some ways of *Attending to Holy Mystery* as offered in St Ignatius' Spiritual Exercises. Venue: Te Manawa Atawhai Catherine McAuley Centre at Villa Maria College, Upper Riccarton. Koha/Donation

Day of Reflection. Sat 14 March, 10.30am – 2.30pm. Facilitator Sr Mary Catherwood. Prayer amid the **mystery of creation**. Support for reflection and silent prayer through brief video clips, scripture passages and music. Venue: Te Manawa Atawhai at Villa Maria College. Bring own lunch; tea/coffee provided. Koha/Donation

Mass in Potuguese

Mass in Portuguese will be held on the **last Sunday of the month**, 5.00pm St Bernadette's in Hornby. All welcome

ST VINCENT DE PAUL **urgently** needs clothing and furniture to sell in our stores and to give away to families in need. Drop off can be made to our stores, 265 Stanmore Rd, 31 Shands Road or Papanui, 19 Langdons Road or to our clothing bins or to arrange pick up call 3897484 Ext 3 or 0211929350. Thank you for helping us to help others.

WOVEN – Diocesan Worship / Prayer Event

“I want you woven into a tapestry of love, in touch with everything there is to know of God. Then you will have minds confident and at rest, focused on Christ, God's great mystery.” Col 2:2

As we prepare for Pentecost and look forward to our new future within the Diocese, you are invited to come and join Bishop Paul in a prayer vigil. This is to pray for our future and for unity, to be woven together and to deepen our relationship with Jesus Christ to be a witness of faith in our city and our country.

Join with Bishop Paul and others in the diocese at #woven for one hour or more over this 12 hour vigil

Friday 8th May 12noon to 12 midnight at St Mary's Pro-Cathedral

12 hours of different expressions of prayer; celebration of Mass, adoration, reconciliation, meditation, Taizé, praise and worship. It will involve different groups from the diocese; prayer groups, cultural groups, schools, choirs etc. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Paul at the beginning and end of this time of prayer.

For more information visit www.chchcatholic.nz/woven or on Facebook

MARCH FOR LIFE CHRISTCHURCH – 28 March 2020

Mark your calendars now! On Saturday 28 March, join pro-life New Zealanders in Christchurch for a March for Life. Starting **12pm** at the Cathedral Square and walk to North Hagley Park. Life is precious and sacred, let New Zealand know that we love them both!

Visit [Facebook.com/MarchforLifeChristchurch/](https://www.facebook.com/MarchforLifeChristchurch/) for event details and updates. Flyers available at the back of church.

DOVE – Saturday 14 March 1-3pm

Join us in welcoming **Joan Houck** as our speaker this month. Joan has been travelling to NZ from the US for over 40 years. During this time, she has been involved in many retreats, bible studies and missions – both here and overseas. We welcome woman of all ages to this not to be missed event! More info - contact Ann 021 111 3963 or Facebook – DOVE Fellowship Christchurch.

GOLDEN CATHOLICS:

I am very pleased to advise that our speakers at our next “Golden Catholics” luncheon for 2020 are Mr Mike Nolan (Manager for the Catholic Education Office and Mrs Cushla O'Connor (Religious Education Adviser). I am sure that our guest speakers will provide us with very informative and interesting talks.

For those over 65 who enjoyed our previous Golden Catholic events a warm invite is extended to you again. A special invitation is extended to those who have not been before – we would love you to come. No costs are involved. Please note your diaries that the next luncheon will be held on Wednesday, **25 March 2020** from 11.30am – 1.30pm at St Gregory's Church, Cotswold Avenue, Bishopdale. Parking is also available behind the church on Colesbury Street. If you wish to attend, please advise your parish secretary by Wednesday, 18 March 2020.

PRO-CATHEDRAL CONCERT FOR LENT

At St Mary's Pro-Cathedral on Sunday, **8 March** at 3 pm, CBS Orchestra will present a free hour-long concert of Beethoven's *Christus Introduction* and *Eroica* Symphony No. 3.

ABORTION LAW REFORM

The current abortion law in New Zealand is being debated in parliament with a second reading and vote by politicians coming up soon. The Church calls us to defend life. The laity are encouraged to contact their local electorate and list Members of Parliament to ask that they vote against the anti-life Abortion Legislation Bill at its second reading. The Bill removes abortion from the Crimes Act so that it is no longer a crime to kill an unborn child and provides for late

term abortions. Abortion is violence against women and the unborn child - the weakest and most defenceless member of the human family. Please also pray for that this Bill be defeated.

INITIATION JOURNEY: God has been working in the lives of many, calling them to life in the Church. Many parishes have been working with these adults, some seeking initiation through Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist and others, already baptized, seeking communion in the Church. Bishop Paul joins bishops throughout the world in celebrating these rites, eliciting a deeper level of commitment and faithfulness from the catechumen and candidates. Their godparents and sponsors will testify on their behalf and we will be asked to affirm them, supporting them by prayer and example. All are encouraged to come to the **Rite of Election, Sunday, 1 March** 1:00 p.m. St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral, 373 Manchester Street. This is not a Mass but a joyful celebration of God's calling and their response to discipleship. A reception will follow.

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD FORMATION COURSE

4th-6th April and 1st-3rd May 2020 at St Pius X Catholic Church, 59 Pine Ave, Melville, Hamilton.

A Montessori based faith education process that enabling children to encounter God in a retreat like atmosphere filled with sensorially rich materials based on the Scriptures and the Liturgy. This Formation Course is for those interested in the faith development of children aged 3 to 6 years. It is the foundation course for further levels, and therefore also for those wanting to eventually train in Level 2 (6-9) or Level 3 (9-12) Catechesis of the Good Shepherd.

For further information see <https://bit.ly/2NnLlc0> or contact Katherine Pawson at chch.childrens.atrium@gmail.com. Register online at <https://bit.ly/2Rz97Zo> by 1st March 2020.

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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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www.holycross.org.nz