

**CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH**  
**WEEKLY NOTICES**  
**21 July 2019**

**Bishop's Proposed Plan area meetings**

The Bishop Paul continues with his area meetings around the greater Christchurch area. These meetings are an opportunity to hear from Bishop Paul about his vision and the opportunity for people to ask questions. The dates and venues for the remaining meetings with Bishop Paul are below.

**Central** - Tuesday 23rd July 7.30pm Cathedral College Hall, 62 Ferry Road

**Selwyn** - Sunday 28th July 2.00pm at Lincoln Event Centre, 15 Meijer Dr, Lincoln

**Waimakariri/Hurunui** - Tuesday 30th July 7.30pm at Chervier Centre, Rangiora

To date over 200 submissions have been received online and a good number of hard copy submissions as well.

**GROUP LEADERS FEEDBACK TRAINING SESSION**

The Bishop's Pastoral Office would like to assist group leaders in facilitating **group feedback** sessions on the Bishops proposed plan "**Our Faith, Our Future**". On **Sunday 21st July at 3.30pm** they will run an information and support session at the **Assisi Lounge, Mairehau Parish, 380 Innes Rd.** At this session information will be given on the online forms and how to fill them out, as well as tools and suggestions for engaging groups in the feedback process. These sessions are open to anyone who will be facilitating (or supporting) the group feedback process. Contact Matt on 366-9869 for more information.

**DOVE CATHOLIC FELLOWSHIP FOR WOMEN**

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> August** from 1pm-3pm. We are blessed to have Fr Michael Therese as our speaker. With a wonderful gift for teaching, Fr Michael will share his insight on the Dos and Don'ts of being Catholic. Christ the King Parish Centre, Burnside. Contact: Diane: 027 431 2026 or check us out on Facebook

**ST MARY'S SCHOOL, CHRISTCHURCH 125TH JUBLIEE - 30/31 August 2019**

All former students, staff and parents are invited to help celebrate 125 years of education at St Mary's School. Drinks and Nibbles function Fri 30 Aug and Celebration Mass and afternoon tea Sat 31 Aug 4pm at St Mary's Pro-Cathedral.

Please register by emailing the school office requesting details:

[office@stmaryschh.school.nz](mailto:office@stmaryschh.school.nz)

**CATHOLIC BUSINESS NETWORK LUNCH Thursday 8 August, Town Hall 12-2pm**

In the wake of the earthquakes, Bishop Paul Martin SM is leading the Diocese of Christchurch through the single largest financial investment undertaken by the Catholic Church in New Zealand. You are invited to attend the second luncheon for the Catholic Business Network of the year to hear about his exciting new vision for the Church.

Tickets to this event are selling fast. To purchase a ticket email [events@cdoc.nz](mailto:events@cdoc.nz) or phone 03 366 9869.

## **CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME**

Do you have family and friends who want to explore returning to their faith and spiritual home? Catholics Returning Home is a no pressure, easy going course that begins on the **13th August** for 4 weeks at St Joseph's Parish Centre. Begin your journey today by contacting 0508 HOME NOW (0508 466 366).

## **SEASONS FOR GROWTH**

Are you experiencing change, loss and grief in your life? Learn about how significant losses have impacted your life and learn knowledge, skills and attitudes to respond and understand these experiences. Papanui Parish course is running from **23 August** 12.30-3pm on Fridays for 4 weeks. To register contact Lauren on 027 424 6045 or [seasons@chch.catholic.org.nz](mailto:seasons@chch.catholic.org.nz)

**SEASONS FOR GROWTH COURSE.** All in our parishes have experienced change in regard to their spiritual home over recent years, and this change, for many, has brought a very real sense of loss. Consequently we are offering a Seasons for Growth course, to help deal with this type of change and loss of the spiritual home. The course runs for 4 weeks beginning Wednesday **July 31st** at 10am and again at 7pm and will be held at the Assisi Lounge, St Francis of Assisi Parish. For more information, or to register, contact Kirsten Challies at [kirsten.challies@mairehauparish.org.nz](mailto:kirsten.challies@mairehauparish.org.nz).

## **IF YOU ARE GOING INTO HOSPITAL...**

It is important when a family member enters hospital, that their next of kin or carer, makes sure they are registered as Catholic.

Due to privacy laws, some hospitals do not now provide names of Catholic patients to our Catholic Chaplains. So if a patient or a family wishes to see the Catholic hospital chaplain please ask the ward staff to ensure that the chaplain is contacted.

If you know you will be entering hospital then you are able to ask your parish priest to anoint you prior to going into hospital.

A Catholic priest is always available for urgent calls by asking hospital staff to contact him.

**SACRED SCRIPTURE** - A series of talks by Fr. Frank Kelly on the problems of the early Church and how some of these remain problems in the Church today. Place: St. Joseph's parish centre, Vagues Rd.

Time: **7.30pm**

Sunday **14<sup>th</sup> July** - Jewish Christians and today's Christians

Sunday **21<sup>st</sup> July** - Hellenist Christians and today's Christians

Sunday **28<sup>th</sup> July** - The Lord's prayer

Admission free. Inquiries: Christine 366 9869.

**"Parish to Parish for B & B"** has been providing Catholic hospitality for 16 years, with catholic hosts opening their homes to fellow Catholics for a small charge of \$35 for one person, or \$30 each for 2 or more, this is per night and includes continental breakfast. To obtain a directory of the hosts throughout New Zealand and Australia contact Marie

Anderson, email [marie.ian@xtra.co.nz](mailto:marie.ian@xtra.co.nz) or phone 03 3595 541 Christchurch. The book including postage is \$15

**PRAYER MINISTRY** - We have a prayer team that can offer prayer for people at any time. We are inviting you to join the team. So what is expected of you? A prayer request will be forwarded to you by text message. Upon receipt of the text you will pray for the intention. You do not have to go anywhere or make contact with anyone. Just pray where you are, then continue to pray for the intention in your regular prayer time. If you would like to be part of this ministry please send me your name, cell phone number and email address to email: [prayer@fdm.org.nz](mailto:prayer@fdm.org.nz) If you would like more information, please ring me on **021 413 659**. To request prayer, text details to: **021 413 659** or email: [prayer@fdm.org.nz](mailto:prayer@fdm.org.nz)

**CATHOLIC SHOP:** For the best range of Catholic gifts and resources in the South Island, 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. Open Mon-Fri 9.30am-4.30pm, Sat 10am-1pm.

**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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