

**CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH**  
**WEEKLY NOTICES**  
**22 April 2018**

**ECUMENICAL PRAYER SERVICE:** All parishioners are warmly invited to an Ecumenical Prayer Service during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity to be held in St Mary's Pro-Cathedral on **16<sup>th</sup> May** at 5.30pm.

**CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL COLLEGE** is holding an **open evening** on Thursday **24th May** from 6.30pm – 8.00pm at 62 Ferry Road. Everyone most welcome.

**DOVE CATHOLIC FELLOWSHIP FOR WOMEN** Welcomes you to join us **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May 1pm - 3pm** to hear Maria Schmetzer speak - **'A reflection on the practice of confident love, joyful acceptance of our weakness and abandonment to the Divine Will'** This is something that all Christian women can relate to as we journey through our daily lives, with all the ups and downs, joys and sorrows. All women warmly welcome – Christ the King Parish Centre, Greers Rd. Phone/txt Diane 0274312026 for more info.

**SVDP RETAIL MANAGER NEEDED:** Our new store in Hornby required a retail manager. Job includes managing day to day operations, coordinating drivers and managing stock. Ideally applicants will have retail experience and be compassionate and caring. CVs to [penny@svdpchch.co.nz](mailto:penny@svdpchch.co.nz) or PO Box 26007, Christchurch. Application close 12 May 2018. See the Diocesan website for more details [www.chchcatholic.nz](http://www.chchcatholic.nz)

**SLAVERY IN THE NEW TESTAMENT AND MODERN HUMAN SLAVERY.** Thursday **10 May** 7.30pm at Te Manawa Atawhai Catherine McAuley Centre at Villa Maria College. Presented by Dr Kathleen Rushton rsm. Slavery is often unseen and not named for what it is. Sr Kath offers scriptural background and insights from the "Tip of the Iceberg" Conference of 2017. Rosary House Spiritual Life Centre event. Indication of attendance helpful to [roho@xtra.co.nz](mailto:roho@xtra.co.nz) or (03) 379 1298.

**CAMINO DE SANTIAGO MEETING:** A meeting is being held on Monday 30 April in the 'Sydenham Room,' at the South Library, (entry via the Night Entrance,) 66 Colombo Street between 7 and 9 pm for past and future pilgrims to discuss all things Camino. As numbers are limited please RSVP (and for more information) to either; Deb at [debflaming78@gmail.com](mailto:debflaming78@gmail.com) or Philip at [nzphee@gmail.com](mailto:nzphee@gmail.com)

**MASS OF THE NEOPHYTES:** Parishes throughout the Diocese celebrated the rites of initiation at Easter. The Church envisions all newly initiated, or neophytes, to share Mass with their Bishop. All are welcome to this Mass of the Neophytes, **Saturday 5 May** at 9:00 am at Christ the King. A reception will follow.

**A DAY WITH MARY** will be held at St Peter and Paul's Church Halswell on Saturday **5<sup>th</sup> May 2018** commencing at 9 30 am and concluding at 3 00pm. Ring Janet on 9605294 for details

**THE BILLINGS OVULATION METHOD™ FAMILY PLANNING NATURALLY :** The Billings Ovulation Method™ is used by millions of women around the world. It was developed by Doctors John and Evelyn Billings, validated by eminent international scientists and successfully trialled by the World Health Organisation. By learning to identify natural signs of fertility, you can use the Billings Ovulation Method™ to achieve or avoid pregnancy and to safeguard your reproductive health. The

method is easy to learn and can be used at any and all stages of a woman's fertile lifetime, including during breast feeding and in the perimenopause. Accredited Billings Teachers are available throughout New Zealand. A distance learning service is available for those that do not have a service in their area. **Website:** [www.billingslife.org.nz](http://www.billingslife.org.nz) **Call Free:** 0800 NZ Fertility (693 378) **Email:** [info@billingslife.org.nz](mailto:info@billingslife.org.nz)

**P.A.T.H.S.** (Post Abortion Trauma Healing Service) is charitable group based in Christchurch, which provides support nationally for those negatively impacted by a recent or past abortion. It also offers education and training around post abortion issues and healing needs. We have been operating for 20 years and have reached another crisis point. For this vital ministry to continue we are seeking people to come on board as trustees. We also require help with administration, funding and the financial accounts; and we need a counsellor with a passion for this area to become the new Co-ordinator of Services. At present these are voluntary roles until such time as funding becomes available. If you have a heart for this area of healing and have skills that you can offer, please consider coming forward to help. For more information about our service visit [www.postabortionpaths.org.nz](http://www.postabortionpaths.org.nz) and for expressions of interest in any of the roles mentioned, please email Karen or Carolina at [admin@postabortionpaths.org.nz](mailto:admin@postabortionpaths.org.nz)

**CATHOLIC SHOP:** For reflections & rosaries, candles & cards, books & bibles, NZ Catholic and more. 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)

**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)

**PRO-LIFE FACTS:** A non-invasive screening programme is offered in NZ to identify babies with Down syndrome or other conditions. Mothers are then offered and are often encouraged to choose to abort their preborn child who may have Down syndrome or another condition. This is a form of genocide, targeting members of a specific group for elimination. 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)

**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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