

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH
WEEKLY NOTICES
24 March 2019

THE CANTERBURY INTERFAITH SOCIETY invites you to join us at the Peace Bell in the botanic gardens on **Sunday the 24th of March at 2pm** for a time of prayer for healing for the city and in support of the Muslim community who are suffering so deeply.

MASS FOR LIFE: The Christchurch Diocesan Council of Catholic Women's League are holding a Mass for Life on Monday 25th March at 7.00pm at St Mary's Pro-Cathedral, 373 Manchester Street. All very welcome.

CITY-WIDE COMBINED CHURCH EVENT: An event organised by the city wide church leaders network called Te Raranga (which translates loosely as "the weaving") is holding an event for all churches.

This is being held on Saturday May 11th, 7pm at Christchurch Town Hall, and is called "Celebration '19".

This gathering is a rare opportunity to come together to reaffirm our unity as followers of Jesus, celebrate our diverse expressions of faith and join together to pray for our city. Contributions from a wide range of groups promises to make this night a celebration of colour and flavour; a chance to give glory to God for the different ways He is working among and through us.

You are invited to attend this evening of worship, prayer, celebration and challenge. Tickets are now on sale through Ticketek at \$19.00 per person (plus booking fee). Note: it is cheaper to book multiple tickets.

WILDER - 5 April @ 7:30pm, Te Manawa Atawhai Centre (by Villa Maria College) Adoration and Praise & Worship as well as the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Prayer Teams available. A time where we combine worshipping God together with a chance to connect deeper with Him individually. If you have any questions, please contact Sam @ CYT – ssivertsen@chch.catholic.org.nz or check out cyt.org.nz/wilder

REFLECTION DAY: Prayer in the spirit of our Lenten Journey. Scripture, music and images will support silent prayer. **Sat 30 March**, 10.30am - 2.30pm at Te Manawa Atawhai Catherine McAuley Centre at Villa Maria College. Facilitator Sr Mary Catherwood. Bring own lunch. Inquiries/bookings to Rosary House (03) 379 1298 or roho@xtra.co.nz

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: All are welcome to join us and pray the Stations of the Cross at St Mary's Pro-Cathedral each **Thursday** at 5.30pm.

DOVE Catholic Fellowship for Women gathers every second Saturday of the month – at Christ the King from 1 – 3:30pm. Under the authority of the Bishop, we offer teachings, prayer ministry, reconciliation and fellowship. Dove is for women of all ages. No sign up required – simply come along. For more information contact: Diane 0274312026 or www.dove.org.nz or DOVE Fellowship Christchurch Facebook page

AN INVITATION to a time of stillness and silence before the Blessed Sacrament, every Tuesday of Lent, 5.30 - 6.30 at St. Mary's pro-Cathedral. Come for a few minutes or the full hour. 5.30pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, 5.50pm reflection, concluding with Benediction beginning at 6.20.

A TIME OF RENEWAL: The Cathedral Parish is organizing a Time of Renewal, Rosary – Adoration – Reflection - Movie “Jesus of Nazareth”... the passion of Jesus. Bring along family members and friends. Everyone is invited. Join for a cup of coffee after the programme.

Saturday, 6 April 2019. From 1.45pm to 3.15pm at Cathedral Parish, 373 Manchester St. Your presence will be much appreciated.

CATHOLIC SHOP: Lent & Easter resources and gifts now available, including reflections, books and candles. 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. Open Mon-Fri 9.30am-4.30pm, Sat 10am-1pm.

PRO –LIFE FACTS We should mourn for our fifty Muslim brothers and sisters cruelly massacred while at prayer at their mosques in Christchurch. We should be opposed to violence against both the unborn and the born. When we lose respect for the right to life for the unborn we lose respect for the right to life of all people. We should remember that every day in New Zealand approximately 35 innocent and defenceless unborn children are violently killed before they are born, this too is a massacre that is however sanctioned and funded by the government. **For more information ,visit www.righttolife.org.nz**

MASS IN THE SPANISH LANGUAGE: This year there will be a Mass in Spanish every second Saturday of the month at 5 pm at St Teresa's in Riccarton. Following the Mass there will be some time of conviviality in the parish hall.

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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