

**CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH**  
**WEEKLY NOTICES**  
**25 August 2019**

**ABORTION LAW REFORM:**

You will be aware that the current Labour-led Government has proposed an **ALTERNATIVE ABORTION LAW** to our parliament. That Bill, being promoted by the Justice Minister, Andrew Little, has passed its first reading and has now been referred to a Special Select Committee for further consideration and to give the public of New Zealand a chance to comment through the parliamentary submission process. All Catholics are encouraged to have their say. The New Zealand Bishops' Conference has prepared an information sheet for parishioners which is now available in parish churches and on the Diocesan website. The Submission process closes on Thursday 19 September.

**FROM GANGLAND TO PROMISED LAND - Monday 16 September, 7pm**

John Pridmore is an internationally acclaimed speaker, author and ex gangster. Born in London John spent much of his early life in and out of prison. Acting as a bouncer throughout London, John hit a turning point one night when he thought he had nearly killed a man. From that night his life was changed. He has since worked with people such as Mother Teresa and John Paul II. John will be speaking on his journey from the criminal underworld to Christ at 7pm on Monday 16 September at The Piano. To purchase a ticket email [events@cdoc.nz](mailto:events@cdoc.nz) or phone 03 366 9869.

**HELP REQUIRED!**

Would you like to help children 3 - 6 years old grow in their relationship with Jesus? Do you have 2 hours free a week or fortnight during school term time? A helper is needed for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd at the Children's Atrium, St Joseph's School, Papanui. Contact Katherine Pawson for more information about this ministry. Ph: 0211070290, email: [Chch.childrens.atrrium@gmail.com](mailto:Chch.childrens.atrrium@gmail.com).

**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S MOVEMENT** Women's Heart for Mission. A retreat day led by Ann Gilroy, Editor of Tui Motu. Saturday **14 September** 2019 9.30 am – 4.30 pm At the McFadden's Centre, 64 McFaddens Road Papanui, Christchurch Cost: \$50. This includes lunch and morning and afternoon tea. Contact: Maree 021 557 929. ALL WELCOME

**SACRED HEART SCHOOL, DUNEDIN** - 125th Celebrations, 2020 All Ex-pupils and former Teachers are advised that at **Labour Weekend 2020**, the School will celebrate the 125th anniversary of its opening in North East Valley, Dunedin. Everyone interested in attending these celebrations should email: [reunion125@sacredheartdn.school.nz](mailto:reunion125@sacredheartdn.school.nz)

**A SPRING RETREAT : AWAKENING LIFE - AWAKENING FAITH** Coming together as a community of faith – deepening our experience and love of God. Three sessions of reflection and prayer led by Fr John O'Connor of "Food for Faith" fame. Each Thursday evening: **September 5, 12, 19** from 7–8pm in St Anne's Church, Woolston. All welcome.

**MONTHLY CHARISMATIC MASS**

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

**DOVE FELLOWSHIP FOR WOMEN: 14 September @ Christ the King Parish Centre.** We welcome Helen Smithson as our September speaker. Helen is currently chairperson for Charismatic Renewal Hamilton and recently attended the first CHARIS International Conference in Rome. Helen, will be speaking into our theme for the year – God is Love. Women of all ages welcome. We begin at 1pm and finish at 3pm (followed by afternoon tea) Info: Diane – 027 431 2026 or Facebook – DOVE Fellowship Christchurch

### **NAZARETH CARE VOCATION**

The Sisters would like to offer a *Retreat for Single Catholic Women* who may wish to spend some time in prayers and reflection to discover God's plan for their lives. **20-22 September** at Nazareth Community of Care 220 Brougham St. \$40.00 per person. RSVP by 30 August to [vocation.aus@nazarethcare.com](mailto:vocation.aus@nazarethcare.com) For more info call Sr Teresa Clare + 61 450 355 014.

### **SPORTS NIGHT**

A fun night of fellowship and games for young people in years 7-13! Bring your teams of 6 and be in the running to win our Sports Night Shield! If you are registering as an individual, no problem! We will place you in a team.

Where: ARA Sports Centre

When: **Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> August**

Time: 6-9pm

Cost: \$5 (If cost is a problem, please don't hesitate to contact us)

Register: [www.cyt.org.nz/sports-day-sports-night](http://www.cyt.org.nz/sports-day-sports-night)

For more information or queries, contact Carmela at [cnepomuceno@chch.catholic.org.nz](mailto:cnepomuceno@chch.catholic.org.nz)

### **REVOLUTION CAMP (YR 7-10)**

Revolution Camp aims to inspire the young people to revolutionize their life and the world through their relationship with Jesus Christ. This camp holds sessions, games, activities, Sacraments and fellowship in hopes that they may grow to be empowered in their own lives and to bring that revolution out to their communities.

Who: Years 7-10

When: **Fri 27<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> September**

Where: Woodend Christian Camp

Cost: \$70 (If cost is a problem, please don't hesitate to contact us)

Register: [www.cyt.org.nz/revolution](http://www.cyt.org.nz/revolution)

For more information or queries, contact Carmela at [cnepomuceno@chch.catholic.org.nz](mailto:cnepomuceno@chch.catholic.org.nz)

### **FORMING INTENTIONAL DISCIPLES - A day with Sherry Weddell**

The Bishop's Pastoral Office invites you to this one day seminar on Wed **Sept 18<sup>th</sup>** at Christ the King Parish Centre. Sherry is a world-renowned author and founder of the Catherine of Siena Institute. In light of Bishop Paul's proposed plan, the seminar will focus on how parishes can form intentional disciples. The seminar costs \$50 and includes talks, morning and afternoon tea, lunch and Mass. For more information and to register contact Matt O'Connell on [moconnell@chch.catholic.org.nz](mailto:moconnell@chch.catholic.org.nz) or (03) 366 9869.

## **CARMEL YOUTH MASS**

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2019, 6.30pm. 52 Halswell Road, Hoon Hay.

Come join CYT, Bishop Paul and the Carmelite Sisters at the Carmelite Monastery to celebrate Mass and get the chance to meet the sisters afterwards! Supper and refreshments provided. If anyone would like to donate food to the Sisters for Supper then please contact Delbert Castillo, Parish Support Coordinator at CYT. [dcastillo@chch.catholic.org.nz](mailto:dcastillo@chch.catholic.org.nz)

**MARRIAGE UNPLUGGED:** *“A healthy marriage always takes work. Look for ways forward instead of ways out.”* For couples at all ages and stages of marriage to help strengthen their love and commitment to one another. Facilitators: Tim and Jenn Goulding. SATURDAY, 28<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 9:30 – 4:30 Fourviere House, 67 Leithfield Rd. Leithfield. Registration: \$40 per couple. There is limited room so please register early to avoid disappointment. *For further information and registration contact:* Jennifer Goulding [jenngoulding@outlook.co.nz](mailto:jenngoulding@outlook.co.nz) or phone: 03 314 8096

**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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[www.holycross.org.nz](http://www.holycross.org.nz)