

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH
WEEKLY NOTICES
25 November 2018

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SISTERS OF OUR LADY OF THE MISSIONS (RNDM) JUBILARIANS... Sr Anne-Marie Shine (50th), Sr Mary Frawley and Sr Connie Hurley (75th) and Sr Lorraine Lawson (50th) cordially invite parishioners/friends who would like to attend their Jubilee celebration at Sacred Heart Church, Spencer St, Addington at 1pm **Saturday 5 January 2019**. The Eucharistic celebration will be followed by afternoon tea in the Hall. **RSVP ASAP:** Sr Kathleen Prendergast prendyk@hotmail.com All very welcome.

FIRST FRIDAY MASS: You are invited to join with those in the Renewal on the first Friday of each month as we come together to celebrate Mass at 7.30pm, Christ the King Church, 90 Greers Rd, Burnside, followed by supper in the Parish Centre. Final Mass for the year: **Friday 7th December**. There will be no Mass in January, but will be celebrated Friday 1st February 2019. For more information about the Catholic Charismatic Renewal go to: www.ccrnz.org

DOVE CHRISTCHURCH welcomes you to join us for a “Very Mary Christmas”. Humility, obedience, grace, love and purity allowed Our Blessed Mother to say YES to God. Join us this Advent to honour Mary, full of grace. **Saturday 8th December** 1-3pm Christ the King Parish Centre, Greers Road. All women welcome – contact Diane 027 431 2026 for more information.

PARISH TO PARISH FOR BED & BREAKFAST: Since the first book was printed 15 years ago, many hosts have suffered health problems, downsized their homes etc.as we urgently require more hosts in places all over the country, I would encourage anyone with a spare bedroom or two in their home, to come and join us. The accommodation does not have to be 5 star, just clean, comfortable and welcoming, also providing a light breakfast. The purpose of this book is aimed at providing catholic hospitality and making new friends. The hosts charge a small fee of \$35 for one only person, or \$30 per person for 2 or more per night. For further information please contact Marie Anderson on 03 359 5541 or email marie.ian@xtra.co.nz

ADVENT SCRIPTURE TALKS:

Speaker: Fr Frank Kelly

Venue: St Joseph’s Parish Centre, Vagues Road, Papanui. Free Admission to all.

Time: Sunday 9th December 7.00pm – Women in the Gospels.

Sunday 16th December 7.00pm – Biblical Reflection on the Incarnation

ROSARY HOUSE ADVENT RETREAT ~ The Christmas Mystery and the Journey of the Soul ‘*Christ always seeks the straw of the most desolate cribs to make his Bethlehem.*’ Thomas Merton. **Joy Ryan-Bloore, Jungian Analyst Friday 30 November 6.45pm – 9pm Saturday 1 December 9.30am – 4.00pm. Mary Potter Community Centre, 442 Durham**

Street North Bring own lunch, tea/coffee provided. Suggested contribution \$60 or donation according to means. **For Bookings ring Rosary House 03 379 1298 or email roho@xtra.co.nz**

RNDM ANNUAL CHRISTMAS APPEAL: The Sisters of Our Lady of the Missions are an International Missionary Congregation of women who desire to facilitate change by being present with compassion and sharing God's love and justice among those with whom we share life. Their annual Christmas Appeal is now on. Collect a Christmas gift catalogue from the foyer today to help support this work. Thank you.

CATHOLIC SHOP: Advent & Christmas stock arriving daily! We have new books and gift ideas, along with all the traditional items you'd expect. 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, or 'like' us on Facebook.

GLOBAL HEALING - how our faith helps us to care for our common home

Christ the King Parish is holding two sessions of a new programme produced by CaFE (Catholic Faith Exploration Film Company), sponsored by the Bishops of the UK. We invite any interested parishioners of other parishes to an inspiring evening of film, food & friendship responding together to Pope Francis' call to care for creation and to pass on a healthy planet to our children's children.

Two Sessions, **Wednesdays 28 November and 5 December**. Parish Centre, Christ the King Church, 90 Greers Road. 7.30 pm All Welcome.

THOMAS MERTON SOCIETY: **Monday, December 10th** marks the fiftieth anniversary of the untimely death of the Trappist monk, Thomas Merton in Bangkok, Thailand. As part of a number of events celebrated worldwide, the Christchurch chapter will hold a commemorative event on the day, starting at **6pm in the evening** at the **Waimairi Cemetery in 195 Grahams Road, Burnside**, where members of the Merton Family are buried. This will be followed by prayer and refreshments in the Narthex at St Mary's Pro-Cathedral for approximately an hour. For catering purposes would those attending please contact Sister Eleanor Capper rsj on: ecapper@chch.catholic.org.nz. or 03 353 0756 by **December 1st**.

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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