

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH
WEEKLY NOTICES
28 July 2019

Bishop's Proposed Plan Update

Information is being added to the website for the Bishop's Proposed Plan. Latest information to be added includes 2018 Mass counts from every parish and some statistics from the 2013 Diocesan Census. The website can be found at <https://ourfaith.chchcatholic.nz/>

Feedback remains open until August 30 and over 230 submissions have been received to date. 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 for people to ask questions.

The dates and venues for the remaining meetings with Bishop Paul are below.

Selwyn - Sunday 28th July (Today) 2.00pm at the Lincoln Event Centre, 15 Meijer Dr, Lincoln

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

FIRST FRIDAY MASS

You are warmly invited to attend the First Friday Mass on 2nd August at Christ the King, 90, Greers Road, Burnside, commencing at 7-30pm. The evening includes Praise & Worship, Prayer Ministry and Mass is followed with supper/fellowship in the lounge. Please bring a plate. This event presented by Christchurch Catholic Charismatic Renewal.

Enquiries to: Maureen --- 0275688338

WHERE IS POPE FRANCIS TAKING US?

The Catholic Church is changing, but where is Pope Francis taking us and where might we end up? Why is everyone (not just Catholics) paying attention to the first Latin American and first Jesuit pope in history? How is he trying to change the church—and what are people saying in support or even opposition? Join us as we assess what he has done, what he has failed to do, and what might be next.

Join visiting Fulbright Scholar and noted church historian **Dr Christopher Bellitto** (Professor of History at Kean University, New Jersey, USA, author of 10 books, many articles, and media commentator on church history and contemporary Catholicism) for a public lecture on this fascinating and topical question. .

Wednesday 7th **August**, 7pm-8pm at St Gregory's Parish Centre, Bishopdale. For more information contact Mike Stopforth, Bishop's Pastoral Office, email

mstopforth@chch.catholic.or.nz, phone 027 5398 542

WILDER: The Catholic Youth Team is holding Wilder - a time of Adoration with Praise and Worship. Join us to take some time out in this busy world, as well as praying for the Bishop's Vision for our diocese. All welcome! Friday **2 August**, 7:30-9pm @ St Joseph's Parish Centre, cnr Vagues Rd & Main Nth Rd.

MARIAN DEVOTION – The Chinese Catholic Community in Christchurch is under the Patronage of Our Lady of Assumption. The community is having a time of devotion to Mary at the Church of Christ the King Parish (90 Greers Rd, Burnside, Christchurch 8053) on Sunday **4th August** 2019. It will begin at **3:00 pm – Marian Devotion, 4:00 pm – Chinese Mass** and followed by a Cuppa at the parish center. Come and meet your Chinese speaking friends, everyone is welcome!

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, 28th 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 jenn Goulding@outlook.co.nz or phone: 03 314 8096*

PRAYER MINISTRY TRAINING.

Sunday **11th August** 1.00pm - 2.30pm at Christ the King Parish. Greers Road, Christchurch. Practical training on how to do basic prayer ministry after Mass, at Camps, Rallies, Retreats, Prayer Groups, Youth Groups and Alpha Holy Spirit Weekends etc. Presenters: Fr Rick Loughnan and Diana Ingle. For more info contact 0273009887.

DOVE CATHOLIC FELLOWSHIP FOR WOMEN

Saturday 10th 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

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 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

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.

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.

"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 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 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 Graeme Scott Faith Development Ministries.

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, 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

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).



Holy Cross Seminary
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