

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH
WEEKLY NOTICES
2 December 2018

SUBS REQUIRED OVER CHRISTMAS / NEW YEAR FOR THE ADORATION

CHAPEL: Over the past five years the Diocesan Perpetual Adoration Chapel has remained open throughout the Christmas period. We have a large number of people going away and require extra people to help out. If you are going to be at home this Christmas and would be happy to cover an hour or two please contact Matt on 366-9869 or chchadoration@gmail.com

CATHOLIC HEALTH CARE MASS: Sunday 24th February, 5.30pm, St Mary's Pro-Cathedral. Bishop Paul warmly welcomes all those who work in health care in Canterbury. This is an opportunity for all those involved in health care; doctors, nurses, rest home staff, pharmacists, administrators etc. Afterwards please stay for a glass of wine/beer/juice in the narthex at St Mary's to enjoy the company of others who work in this field. For more information contact: Paula Avery, averypaula@gmail.com or Mike Stopforth, Bishop's Pastoral Office, mstopforth@chch.catholic.org.nz or 027 5398 542

ADVENT 2018 ONLINE AT FOOD FOR FAITH. Each morning of Advent Fr. John O'Connor is offering a brief reflection emailed to those who subscribe at www.foodforfaith.org.nz

PREPARING FOR CHRISTMAS. Each Wednesday of Advent Fr. John O'Connor will offer a 15 minute reflection at 5.50pm at St. Mary's pro-Cathedral. The reflection will be preceded and followed by 20 minutes of silent prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. Come and go during the hour as you are able.

5.30 - 5.50 silent prayer

5.50 - 6.10 reflection

6.10 - 6.30 silent prayer

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Christmas Mass times for parishes across the Diocese are now online at www.chchcatholic.nz

ROSARY CURSADE: The Catholic Women's Leagues of the Christchurch Diocese will be holding a Rosary Crusade for Life and Faith on **Saturday 8th December** at 3.00pm at Holy Trinity, Jeffreys Road, Christchurch. All are welcome.

ADVENT 2018 ONLINE. Receive daily New Zealand based Advent reflections in your inbox. Sign up at www.foodforfaith.org.nz.

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

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.

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
www.holycross.org.nz