

**CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH**  
**WEEKLY NOTICES**  
**2 September 2018**

**CLERGY NATIONAL ASSEMBLY:** 180 diocesan priests are gathering in Christchurch for the fourth national assembly with the bishops, which is held every five years. The assembly this year will take place from **10th – 14th September**. Please keep the priests in your prayers during this week as they gather for prayer, formation and recreation. Please note there will be very few weekday Masses available that week in the diocese.

**PRAYER SERIES - Noticing God's Presence:** **Tuesdays 4 and 11 September**, 10.30am -11.30am. Scripture and music invite participants into extended time of silent prayer. Venue: Te Manawa Atawhai Catherine McAuley Centre at Villa Maria College. Facilitator Sr Mary Catherwood.

**2018 ROCHESTER LECTURE-** Christianity; Challenges and Opportunities in the Twenty-first Century. Speaker – Bishop Paul Martin SM. Wednesday 19 September at 7 pm, Rochester and Rutherford Hall, 77 Ilam Road, Supper to follow.

**OCDS NOVEMBER CARMELITE RETREAT:** "Called to holiness with Mary the Mother of Jesus and our Carmelite Saints".

**Fr Allan Jones, S.M.** will be leading our upcoming November Retreat at Rochester Hall again. Dates are from **Friday, 16th Nov (11 am registration) to Sunday 18th Nov** (approx 3.30 pm) Show Weekend. Costs will be \$215 live-in and \$95 day only. Retreatants are encouraged to live in to gain the full benefit of a silent retreat. This covers all meals, accommodation and other retreat costs. If you would like to join us, contact Megan Emery 027 410 6940 or benedictus@windowslive.com

**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. Next Mass: Friday **7<sup>TH</sup> September**. For more information about the Catholic Charismatic Renewal go to: [www.ccrnz.org](http://www.ccrnz.org)

**SACRED HEART SCHOOL CHRISTCHURCH - Leavers 1968:** If you left Sacred Heart School in 1968 (50 years ago) and would like to catch up with other 1968 leavers, or can help us contact these girls could you please contact either Jennifer Hamilton (Martin) on 0211846908 [jenniferwks9@yahoo.co.nz](mailto:jenniferwks9@yahoo.co.nz) or Janet Verrall (Lendrum) 0274855611 [janet\\_verrall@hotmail.com](mailto:janet_verrall@hotmail.com)

**CARMEL YOUTH MASS:** Sunday **9<sup>th</sup> of September**, 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)

**DOMINICAN DAY OF REFLECTION:** Saturday **15th September** at the Christ the King Parish Centre starting after 9am Mass. Morning session Mary Betz (Auckland) on Pope Francis' encyclical "Laudato Si" (Care for our Environment). Lunch Provided. Afternoon session Judy Garvey "The Role of the Laity in the Church Today". Cost: Donation to cover costs RSVP [kaypricenz@gmail.com](mailto:kaypricenz@gmail.com) or 3517683.

**REPLENISH RESPITE AND HEALING TRUST** operates a house in the North Canterbury Countryside where individuals can rest and recover from life's curveballs (see <https://www.replenishhealing.co.nz>). We are looking for a spiritually mature Christian couple to add

to our team. Attributes we are looking for are : personal wellbeing, servant hearts, humility, honesty, good communication skills, reliability, accountability, flexibility and relevant practical skills/experience. Appointment will be for an initial period of 1 year with an initial trial period. Please phone 0273009887 or email [di.ingle.nz@gmail.com](mailto:di.ingle.nz@gmail.com) for further information and an application pack.

**DOVE CATHOLIC FELLOWSHIP** is pleased to welcome [Sr. Kathleen Rushton RSM](#) as our speaker for September. Sr. Kathleen will speak into 'Rather than a problem to be solved, the world is a joyful mystery to contemplate with gladness and praise' (Pope Francis, Laudato Si: Care for our Common Home). Sr. Kathleen is an experienced and engaging speaker – this gathering is not to be missed! **Saturday 8 September 1pm – 3pm**, Christ the King Parish Centre Greers Rd Phone txt Diane 0274312026 for more info.

**ADULT EDUCATION:** Fr Frank Kelly will be presenting three talks on: **Jesus Then and Now**. 7.00pm on **Sundays 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> September**. Venue is St Joseph's Parish Centre in Papanui. Free admission. Enquiries 378 3647.

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup>:** Jesus in the Gospels

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup>:** Jesus in the Early Church

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup>:** Jesus Today

**CYT Theology of the Body** course for Young Adults (18-35). Join the Catholic Youth Team for an 11 week journey to learn more about life, Love, and Theology of the Body. From **3 Sept. – 5 Nov.** every Monday evening at a Catholic Community House, Parkstone Ave. No cost. For more info. and to book your place on the course contact CYT Formation Coordinator, Sinead. [sgilgunn@chch.catholic.org.nz](mailto:sgilgunn@chch.catholic.org.nz) // 022 0109828 // 03 3530705

**CYT's Sports Night** is back on this year on **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> September** at **Ara Sports Centre!** Build your teams of 6 and play some **fun games, relays and win awesome prizes!** **Register your team or individually** at: <http://cyt.org.nz/sports-day-sports-night/> or contact Carmela at the Catholic Youth Team at [cnepomuceno@chch.catholic.org.nz](mailto:cnepomuceno@chch.catholic.org.nz) or call 03 353 0705 for more information. Cost is \$5 each and we can't wait to see you there!

**REVOLUTION CAMP:** Catholic Youth Team is running a camp for Years 9-10 students from **28 September to 30 October** at the Woodend Christian Camp. Registration is \$70. Fun, games, praise and workshop good talks and an opportunity for young people to grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ. Register online at <http://cyt.org.nz/revolution-camp/> or contact Carmela at the Catholic Youth Team at [cnepomuceno@chch.catholic.org.nz](mailto:cnepomuceno@chch.catholic.org.nz) or call 03 353 0705 for more information.

**John Paul II Centre for Life – Race Night** will be held on Friday night the **2<sup>nd</sup> of November**. Tickets will cost \$55-00 per person and will be available in October. Hamper tickets will be on sale the weekend of 27/28 October. For further information contact Phil Gourdie by email [pgourdie@chch.catholic.org.nz](mailto:pgourdie@chch.catholic.org.nz)

**CATHOLIC SHOP:** From saints to sacraments, cards to candles, books to bibles, we have a catholic selection! 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](mailto:catholicshop@chch.catholic.org.nz), or 'like' us on Facebook

### **Divine Renovation - A day with Fr James Mallon**

The Bishop's Pastoral Office invites you to this one day seminar with Fr James on Friday **14<sup>th</sup> September** at City Church and St Mary's Pro-Cathedral. Fr James is author of the book Divine Renovation and has had wonderful success in renewing and growing his parish. This day costs \$50 and includes four talks, morning and afternoon tea, Lunch and Mass. For more information contact Matt O'Connell on [moconnell@chch.catholic.org.nz](mailto:moconnell@chch.catholic.org.nz) or (03) 366 9869. Register online at [www.chchcatholic.nz/frjamesmallon](http://www.chchcatholic.nz/frjamesmallon)

**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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