

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH
WEEKLY NOTICES
3 February 2019

RHODES ABBEYFIELD WIGRAM is a supported group housing for older people who seek companionship and freedom from the burdens of maintaining their own household. Available now are private, single, studio rooms in a newly built 14 room house in Wigram Skies. Weekly rental of \$370 includes nutritious, home made meals, power and internet. No entry capital is required. An open home is on 13 February 2019, 11am to 3pm, at the house, 22 Erling Ziesler Lane, Wigram. For more information or to apply for residency, contact Fenn Shaw on 03 354 0066 or fshaw36@gmail.com

PRO-LIFE FACTS

The Law Commission's advice on taking abortion out of the Crimes Act and making it no longer a crime to kill an unborn child but making it a "reproductive choice for women" was released on 26th October. The government has chosen option C which allows abortion up to 22 weeks gestation for any reason, after 22 weeks abortion up to birth is permitted if a doctor agrees that it is appropriate. The laity are encouraged to defend life and the welfare of women by opposing this proposal by contacting their local MPs.

For more pro-life information, visit www.righttolife.org.nz.

LENTEN WORKSHOPS: Learn the key aspects to liturgy preparation with the focus on Lent. Parish teams encouraged. Tues, 12 Feb 10:00am--3:00pm or Sat 23 Feb 9:30am – 2:30pm. Morning tea & resources provided, bring your lunch. Registration required by Feb 8th & 15th respectively, 03-353-0758 or mdaly@chch.catholic.org.nz

DOVE is a Catholic fellowship for women from all walks of life and all ages. Dove Fellowship has Catholic Charismatic spirituality, freely using the gifts of the Holy Spirit to empower women to evangelise in the home, parish and community and educate women in the authentic teachings of the Catholic faith.

We offer friendship, praise and worship, gifted speakers, reconciliation, prayer ministry – each month. There is no 'joining' Dove, simply turn up.

We gather at Christ the King Parish Centre on the **second Saturday of each month** 1-3pm. Contact Diane – 0274312016/dovechch@gmail.com

CATHOLIC YOUTH TEAM

You are invited to join CYT for the Mission Team Commissioning Mass followed by **SPORTS DAY!!!** Join us for some fun in the sun and a chance to win awesome spot prizes such as paintball, airsoft, movie tickets, etc! Register as an individual or as a team at: cyt.org.nz/sports-day-sports-night/ (For more info contact Carmela at cnepomuceno@chch.catholic.org.nz)

When: Sunday Feb 17 2019

Where: Catholic Cathedral College Fields

Time: 10am Mass, Sports Day follows from 11.30am-3pm

Who: Sports Day games are for youth in year 7-13

Cost: Sports Day - \$5

OBERAMMERGAU PASSION PLAY 2020

Fr Chris Friel will escort a tour to Germany to attend this famous play, where 2000 village residents act out the last week of Jesus' life. The origins of the play date back to 1633. Contact the Travel Warehouse 0800 356 728 info@travcorp.co.nz for full details.

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.

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

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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