

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH
WEEKLY NOTICES
4 March 2018

24 Hours with the Lord: Pope Francis has asked us to observe 24 Hours with the Lord in each Diocese during Lent. This will take place at St Gregory's Church, Bishopdale from midday Friday 9th March until midday Saturday 10th March. There will be 24 hours of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and priests will be available for all 24 hours for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

ST PATRICK'S DAY MASS: A special St Patrick's Day Mass is being celebrated at Sacred Heart Church, Spencer St, Addington on Saturday **17th March** 9am. Members of the Irish Society are supporting this followed by a cup of tea and breakfast at the Irish Society clubrooms 29 Domain Tce Spreydon for a modest charge. All Welcome.

SCRIPTURE SUNDAY GOSPELS – Gospel according to Mark (Year B). Led by Sr Kathleen Rushton RSM. Wednesday 14 March, 7.30 - 9pm at Te Manawa Atawhai Catherine McAuley Centre, Villa Maria College, Peer Street, Upper Riccarton. This session will invite us to listen more deeply to the Passion and Resurrection of Mark's gospel.

VACANCY - YOUTH CO-ORDINATOR - YOUNG VINNIES.

The St Vincent de Paul Society in Christchurch has a vacancy for a person to fill a vital role in establishing and maintaining 'Young Vinnies' groups in the primary and secondary schools and tertiary institutions of the Christchurch diocese.

This is a paid position with 20 hours minimum and up to 30 hours available by negotiation. The position will suit a person who can closely relate to young people.

The successful applicant must be a self- starter, who has strong presentation and communication skills - both face to face and over the phone - and be professional when liaising or working with educational professionals.

If this sounds like something you feel you could do and have a passion for working with youth please email your CV to Penny at penny@svdpchch.co.nz by 16th March 2018.

INTERFAITH EVENING; The Canterbury Interfaith Society with the support of the National Religious Diversity Centre invite you to an evening with **Dr Maureen Siers** an international speaker and Director of Interfaith, Scotland.

Topic: Multi-level Interfaith Dialogue an essential ingredient in Community Cohesion - the Scottish Experience. **Venue:** The Knox Centre, 28 Bealey Avenue. **Date:** March Friday 23rd March

Cost : Free entry - Koha appreciated

CHRISTCHURCH PARISHES: The Christian Initiation journey for Mandarin speaking inquirers begins 7.30pm on 7 March at Holy Trinity Parish Hall, 108 Jeffreys Road, Bryndwr, Christchurch. Translators will assist with learning the faith.

SECRETARY – CLERGY TRUST FUND (PART-TIME):

An interesting opportunity has arisen for an experienced and highly competent administration professional. Reporting to the Clergy Trust Fund Chair, and supporting the Trust Board, you will provide a high level of executive and administrative support to the Clergy Trust Fund, and also work closely with the Trust's Accountant, to prepare full monthly accounts.

Key responsibilities include, management of monthly accounts in Xero, preparation and approval of payments, coordination of agendas, papers and minutes for Board meetings.

This is a varied and interesting role that will draw on your organisational and accounting skills, and may ideally suit a person interested to work between the hours of 9.00am and 3.00pm. The role is part-time; approximately 12 – 14 hours / week.

If interested, please send a CV and cover letter to the CTF Chair at ctf.chch@gmail.com, or call the CTF office, on (03) 379-1068. Applications close 7th March, 2018.

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 2nd March.

For more information about the Catholic Charismatic Renewal go to: www.ccrnz.org

DOVE WOMENS FELLOWSHIP welcomes **Fr. Frank Kelly** as our March speaker. Fr. Kelly is a Prison Chaplain to three Christchurch prisons, where he conducts church services and teaches the Bible to inmates. In addition, he gives talks on the Scriptures for those interested from the diocese; Fr. Frank is Mass celebrant for the paraplegics at St. John of God hospital, he teaches English to immigrants and belongs to an ecumenical group of churches called "Open Faith." Fr. Frank is a lively and interesting speaker; this will be a very blessed and encouraging time for all.

Saturday March 10th 1pm – 3pm Christ the King Parish Centre, Greers Rd. Phone/txt Diane 0274312026 for more info

CATHOLIC SHOP: Get sorted for Lent & Easter with us! Books, reflections, cards, candles and more. Our trading hours are 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, Facebook www.facebook.com/chchcatholicshop

INTERNATIONAL THOMAS MERTON SOCIETY (Christchurch Chapter)

The society is an ecumenical group and people from all walks of life are cordially invited to participate. Meetings start at 7.30pm with reflective meditation, discussion at 8pm finishing at 9pm. The Christchurch Chapter holds its meetings on the third Tuesday of every Month at the LCM Centre in Durham Street, where there is plenty of off street parking. We welcome new members to our meetings. Next Meeting **20th March**. For more details contact: Sister Eleanor Capper rsj
Email: ecapper@chch.catholic.org.nz Phone: 353 0756

MASS OF DEDICATION: The Catholic Parish of Christchurch East, St Mary and St James, invites you to join Bishop Paul Martin and the community at the Official Opening and Mass of Dedication of the new St Mary's Church in Lonsdale Street. New Brighton on Sunday **11th March 2018** at 2.00pm. There will be afternoon tea at the conclusion of the celebration. RSVP by 7th March to Siobhan Rooney, Parish Secretary at catholicparishchcheast@gmail.com or 022 101 4039

DIOCESAN ARCHIVES: With Bishop-Elect Paul's ordination taking place in a few weeks, you may be interested in a look back at the ordinations of his predecessors as recorded in the Archives. The latest online exhibition for the Diocesan Archives is '*Ordinations of Bishops to the Christchurch Diocese*': <https://archives.chchcatholic.nz/exhibitions/current-exhibition/>

PAID ADMINISTRATIVE POSITION: SVDP is looking for an Administration Assistant for 20 hours per week. For more details go to <https://chchcatholic.nz/2018/02/society-st-vincent-de-paul-administration-assistant/> or visit the Diocesan website www.chchcatholic.nz

40 DAYS FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN started on Ash Wednesday and concludes on Palm Sunday. We will be standing in Hagley Park opposite ChCh Hospital at 2 Riccarton Ave. Vigil hours 8.00am-5.00pm. For more info or to sign-up on line go to www.40daysforlife.com/christchurch . Or contact Talia Steiner on 021 0297 9921, email talia@40daysforlife.nz or Martin Frauenstein on 021 366 377 or martin@frauenstein.net

NATIONAL MARRIAGE TRAINING WEEKEND: Those involved in marriage education (or those wishing to be involved) are invited to the *National Catholic Marriage Training Weekend* on the weekend of **18th – 20th May 2018**, at Chateau on the Park, Christchurch. The theme is “Christian Marriage: Radical Demands – Extravagant Mercy”. The Weekend is held every two years to form and encourage those involved in Marriage Education in the Catholic Church. For more information, speak to your parish priest and view the website www.chchcatholic.nz/mtw

GOLDEN CATHOLICS: The next Golden Catholics get together will be held on Wednesday, **21 March** at 11.30am – 1.30pm at St Joseph’s Parish Centre, Vagues Road, Papanui. All those receiving the Gold Card are most welcome. Lunch will be provided. We would love to see you. Our guest speaker is Father John O’Connor, a wonderful and captivating speaker. His topic will cover the joys of being a Catholic in the third age and also about his very popular blog “Food for Faith”. If you wish to attend please contact your parish secretary before Friday, 16 March 2018.



LWC: A workshop for Leaders of the Liturgy of the Word with Children is scheduled for **Wed 14 March** 7:-9:00pm. We look at the NZ Bishops’ vision, resources and address the practical issues leaders face in offering this important ministry. Registration and details to mdaly@chch.catholic.org.nz or 353.0758.

THURSDAY TALKS WITH THE COMMUNITY OF ST. JOHN: You are welcome to attend the Thursday Talks run by the Community of St. John at St. Teresa’s Parish. The first series of the year is on the Book of Revelation, by Fr. Michael Therese and Fr. Sean Mary. These talks are every Thursday evening, 7.30pm in the parish hall (8 Puriri St, Riccarton), beginning **15th February** and the final talk on 5th April (**no talk during Holy Week**).

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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www.holycross.org.nz