

**CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH**  
**WEEKLY NOTICES**  
**4 November 2018**

**CHANGE IN SUNDAY MASS TIME AT THE CARMELITE MONASTERY:** as from Sunday, **25th November** (Feast of Christ the King), the Sunday Mass time at the Carmelite Monastery will change from 8:00am to **8:30am**

**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.

**Mass for those concerned about abuse, and to pray for victims of abuse – Wednesday, 7 November** At 6.30pm Virginia Noonan (National Director – National Office for Professional Standards) will be available to share and answer questions to help us understand how the church is currently dealing with abuse. Mass will follow at 7.30pm. All to be held at Christ the King Parish Centre and Church, Wednesday 7 November.

**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](mailto: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.

**OBERAMMERGAU PASSION PLAY 2020:** An information evening will be held in the Narthex of St Mary's Pro-Cathedral **this Thursday – 1 November** – at 7.00pm for those interested in attending this unique Passion Play, which is performed in the beautiful town of Oberammergau every 10 years. Fr Chris Friel will accompany the tour and will be able to answer many of your questions, together with Peter Fleming from The Travel Warehouse. For costs and dates of departure please contact Peter on Freephone 0800 356 728.

**SUNDAY SCRIPTURE SERIES: Year of Luke.** An overview of the Gospel according to Luke to begin preparation to listen more deeply to the Sunday readings during Year C. Series continues in 2019. Presenter Sr Kathleen Rushton, **Wed 14 Nov, 7.30pm**. Te Manawa Atawhai Catherine McAuley Centre at Villa Maria College. Indication of attendance requested. Rosary House 03 3791298 or [roho@xtra.co.nz](mailto:roho@xtra.co.nz)

**PRO LIFE FACTS** - Everybody should see the brilliant pro-life documentary film Fatal Flaws opposing euthanasia. All are invited to attend a screening of Fatal Flaws at the Christ the King Parish Centre, on Wednesday **21 November** at 7.30PM, supper will follow.

This is a ground breaking film. The assisted killing movement is trying to redefine the ethics of medicine to change our doctors from carers in to serial killers.

**For more information on life issues, visit the Right to Life website at [www.righttolife.org.nz](http://www.righttolife.org.nz)**

**THE JOHN PAUL II CENTRE FOR LIFE** invites you to a Candlelit Family Prayer Vigil on **Friday 23 November 2018** at Holy Trinity Parish, Bryndwr. Opening Mass 7.30pm celebrating faith in all the generations, 12 midnight mass for Marriage and Priesthood. Adoration, and rosary throughout the night. Reconciliation available: 8.30pm. Enquiries phone Cathy on tel: 3555 841.

**THOMAS MERTON SOCIETY: Monday, December 10<sup>th</sup>** marks the fiftieth anniversary of the untimely death of the Trappist monk, Thomas Merton in Bangkok, Thailand. As part of a number of events celebrated worldwide, the Christchurch chapter will hold a commemorative event on the day, starting at **6pm in the evening** at the **Waimalri Cemetery in 195 Grahams Road, Burnside**, where members of the Merton Family are buried. This will be followed by prayer and refreshments in the Narthex at St Mary's Pro-Cathedral for approximately an hour. For catering purposes would those attending please contact Sister Eleanor Capper rsj on: [ecapper@chch.catholic.org.nz](mailto:ecapper@chch.catholic.org.nz). or 03 353 0756 by **December 1<sup>st</sup>**.

**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](mailto:benedictus@windowslive.com)

**DOVE CATHOLIC FELLOWSHIP FOR WOMEN** is blessed to have our Christchurch Bishop join us as our guest speaker. This is a great opportunity to meet and hear Bishop Paul Martin as we celebrate our Birthday Month. We welcome all women to come along and show your support of both Bishop Paul and our beautiful and special Catholic Women's ministry. **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> November 1pm – 3pm** (Please note we will be starting promptly at 1pm) **Christ the King Parish Centre , Greers Rd** Phone txt Diane 0274 312026 for more info

**REFLECTION DAY – *Come and rest awhile.*** Monday **5 November**, 10.30am -2.30pm. Scripture, images and music will support silent prayer. Venue: Te Manawa Atawhai Catherine McAuley Centre at Villa Maria College. Facilitator Sr Mary Catherwood. Bring own lunch, tea/coffee provided.

**PAX CHRISTI INTERNATIONAL:** Tuesday, **Nov 6th @ 7pm** in the Narthex, St Mary's Pro-Cathedral, Manchester St. Greet Vanaerschot, (Sec-General), and Johnny Zokovitch, (Comm Director), will speak on the work of Pax Christi, an international Catholic peace movement established in 1945. It is represented today, in 50 countries world wide, sets up dialogues for peace in conflict zones and has an office at the UN. It focuses on human rights & human security, disarmament & demilitarisation, a just world order, religion & peace. Greet & Johnny are particularly interested in how this region dealt with recent earthquakes and other current regional problems e.g: climate change, post colonial issues etc. You are warmly welcomed to attend.

**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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