

**CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH**  
**WEEKLY NOTICES**  
**7 October 2018**

**MEN'S GATHERING** hosted by JOSHUA Fellowship at 7.15 pm Wednesday, **10th October** 2018, St Gregory's Centre, 30 Cotswold Road, Bishopdale. Come and join like-minded Catholic men to grow your faith and be encouraged in your walk with the Lord. Prayer, gospel reflection, praise and teaching with real life application. This month we hear feedback from MAX NZ 18 Men's Conference. More information? Phone Chris on 027-646-4138.

**PREPARING ADVENT:** Workshop Saturday **13 October** 9:15am-3:30pm. Come explore this gift to the Church and learn methods & resources for preparing Advent. Registration required by 8<sup>th</sup> October. Materials supplied. Contact Marianne 03 353 0758 or [mdaly@chch.catholic.org.nz](mailto:mdaly@chch.catholic.org.nz)

**INTERNATIONAL 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 Waimairi 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 further information contact Sister Eleanor Capper rsj on: [ecapper@chch.catholic.org.nz](mailto:ecapper@chch.catholic.org.nz).

**PASTORAL SUPPORT PERSON:** The Sisters of Mercy have a part-time vacancy for a person who will support the pastoral care team for five days a week 5 hours per day and on call those days. The purpose of the role is to assist with the pastoral needs of the Sisters of Mercy in Aged Residential Care and with community Sisters as needed. If you require more information email Lynne; [nursemanager@xtra.co.nz](mailto:nursemanager@xtra.co.nz)

**MASS OF REMEMBRANCE:** *Have you or a family member experienced the grief and pain of conceiving, then losing a baby before or at birth?* Whether this was recently, or decades ago, we invite you to join us for this year's Mass of Remembrance on Monday **15th October** at 7.30pm at St Teresa's Parish, Riccarton. For more information please contact the John Paul II Centre for Life on 03 351 3227. If you need someone to talk to about your loss, or if there is some other way in which we can help you, please let us know.

**GOLDEN CATHOLICS:** For those over 65 who enjoyed our previous Golden Catholic events a warm invite is extended to you again. A special invitation is extended to those who have not been before. No costs are involved. Please note your diaries that the next luncheon will be held on **Wednesday, 17 October 2018 from 11.30am – 1.30pm at St Joseph's Parish Centre, Vagues Road, Papanui**. To date approximately 100 people have been attending these luncheons. We will have two excellent guest speakers, **Triona Doocey**, Archivist for the Catholic Diocese of Christchurch and **Virginia Noonan**, Director for the National Office for Professional Standards for the Catholic Church in New Zealand. If you wish to attend please advise your parish secretary by Friday, **12 October 2018**.

**DOVE:** Ladies hear the call of the Dove and be filled with the joy of the Holy Spirit! Come be encouraged in your faith journey as Wilma Conroy - Dove National Team - leads us in Praise and Worship of Our Lord. **SATURDAY 13 OCTOBER 1pm – 3pm**. All women welcome. Christ the King Parish Centre Greers Rd Phone txt Diane 0274312026 for more info

**2019 SILENT RETREAT:** Light and Shade, led by Laurence Freeman OSB Director, The World Community for Christian Meditation. **January 13th – 16th, 2019** at the University of Waikato, Hamilton For more information visit [www.christianmeditationnz.org.nz](http://www.christianmeditationnz.org.nz) or write to NZCCM retreat, 12 Everest St, Wellington 6035

**Contemplative Care: Healthcare and Meditation:** A Meditatio Seminar with New Zealand healthcare professionals and Laurence Freeman OSB **January 17 & 18, 2019** at the Clinical Education Centre, Auckland City Hospital For more information visit [www.meditatio.org.nz](http://www.meditatio.org.nz)

**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)

**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)

**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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