

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH
WEEKLY NOTICES
8 September 2019

PILGRIMAGE FOR LIFE

In response to the government Abortion Law Reform Bill, for which submissions close on Sept 19, a pilgrimage, beginning simultaneously at Cape Reinga in the north and Bluff in the south, will travel throughout NZ stopping at many parishes with a Sacred Heart statue for prayer and petition. Both legs of the pilgrimage will converge in Wellington on Sept 18.

The following parishes are involved in the Christchurch area;

Sept 9 & 10 St Mary's Pro-Cathedral Manchester St, Midday Mass and Rosary

Sept 10 St Francis of Assisi, Mairehau, 7.30pm Adoration, Rosary, Divine Office

Sept 11 Oratory of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, Rutland St St Albans (time to confirm)

Sept 12 St Gregory's, Bishopdale, Midday Mass and Rosary 7pm Mass and Rosary

Sept 13 St Mary and St Francis de Sales, Rangiora Midday Rosary

Sept 13 Beatitudes Community, Leithfield, 7.30pm Mass

Sept 14 Beatitudes Community, Leithfield, 9am Mass

Sep 14 Amberley church Midday, Rosary

For more information: www.fli.org.nz/pilgrimage-for-life

SHERRY WEDDELL SEMINAR – CHANGE OF VENUE!

The Bishop's Pastoral Office invites you to this one day seminar on Wed **Sept 18th** now at **Holy Trinity Parish Hall, Bryndwr**. Sherry is a world-renowned author and founder of the Catherine of Siena Institute. In light of Bishop Paul's proposed plan, the seminar will focus on how parishes can form intentional disciples. The seminar costs \$50 and includes talks, morning and afternoon tea, lunch and Mass. For more information and to register contact Matt O'Connell on mocconnell@chch.catholic.org.nz or (03) 366 9869.

JOSHUA FELLOWSHIP for MEN WEDNESDAY 11 SEPTEMBER

We will be exploring **what Pope Francis is expecting from us in Renewal**. 7.15 pm

Wednesday, **11th September**, St Gregory's Centre, 30 Cotswold Road, Bishopdale.

Prayer, gospel reflection, praise singing, formation and friendship. Come and join like-minded Catholic men to grow your faith and be encouraged in your walk with the Lord.

Every second Wednesday of each month. More information? Phone Chris on 027-646-4138

DIOCESAN FACEBOOK PAGE: Here is the link to the Diocese Facebook Page

<https://www.facebook.com/ChchCatholic/>

JOHN PRIDMORE EX-GANGSTER comes to Christchurch – two events upcoming
Monday 16 September 7pm Public talk by John Pridmore - Change of venue – Now open and free to the Public at **St Mary's Pro-Cathedral**, Manchester Street. Don't miss this opportunity to hear from international speaker and best-selling author John Pridmore with his extraordinary story of coming from the underground of London ganglands to the Catholic faith. No tickets required just turn up.

MAIREHAU PARISH MISSION WITH JOHN PRIDMORE 23-25 September, at St Francis of Assisi School Hall. The Mission starts each day with 9:15am Mass and 7:30pm

evening sessions. No tickets required just turn up. Any queries call Matt on 366-9869 or email moconnell@chch.catholic.org.nz. All are welcome.

Catholic Women's Forum Launch Event

Award-winning Journalist and Author Madonna King will speak at the Women's Forum on Thursday **3 October** at the Crowne Plaza. Drinks and canapes from 7pm, talk from 7:30-8:30pm.

Using research from her book 'Being 14', Madonna will speak about how to support our girls and young women overcome the many challenges they face today - social, psychological and physical. Women of all ages and stages warmly welcome. Tickets cost \$30. For more information and tickets call Marie-Louise on 03 366 9869 or email events@cdoc.nz.

Catholic Business Network

The next Catholic Business Network lunch will take place Thursday **3 October** at the Town Hall. The speaker will be Madonna King, award-winning journalist and author. For more information call 03 366 9869 or email events@cdoc.nz.

PRO-LIFE FACTS LifeSiteNews, founded in 1997, is the largest pro-life, pro-family news website on the Internet with an average of 5 million page views per month. Visitors to the site can also subscribe to a daily email to make it easier to keep up to date with latest information. To find out more, please visit <https://www.lifesitenews.com>. For more information, visit www.righttolife.org.nz

LATIN MASS CHAPLAINCY - On Wednesday **11 September**, at the Latin Mass Chaplaincy, 143 Rutland St, St. Albans, we shall welcome Family Life International, who are on a nation-wide Prayer Pilgrimage to save the unborn from the proposed legislation on abortions. We shall have Eucharistic adoration from 8.00 a.m. - 6.00 p.m. for this intention.

SACRED HEART SCHOOL, DUNEDIN - 125th CELEBRATIONS, 2020 All Ex-pupils and former Teachers are advised that at **Labour Weekend 2020**, the School will celebrate the 125th anniversary of its opening in North East Valley, Dunedin. Everyone interested in attending these celebrations should email: reunion125@sacredheartdn.school.nz

ST THERESE ROSE PETAL EVENING 2019, Friday **4th October** 7.00pm, St Teresa's Church, Riccarton. Join the Beatitudes Community and the Brothers of St John for an evening in honour of St Therese of Lisieux, with the theme "No, I'm not dying, I'm entering into life!" The evening will include vespers, music, teaching, testimonies, and concludes with supper in the hall. Inquiries contact beatitudesnz@gmail.com ALL WELCOME!

AN INTRODUCTION TO CHURCH TEACHING ON INTERFAITH RELATIONS

All are welcome to come along and hear about the Catholic Church's official teaching on interfaith relations and dialogue. This is particularly relevant given our recent events in Christchurch. The workshop will be led by a member of the NZ Catholic Bishop's Committee for Interfaith Relations. **Sunday 15th September**, 2pm at Our Lady of Victories Parish Centre, 106 Main South Road, Sockburn

THE ANNUAL SOCIAL and get together of Marist Brothers old boys from Greymouth and convent girls will be held on Sunday **Sept 29th** from 2pm at Papanui RSA Contact Frank Newsome 03 3525471 for info. Closing date 20th September.

THE NEW ZEALAND CATHOLIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION (NZCMA) is happy to announce its inaugural South Island launch meeting happening **September 21st** in Christchurch. Founded in 2019 with the support of the New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference with the aim to support medical practitioners, drawing on the treasures of our faith, especially in regard to the ethical challenges of healthcare today. For more information and to register please visit our website: <https://newzealandcatholicmedical.co.nz>

SCRIPTURE SERIES GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE, YEAR C. Wed **11 Sept**, 7.30pm. Presented by Sr Kathleen Rushton. Using *lectio divina* will focus on Sunday gospels of 22 Sep – 17 Nov, exploring second part of Jesus journey to Jerusalem and the ministry of Jesus there. At Te Manawa Atawhai Catherine McAuley Centre, Villa Maria College. Indication of attendance requested.

HELP REQUIRED!!

Would you like to help children 3 - 6 years old grow in their relationship with Jesus? Do you have 2 hours free a week or fortnight during school term time? A helper is needed for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd at the Children's Atrium, St Joseph's School, Papanui. Contact Katherine Pawson for more information about this ministry. Ph: 021 107 9290, email: Chch.childrens.atrium@gmail.com.

A SPRING RETREAT : AWAKENING LIFE - AWAKENING FAITH Coming together as a community of faith – deepening our experience and love of God. Three sessions of reflection and prayer led by Fr John O'Connor of "Food for Faith" fame. Each Thursday evening: **September 12 & 19** from 7–8pm in St Anne's Church, Woolston. All welcome.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S MOVEMENT Women's Heart for Mission. A retreat day led by Ann Gilroy, Editor of Tui Motu. Saturday **14 September** 2019 9.30 am – 4.30 pm At the McFadden's Centre, 64 McFaddens Road Papanui, Christchurch Cost: \$50. This includes lunch and morning and afternoon tea. Contact: Maree 021 557 929. **ALL WELCOME**

DOVE FELLOWSHIP FOR WOMEN: 14 September @ Christ the King Parish Centre. We welcome Helen Smithson as our September speaker. Helen is currently chairperson for Charismatic Renewal Hamilton and recently attended the first CHARIS International Conference in Rome. Helen, will be speaking into our theme for the year – God is Love. Women of all ages welcome. We begin at 1pm and finish at 3pm (followed by afternoon tea) Info: Diane – 027 431 2026 or Facebook – DOVE Fellowship Christchurch

REVOLUTION CAMP (YR 7-10)

Revolution Camp aims to inspire the young people to revolutionize their life and the world through their relationship with Jesus Christ. This camp holds sessions, games, activities, Sacraments and fellowship in hopes that they may grow to be empowered in their own lives and to bring that revolution out to their communities.

Who: Years 7-10

When: **Fri 27th – 29th September**

Where: Woodend Christian Camp

Cost: \$70 (If cost is a problem, please don't hesitate to contact us)

Register: www.cyt.org.nz/revolution

For more information or queries, contact Carmela at cnepomuceno@chch.catholic.org.nz

MARRIAGE UNPLUGGED: *“A healthy marriage always takes work. Look for ways forward instead of ways out.”* For couples at all ages and stages of marriage to help strengthen their love and commitment to one another. Facilitators: Tim and Jenn Goulding. **SATURDAY, 28th SEPTEMBER** 9:30 – 4:30 Fourviere House, 67 Leithfield Rd. Leithfield. Registration: \$40 per couple. There is limited room so please register early to avoid disappointment. *For further information and registration contact:* Jennifer Goulding jenngoulding@outlook.co.nz or phone: 03 314 8096

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).



Holy Cross Seminary

www.holycross.org.nz