

**CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH**  
**WEEKLY NOTICES**  
**26 November 2017**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Spiritual Renewal programme for the Diocese**

During Advent, Fr Rick Loughnan is inviting every group in the Diocese to take part in a further programme of spiritual renewal based on the prayer of intercession. This programme consists of one 30 minute session of prayer, praying for the needs of others. 2000 years ago the people of Israel waited for the coming of the Messiah; in Advent we also enter into a beautiful time of waiting during which we pray for the fulfilment of God's plan in our lives and the lives of others. The programme includes scripture reading and prayer for others. The programme has been sent out to groups but individuals can also participate. Please contact the parish office for a copy or contact Matt O'Connell on 366-9869 or [moconnell@chch.catholic.org.nz](mailto:moconnell@chch.catholic.org.nz)

**SUBS REQUIRED OVER CHRISTMAS / NEW YEAR FOR THE ADORATION CHAPEL**

Over the past four years the Diocesan Perpetual Adoration Chapel has remained open right throughout the Christmas period. This year we have a large number of people going away and require extra people to help out. If you are going to be at home this Christmas and would be happy to cover an hour to two please contact Matt on 366-9869 or [chchadoration@gmail.com](mailto:chchadoration@gmail.com) . It would be much appreciated.

**FIRST FRIDAY MASS:** You are invited to join with those in the Renewal on Friday **1<sup>st</sup> December** as we come together for the final time in 2017 to celebrate God's blessings for the year with Mass at 7.30pm, Christ the King Church, 90 Greers Rd, Burnside, followed by supper in the Parish Centre. For more information about the Catholic Charismatic Renewal go to: [www.ccrnz.org](http://www.ccrnz.org)

**Villa Maria College is turning 100!** Villa's Centennial is just around the corner, with a weekend of special events planned for **16-18 February 2018**. This is a celebration for our whole community! Register your attendance today at [www.villamaria100.co.nz](http://www.villamaria100.co.nz) or call 348 4165.

**MARCELLIN COLLEGE'S 60TH JUBILEE** is coming up next year from **23-25 March 2018**. Registrations now open at [www.marcellin.school.nz](http://www.marcellin.school.nz).

**FOOD FOR FAITH** is offering an online Advent retreat. Sign up to receive daily encouragements in preparation for Christmas. More information and sign up at [www.foodforfaith.org.nz](http://www.foodforfaith.org.nz)

**EXCITING BOOK LAUNCH:** *Divine Love, Life Love, Human Love*. Read about a young girl's conversion to God's love. Fr Thanh Tran's inaugural book launch is on **Friday 8th December** at 6.00pm in St Gregory's Parish Centre. If you can't make the launch, books can be purchased (\$20.00) through the St Joseph's Parish Office, 352 9275.

**PRO-LIFE FACTS:** Professor of Human Embryology, Maureen Condic, states that the scientific data concludes that a new human organism comes into existence at the moment of sperm-egg fusion. The Church teaches that at the moment of conception every human being is endowed with human rights the foundation right being an inalienable right to life. From conception the human embryo is entitled to respect and protection. For more pro-life information, visit [www.righttolife.org.nz](http://www.righttolife.org.nz)

**PARISH YOUTH MINISTRY WORKER / Sacramental Programme Support Person - Christ the King Parish Burnside, Christchurch. 22 hours per week.** We are looking for a mature, dynamic and creative person to join our team. Christ the King has a strong and active Youth Ministry Programme which is very well supported by our Parish priests, Youth Council, young people and wider community. For more details please email Olivia at [ctkyouthnz@gmail.com](mailto:ctkyouthnz@gmail.com) and check out <http://www.christtheking.org.nz/youth-and-sacramental-worker-position-application.html>  
**Applications close: Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November 017. C.V's and Cover letters must be emailed as an attachment to: [ctkyouthnz@gmail.com](mailto:ctkyouthnz@gmail.com). Please ensure contact details for 3 referees are included.**

**DOVE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP** Invites All Women to come and enjoy Dove's Christmas Celebration *plus a special treat!* A time for Testimonies - letting others hear what Dove means to you. Please bring a small plate of your cultural or traditional Christmas food to share at afternoon tea. Advent is a beautiful time to appreciate and realise how much Dove helps, encourages and embraces all women with the love of Jesus – don't worry if you've never been before, come along, bring a friend *ENJOY! Prayer Ministry Available, Fellowship, Christmas Carols* **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December 1pm – 3.00pm** Christ the King Parish Centre, Greers Rd. For more info phone Diane Findlay 0274312026

**CALLED TO BE A SISTER OF MERCY?:** The Sisters of Mercy New Zealand are hosting an afternoon for single woman (18 years and older) to explore a vocation with the Sisters of Mercy. Date: Saturday **9 December**, 1.30pm-5pm. Venue: Sisters of Mercy, 141 Main North Road, Papanui, Christchurch. Registration or enquiries: Sister Monika, [vocations@mercy.org.nz](mailto:vocations@mercy.org.nz) or 021 1132448 or Facebook: mercynz.

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Support the Parish of the Good Shepherd Hurunui and have a holiday at the same time! This Flat in the heart of Hanmer Springs is probably the best value in town. A comfortable refurbished flat with SKY TV and WIFI all for \$80 a night during the week and \$130 a night at weekends. To book, simply search 27 Amuri Ave, Hanmer Springs on [www.bookabach.co.nz](http://www.bookabach.co.nz)

**CHRISTMAS FOR THE CITY** is a gift to families and the people of Otautahi from the churches of Christchurch. A Christmas party experience that caters for people of all ages and communities across our city. Saturday **16 December 4-9pm** ARA City Campus. Free entry. More details at [www.christmasforthecity.org.nz](http://www.christmasforthecity.org.nz)

**PRE-CHRISTMAS TALKS:** Two one-hour talks relating to the New Testament by Fr. Frank Kelly -  
Sunday 10 December at 7pm - "*Jesus, a portrait of a Galilean Jew*"  
Sunday 17 December at 7pm - "*Jesus and Biblical wisdom*"  
These talks will be held in St. Joseph's hall, Papanui. Entry is free.

**ADVENT QUIET DAY OF REFLECTION** with Trish O'Donnell . St Peters Lady Chapel, 11 Fisher Ave Beckenham. Saturday **2 December** 9.30am - 3.30pm All welcome. Bring a plate for shared lunch and a koha. If you wish to come or have any queries please [phone Sancta Maria parish office 338 8397](tel:3388397).

**REPLENISH TRUST** would like to thank all those who kindly donated an abundance of goods for our Catholic Healing Centre in Okuku. The whole house is almost completely furnished already, but we are still in need of the following items: 6 beside tables or cabinets, a microwave, a washing machine, a leaf blower, a back pack sprayer, a ride on lawn mower, and some park benches if anyone has some. Or donations to purchase these items. Please contact Diana 0273009887 or [replenishnz@gmail.com](mailto:replenishnz@gmail.com)

**ADVENT RETREAT: *Reflections on the Self-Emptying of Mary*** using the Advent readings. Presenter - Joy Ryan Bloore. Friday **1 December** 6.45pm – 9.00pm and Saturday **2 December** 9.30am – 4.30pm. Mary Potter Community Centre, 442 Durham St Nth. Suggested contribution \$60 or donation according to means.  
Ring Rosary House 379 1298 or email [roho@xtra.co.nz](mailto:roho@xtra.co.nz)

**CATHOLIC SHOP:** for bibles, candles, rosaries, greeting cards, books, gifts and more. Christmas stock arriving now! **Opening hours:** Mon-Fri 9.30am-4.30pm, Sat 10am-1pm, Sun CLOSED.  
Located at 373 Manchester St, 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).

**FOR HIRE:** Gateway to the Waitaki Valley. Former Waimate convent building available for hire. Accommodates up to 11 people in 8 bedrooms. Charges are \$65 per family per night, plus a \$15 booking fee. Costs for individuals (non-families): \$30 per person. BYO linen, towels, e-towels. Contact Parish Secretary 03-689-8763 or [stpatswaimate@xtra.co.nz](mailto:stpatswaimate@xtra.co.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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[www.holycross.org.nz](http://www.holycross.org.nz)