

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

**DIRECTOR'S CUT - THE ORIGINAL IMAGE OF DIVINE MERCY; *The Untold Story of an Unknown Masterpiece.* St Gregory's Parish Centre, 7.30pm, Tuesday November 7**

Film Director Daniel DiSilva presents his findings after travelling with a film crew through Eastern Europe on a quest for the unknown history about the Original Image of Divine Mercy. Even after the dramatic year-long expedition that ended in the making of this beautiful film, there is still so much to tell about this painting which has captivated the world, His presentation has been given to groups and clergy around the world including two popes. Tonight you'll have a chance to see highlights from the film and ask questions. Ph Pat Barrett 03 359 2087 for information.

**SCRIPTURE SUNDAY GOSPELS** – begins with an overview of the **Gospel of Mark in preparation for Year B.** Led by Sr Kathleen Rushton RSM. Wednesday **15 November**, 7.30 - 9pm at Mercy Potter Community Centre, 442 Durham St North. This series which aims to enable participants to listen more deeply to the proclaimed Word of God continues with two more sessions next year.

**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).

**MEN'S GATHERING 8 NOVEMBER 2017 hosted by JOSHUA FELLOWSHIP:** 7.15 pm Wednesday, **8<sup>th</sup> November 2017, 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. We will be learning about and experiencing the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** with Fr Jack. More information? Phone Chris on 027-646-4138.

**THE LITTLE COMPANY OF MARY:** The Sisters invite you to join them for Mass at 10.30 a.m. on **Saturday November 18** at 10.30 a.m. at the Mary Potter Community Centre, 442 Durham St Nth. The Mass to be offered for the suffering and dying of our world. All welcome. Morning tea to follow.

**A TALK ON PRAYER WITH BISHOP HUGH GILBERT OSB:** Benedictine Monk and Bishop of Aberdeen. He lived in a Monastery for 37 years and was Abbot for 19 of those years. He is in Christchurch for the annual Priests' Retreat and will give a public talk on Friday **November 24<sup>th</sup>** at St Gregory's Parish Centre, Cotswold Ave, at 7pm. The topic of the talk is "Lord Teach us to Pray". All welcome. Contact Matt O'Connell on 366-9869 or [moconnell@chch.catholic.org.nz](mailto:moconnell@chch.catholic.org.nz) for more details.

**PRE-CHRISTMAS TALKS:** Two one-hour talks relating to the New Testament by Fr. Frank Kelly -  
Sunday 20 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.

**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)

**A DAY WITH OUR LADY OF FATIMA:** The Centenary Year of the Apparitions of Our Lady at Fatima will conclude with a Day with Our Lady of Fatima to be held at St Teresa's Parish Church, Puriri Street, Riccarton on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2017 commencing at 10 00am and concluding at 3 00pm. The Day will include Holy Mass, Confession, Adoration and more and also the final opportunity to gain a Plenary indulgence during the Fatima Centenary. For details please phone Janet on 960 5294.

**ST MARY'S PRO-CATHEDRAL:** This week the parish will offer Mass at 7.30am, 12.05 & 5.30pm on both All Saints and All Souls Day. On Sunday **Nov 5** at the 10.30am Solemn Mass, Mozart's Missa Solemnis - with orchestra - will be sung. One of the great Mass settings. All welcome.

**PRO-LIFE FACTS:** According to Dr Joel Brind PhD, a renowned epidemiologist from New York, recent extensive studies in China reveal an increased risk of breast cancer of 150 % following an abortion. There have been 57 studies conducted worldwide that confirm the abortion breast cancer link. The medical profession that promotes abortion as being safe reject the findings. It is a scientific fact that a woman who has an abortion has more breast cells that are prone to cancer than she had before the abortion. For more pro-life information ,visit [www.righttolife.org.nz](http://www.righttolife.org.nz)

**DOVE; How do you cope with stress and grief? Do you find it hard to say No?** Our speaker this month is Rosemary Lyons. Rosemary is a Clinical Psychologist with many years experience dealing in adult and young persons mental health. **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November** 1-3pm. Christ the King Parish – Greens Road. Contact: Diane Findlay 0274312026. All women welcome

#### **VIGIL MASS FOR THE ABLAZE PARISH RENEWAL CONFERENCE**

Everyone is invited to the final Mass for the Ablaze Parish Renewal Conference which is being held on **Saturday November 11<sup>th</sup>** at 5pm (Sunday Vigil Mass) at St Mary's Pro-Cathedral. One of the keynote speakers from the Conference, Bishop Nicholas Hudson from the Westminster Diocese in London, will be celebrating the Mass and preaching. Come and join with 200 others and pray for the renewal of our parishes in our Diocese. For more information contact Mike Stopforth at the diocese [mstopforth@chch.catholic.org.nz](mailto:mstopforth@chch.catholic.org.nz) phone 03-366 9869

**DIRECTOR, NATIONAL LITURGY OFFICE** – Expressions of interest. Details of this job vacancy are on the Diocesan website. Final date for applications is Monday 20 November 2017.

#### **ABLAZE PARISH RENEWAL CONFERENCE 10/11 November – Register now!**

As you are all aware by now the Diocese has organised a conference on Parish Renewal. We have secured a very impressive line-up of keynote speakers including Bishop Nicholas Hudson (Westminster Diocese, UK), Daniel Ang and Jan Heath (Australia). With over 20 high quality workshops and speakers, this event is not to be missed! Participants will be inspired and given the tools and resources to help their parishes grow. We invite **any** interested parishioners to join us – as this conference will enlighten your faith and open your hearts to God's call to reach out to all peoples. There are only **approximately 20** places left so be in quick! The event is **Friday 10th and Saturday 11th November 2017** (2 full days) and being held at St Mary's Church and City Church, Manchester Street. The cost is only \$149/person– which includes lunches and the Conference Dinner For more information and to register go online to [www.chchcatholic.nz/ablaze](http://www.chchcatholic.nz/ablaze) or contact Mike Stopforth at the diocese [mstopforth@chch.catholic.org.nz](mailto:mstopforth@chch.catholic.org.nz) phone 03-366 9869

**BILLINGS OVULATION METHOD- Two day Training Seminar** Christchurch 18-19 November 2017. Holy Trinity meeting room, corner Jeffreys and Idris Roads, Bryndwr, Christchurch. A programme for those wishing to become accredited teachers of the Billings Ovulation Method. Couples or women interested in gaining an understanding of Natural Fertility to achieve or postpone pregnancy using the Billings method will also benefit attending. Please contact Alicia Reeve: 0800 693 378 email: [info@billingslife.org.nz](mailto:info@billingslife.org.nz)

**OCDS PEACE OF CHRIST COMMUNITY**, Live in Silent Retreat: Show Weekend **17th-19th November** @ Rochester Hall, University of Canterbury. Theme: First Love-Contemplation. Retreat Director: Fr Michael Therese CSJ. An opportunity to "come away" and experience a Carmel retreat. Enquiries to Megan at [benedictus@windowslive.com](mailto:benedictus@windowslive.com), (03)3830706 or Mary [moboyle@xtra.co.nz](mailto:moboyle@xtra.co.nz) 0212606289

**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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