

**CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH**  
**WEEKLY NOTICES**  
**1 October 2017**

**FIRST FRIDAY MASS:** You are invited to join with those in the Renewal on the first Friday of each month as we come together to celebrate Mass at 7.30pm, Christ the King Church, 90 Greers Rd, Burnside, followed by supper in the Parish Centre. Next Mass: **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October.**

For more information about the Catholic Charismatic Renewal go to: [www.ccrnz.org](http://www.ccrnz.org)

**CANTERBURY INTERFAITH SOCIETY:** Prayer for world peace. **Sunday 22 October 2017**

Time: 2.00pm. Place: At the Peace Bell, Botanic Gardens. ALL ARE WELCOME. Come and join us in praying for peace in our world, in our country and in our families

**ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY COLLEGE - STARS IN YOUR EYES:** St Thomas of Canterbury College presents for the first time on Saturday 4 November 2017 "Stars in Your Eyes". If you have ever fancied yourself performing as your favourite pop star, here is your chance. We are now seeking entries for contestants so yours in now, entries close 6 October 2017. If you are interested in being a part of the show please contact Angela Leatherby [the.leatherbys@gmail.com](mailto:the.leatherbys@gmail.com) This is a fun way to help us raise money for a new school van

**ABLAZE PARISH RENEWAL CONFERENCE – Registrations open now!** The Diocese is organising a conference on parish renewal. Keynote speakers include Bishop Nicholas Hudson (Westminster Diocese, UK), Daniel Ang and Jan Heath (Australia). With over 20 high quality workshops this event is not to be missed! We want participants to be inspired and given the tools and resources to help parishes in their mission to the community. There are limited places left so be in quick! The event is **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2017** (2 full days) and being held at St Mary's Church and City Church, Manchester Street. The cost is \$149. 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

**COMMEMORATING THE REFORMATION**

This year marks the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the start of the Reformation when Martin Luther nailed 95 Theses on the church door in Wittenburg. As a church we wish to gather with other Christian churches from different histories and traditions to pray for the unity of the church. An ecumenical service is being held on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October at 7:00pm at Knox Church, corner of Bealey Ave and Victoria St. Participants from many streams including the Anglicans, Catholics, Independants, Lutherans, Pentecostals and Presbyterians will participate and the service will include old hymns and new worship styles as we bring our worship, prayer and expressions of unity together under the title "From Conflict to Communion." Everyone welcome

**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)

**PRO-LIFE FACTS :** In 2016, there were 12,823 induced abortions in New Zealand, which is 332 fewer than in 2015 (13,155). The general abortion rate was 13.5 abortions per 1,000 women aged 15-44 years, down from 14.2 per 1,000 in 2015. This is the lowest rate in over 25 years. 4,679 women were having repeat abortions, 70 women were having their sixth or more abortions. 86 abortions were 20 or more weeks gestation. We should thank God that more women chose life for their child in 2016. For more pro-life information, visit [www.righttolife.org.nz](http://www.righttolife.org.nz)

**AN EVENING OF REPARATION WITH OUR LADY OF FATIMA:** The 6<sup>th</sup> and final apparition of Our Lady of Fatima occurred on October 13<sup>th</sup>, 1917 along with the miracle of the sun. An evening of prayer and reparation to mark this centenary will be held at the Pro-Cathedral (373 Manchester Street), on Friday **13<sup>th</sup> October, 2017**. The evening will commence with Mass at 7pm celebrated by Fr Rick Loughnan. The evening will also contain Adoration from 8pm along with a talk, Confessions, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, and the Rosary. The evening will finish at 10pm with Night Prayer and Benediction. Please contact Matt on [moconnell@chch.catholic.org.nz](mailto:moconnell@chch.catholic.org.nz) or 366 9869 for more details.

**DOVE** Catholic women invite you to hear Therese Pickard speak about her Grandmother - Teresa Grigolini, an Italian Missionary Sister in the Sudan (1876–98). Come along to hear this true story which is both heroic, terrible and at the same time, an inspiration of steadfast Faith in God.

Not to be missed – all women welcome Saturday **14<sup>th</sup> October** 1 – 3pm Christ the King, Burnside

**THEOLOGY OF THE BODY (6 Weeks course):** What is the Theology of the Body? It is St. John Paul II's integrated vision of the human person. The human body has a specific meaning, making visible an invisible reality, and is capable of revealing answers regarding fundamental questions about us and our lives. The course starts on the 20<sup>th</sup> of September 2017, Wednesdays from 7pm-9pm at St Gregory's Parish. KEY DATES: **20 September, 27 September, 4 October, 11 October, 18 October, 25 October** (last one). For ages 17 – 25 years old. To register please contact April Williams at [lovingforlifenz@gmail.com](mailto:lovingforlifenz@gmail.com) or Sandra Rajendran at [srajendran@chch.catholic.org.nz](mailto:srajendran@chch.catholic.org.nz)

**LWC:** Leaders of the Liturgy of the Word with Children are invited to participate in one of the formation workshops: Evening of **Mon 25 Sep, Mon 9 Oct or Tues 24 Oct**. Registration and details: [mdaly@chch.catholic.org.nz](mailto:mdaly@chch.catholic.org.nz) or 03.353.0758

**THE NZ MEDICAL HEALING CONFERENCE:** The NZ Medical Healing Conference is for **all health professionals and carers** to combine healing through their natural skills with their faith, compassion and love. It will inform, equip, inspire and encourage those attending to navigate challenges with renewed confidence, as well as offering support to make daily work a flourishing source of life and hope. Labour Weekend **19-22 October 2017**, Wellington. [www.medicalhealing.nz](http://www.medicalhealing.nz)

**MERCY COLLEGE CLASS OF 76 REUNION:** Saturday **11<sup>th</sup> November 2017**, if you would like to join us can you please E-mail Monica Munro at [monicamunro63@gmail.com](mailto:monicamunro63@gmail.com)

**BEATITUDES EVENT:** Shower of Roses Evening hosted by the Beatitudes Community at St Teresa's Parish 8 Puriri Street 7.00-8.30pm on Friday **6 October**. Enquiries to 314 8837 or [beatitudesnz@gmail.com](mailto:beatitudesnz@gmail.com)

**THE WORK AND PERSON OF JESUS:** A three-day course on will be delivered by Sister Eleanor Capper RSJ on **2-4 October** at the Catholic Education Office, 122 Barbadoes Street. Registration is required. Contact Wendy Clark on [wclark@chch.catholic.org.nz](mailto:wclark@chch.catholic.org.nz) or phone 353 0757 for information.

**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@windowlive.com](mailto:benedictus@windowlive.com), (03)3830706 or Mary [mboyle@xtra.co.nz](mailto:mboyle@xtra.co.nz) 0212606289

**CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME STARTING SOON:** Do you have friends and family members who have drifted away from the faith? Encourage them to come along to our easy going sessions to reconnect with the Lord and the Catholic faith. Four week course starting **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October** 2017 at 7pm-9pm St Joseph's Parish Centre, Papanui. [catholicshomenow.co.nz](http://catholicshomenow.co.nz) or phone 0508 HOME NOW (0508 466 366)

**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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