

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

**LWC:** Leaders of the Liturgy of the Word with Children are invited to participate in the final workshop for this year: Tues 24 October, 7 -9p.m, Rangiora school staff room. Registration required: [mdaly@chch.catholic.org.nz](mailto:mdaly@chch.catholic.org.nz) or 03.353.0758.

**CELEBRATE ALL SAINTS DAY** : 1<sup>st</sup> November 2017. Join us and Sr Eleanor Capper for a talk about "What makes a Saint?" Let's get inspired by these ordinary people who followed God with all their heart and encourage us all to follow the call of holiness. Enjoy fellowship and free book giveaways. Wednesday 1st November at 7pm St Joseph's Parish Centre. Questions contact Lauren 027 424 6045 [laurenbutler76@gmail.com](mailto:laurenbutler76@gmail.com)

**FIREPOWER YOUTH RALLY:** Come experience St Teresa's Youth Group and Christ the King Youth Group, as they share their story and testimonies about how God has put on their hearts that they are "Made for More" Family friendly event, held at Catholic Cathedral College Hall on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of Nov, from 7pm-9.30pm. A night filled with live worship, testimonies and fellowship! For more info contact Delbert Castillo, Parish Support Worker at: [dcastillo@chch.catholic.org.nz](mailto:dcastillo@chch.catholic.org.nz) or 03 353 0705

**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 – Greers 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.

**CATHOLIC SHOP:** Bibles, candles, rosaries, greeting cards, books, gifts and more. New trading hours from 16 October 2017: **Mon-Fri** 9.30am-4.30pm. **Sat** 10am-1pm. **Sun** CLOSED (but special opening at times to be advised, e.g. December lead up to Christmas) 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).

**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

**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)

**GOLDEN CATHOLICS:** For those over 65 who enjoyed our previous Golden Catholic events a warm invite is extended to you again. A heartfelt invitation is extended to those who have not been before. No costs are involved. The next luncheon will be held on **Wednesday, 8 November 2017 from 11.30am – 1.30pm at St Joseph's Parish Centre, Vagues Road, Papanui.** To date approximately 100 people have been attending these luncheons. Two excellent guest speakers, Mr Tony Sewell, Diocesan Property Manager speaking on the rebuild in the Diocese and Mr Peter Kennedy speaking on the role of a Prison Chaplain We would love you to come! If you wish to attend please advise your parish secretary by **Tuesday, 31 October 2017.**

#### **COMMEMORATING THE REFORMATION**

This year marks the 500th 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 31st 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)

**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)