

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH
WEEKLY NOTICES
8 October 2017

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 24th October 2017** at 7pm-9pm St Joseph's Parish Centre, Papanui. catholicshomenow.co.nz or phone 0508 HOME NOW (0508 466 366)

MARRALOMEDA CHARITABLE TRUST – Community Leader Required Marralomeda is a Christian community where people with and without intellectual disabilities share life together. Nineteen people with intellectual disability live in four homes in Redwood. We seek a community leader who will provide leadership which will uphold the Christian values and philosophy of Marralomeda. Experience in organisational leadership and working with people who have an intellectual disability would be an advantage. Applications close **24 October 2017**. For application details email: kprushton@gmail.com

WILDER Worship Night – the final for 2017 is being held at St Bede's Performing Arts College on **Saturday 21 Oct, 7pm**. A free event open to all ages with Adoration, prayer teams, worship & the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The Exalt music team will be joined by Emma Fradd, Australian Catholic singer-songwriter. For more information visit www.cyt.org.nz/wilder

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**.

JOSHUA FELLOWSHIP: MEN'S GATHERING 11 October 2017 at 7.15 pm Wednesday, , **St Joseph's Centre**, 30 Cotswold Road, Bishopdale. (*Note change in venue*). Come and join like-minded Catholic men to grow your faith and be encouraged in your walk with the Lord. We will be hearing feedback from **The Currents of Grace Conference**. More information? Phone Chris on 027-646-4138.

REFLECTION AND PRAYER DAY: Tuesday **17 October**, 10.30 am – 2.30 pm at Mary Potter Community Centre, 442 Durham Street North. Scriptural theme – Friends of God. Facilitator Sr Mary Catherwood . Cuppa available from 10am, bring own lunch. Good parking on site. Indication of attendance helpful to Rosary House Spiritual Life Centre roho@xtra.co.nz; Phone 03 379 1298.

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 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 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 \$149. For more information and to register go online to www.chcatholic.nz/ablaze or contact Mike Stopforth at the diocese mstopforth@chch.catholic.org.nz phone 03-366 9869

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

AN EVENING OF REPARATION WITH OUR LADY OF FATIMA: The 6th and final apparition of Our Lady of Fatima occurred on October 13th, 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 **13th 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 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 **14th October** 1 – 3pm Christ the King, Burnside

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@chchc.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

MERCY COLLEGE CLASS OF 76 REUNION: Saturday **11th November 2017**, if you would like to join us can you please E-mail Monica Munro at monicamunro63@gmail.com

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, (03)3830706 or Mary moboyle@xtra.co.nz 0212606289

THINKING DIOCESAN PRIESTHOOD? Speak to any priest or contact Vocations Director Fr. John O'Connor vocations.chch@gmail.com