

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH
WEEKLY NOTICES
12 November 2017

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](mailto:Sancta Maria parish office) 338 8397.

CRANZ offers support, counselling, healing and training across New Zealand. We are running a basic emotionally free course from **Fri 24th (evening) to Sunday 26th November 2017**. The course includes: foundations for inner healing, Our Relationship with Jesus Christ, forgiveness from the will and emotions and understanding the root of our problems etc. The cost of the course is \$50 per person or \$75 for a couple, the prayer book is an additional \$15. For further details and registration please contact Liz on 0220306628 or email: emotionallyfreenz@gmail.com

ST PATRICK'S CHURCH, KUMARA is 140 years old and an anniversary Mass will be celebrated in this church on Sunday 19th November 2017 at 10.00am. A morning tea will follow and everyone is invited, especially former parishioners.

HISTORY OF THE ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY: New book on this now available. In conjunction with the Society's recent celebration of 150 years in New Zealand, the Society has published book celebrating the history of the Society. Entitled "**Early History of the Society of St Vincent de Paul in New Zealand 1867-1925**" it includes much interesting history relating to the Christchurch Diocese and the foundation of the first conference in New Zealand at the Cathedral Parish in Barbadoes Street. Copies are available from the Catholic Shop, next to St Mary's or by emailing the Society admin@svdpchch.co.nz

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 lawn mower and 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

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

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 Mary 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 session 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.

THE LITTLE COMPANY OF MARY: The Sisters invite you to joint 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 24th** 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 for more details.

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

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 25th 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.

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.

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

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

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