

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH
WEEKLY NOTICES
10 December 2017

MISSION SISTERS' CHRISTMAS APPEAL: The Mission Sisters in the Christchurch Diocese invite you to support one or more of their Missions in Asia, or to make a general donation, as described in their Christmas Gift Catalogue distributed in the parish today. This Christmas Gift will truly make a difference.

HOSPITAL CONTACTS: Most hospitals no longer provide names of Catholic patients to our chaplains. If there is someone from your family going to hospital please advise the chaplain:

Burwood Hospital: Kirsten Challies 027 437 6737

Christchurch Hospital: Angela McCormick 364 0640 (x89554)

Hillmorton Hospital: Michael Hempseed 021 501 683

St George's Hospital: Fr Chris Orr 351 9502

MEN'S GATHERING: Wednesday 13 December at 7.15pm hosted by JOSHUA FELLOWSHIP

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 celebrating the end of year with Mass and carols with Fr Jack. More information? Phone Chris on 027-646-4138

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.

CHRISTMAS FOR THE CITY is a gift to families and the people of Otautahi from the churches of Christchurch.

A Christmas party experience that caters for people of all ages and communities across our city. Saturday **16**

December 4-9pm ARA City Campus. Free entry. More details at www.christmasforthe-city.org.nz

CATHOLIC SHOP: opening on Sundays in December 10am -12pm. For Advent and Christmas gifts, bibles, candles, rosaries, greeting cards, books, and more. **Usual opening hours:** Mon-Fri 9.30am-4.30pm, Sat 10am-1pm. Visit us at 373 Manchester Street, Christchurch, next to St Mary's Pro-Cathedral, ph 03 366-2853, e-mail catholicshop@chch.catholic.org.nz

SUBS REQUIRED OVER CHRISTMAS / NEW YEAR FOR THE ADORATION CHAPEL

Over the past four years the Diocesan Perpetual Adoration Chapel has remained open right throughout the Christmas period. This year we have a large number of people going away and require extra people to help out. If you are going to be at home this Christmas and would be happy to cover an hour to two please contact Matt on 366-9869 or chchadoration@gmail.com. It would be much appreciated.

VILLA MARIA COLLEGE IS TURNING 100! Villa's Centennial is just around the corner, with a weekend of special events planned for **16-18 February 2018**. This is a celebration for our whole community! Register your attendance today at www.villamaria100.co.nz or call 348 4165.

MARCELLIN COLLEGE'S 60TH JUBILEE is coming up next year from **23-25 March 2018**. Registrations now open at www.marcellin.school.nz.

FOOD FOR FAITH is offering an online Advent retreat. Sign up to receive daily encouragements in preparation for Christmas. More information and sign up at www.foodforfaith.org.nz

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Support the Parish of the Good Shepherd Hurunui and have a holiday at the same time! This Flat in the heart of Hanmer Springs is probably the best value in town. A comfortable refurbished flat with SKY TV and WIFI all for \$80 a night during the week and \$130 a night at weekends. To book, simply search 27 Amuri Ave, Hanmer Springs on www.bookabach.co.nz

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

THINKING DIOCESAN PRIESTHOOD? Speak to any priest or contact Vocations Director Fr. John O'Connor
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).



Holy Cross Seminary
www.holycross.org.nz