

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH
WEEKLY NOTICES
11 February 2018

Bishop-Elect Paul Martin's Ordination transport update: There will be no parking available in the grounds of Christchurch Boys' High School. The best options are taxi/bus/drop off. There will be a drop off area for the elderly or disabled. Some parishes may be organising buses themselves, and the Diocese is making available a 'park and ride' options at three venues in the city. Spaces are limited. There will be buses travelling to the venue, leaving at 9.30am from: St Teresa's, Puriri Street, Riccarton., Holy Trinity, 108 Jeffreys Rd, Bryndwr. St Mary's Pro-Cathedral, 373 Manchester St., The 'park and ride' buses will depart from Christchurch Boys' High at 2.30pm. If you miss the return bus you will need to make your own return arrangements. To book a seat on one of these buses, please let your parish secretary know by Wednesday 21st February.

MONTH'S MIND: The Month's Mind Memorial Mass for Fr Graeme Blackburn will be held at Our Lady of Victories Church, Sockburn on Thursday 15th February at 7.00pm. Everyone is very welcome.

NATIONAL MARRIAGE TRAINING WEEKEND: Those involved in marriage education (or those wishing to be involved) are invited to the *National Catholic Marriage Training Weekend* on the weekend of 18th – 20th May 2018, at Chateau on the Park, Christchurch. The theme is "Christian Marriage: Radical Demands – Extravagant Mercy". The Weekend is held every two years to form and encourage those involved in Marriage Education in the Catholic Church. For more information, speak to your parish priest and view the website www.chchcatholic.nz/mtw

RETREAT DAY FOR MEN: Fr. John O'Connor is offering a reflection day for men, Saturday 24 February 2018 at the Community of the Beatitudes in Leithfield, 9.30am - evening. Please sign up before Monday 12 Feb at john@fff.org.nz. 021 444 179. Email or call for further information.

LENT 2018 Sign up to receive brief daily email inspiration for the 40 days of Lent at www.foodforfaith.org.nz

GOLDEN CATHOLICS: The next Golden Catholics get together will be held on Wednesday, **21 March** at 11.30am – 1.30pm at St Joseph's Parish Centre, Vagues Road, Papanui. All those receiving the Gold Card are most welcome. Lunch will be provided. We would love to see you. Our guest speaker is Father John O'Connor, a wonderful and captivating speaker. His topic will cover the joys of being a Catholic in the third age and also about his very popular blog "Food for Faith". If you wish to attend please contact your parish secretary before Friday, 16 March 2018.

RITE OF ELECTION will be celebrated on Sat, **17 Feb** at St. Mary's. Several parishes have been forming adults in the faith over the last year and many are now ready for the next step of this spiritual journey - to be called to the Sacraments of Initiation. This is a formal liturgy of the Church, but is not a Mass. A reception will follow. All are welcome.

ASH WEDNESDAY: An ecumenical service for Ash Wednesday is being held at St Mary's Pro-Cathedral, 373 Manchester Street, on Wednesday **14 February** at 5.30pm hosted by Bishop-Elect Paul Martin. Bishop Victoria Matthews will be preaching. All are welcome

LWC: A workshop for Leaders of the Liturgy of the Word with Children is scheduled for Wed 14 March 7:-9:00pm. We look at the NZ Bishops' vision, resources and address the practical issues leaders face in offering this important ministry. Registration and details to mdaly@chch.catholic.org.nz or 353.0758.

THURSDAY TALKS WITH THE COMMUNITY OF ST. JOHN: You are welcome to attend the Thursday Talks run by the Community of St. John at St. Teresa's Parish. The first series of the year is on the Book of Revelation, by Fr. Michael Therese and Fr. Sean Mary. These talks are every Thursday evening, 7.30pm in the parish hall (8 Puriri St, Riccarton), beginning 15th February and the final talk on 5th April (**no talk during Holy Week**).

CATHOLIC SHOP: Lent & Easter stock arriving now! Our 2018 trading hours are 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, Facebook www.facebook.com/chchcatholicshop

40 Days for Life Campaign 2018:

40 Days for Life Campaign is happening again this year in ChCh from 14th February through to 25th March. We will be inviting people to join the vigil outside Christchurch Hospital between 8am and 5pm . If you would like

more info please contact: info@40daysforlife.nz or Talia Steiner 021 0297 9921 or visit campaign website <https://40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/christchurch/>

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

CHRISTCHURCH PARISHES: Those interested in learning more about the Catholic faith who speak Mandarin, talks will begin in Christchurch **7 March 2018**. Mandarin speaking translators will be assisting with teaching the faith. Registrations to: Sr Bertha, bhurley53@hotmail.com or 03.353.0758.

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