

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH
WEEKLY NOTICES
18 February 2018

INSTALLATION AND FIRST EPISCOPAL MASS: On Sunday 4th March at 10.30am all parishioners are invited to Bishop Paul Martin's Installation and first Episcopal Mass at the Pro-Cathedral. Everyone is most welcome to attend.

MASS OF DEDICATION: The Catholic Parish of Christchurch East, St Mary and St James, invites you to join Bishop Paul Martin and the community at the Official Opening and Mass of Dedication of the new St Mary's Church in Lonsdale Street. New Brighton on Sunday 11th March 2018 at 2.00pm. There will be afternoon tea at the conclusion of the celebration. RSVP by 7th March to Siobhan Rooney, Parish Secretary at catholicparishchcheast@gmail.com or 022 101 4039

DIOCESAN ARCHIVES: With Bishop-Elect Paul's ordination taking place in a few weeks, you may be interested in a look back at the ordinations of his predecessors as recorded in the Archives. The latest online exhibition for the Diocesan Archives is '*Ordinations of Bishops to the Christchurch Diocese*'. <https://archives.chchcatholic.nz/exhibitions/current-exhibition/>

PAID ADMINISTRATIVE POSITION: SVDP is looking for an Administration Assistant for 20 hours per week. For more details go to <https://chchcatholic.nz/2018/02/society-st-vincent-de-paul-administration-assistant/> or visit the Diocesan website www.chchcatholic.nz

40 DAYS FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN started on Ash Wednesday and concludes on Palm Sunday. We will be standing in Hagley Park opposite Ch Ch Hospital at 2 Riccarton Ave. Vigil hours 8.00am-5.00pm. For more info or to sign-up on line go to www.40daysforlife.com/christchurch . Or contact Talia Steiner on 021 0297 9921, email talia@40daysforlife.nz or Martin Frauenstein on 021 366 377 or martin@frauenstein.net

RETREAT DAY FOR MEN, led by Fr John O'Connor at Community of Beatitudes on Saturday 24th February. Register before Monday evening 19th February at john@fff.org.nz For more info <http://foodforfaith.org.nz/2018/01/mens-retreat-day/>

POSITION AVAILABLE: DIRECTOR OF THE JOHN PAUL II CENTRE FOR LIFE The Christchurch John Paull II Centre Life Trust Board (JPII Centre) invites applications for the position of Director. The JPII Centre is dedicated to helping build a culture of life, marriage and family in the Christchurch Diocese through prayer, education and service. The Director is responsible for the day to day operations of the JPII Centre. The Director will provide leadership, clear direction and coordinate the work of the centre, overseeing and supervising staff and volunteers and providing resources, services and programmes to fulfil the mission, strategic direction and annual work plan set by the JPII Trust Board. For more information on this role please see the poster in your parish. For a position description, application form or more information, please contact Matt O'Connell on 366-9869 or moconnell@chch.catholic.org.nz . **Applications close** at 5pm on Thursday March 1st, 2018.

PRAYER SERIES - Noticing God's Presence: Scripture and sacred music lead into an extended time of silent prayer. **Tuesdays 20 and 27 February**, 10.30-11.30am, at Mary Potter Centre, 442 Durham Street North. A Rosary House Spiritual Life Centre series led by Sr Mary Catherwood.

REFLECTION DAY: Saturday **24 February**, 10.30am – 2.30pm. In the spirit of a journey with Jesus during Lent – scripture, music and images will support private prayer. **Venue:** Te Manawa Atawhai Catherine McAuley Centre at **Villa Maria College**, Peer Street. A Rosary House Spiritual Life Centre event led by Sr Mary Catherwood. Bring own lunch. Koha/Donation. Indication of attendance to 03 379 1298 or roho@xtra.co.nz

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

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.

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

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.

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

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