

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH
WEEKLY NOTICES
18 March 2018

CHRISM MASS: Bishop Paul will celebrate the Chrism Mass with the Blessing of the Holy Oils on Monday 26th March at 7.30pm at St Mary's Pro-Cathedral. At this Mass representatives from parishes receive the holy oils for the year. All are very welcome.

SPIRITUALITY OF AGEING: Presented by Dr Anna Holmes on Thursday 5 April, 2pm-3.30pm and repeated on Friday 6 April, 7pm at Te Manawa Atawhai Catherine McAuley Centre, Villa Maria College, Peer St. Koha Donation . Rosary House Spiritual Life Centre Programme. Bookings helpful: 03 3791298 or roho@xtra.co.nz
"Jesus said: I am the Way, I am Truth and Life." (John 14,6)

SCRIPTURE TALKS: A series of three talks by Fr Frank Kelly, each lasting about one hour exploring the background and social conditions of Jesus of Nazareth with a brief look at St. Joseph. On the second and third evenings, consideration of a method to understanding some of the parables in the light of Galilean society in the time of Jesus. Please bring a Bible. Open to audience participation and questions. St. Joseph's parish centre, Vagues Road. Sundays 8th, 15th & 22nd April at 7.00 pm. **Topic:** The social environment of Jesus of Nazareth and his method of using parables. **Inquiries:** Christine at Cathedral House 366 9869 or bishops-pa@chch.catholic.org.nz

DOVE WOMENS FELLOWSHIP welcomes Joan Hauch, MA from the United States. Join us for a practical prayerful look at Joy. ***Is joy the same as happiness? What if I don't feel joy? How do I find joy?*** Saturday 14th April 1.00-3.00pm Christ the King Parish Centre, Greers Road. For more info contact Dianne 027 4312 026

BEATITUDES COMMUNITY: You are invited to join the Beatitudes Community for the Easter Triduum retreat, accompanying Jesus step by step in His passion, death and resurrection. Talks, liturgy, Mass, silence, personal prayer and the beauty of nature will help you to stay close to Jesus and to enter into the central mystery of our faith. Beginning : Holy Thursday 29th of March 5pm. End : Easter Sunday 1st of April 11.30am Fee : \$180.00 (Unwaged): \$120.00)

LENTEN RETREAT: The Way of the Cross – Stations of the Soul '*And thine own soul a sword shall pierce!*' Luke 2:35 Joy Ryan Bloore, Jungian Analyst
Friday 23 March 6.45pm – 9pm Saturday 24 March 9.30am – 4.00pm at Te Manawa Atawhai Catherine McAuley Centre, Villa Maria College, Peer St. Suggested contribution \$60 or donation according to means. Rosary House Spiritual Life Centre Programme. Bookings helpful: 03 3791298 or roho@xtra.co.nz

INTERFAITH EVENING; The Canterbury Interfaith Society with the support of the National Religious Diversity Centre invite you to an evening with **Dr Maureen Siers** an international speaker and Director of Interfaith, Scotland. Multi-level Interfaith Dialogue an essential ingredient in Community Cohesion - the Scottish Experience. The Knox Centre, 28 Bealey Ave. Friday **23rd March** Free entry - Koha appreciated

PRO –LIFE FACTS: Media coverage related to David Seymour's End of Life Choice bill has generally exhibited strong bias in favour of assisted suicide and euthanasia. Right to Life has recently lodged 4 complaints related to media coverage of euthanasia and assisted dying, as

they believe the principles of the Press Council and the Broadcasting Standards Authority have been breached. For more pro-life information, visit www.righttolife.org.nz.

INTERNATIONAL THOMAS MERTON SOCIETY (Christchurch Chapter)

The society is an ecumenical group and people from all walks of life are cordially invited to participate. Meetings start at 7.30pm with reflective meditation, discussion at 8pm finishing at 9pm. The Christchurch Chapter holds its meetings on the third Tuesday of every Month at the LCM Centre in Durham Street, where there is plenty of off street parking. We welcome new members to our meetings. Next Meeting **20th March**. For more details contact: Sister Eleanor Capper rsj

Email: ecapper@chch.catholic.org.nz Phone: 353 0756

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

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.

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)**.

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