

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH
WEEKLY NOTICES
25 March 2018

EASTER MASS TIMES: Mass times for parishes across the diocese for Easter can be found on the Diocesan website. www.chchcatholic.nz

DAYLIGHT SAVING: Daylight saving time ends 31 March. Turn clocks back for Easter Sunday.

INFORM AVAILABLE TODAY!: The latest copy of the bishop's newsletter is available today and online on the Diocesan website. This issue includes full coverage of Bishop Paul's ordination.

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.

CATHOLIC SHOP: For candles & rosaries, cards & gifts, books & bibles, NZ Catholic as well as Lent & Easter reflections. Open 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, or 'like' us on Facebook www.facebook.com/chchcatholicshop

GREATER COMPANY OF MARY: Members of the Greater Company of Mary and others are invited to attend Mass on Saturday April 7 at 10.30 a.m. at the Mary Potter Community Centre Durham St Nth. Morning tea to follow, all welcome.

FIRST FRIDAY MASS: You are invited to join with those in the Renewal on the first Friday of each month as we come together to celebrate Mass at 7.30pm, Christ the King Church, 90 Greers Rd, Burnside, followed by supper in the Parish Centre. Next Mass: Friday **6th April**. For more information about the Catholic Charismatic Renewal go to: www.ccrnz.org

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY: April 8. All parishioners are invited to the annual celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday at the Pro-Cathedral on Sunday **April 8**. Our new Bishop Paul Martin will be the main celebrant. Reconciliation 1.30pm-3pm. Chaplet of Mercy 3 pm. Mass 3.15pm. Followed by veneration of the Divine Mercy Image and 1st Class relic of St Faustina. Ph Pat 03 359 2087

CHRISTIAN LIFE PROGRAMME: **Couples for Christ** and its Family Ministry invited you to come and join our Christian Life Program - Rekindle! Formation, fellowship and personal testimonies.

8th of April 2018 at 1.30pm, Sacred Heart Hall, 70 Spencer Street, Addington, Christchurch
For more info contact either: Ronel & Janice Catalo – 0220387582 or Jolito & Guada Amistoso - 0223431074 or email as on Christchurch.clp2018@gmail.com

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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, each lasting about one hour exploring the background and social conditions of Jesus of Nazareth with a brief look at St. Joseph, in this environment. On the second and third evening, 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.

Location: St. Joseph's parish centre, Vagues Road, Papanui

Date: Sundays 8th, 15th & 22nd April at 7.00 pm.

Cost: Free

Open: to Catholics, members of other Churches and all interested folk.

Topic: The social environment of Jesus of Nazareth and his method of using parables.

Presenter: Fr. Frank Kelly

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, Greens 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)

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.

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

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

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).



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www.holycross.org.nz