

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH
WEEKLY NOTICES
8 April 2018

CATHOLIC SHOP: For reflections & rosaries, candles & cards, books & bibles, NZ Catholic and more. Open Mon-Fri 9.30am-4.30pm, Sat 10am-1pm. Visit us at 373 Manchester Street, next to St Mary's Pro-Cathedral, ph 366-2853, e-mail catholicshop@chch.catholic.org.nz, or 'like' us on Facebook www.facebook.com/chchcatholicshop

INNER CITY CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE: The newly formed Inner City Catholic Women's League's next Meeting will be held on Wednesday evening **11th April** at 7:00pm in the Narthex at St Mary's Pro-Cathedral. Our Speaker is Catherine Williamson; she will speak about the Women's Service at the City Mission. Attendees are welcome to bring women's items or blankets for donation to the City Mission Women's Service. All are welcome. For more Information phone Michelle on 027 5515848.

REFLECTION DAY: Wednesday **18 April**, 10.30am – 2.30 pm. *Come and rest a while.* Pray in the spirit of Easter. Brief sessions using scripture, music and images will support silent private prayer. At Te Manawa Atawhai Catherine McAuley Centre at Villa Maria College, Peer Street. Bring own lunch, tea/coffee provided. Facilitator Sr Mary Catherwood (Rosary House Spiritual Life Centre).

VILLA MARIA COLLEGE : Open Day: Tuesday **8 May** 2018 9.00am-2.00pm. Villa Maria College invites friends, parents and their daughters to see the College at work on our Open Day. The Principal, Ms Deborah Brosnahan, will address parents and girls in the College Auditorium at 9am, 11am and 1pm. For further information, please contact the College Office, telephone 348 4165 or go to www.villa.school.nz

ALL DAY VIGIL FOR LIFE: Can you spare one hour to pray for greater respect for Life opposite Christchurch Hospital on **April 9th**, Feast of the Annunciation? To book a time between 7am-6pm in this all-day Vigil for Life, call us at the JP2 Centre for Life, 351 3225.

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** at 1.30pm, Sacred Heart Hall, 70 Spencer Street. For more info contact either: Ronel & Janice Catalo – 0220387582 or Jolito & Guada Amistoso - 0223431074 or email as on Christchurch.clp2018@gmail.com
Search and follow in Facebook Page: Christian Life Program 2018 – Rekindle

SCRIPTURE TALKS: A series of three free 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, 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. 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 Hauck, 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

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