

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH
WEEKLY NOTICES
9 December 2018

MEN'S CELEBRATION 12 DECEMBER 2018 hosted by JOSHUA FELLOWSHIP

7.15 pm Wednesday, 12th December 2018, **St Gregory's Centre**, 30 Cotswold Road, Bishopdale. Mass with Fr Jack and end of year celebration of God's blessings. Family members are welcome to attend and celebrate with us men. Come and join like-minded Catholic men to grow your faith and be encouraged in your walk with the Lord. More information? Phone Chris on 027-646-4138.

FR GRAEME BLACKBURN'S FIRST YEAR ANNIVERSARY

Bishop Paul and the family invite parishioners and friends to attend a Memorial Mass for the late Fr Graeme Blackburn on his first anniversary, Tuesday 15th January 2019, 11am at Our Lady of Victories Church. All very welcome

SUBS REQUIRED OVER CHRISTMAS / NEW YEAR FOR THE ADORATION

CHAPEL: Over the past five years the Diocesan Perpetual Adoration Chapel has remained open throughout the Christmas period. We have a large number of people going away and require extra people to help out. If you are going to be at home this Christmas and would be happy to cover an hour or two please contact Matt on 366-9869 or chchadoration@gmail.com

CATHOLIC HEALTH CARE MASS: Sunday 24th February, 5.30pm, St Mary's Pro-Cathedral. Bishop Paul warmly welcomes all those who work in health care in Canterbury. This is an opportunity for all those involved in health care; doctors, nurses, rest home staff, pharmacists, administrators etc. Afterwards please stay for a glass of wine/beer/juice in the narthex at St Mary's to enjoy the company of others who work in this field. For more information contact: Paula Avery, averypaula@gmail.com or Mike Stopforth, Bishop's Pastoral Office, mstopforth@chch.catholic.org.nz or 027 5398 542

ADVENT 2018 ONLINE AT FOOD FOR FAITH. Each morning of Advent Fr. John O'Connor is offering a brief reflection emailed to those who subscribe at www.foodforfaith.org.nz

PREPARING FOR CHRISTMAS. Each Wednesday of Advent Fr. John O'Connor will offer a 15 minute reflection at 5.50pm at St. Mary's pro-Cathedral. The reflection will be preceded and followed by 20 minutes of silent prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. Come and go during the hour as you are able.

5.30 - 5.50 silent prayer

5.50 - 6.10 reflection

6.10 - 6.30 silent prayer

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Christmas Mass times for parishes across the Diocese are now online at www.chchcatholic.nz

ADVENT 2018 ONLINE. Receive daily New Zealand based Advent reflections in your inbox. Sign up at www.foodforfaith.org.nz.

SISTERS OF OUR LADY OF THE MISSIONS (RNDM) JUBILARIANS... Sr Anne-Marie Shine (50th), Sr Mary Frawley and Sr Connie Hurley (75th) and Sr Lorraine Lawson (50th) cordially invite parishioners/friends who would like to attend their Jubilee celebration at Sacred Heart Church, Spencer St, Addington at 1pm **Saturday 5 January 2019**. The Eucharistic celebration will be followed by afternoon tea in the Hall. **RSVP ASAP:** Sr Kathleen Prendergast prendyk@hotmail.com All very welcome.

PARISH TO PARISH FOR BED & BREAKFAST: Since the first book was printed 15 years ago, many hosts have suffered health problems, downsized their homes etc.as we urgently require more hosts in places all over the country, I would encourage anyone with a spare bedroom or two in their home, to come and join us. The accommodation does not have to be 5 star, just clean, comfortable and welcoming, also providing a light breakfast. The purpose of this book is aimed at providing catholic hospitality and making new friends. The hosts charge a small fee of \$35 for one only person, or \$30 per person for 2 or more per night. For further information please contact Marie Anderson on 03 359 5541 or email marie.ian@xtra.co.nz

ADVENT SCRIPTURE TALKS:

Speaker: Fr Frank Kelly

Venue: St Joseph's Parish Centre, Vagues Road, Papanui. Free Admission to all.

Time: **Sunday 9th December** 7.00pm – Women in the Gospels.

Sunday 16th December 7.00pm – Biblical Reflection on the Incarnation

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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