

Good afternoon, I hope you are well. Below is another earthquake recovery coordinator update. If you want to read more about a particular topic, please scroll down the page. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any comments or questions.
Kind Regards and God Bless,
Matt

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Spiritual Earthquake retreat – Saturday August 24th

Following on from the recent retreat on Our Lady and the Earthquakes (45 attended), a full day retreat is being held at the Community of the Beatitudes, Leithfield, on Saturday August 24. Free Bus transport will be provided from Christchurch. The retreat is entitled “How the spiritual life can help in post-quake Christchurch”. The retreat includes three talks, Mass, Adoration and Reconciliation., shared lunch and plenty of quiet time. Numbers are strictly to 45. I have included a blurb for you at the bottom of this email to put in parish bulletins if you are able. Thanks so much

Free Snow Caving or Rafting Adventures for Dad and their Children – information attached

The Earthquake Recovery Fund funded an organisation called Adventure Specialties Trust who are providing free weekends for Fathers and their children who have been affected by the earthquake. Details of the next two weekends are attached. If you know of a family who might benefit please ask them and register them. Numbers are very limited. Contact Naomi on phone 3799130 or chch@adventurespecialties.co.nz for more details and to register.

Winter 'Make it Right' Campaign

This campaign is about supporting people who are still living in poor housing conditions as a result of the earthquakes. All the details are at <http://www.cancern.org.nz/winter-make-it-right/> The website provides information and also a form to fill in. People can fill in the form themselves or on behalf of others. The aim is to help people living in houses that are unsafe, unhealthy or cold, seek to improve their living conditions while they wait for final repairs to be done . I know of one of the guys involved in this venture and he is a very good man who has done a power of good to help people in the Eastern Suburbs.

Dr Rob Gordon – 12 minute You Tube clip

The New Zealand Red Cross brought Dr Rob Gordon to Christchurch earlier in the year. While he was here, they filmed a 12 minute video clip on You Tube for the residents in Christchurch. Check it out at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xlvwaDg97XM>

Film on Urban Design and Christchurch Rebuild at NZ Film Festival

There is a wonderful new film at this year's New Zealand International Film Festival called The Human Scale. The film follows Jan Gehl, a Danish urban design consultant as he examines many of the world's largest cities from New York, LA, Melbourne, Copenhagen and Dhaka. He investigates the conflict between designing human liveable spaces within the massive scale of the modern Megacity. The film includes a chapter from when Gehl consulted in Christchurch, focusing on the challenge of redesigning an earthquake damaged city, which will be of particular interest to Christchurch citizens. There is also a trailer on You Tube.

The Christchurch Session times are as follows:

- Wednesday 7th August, 1.45pm at Northlands
- Thursday 8th August, 11.30am at Northlands

Blurb for Retreat

“How the spiritual life can help in post-quake Christchurch” A full-day retreat at the Community of the Beatitudes

Nearly three years after the first earthquake, many are still struggling with the after effects of the earthquakes. Our faith and spiritual life can be great strength in helping us get through these tough times. Come to this full day retreat in the beautiful North Canterbury countryside and take time out to reflect and pray. The retreat includes three talks, Mass, Adoration and Reconciliation. It is being held on Saturday 24 August, from 9.00am – 4.45pm. There will be a free bus from Christchurch. Numbers are strictly to 45. Contact the Earthquake Recovery Coordinator, Matt O’Connell, on 366 9869 or by email: moconnell@chch.catholic.org.nz for more details and to register.

Remember the Christchurch Diocesan Earthquake Recovery Fund is available to help you meet whatever post-earthquake needs you continue to find.

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