

DIOCESAN EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION AND HOLY HOUR

Bishop Michael invites all to a Diocesan Eucharistic Procession and Holy Hour on the feast of Corpus Christi **THIS WEEKEND– Sun, Jun 22** at St Mary's Pro-Cathedral. Beginning at 1.30pm, the celebration will include adoration, a procession around the streets, prayers and songs. Parishes and groups are welcome to bring banners for the procession. For more info, please contact Matt at the Diocesan Office on 366-9869 or moconnell@cdoc.nz

CATHOLIC BUSINESS NETWORK EVENT

Join us for an unforgettable evening with Simon Challies—former Ryman CEO and BrainTree co-founder—as he shares powerful insights on leadership, resilience, and faith. Hear his inspiring story, shaped by Parkinson's and purpose.

Tues, Jun 24, 5–7pm | Commodore Hotel
Drinks and canapés provided.

Thanks to the CBN sponsor, the Commodore Airport Hotel, all proceeds go directly to the Society of St Vincent de Paul.

Book tickets here www.cbn.nz/events

NIGHT AT THE CONCLAVE

Join us for this rare opportunity to hear Cardinal John share his personal reflections and insights into one of the most sacred and secretive gatherings in the world — the Papal Conclave. Whether you are curious about Church tradition, intrigued by the theology and history, or simply seeking inspiration, this evening promises to touch the heart and mind.

Fri, Aug 1 at 7.30pm - James Hay Theatre - Town Hall - Christchurch. BOOKINGS NOW OPEN - Get your ticket here. Any questions? email events@cdoc.nz

"BLESSED IS SHE WHO BELIEVED" (LK1:4)

A weekend retreat for young women open to discerning a call to consecrated life.

Join other young women aged 18-30 for a weekend of prayer, friendship and formation on discerning a vocation to different forms of consecrated life within the Church.

Aug 9-10, Sr Eveleen Retreat House, Sumner.
Contact Matt moconnell@cdoc.nz or Jess 02102444876 for more info and to register.

DIOCESAN MEN'S RETREAT

Bishop Michael warmly invites all men to join him at our Diocesan Men's Retreat. Join us as we venture out into the deep - a powerful opportunity to strengthen faith, deepen connections, and journey together in brotherhood. This is open to men of all ages. Date: **Fri, Jul 25 & Sat, Jul 26** [Click here to register](#). For more info contact Mike Stopforth on 027 539 8542 or mstopforth@cdoc.nz

PRAYER CONFERENCE - SAVE THE DATE

Put this date in your diary! Our Diocesan Prayer Conference will be held on **Sat, Aug 2** and will be held in Temuka. Registrations will open next week. More details to come.

TE KUPENGA CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

Study anywhere, at your own pace, with the support from qualified lecturers, with Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College online courses. Semester 2 starts **July 21**. To see courses offered in Semester 2, go to www.tekupenga.ac.nz/distance

HOPE AND RENEWAL SUMMIT – Earlybird Extended! One more week. One big opportunity. Parish renewal isn't just for one person — it's a shared mission. Come as a parish. Be renewed. Go back ready. Palmerston North | **Oct 3-4**. Register today and save: www.hoperenewalsummit.com



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VOCATIONS RETREAT FOR MEN

A 'Come and See' Weekend Retreat for men interested in the Priesthood is being held over the weekend of **Jul 4 – 6** at the Sr Eveleen Retreat House in Sumner, Christchurch. The weekend will involve talks, prayer, Mass, silent time, fraternity and more. Places are limited. For more information and to register please contact the Vocations Coordinator, Matt O'Connell on 027 536 9407 or moconnell@cdoc.nz

GROWING IN HOLINESS

You are warmly invited to a special Mass honouring St. Josemaría Escrivá, celebrated by Bishop Michael Gielen on **Thurs, Jun 26** at 5:30pm at St Mary's Pro-Cathedral, 373 Manchester Street, Christchurch. St John Paul II called him "the saint of ordinary life". St Josemaría, founder of Opus Dei, taught us that our work as professionals, parents, and students is a pathway to sainthood. Refreshments to follow. For more info, email: brigid.c.conroy@gmail.com or visit opusdei.org/en-nz

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE

Whether you're considering engagement or already planning your wedding day, we'd love to walk alongside you as you prepare to enter into marriage. The John Paul II Centre for Life invites you to discover the gift of marriage through the lens of St John Paul II's Theology of the Body, combined with practical wisdom for building a joy-filled life together. Course date: **Sat, Jul 19**
To learn more and sign up, visit: www.jp2.org.nz/marriage-prep/

THE CRAFTY CREW

Holy Family Parish hosts monthly craft meetings in the Bishop Joyce Centre at Our Lady of Victories, 106 Main South Rd in Sockburn. The next meeting is on **Sat Jun 28**, 12:30 -3:00pm. Any queries, call Jude Lathey 021 217-2052.

BEATITUDES UPCOMING RETREATS

MARIAN DAY RETREAT – Aug 16

Consecrate yourself to Mary as did the first missionaries. Mary cares for each of her children and is waiting to intercede for us for every grace we need!

COUPLE'S RETREAT – Sep 5-7

"Call to Holiness" is the theme for the retreat. Come away with your spouse to enrich your marriage under the guidance of Saints Louis and Zelie Martin - the parents of St Thérèse of Lisieux and her sisters. To book, email retreats@beatitudes.nz or phone 022 103 6994

PRISONER REINTEGRATION FORUM

Jesus had a heart for those on the edge of our society, in particular for prisoners; "when I was in prison, did you visit me?" Our prisoners also need support when reintegrating into society, most importantly, obtaining employment. This is a crucial step towards positive reintegration into society and in breaking the cycle of re-offending. Obtaining employment upon release is one of the key markers of positive reintegration and is very strongly connected with an individual's physical, mental, and social health. In partnership with the Christchurch City Mission, the Salvation Army, and the Department of Corrections, an innovative program has been initiated to enable businesses to play a key role in supporting the successful reintegration of individuals who have come into contact with the justice system. A forum to explain this initiative has been organised for **Wed, Jul 30**, at noon – 1.30pm to be held at Rāwhiti Community Corrections, 296 Breezes Road, Aranui. If you are interested in knowing more or know an employer who would be interested, please contact Luis Arevalo, Catholic Social Services Manager on 022 308 9804 or email larevalo@cdoc.nz



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