

DIOCESAN JUBILEE PRAYER CONFERENCE - 2nd AUGUST, TEMUKA

All are welcome to attend our one-day Jubilee Prayer Conference to be held in Temuka on **Sat, Aug 2** with the Jubilee theme, "Pilgrims of Hope". The Saint Mary Mackillop Chapel in Temuka is a Sacred Jubilee site for the Christchurch Diocese so we hope many people will take the opportunity to make a pilgrimage and come to this conference. The Conference will involve Mass, Prayer, workshops, keynote talks and more. Bishop Michael will be attending and will give a keynote talk. We also have a guest keynote speaker coming from Australia, Fr Chris Eaton from the Missionaries of God's Love Community. The cost is \$49 which includes morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea. For more information and to register go [here](#) or contact Matt O'Connell on 366-9869 or moconnell@cdoc.nz

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. Get your ticket [here](#). Any questions? email events@cdoc.nz

DIO DATE NIGHT

Married couples, this is your chance to enjoy a relaxing night out. Leave the kids at home and join us for an evening of great food, conversation, and an opportunity to connect with other couples. **Jul 26** at 5:30pm. You can register and find out more [here](#).

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** (6pm-9pm) and **Sat Jul 26** (8am to 12noon)

Cost: \$30 per person (covers venue hire, drinks Friday night and Saturday big morning tea!)

Venue: Marian College

To register: visit www.cathmen.nz

For more info: contact Mike Stopforth on 027 539 8542 or mstopforth@cdoc.nz

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS FESTIVAL

Bishop Michael warmly invites all young people of the Diocese to celebrate the Jubilee in Christchurch on **Sun, Jul 27**. The event begins at 1:30 PM and will include opportunities to encounter Christ through Adoration, Worship, and Reconciliation, The event will feature a talk by Fr Chris Eaton MGL and will conclude with a Diocesan Youth Mass at the Pro-Cathedral, followed by a dinner. Registration is open to young people aged 13 to 35 within the Diocese of Christchurch. Registration is essential to secure your spot—tickets are just \$5. You can register [here](#). Contact Mark for more information at mcurrie@cdoc.nz or 03 353 0705.

SINGLES FOR CHRIST – CHRISTIAN LIFE PROGRAM

Singles for Christ invites all single young adults (ages 18–40) to join our 8-week Christian Life Program — a space to grow in faith, discover God's love, and build lasting friendships. Held St. Peter's Parish Hall. Starting **Aug 6** at 6:30PM. For more info, contact KC at 027 456 9535 or sfcnzchch@gmail.com. You can also follow us on our instagram and facebook @sfcchristchurch.



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MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE

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/

CATHOLICISM4CATHOLICS

You are warmly invited to a talk on the meaning and importance of the Third Commandment: "Keep the Sabbath Day Holy." In a world that never stops, how do we reclaim the sacred rhythm of rest, worship, and renewal? Join us for this session on: **Jul 17, 2025 at 1.45 pm**

Venue: Parish Centre, Basilica of Sacred Heart

Speaker: Vincent Barboza

Missed the last talk? [Click here to watch.](#)

Let us rediscover the Lord's Commandment not as a burden, but a blessing - gift of rest and grace in the midst of our busy lives.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL VACANCY

The Society of St Vincent de Paul is seeking an experienced and values-driven Retail Stores Manager to oversee the daily operations, staff, and volunteer teams across their network of Christchurch retail stores. This vacancy is a full-time role, based primarily at the Papanui branch. More info [here](#) or email polly@svdpcanterbury.nz

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

The CWLNZ will be holding their National Conference in Auckland **Jul 15-18**. Fundraising for their At Home Appeal this year is going to Women's Refuge. *We pray for the Members of the Catholic Women's League of Aotearoa New Zealand. May Jesus, the face of God's mercy and love in our world, be with them throughout their National Conference so that they live out their motto of 'Faith and Service. Amen.* For more info about CWL email joy.fsi@extra.co.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.

HOPE AND RENEWAL SUMMIT

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: www.hoperenewalsummit.com

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!

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

CRAFTY CREW

Holy Family Parish hosts monthly meetings in the Bishop Joyce Centre at Our Lady of Victories, 106 Main South Rd in Sockburn. The next meeting is **Sat Jul 19, 12:30 -3:00pm**.

Come meet and work alongside crafters from other Christchurch parishes. Bring your handcraft project and a gold coin donation, as well as some cash for raffles. It's a friendly social gathering with good fellowship. Any queries, call Jude Lathey 021 217-2052



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