

### SONS OF THE MOST HOLY REDEEMER

Bishop Michael recently received formal notification from the Vatican that it has dismissed the appeal from the Sons of the Most Holy Redeemer regarding the directives and decrees Bishop Michael issued in July 2024. This confirms the removal of priestly faculties and the directive for members of the order to leave the diocese. Any sacraments celebrated by a priest without faculties are illicit. People wishing to attend a Traditional Latin Mass are encouraged to do so at Kaiapoi each Sunday at 11am. For more info, email [TLMC@cdoc.nz](mailto:TLMC@cdoc.nz)

### CATHOLIC BUSINESS NETWORK LUNCH

We invite you to join us for our final Catholic Business Network event of the year, featuring Leonie Guiney — South Canterbury dairy farmer, Fonterra Director, BNZ consultant, respected business leader, and committed Catholic.

**Date: Thurs, Sep 11**

**Time: 12:00pm – 2:00pm**

**Venue: Rydges Latimer Christchurch**

Leonie will speak candidly about the role of her Catholic faith and daily disciplines in sustaining her during challenging times, her sense of responsibility to “pay it forward” to the next generation, and the importance of acknowledging those who have supported her along the way. With reflections from her time on the board of Fonterra and life on the land, Leonie offers a compelling perspective on values-based leadership, perseverance, and community. Reserve your place now at: [www.cbn.nz](http://www.cbn.nz)

### SOUP KITCHEN

The next Catholic Social Services and SVDP Soup Kitchen will be held from midday to 2.30pm on **Aug 21**. It will be held in Hampshire St, Aranui. Please note the new location. If you have any questions or would like to offer your support, please contact CSS on 03 379 0012.

### ANTIOCH

Antioch is back for 2025 for young people in Year 10, 11, 12 and 13! It will be held on **Sep 19 - 21**. All the key camp favourites return this year including an international speaker, our iconic house band and messy games of course! That's all alongside the usual camp staples of engaging small groups, encounters through sacraments and so much more. Registrations are open at [www.cyt.org.nz/antioch](http://www.cyt.org.nz/antioch) so get a group together with earlybird pricing closing on the Feast of the Assumption. Any questions? Contact Mark via [mcurrie@cdoc.nz](mailto:mcurrie@cdoc.nz)

### JOHN PAUL II CENTRE RACE NIGHT 2025

Join over 200 people for an unforgettable evening of harness racing, great food, and friendly competition. Enjoy a 2-course dinner, live racing commentary, and our famous Priest Punter of the Year competition - all while supporting local families. To be held at 5.30pm on **Aug 29** at Addington Raceway. You can find more info and book tickets [here](#).

### JUBILATE 2025: CATHEDRAL AND WAIMAKARIRI COMING TOGETHER IN SONG

Come together for an hour of sacred singing in our Pro-Cathedral. Along with shared singing, we feature choirs from our two parishes and schools. You are invited to join in singing and supporting our featured choirs and be uplifted by their talent in praise of God. Where? St Mary's Pro-Cathedral. When? **Tues, Aug 19** from 7.00 to 8.00pm. All welcome and admission is free. For more info contact [kjoblin@cdoc.nz](mailto:kjoblin@cdoc.nz)



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### CALLED TO LEAD - A RETREAT FOR MEN

Men of the diocese are invited to a Joshua Men's Retreat. Join men from across New Zealand for a special time of formation and encounter.

The retreat will be held on **Fri, Oct 10 – Sun, Oct 12** and will be held at Chosen Valley Christian Camp, Ararimu, Auckland.

Retreat Director: Mike Lobo

Attending Priest: Fr Carl Telford SM

Keynote Speaker: Bill McElhinney

Cost: \$175pp (includes food and accommodation)

Follow this [link](#) to register or for more info contact Mike Lobo (021) 2809285 or Jerome Hardy (027) 2334380.

### ASSUMPTION FEAST MASS

The Bishops of New Zealand invite you to join them at the National Marian Shrine on Aug 15, the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The celebration of our national feast day is part of the Bishops' second of two national pilgrimages during the Jubilee Year. Mass will be celebrated at 6pm on **Fri, Aug 15** at St Mary of the Angels Church, Boulcott St, Wellington. All are welcome.

### CATHOLIC DEVELOPMENT FUND (CDF)

Did you know that there have been changes to the Residential Care Subsidy? Read more [here](#).

If you're interested in planning ahead and saving for peace of mind, we warmly invite you to get in touch for a private, no-obligation conversation about funeral planning.

CDF – Invest in Good | [cdf@cdoc.nz](mailto:cdf@cdoc.nz) | 03 366 9869

### SEVEN SORROWS ROSARY GROUP AND ADORATION

Supporting Catholics through grief: **4th Monday of every month**, 7.30-8.30am, after the 7am Mass. St Teresa's Church - 8 Puriri Street, Riccarton. For more info contact [info@jp2.org.nz](mailto:info@jp2.org.nz)

### VATICAN ASTRONOMER SPEAKING TOUR

Br Guy Consolmagno SJ, the director of the Vatican Observatory, will be speaking at a number of events across New Zealand this month. He is a highly-regarded speaker on the intersection of faith and science, and has written many books on the subject. He has public lectures on the following dates:

**Aug 10**, Bishop Joyce Centre, 106 Main South Road at 12.30pm.

**Aug 11**, Holy Family Catholic Parish Hall Timaru at 11.00am.

**Aug 13**, A3, University of Canterbury at 7.00pm  
Visit [tekupenga.ac.nz](http://tekupenga.ac.nz) for the topics and more information.

### ST BRIGID'S LOBURN ANNIVERSARY

150 years of St Brigid's Church in Loburn will be celebrated this year. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Michael Gielen on **Sun, Nov 9** at 2.00pm. St Brigid's is the 4th oldest church in the diocese and one of the very few with an active cemetery. Mass will be celebrated in a large marquee and everyone is invited, especially those with a family connection to St Brigid's.

To follow there will be a blessing of the cemetery by Bishop Michael and afternoon tea will be served.

An updated version of Michael Hanrahan's history of St Brigid's will be available for sale at \$20.

For further info contact Michael Brown at [mandmbrown.nz@gmail.com](mailto:mandmbrown.nz@gmail.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! Please bring your own lunch. Tea & coffee provided.

#### 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



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