

GOLDEN CATHOLICS

Golden Catholics warmly invite senior parishioners from across the Diocese to come together, enjoy a light lunch and connect with others. To be held on **Wed, Sep 24** starting with 11.00am Mass followed by a presentation and lunch, to be held at St Mary's New Brighton, 116 Lonsdale St, Christchurch. Bishop Michael will share how hope is at the heart of our faith as Catholics. Visit our [website](#) for more information and please RSVP by 19 Sept on 03 366 9869 or email cdf@cdoc.nz.

ST THERESE ROSE PETAL EVENING,

Come celebrate St Therese - 100 years of sainthood. **Sat, Sep 27**, starting 5.30pm An evening of prayer and song with St Therese, followed by potluck dinner. Please bring a plate to share. Community of the Beatitudes, 67 Leithfield Rd, Leithfield. Theme: "St Thérèse – the pilgrim of hope" Speaker: Sr Giovanna-Maria of the Holy Eucharist. For more information contact beatitudesnz@gmail.com or phone (03) 314 8837.

ST JOSEPH'S THE WORKER PARISH & SCHOOL

We are celebrating 160 years of Catholic faith since the founding of St Joseph's The Worker, Lyttelton in 1865, it is one of New Zealand's oldest parishes. Though the parish and school were closed following devastating earthquakes, the spirit of St Joseph's is still with us. To honour this legacy, all former parishioners, students, teachers, and friends are warmly invited to a special celebration on **Sat, Oct 25**, featuring a Dedication Mass at St Anne's in Woolston, followed by dinner, speeches, cake cutting, and dancing at the Lyttelton Top Club. More details are available [here](#) or email sjlyttelton160@gmail.com, please spread the word!

HOLIDAY HOUSE FOR RENT

The Catholic Outdoor Club has a Holiday House available in Arthur's Pass, on Sunshine Tce (behind the Police Station). The house has 3 bunk rooms to accommodate 18 people. It has a good lounge and kitchen. Ideal for an economical family holiday in the mountains. Cost from \$90 a night. Bookings may be made on the website [HERE](#).

WEDNESDAYS AT ONE

All are welcome at the CBS weekly Wednesday concerts held at St Mary's Pro-Cathedral or the CBS Music Centre, 373 Manchester St, from 1.10-2.00pm. For more information visit [our website](#).

TE KUPENGA CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College enrolment for Bachelor Degree and Graduate Diploma in Theology for Semester One 2026 will run from Sep 22 – Nov 21, 2025. Go to www.tekupenga.ac.nz/apply to enrol. Te Kupenga invites everyone for the webinar on "Raising a Catholic family in the Third Millennium" with Cameron & Cheryl Surrey on Wednesday, October 8, 5:00-6:00pm on Zoom. Click [here](#) to register.

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 **Sat, Sep 27**, 12:30 -3:00pm. Come meet and work alongside crafters. 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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SEASON OF CREATION

This month we celebrate the Season of Creation - a time of reflection and action that continues through to October 4.

The theme this year is Peace with Creation, this theme describes a future period of peace and transformation.

Sign the Caritas petition Turn Debt into Hope
<https://www.caritas.org.nz/turndebtintofope>

HEAVENLY HARMONY HAYDN

Come and hear the CBS Choir and Orchestra perform Te Deum, Symphony 97, Heavenly Harmony Haydn, Harmoniemesse. 2.00pm **TODAY**

Sun, Sep 21 at St Mary's Pro-Cathedral. Entry price \$30 (eftpos available). For more information visit [our website](#).

STAY INFORMED ON NATIONAL SAFEGUARDING

The National Office for Professional Standards (NOPS) is now publishing a quarterly newsletter with updates, resources, and information about the Church's safeguarding efforts.

Read the latest issue [here](#).



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INFERTILITY SUPPORT GROUP

If you are struggling with infertility you are welcome to a monthly support group. Join us to find encouragement, hope and a way forward through prayerful reflection, sharing and solidarity. Please contact the JPll centre to register and to find out more: Ph 021 0814 8834 or email info@jp2.org.nz.

BEATITUDES RETREAT

PRAYER & UNION WITH GOD WOMEN'S RETREAT

A serene and enriching silent retreat for women focused on deepening our Union with God, inspired by St. Teresa of Avila. To be held on **Oct 24 -26**.

To book, email retreats@beatitudes.nz or phone 022 103 6994

SISTER EVELEEN RETREAT HOUSE

Join us at Sister Eveleen Retreat House for a Retreat Day.

Sacred Maps – A Creative Reflection on Your Faith Journey **Sep 26-28**

Hearts Ablaze: Praying the Psalms. Nov 7-9, with Moving beyond mediocrity to passion. Write your own psalm of praise. Pen your own lament with Colin and Carol Renouf.

Facing the Fire: A Journey into Darkness with the Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius Oct 24-26, with Eddie O'Connor

Sister Eveleen Retreat House, Sumner, 6 Whitewash Head. More info and register follow this [link](#).

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 information contact Michael Brown at mandmbrown.nz@gmail.com

