

SUPPORT LIFE SUNDAY 2025: *Pilgrims for Hope – Building a Culture of Love and Life*

Each year, on the second Sunday of October, the Church in Aotearoa celebrates Support Life Sunday. As the New Zealand bishops reminded us in the 2023 document, *Te Kahu o te Ora*: “We do not need to look far to recognise that our world requires a lot of healing. All around us, we experience divisions that are the result of human behaviours and institutions.”

SUPPORT LIFE SUNDAY 2025

Support Life Sunday 2025 provides an opportunity, within this year of Jubilee, to focus on how we can better support a culture of love and life through prayer and action. Find out more at <https://catholic.org.nz/resources/>

SAFEGUARDING WORKSHOPS

St Peters, Beckenham - **Sun, Oct 5** at 10.30am-12noon - Click [here](#) for more details.

Sts Peters & Paul, Halswell - **Sun, Oct 12** at 12pm - 1.30pm - Click [here](#) for more details.

Attendance at Safeguarding Workshops for all church volunteers is every three years. Turn up and sign in, your parish will be advised of your attendance.

Further workshop dates can be found on the [website](#).

DIOCESE YOUTH MASS AT CARMEL

ALL WELCOME to our Diocesan Youth Mass on **Sun, Oct 12** at 5.00pm - followed by a BBQ. Mass will be held at the Carmelite Monastery Chapel. For more info contact mcurrie@cdoc.nz.

WALK THROUGH MASS

Come and see Mass in a whole new light. Fr. Zani Pacanza will give a talk on the Holy Mass, breaking down each part of this liturgy to reveal its deeper meaning as both celebration and sacrifice. To be held on **Oct 8**, 7:00pm to 8:30pm, at St. Patrick's Church, 61 Fuller St, Kaiapoi. Got questions? email admin@waimakariricatholic.org.nz See you there!

RETREAT IN HAWARDEN

All are welcome to a retreat at the Hawarden Parish Centre on All Saints Day, **Sat, Nov 1** at 10.00am - 4.00pm. Join us for Mass, a BYO shared meal and talks by Dr Robert Loretz. Theme:

Jesus began his ministry proclaiming the Beatitudes and ended it by sending the Holy Spirit to lead us into all truth. In this retreat, we will explore firstly how the gifts of the Holy Spirit flower in a life of the Beatitudes; and then seek practical ways to deepen that life within us. For more info please contact the parish at catholichurunui@gmail.com.

CELEBRATING THE HOBBDAY ORGAN

St Patrick's Parish in Greymouth warmly invites you to a 125 year celebration of the Hobbdays Organ, featuring organist Ron Newton. To be held on **Wed, Oct 8** at 7.00pm - 8.15pm, at the St Patrick's Catholic Church. Entry is free. For more info contact st_patricksgreymouth@hotmail.com.

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.



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MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY SERIES

October is the Holy Rosary month. Join us for the Mysteries of the Rosary video series—an immersive and contemplative experience over 7 weeks.

The series was filmed on location in the Holy Land, Rome, Lourdes, Fatima, and Paris.

From the Annunciation in Nazareth to the Shepherd's Field in Bethlehem, the Garden of Gethsemane, the Chapel of the Crucifixion, and the empty tomb. From St. Peter's Basilica to the Pantheon and Catacombs—praying your Rosary will never be the same!

Enjoy a cuppa, watch the video, join discussion groups, and pray.

Beginning with the Joyful Mysteries on **Wed, Oct 15**. 10am - Midday at St Joseph's Pastoral Centre. Register [here](#) or by emailing Judith on pastoral@christchurchnorth.org.nz.

VACANCY - HOLY FAMILY PARISH

Holy Family Parish (Christchurch West) is hiring a Director of Parish Life & Operations. We are seeking a passionate full-time leader to help us lead, equip, and build a joyful, Christ-centred parish.

Do you have:

- Strong leadership & operational skills
- A collaborative, coaching style
- Experience in multicultural or faith-based settings
- Deep alignment with Catholic mission & parish life

Please click [here](#) for the full advert of this position.

Enquire or apply with CV + cover letter:

apply@holymfamily.nz

Applications close: **Oct 24**.

PLEASE GIVE YOUR FEEDBACK

As part of the National Office for Professional Standards' commitment to ensuring a safe environment for all, they are carrying out a review of key safeguarding documents.

They are currently reviewing the 'Safeguarding Policy: Working Together for a Safe Church' and the 'Code of Conduct for Employees & Volunteers in Ministry in the Catholic Church'.

They welcome and encourage you to submit feedback through their [Reviews page](#), with submissions open until **Oct 31**.

SISTER EVELEEN RETREAT HOUSE

Join us at Sister Eveleen Retreat House for a Retreat Day. Facing the Fire: A Journey into Darkness with the Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius. **24-26 Oct** Sister Eveleen Retreat House, Sumner, 6 Whitewash Head. For more info and to register follow this [link](#).

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. 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!



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