

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/>

DIOCESE YOUTH MASS AT CARMEL

ALL WELCOME to our Diocesan Youth Mass on **TODAY 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.

INFERTILITY SUPPORT GROUP

John Paul II Centre for Life welcome you to a monthly Support Group if you are struggling with infertility. Join us to find encouragement, hope and a way forward through prayerful reflection, sharing and solidarity. Our next meeting is on **Mon, Oct 13** at 7.30pm at St Teresa's, Please contact us to register and to find out more: Ph 021 2434820 or email info@jp2.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@hollyfamily.nz

Applications close: **Oct 24**.

COMMEMORATION EVENTS FOR PARIHAKA DAY

Ngā Manu Kōrihi Ōtautahi (Parihaka Network Christchurch) aim to highlight the historical events of 5 Nov 1881, the Crown invasion of the peaceful Taranaki village of Parihaka and its philosophy and beliefs of peace and reconciliation through non-violence. The ecumenical Community Discussions will use the Caritas resource, Remembering Parihaka

- **Tue, Oct 28**, 7.30pm – Sacred Heart Church, 70 Spencer St, Addington
 - **Wed, Oct 29**, 1pm – St Marks Opawa Church, Opawa
 - **Wed, Oct 29**, 7pm – Northcity Church, 95a Sawyers Arms Rd, Papanui
 - **Thu, Oct 30**, 7pm – St Barnabas Church, 8 Tui St, Fendalton
 - **Wed, Nov 5**, 1pm - Parihaka Commemoration, World Peace Bell, Botanic Gardens
- Follow NMKŌ on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) for updates.

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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.

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.

SISTER EVELEEN RETREAT HOUSE

Join us at Sister Eveleen Retreat House for a Retreat Day. Sister Eveleen Retreat House, Sumner, 6 Whitewash Head. For retreat info and to register follow this [link](#).

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 **Sat, Oct 18**, 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 and time to enjoy a cuppa and a biscuit. Any queries, call Jude Lathey 021 217-2052

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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