NOVEMBER 2025

CATHOLIC DIOCESE
TE TAKIWĀ Ō TE PĪHOPA

CHRISTCHURCH

# ONE DAY DIOCESAN JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE TO THE SANCTUARY OF FOURVIÈRE (LEITHFIELD)

Join us on **Wed, Nov 26** for this one-day pilgrimage to one of our Jubilee Sacred Sites at the home of the Community of the Beatitudes in Leithfield. It will be an opportunity to be renewed in your faith and to learn more about the Shrine of Fourvière in Lyon, France, the spiritual founding place of the Society of Mary, from which the first Catholic Missionaries to New Zealand. The pilgrimage includes Mass, talks, quiet time and more. The cost is to be confirmed but will include lunch, morning and afternoon tea. Places are limited so please contact Matt O'Connell on moconnell@cdoc.nz or 03 366 9869 to reserve your place now.

## **WOMEN'S RETREAT**

Holy Family Parish invites women from across the Diocese to come for an afternoon retreat focusing on the sacredness, the beauty and call we have as women.

"No longer forsaken - the Lord delights in you" **Sat, Dec 6,** 11.45am - 5.00pm

St Teresa's Church & Hall, \$30 - Lunch Included Registration Essential <u>www.holyfamily.nz/nourish-your-faith/womens-retreat</u>

Be encouraged and inspired by the Sisters of Life and take a moment of quiet at the beginning of Advent to hear from the Lord.

# CHRISTCHURCH DIOCESE NATIONAL OFFICE FOR PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS (NOPS) REVIEW

The NOPS office recently carried out their 3 yearly eternal review of the Christchurch Diocese. You can read their Executive Summary Report <a href="https://example.com/here">here</a>.

#### **TE KUPENGA COLLEGE WEBINAR**

As we draw near the end of the Jubilee Year in January 2026, Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College is offering its last webinar for the year "Reflections on Jubilee 2025-Pilgrims of Hope" with Fadi Yalda, Lecturer in Biblical Studies. This webinar is on **Wed, Nov 26** 5:00-6:00pm via Zoom. Fee is \$20. To register, go to <a href="https://www.tekupenga.ac.nz/webinar2025">www.tekupenga.ac.nz/webinar2025</a>

#### **GREATER COMPANY OF MARY MASS**

The next Greater Company of Mary Mass will be held on **Sat, Nov 22**, 10.30am at the Mary Potter Community Centre, 442 Durham St North, St Albans, Christchurch.

All welcome. Morning tea will follow. For catering purposes, please rsvp by Mon, Nov 17 to the Little Company of Mary office, ph 372 9224.

# **BEATITUDES - FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS**

Sat Dec 6 – 6pm

Join Bishop Michael Gielen at the Community of the Beatitudes to celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception at the Sanctuary of Fourviere 67 Leithfield Road, Leithfield, North Canterbury. The evening starts with Mass under the sky at 6.00pm, picnic dinner and sausage sizzle, followed by a procession at dusk, and adoration under the stars. For more info, contact Sr Giovanna-Maria 022 103 6994

### TE RANGIMĀRIE FINAL MASS AND WHAKANOA

A final Miha Māori at the Te Rangimārie Centre, 360 Gloucester Street, Linwood will be celebrated by Bishop Michael on **Sun, Nov 30** at 11:00 am followed by a shared lunch. All welcome. Sunday Mass in Te Reo Māori will then be celebrated weekly at St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral beginning Sun, Dec 7. More details to follow.





