

CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES HAS MOVED

We're excited to announce that CSS has relocated to join the diocesan team at 391 Moorhouse Avenue, Christchurch. The CSS office will reopen on **Mon, Dec 1**. Thank you for supporting CSS, visit their [website](#) to learn how CSS serves our community.

WEBINAR – 50 YEARS OF PROCLAIMING THE GOSPEL

In December 1975, St Paul VI published his landmark apostolic exhortation, *Evangelii Nuntiandi*. It identified evangelisation as the task of all Christian people, not just clergy and religious, and noted that it required both word and authentic witness. Join Bishop John Adams of Palmerston North, Catholic Enquiry Centre director Carly Mulqueen and Te Kupenga – Catholic Theological College director Dr John Evangelista as they share their insights on the wisdom of the document and how it can be lived out in today's context. The event is live at 7pm on **Tues, Dec 2**. Register at: <https://bit.ly/december2webinar>



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CLOSING MASS OF THE JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE

2025 has been a special year of grace as the Church celebrates the Jubilee Year of Hope. As the Jubilee Year draws to a close, we gather for a final Mass of thanksgiving.

Date: **Sun, Dec 28**

Time: 9.30am

Location: St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral

This Mass will mark the end of local diocesan celebrations of the Holy Year, while the universal Church celebration formally concludes on the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord in Rome. All are invited to join Bishop Michael in celebrating the closing Mass of the Jubilee Year.

YOUNG ADULTS EVENT

Don't miss 'Made for More' with the Sisters of Life – an inspiring night with Sr Mary Grace, S.V. on living life to the full in Christ. **Fri, Dec 5**, 6:30–9:30pm at St Teresa's, Riccarton. Ages 18–35. Bring a friend! For more info email mcurrie@cdoc.nz.

SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL VACANCY - Conference Coordinator

Part time permanent role: 20 hours per week. The role of the Conference Coordinator involves responsibility for implementing membership programmes, supporting local Conferences in their charitable activities and fostering community engagement to ensure effective delivery of the Societies mission. The role supports local conferences by enabling spiritual formation, program delivery and facilitating training for Vincentians that strengthen skills.

For a full role description please contact Bill Manning- Area President - bill@svdpcanterbury.nz

FOOD FOR FAITH FOR ADVENT 2025.

Daily reflections for those seeking greater maturity of Christian Faith in preparation for Christmas. Sign up to receive daily emails during Advent at www.foodforfaith.org.nz.

SCRIPTURE FOCUS THIS ADVENT

You are invited to prepare for Sunday Mass by reading and reflecting on the Scripture we will hear that weekend. Marist priest Fr Frank Bird has for several years been helping people make those preparations through his Living the Word project. As the name suggests, Living the Word is an invitation for Catholics and others to allow the Word of God to shape their lives. You can download the resources, and access other rich content, at www.livingtheword.org.nz/pray



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 www.holyfamily.nz/nourish-your-faith/womens-retreat

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.

CBS MUSIC - HANDEL MESSIAH

All welcome to hear Handel Messiah by the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament Choir and Orchestra. At 1.30pm on **Sun, Dec 7**. To be held at St Mary's Pro-Cathedral. Admission is \$30. For more info contact Don at don.whelan@xtra.co.nz

SISTER EVELEEN RETREAT HOUSE

Join us at Sister Eveleen Retreat House for a Retreat. Life gets busy, especially around this time of the year. Take a day or overnight retreat and enjoy quiet time for rest, prayer, and being with God in the beauty of creation.

Book a room for an overnight retreat or get in touch to book a room for a day retreat.

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

THE CATHOLIC SHOP

Now open Sundays 8.30am till 12.30pm till Christmas.

373 Manchester St, 9.30am till 4.30pm Monday to Friday, 10am till 1pm Saturdays.

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TE RANGIMĀRIE FINAL MASS AND WHAKANOAO

A final Miha Māori and whakanoa ceremony at the Te Rangimārie Centre will be celebrated by Bishop Michael on **Sun, Nov 30** at 11:00 am followed by a shared lunch. All welcome.

From **Sun, Dec 7**, Mass will be celebrated in Te Reo Māori at St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral at the following times:

First Sunday of the month — 12:30 pm, Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Second Sunday of the month — 12:30 pm, Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Third Sunday of the month — 12:30 pm, Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Fourth Sunday of the month — 6:00 pm, Main Church (Parish Mass)

Fifth Sunday (when applicable) — 12:30 pm, Blessed Sacrament Chapel

PRAYER FOR THE UNBORN

You are welcome to join in praying for an end to abortion on **Sun, Nov 30**, 2.00pm - 4.00pm. Meet in Hagley Park, by Deans Ave/Matai Street Intersection. For more info contact Anastasia on 021 0822 6960.

BEATITUDES - FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

Join Bishop Michael Gielen at the Community of the Beatitudes to celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on **Sat, Dec 6** 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



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