

SUBS REQUIRED OVER CHRISTMAS / NEW YEAR FOR THE ADORATION CHAPEL

Over the past 12 years the Diocesan Perpetual Adoration Chapel has remained open throughout the Christmas period. We have a large number of people going away and require extra people to help out. If you are going to be at home this Christmas and would be happy to cover an hour or two please contact Matt on 027 536 9407 or chchadoration@gmail.com

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Mass times and Sacrament of Reconciliation times from parishes across the diocese are now available on the Diocesan website <https://cdoc.nz/christmas>

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.

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

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

MASS IN TE REO MĀORI

From Sunday 7 December 2025, 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, Nave (Parish Mass)

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

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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MISSION HUB – RECONNECTING WITH THE DISCONNECTED

This Advent we are invited to extend the Father's welcoming heart toward those who may feel distant or disconnected from parish life. The next Mission Hub Online gathering will focus on practical, gentle ways to intentionally invite and authentically reconnect. We will share a time of prayer, be inspired by others on mission, and explore our own context and response in small groups with others across Aotearoa New Zealand.

Mon, Dec 8 at 7.00–8.30pm

Online via Zoom

Everyone is invited to register [here](#).

SISTER EVELEEN RETREAT HOUSE

Join us at Sister Eveleen Retreat House for a Retreat Every last Thursday of the month we host a Day of Retreat at Sister Eveleen, 9.30 to 2.30. Created for busy people to take a break, rest, and step out of the rush for a while. You are warmly invited to join us.

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



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