

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

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

DIOCESAN OFFICE HOURS

The Diocesan Office will close at 12:00pm on Tuesday, 23 December and will reopen on Monday, 5 January. Wishing you and your families a joyful and blessed Christmas from all of the staff at the Diocesan Office.

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH: VACANCY - CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER

The Diocese is looking to recruit a Chief Finance Officer (CFO) to lead a passionate and committed team and be a key strategic partner in shaping the future of the Catholic Diocese of Christchurch. The CFO will be accountable for the CDC's financial and IT performance. The primary responsibility of the role is to safeguard and improve the financial position and performance of the Diocese, enabling the achievement of its pastoral and property objectives. Furthermore, the CFO drives risk management and ensures an excellent standard of reporting. For a full Candidate Brief please email applications@cdoc.nz To apply, click [here](#) or attach your cover letter and CV to applications@cdoc.nz with 'Chief Financial Officer Job Application' in the subject line.

Applications close 11.59pm **Thurs, Jan 15, 2026.**

For more information please phone Annette Pugh on 03 378 3647.

THE CATHOLIC SHOP

Now open Sundays 8.30am - 12.30pm until Christmas.

373 Manchester St, 9.30am - 4.30pm Monday to Friday, 10.00am - 1.00pm Saturdays.

OPEN HEAVEN

All are invited to join Christians from across Canterbury at Open Heaven 2026 - a combined prayer meeting. It will be a powerful night of worship and intercession for New Zealand. This night will be a chance for Christians to come together as one, lifting our voices in praise and seeking God's blessing for our country. We invite you to join us for this special evening of prayer and worship. To be held at Wolfbrook Arena on **Thurs, Feb 19**. Doors open at 6:30pm, the prayer meeting will begin at 7:00pm. This is a free event, open to everyone. For more info visit our [website](#).

VACANCY - CATHOLIC ENQUIRY CENTRE Three Part-Time Roles

The Catholic Enquiry Centre (an agency of the NZ Catholic Bishops Conference) is expanding its digital outreach in 2026 and is seeking passionate, faith-filled people to join the team:

- Digital Ministry Specialist (Content & Platform) – oversee CEC's website and social media, creating content that helps people explore faith.
- Digital Ministry Specialist (Media Production) – create short videos, testimonies, and reels introducing Catholic faith and traditions.
- Resource & Enquiry Support Officer – respond to enquirers and coordinate the dispatch of printed resources across Aotearoa.

All roles are part-time (0.4 FTE) and may be remote or Wellington-based. Expressions of interest to carly@catholicenquiry.nz by **Fri, Jan 9, 2026**. Roles may be filled sooner for the right candidates.



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SISTER EVELEEN RETREAT HOUSE

Join us at Sister Eveleen Retreat House for a Retreat. Step aside from the busyness of life and enter a day of rest, reflection, prayer, and quiet time with God. Our next Sabbath Day is on **26 Feb.**

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

PRAYER FOR THE UNBORN

As we prepare to celebrate the birth of Baby Jesus, you are invited to join us in praying for all unborn babies, especially those in danger of abortion.

We will gather to pray on **Sun, Dec 21**, 2.00pm - 4.00pm; at Hagley Park, by Deans Ave/Matai Street Intersection. For more info, please contact Anastasia on 021 0822 6960.

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.

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

HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY CONTACTS

Most hospitals no longer provide names of Catholic patients to our chaplains.

If there is someone from your family going to hospital please either advise the chaplain or your parish office or let the nurses know that you would like to see the Catholic Chaplain/Priest on call:

Christchurch Hospital: John Dooley – 021 702 378

Burwood Hospital: Jane Dick - 021 572 480

Hillmorton Hospital: Joan Hough - 021 501 683

Nurse Maude Hospice: Christchurch North Parish - 03 359 1438

St George's Hospital: Christchurch North Parish - 03 359 1438

Southern Cross: Cathedral Parish - 379 1068

VINNIES ROLE - 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 or Clodagh Ward - clodagh@svdpcanterbury.nz

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