

VACANCY - CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER

The Diocese of Christchurch is seeking an experienced and forward-thinking Chief Finance Officer (CFO) to lead a passionate and committed team and contribute meaningfully to the strategic direction of the Catholic Diocese of Christchurch. We invite applications from leaders who share the Diocese's sense of purpose, who value meaningful work, and who are energised by contributing to a mission-driven organisation. For more information visit [Seek](#) or phone Annette Pugh on 03 378 3647. Applications close at 9.00pm on **Apr 12**.

CATHOLIC BUSINESS NETWORK

Registrations are now open for the first Catholic Business Lunch for 2026, featuring guest speaker Rt Hon Sir Bill English. The lunch will be held on **Thurs, May 7** from 12.00pm to 2.00pm. This is a opportunity to hear from one of New Zealand's most respected leaders as he offers his plain English perspective on leadership, service, and life beyond politics. **Register at [cbn.nz](#)**



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BISHOPS' LENTEN APPEAL

The New Zealand Bishops are encouraging the Catholic community to prayerfully consider how they can contribute to the annual Lenten Appeal. The appeal supports the work of Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand, which through its global network serves some of our world's most vulnerable and needy communities. The Bishops explain that acts of Christian charity can change the lives of those who benefit from that charity, but also can transform those who give with generosity — according to their own circumstances. Find out more at www.caritas.org.nz/lent



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CARITAS LENT WEBINAR SERIES 2026

Bishop Michael Gielen will be reflecting on 'The Raising of Lazarus' at the next Caritas Lenten webinar on **Wed, Mar 25**. To register, visit www.caritas.org.nz/lent-webinars. All are welcome to join!

HOLY WEEK LITURGIES & MASS TIMES

Are you travelling during Easter? Are you looking for Holy Week liturgy times including Reconciliation? Parish Holy Week Mass and Liturgy times can be found on the diocesan website cdoc.nz/easter.

NEW VOCATIONS DIRECTOR FOR THE DIOCESE

Bishop Michael has appointed Fr Monty Bamford, assistant priest at the Pro-Cathedral, as the new Vocations Director. Fr Tien steps down after 6 years in the role. You can contact Fr Monty on frmonty@cathedralparish.nz if you wish to speak to him about a possible vocation. Matt O'Connell remains the Vocations Coordinator and can be contacted on 366-9869 or moconnell@cdoc.nz

CHRISM MASS

You are warmly invited to the annual Chrism Mass on **Monday, March 30**, at 5.30pm at St Mary's Pro-Cathedral. During this Mass, the bishop will bless the sacred oils used throughout the year in the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Orders, and the Anointing of the Sick and the clergy of our diocese will renew their commitment to priestly service. All are welcome to join in this celebration.



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

The annual celebration Mass of Divine Mercy Sunday will be offered at St Mary's Pro-Cathedral at 2.45pm on **Sun, Apr 12** with confessions from 1.30pm, all welcome.

Book sales and refreshments to follow.

Note; no parking on Cathedral grounds until after 2pm. Contact Pat on (03) 359 2087 for more info.

SISTER EVELEEN RETREAT HOUSE

You are warmly invited to join us for a Retreat. *Blessed be...* A weekend silent retreat Praying with the Beatitudes, with Colin & Carol Renouf on **Aug 28-30**.

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

MASS IN TE REO MĀORI

Mass is celebrated every week 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, followed by a cup of tea.

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

Booklets provided. All welcome.

CBS MUSIC - ST JOHN PASSION

J.S. Bach's St John Passion will be performed at 8.00pm on **Good Friday, Apr 3**, at St Mary's Pro-Cathedral, Manchester Street. Written for Good Friday, 1724, the Passion is a compact and intensely dramatic setting of St John's description of Christ's last hours.

VACANCY - EDUCATION MANAGER

The Catholic Diocese of Christchurch is hiring a visionary Education Manager to guide 28 primary and 7 secondary schools. This senior leadership team role provides direction for long-term planning, roll growth, and future school development, while safeguarding and enhancing special Catholic Character across integrated Catholic schools. Further information is available on [Seek](#).

Confidential applications can be made on [Seek](#) addressed to the Recruitment Consultant advising the Bishop and COO by applying before **March 25**.

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE UNBORN CHILD

25 March is International Day of the Unborn Child. On this day you may like to:

- Pray the Spiritual Adoption [prayer](#) of Fulton Sheen
- Offer a Mass, rosary or holy hour
- Share with others about the unique blessing of each new life
- Attend a prayer vigil

Contact Anastasia on 021 0822 6960 for more information.

SEVEN SORROWS ROSARY GROUP AND ADORATION - SUPPORTING CATHOLICS THROUGH GRIEF

Mon, Mar 23 (4th Monday of the month)
7.30-8.30am at St Teresa's Church, 8 Puriri St, Riccarton. All enquiries to megan@jp2.co.nz.



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