

BREAKFAST FOR MEN WITH BISHOP MICHAEL

What has now become a successful annual event, the men's breakfast is on again! It is coming up soon on **Sat, Apr 18** and being held at Catholic Cathedral College, 62 Ferry Road.

There will be adoration in the college hall from 6.30am with breakfast at 7.30am. Suggested koha of \$5 to cover the cost of a cooked breakfast.

Come and be with other men of the diocese for food and encouragement.

Registration now by visiting www.cathmen.nz or contact Mike Stopforth at the diocesan office, phone 366 9869 or 027 5398 542.

CATHOLIC BUSINESS NETWORK

Register today 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

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**.

INFORM OUT TODAY!

The latest Inform will be available to pick up in parishes this weekend.

Read about all the current news and activities in the diocese. Inform can also be read online at

<https://cdoc.nz/inform>

CARITAS LENT WEBINAR SERIES 2026

Bishop John Adams will be reflecting on '*The Passion - I will strike the Shepherd*' on the final Caritas Lenten webinar on **Wed, Apr 1**. 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.

CHRISM MASS

You are warmly invited to the annual Chrism Mass on **Mon, Mar 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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS LED BY THE MARRALOMEDA COMMUNITY.

On **Good Friday, 3 Apr**, at 10.00am the Stations of the Cross at St. Gregory's Church, Cotswold Avenue, will be led by the Marralomeda Community. In this Christian community, people with and without learning disabilities share life together.

<https://www.marralomeda.org.nz/>

All are warmly welcome to attend.



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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 2.00pm. Contact Pat on (03) 359 2087 for more info.

MADE FOR LOVE: MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE

Getting married soon? What are you really saying I do to? This one-day course is for engaged couples preparing to get married in the Catholic Church. It's a chance to pause, reconnect, and invest in your future together. You'll explore what helps marriages thrive, how to navigate differences well, and what those vows actually mean. Plus, enjoy morning tea and lunch together, and take home plenty of practical resources.

Next course: **Sat, May 9**. \$140 per couple.

Hosted by the John Paul II Centre for Life.

Sign up at: <https://jp2.org.nz/marriage-prep/>

MADE FOR MORE

What does it mean to be human, to love, and to be loved? Join the John Paul II Centre for Life for an introduction to St John Paul II's Theology of the Body: how God's design for humanity is revealed in each human person. Adults of all ages and faith backgrounds are welcome.

Begins: **Fri, Apr 17**, 6pm Ends: **Sat, Apr 18**, 6pm

Early-bird price: \$37 - includes Friday dinner, Saturday lunch and all course materials.

Visit jp2.org.nz/theology-of-the-body to learn more and sign up.

JOSHUA 40-YEAR CELEBRATION WEEKEND

All Men are invited to gather for a weekend to celebrate 40 years of Joshua Men's Fellowship. Date : Fri evening **Aug 14** to Sun midday **Aug 16**

Venue: Keswick Christian Camp, Rotorua

Keynote Speaker: Robert Falzon, Leader of Australia's *menALIVE* and Author of "*Importance of a Present Dad*"

Cost: \$247pp including accommodation and meals
To Register: Follow the [link](#) or Scan the QR Code or contact Mike Lobo (021) 2809285.

NEW VOCATIONS DIRECTOR FOR THE DIOCESE

Bishop Michael has appointed Fr Monty Bamford, assistant priest at the Pro-Cathedral, as the new Vocations Director. You can contact Fr Monty on frmonty@cathedralparish.nz. Matt O'Connell remains the Vocations Coordinator and can be contacted on 366-9869 or moconnell@cdoc.nz

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.

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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