

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 027 539 8542.

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



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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**.



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HOURS OF MERCY

"Hours of Mercy" is a time of Eucharistic adoration organised by Jesus Youth New Zealand from Easter Monday to Pentecost Day, across all 6 dioceses in New Zealand. Each diocese will be taking it up for one day of the week.

Time: 8.00am to 8.00pm Every Thursday after Easter Sunday until Pentecost.

Location: Our Lady of Victories Church, Sockburn
Eucharistic Adoration is a cherished practice in our Catholic Church. With Hours of Mercy, we aim to foster this practice within our community, providing a space for everyone to experience the transformative power of God's mercy.

We invite all of you to join in the presence of the Holy Eucharist. If you are keen to cover one of the slots of Eucharistic adoration, please express your interest by clicking [here](#) or scanning the QR code to sign up.

MISSION HUB – THE HOLY SPIRIT AT THE HEART OF MISSION

MissionHub is excited to welcome Bishop John Adams from the Diocese of Palmerston North as their first guest speaker at Mission Hub this April. In this special session, Bishop John will reflect on "The Holy Spirit at the Heart of Mission," inviting us to rediscover how the Holy Spirit continues to guide, inspire, and empower the Church in her mission today. Mission Hub is a monthly online gathering that brings people together from across the country to learn, pray, reflect, and be encouraged in mission.

- Mon, April 13
- 7.00–8.30pm
- Online

Everyone is welcome and invited to register here: <https://bit.ly/apr13zoom>



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/>

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

INFORM

The latest Inform is now available to pick up in parishes. Read about all the current news and activities in the diocese. Inform can also be read online at <https://cdoc.nz/inform>

EMPOWERING EVERYDAY DISCIPLES: A CATHOLIC DISCIPLESHIP JOURNEY

Christ the Redeemer Parish are offering Part 2 of our Discipleship course "Empowering Everyday Disciples". What is discipleship? We will be covering on the course aspects of spiritual growth, focus on sacramental and community living, witness to face a universal call to holiness and making a radical choice to be a follower of Jesus in today's world. We will give you valuable tools to help you find meaning and purpose in your faith journey. It is not essential to have completed Part 1 of the course to register for this one.

Presenters: Brendan & Judith Woodnutt.

The course starts on 7.00pm **Thur, Apr 16** and runs every Thursday until May 21. Held at St Joseph's Pastoral Centre, Vagues Road. Please register via email to Judith pastoral@christchurchnorth.org.nz

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.

SISTER EVELEEN RETREAT HOUSE

You are warmly invited to join us for a Retreat.

Participating in the Trinity. A 5 or 7 day (your choice) silent retreat - Jun, 7-11/13

An invitation to draw aside in contemplative silence, reflecting on the Trinity through Scripture, Andrei Rublev's icon, and more — opening into a deeper encounter with God. Sister Eveleen Retreat House, Sumner, 6 Whitewash Head. For retreat info and to register follow this [link](#).



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