

### 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](http://cbn.nz)

### BREAKFAST FOR MEN WITH BISHOP MICHAEL

Our men's breakfast is coming up soon on **Sat, Apr 18**. To be 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.

Register now by visiting [www.cathmen.nz](http://www.cathmen.nz) or contact Mike Stopforth at the diocesan office, phone 366 9869 or 027 539 8542.

### ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST - LITTLE RIVER

The Little River Church of St John the Evangelist, built during 1925, has been closed since the Earthquakes. Due to an Agreement with the Christchurch City Council, associated with the temporary strengthening of the church, the church was not able to be sold or demolished until August last year. The Akaroa Parish has now received approval from Bishop Michael to sell the property. There will be a Closing Service on **Sat, May 9** at 11.00am, on the site of the church, followed by a finger-food lunch at the Little River Tavern (drinks at peoples' cost). The Closing Liturgy will be in a marquee adjacent to the church. The church is not open for public use. All welcome. Enquires to Fr Brian: [bfennessy@inet.net.nz](mailto:bfennessy@inet.net.nz)

### 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, Apr 13**
- 7.00–8.30pm
- Online

Everyone is welcome and invited to register here:

<https://bit.ly/apr13zoom>

### 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. For more information visit [Seek](#) or phone Annette Pugh on 03 378 3647. Applications close at **9.00pm TODAY, 12 April, 2026**.

### NEXT SAFEGUARDING WORKSHOPS - MAY 2026

- [Online](#) on **Wed, May 13** at 7.00pm - 8.00pm.
- Face to Face - Special Workshop for Ministry of Holy Communion to the Sick on **Thurs, May 28** at [2.00pm](#) and [6.00pm](#).

*All Parishes Welcome*

### ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL NEW PLYMOUTH

Past students, staff and families are invited to join St Joseph's School, New Plymouth in their centenary celebration on **Oct 23-25, 2026**.

Register your interest [here](#) and follow the event [Facebook page](#).



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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 **TODAY - 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](http://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.

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

### 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 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](mailto:pastoral@christchurchnorth.org.nz)

### 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. 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.

### THE CRAFTY CREW

Holy Family Parish hosts monthly craft meetings in the Bishop Joyce Centre at Our Lady of Victories, 106 Main South Rd in Sockburn. This month we are meeting on **Sat, Apr 18** at 12:30 - 3:00pm.

Bring your handcraft project and a gold coin donation, as well as some cash for raffles. It's a friendly social gathering with good fellowship. Any queries, call Jude Lathey 021 217 2052



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