

CATHEDRAL OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT CAMPAIGN LAUNCH

Bishop Michael recently launched the official campaign for the new Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament. In addition to unveiling the Cathedral design, Bishop Michael started the public fundraising efforts to build the first new Catholic Cathedral in New Zealand in 120 years. You can learn more, including about how to contribute to this sacred project, at blessedsacrament.nz

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

The New Zealand Bishop's Conference has transferred the celebration of the Feast of the Assumption to the **Sunday, 16th August** this year.

DIOCESAN WOMEN'S RETREAT- SAVE THE DATE

Our next Dio Women's retreat is coming up on **Sat, 5 Sep** at 9.00 am–3.00 pm

The theme is: *Seek His Face*, and will be led by the Dominican Sisters
Registrations open soon!

MISSIONHUB ZOOM

Is Alpha just a course—or a catalyst for change? Join Clare Bell on this month's Mission Hub zoom, Explore how Alpha can transcend the "course" model and become a practical, powerful engine for parish transformation.

- **Mon, 17 Aug**
- 7.00pm–8.30pm
- Register [here](#)

Whether you're new to Alpha or a seasoned pro, join us to gain fresh insights and concrete ideas to spark a missionary fire in your own community. For more info email admin@missionhubnz.com

DIOCESAN PRAYER CONFERENCE

The 2026 Diocesan One-Day Prayer Conference is being held on **Sat, 12 Sep** at Holy Family Parish in Timaru. It will begin at 9.30am with Mass and finish at 5.00pm. The conference will include 2 keynote talks, workshops on different aspects of prayer, Mass, Adoration and more. Bishop Michael will be attending and will give a keynote talk. Three Nashville Dominican Sisters, based in Australia, will give a keynote and workshops.

Registrations are open! The cost is \$49, for more information visit cdoc.nz/news-events/prayer-conference or contact Matt O'Connell on moconnell@cdoc.nz or 366-9869

CREATION AND THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN

Reflection on illusions and symbols in John 1:15 – 5:47 which may evoke the seven days of creation in Genesis and the implication for hearing "*both the Cry of the Earth and the cry of the poor*" in God's unfinished evolving universe.

Tues, 11 Aug and **Tues, 8 Sep** 7.30pm

Te Manawa Atawhai Catherine McAuley Centre
Villa Maria College, Peer Street, Upper Riccarton.

Indication of Attendance helpful to roho@xtra.co.nz or phone (03) 379 1298.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES SOUP KITCHEN

CSS will be holding a Soup Kitchen on

Thurs, 20 Aug, at Hampshire St, Aranui from 12.00pm - 2.30pm. Find out how you can support CSS by emailing css@cdoc.nz



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ST JOHN PAUL II CENTRE RACE NIGHT 2026

Join 200+ people from across the Diocese for a lively night at the trots — harness racing, a 2-course dinner, and our famous Priest Punter of the Year competition. Every ticket goes toward our work of helping marriages and families to flourish across the Christchurch Diocese.

Fri, 28 Aug, Addington Raceway.

Book at jp2.org.nz/racenight

SISTER EVELEEN RETREAT HOUSE

That's not fair, God! A day retreat Praying with Job with Colin Renouf, **Sat 22 Aug**, 10.00-4.00pm, at Sister Eveleen Retreat House.

Register at sistereretreat.com/retreats

FABRIC FAIR

The Hoon Hay Catholic Women's League is holding a Fabric Fair on **Sat, 15 Aug** between 10.00am and 1.30pm at Catholic Cathedral College.

For more information or to book a table email cwlhoonhay@gmail.com



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160 YEAR CELEBRATION OF ST PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH - ROSS

All are warmly invited to join the celebration of 160 years of faith and community at St Patrick's Catholic Church in Ross. Date: **Sat, 24 Oct**. Registration is \$50 per person. Email info@rossgoldtown.org to for more information and to register.

CBS CHORAL FESTIVAL

All welcome to a free Choral Festival featuring community, church, youth and concert choirs. At St Mary's Pro-Cathedral at 2.00pm on **Sun, 9 Aug**. Visit cdoc.nz/news-events/cbs for more details.

VILLA MARIA and SVDP 'Evening of Style'

Join us for a fun, fashion event with renowned local stylist, Becks Mason, raising funds for our College PTA and Villa Maria Foundation. Proceeds benefit current students and future students whose families could not otherwise afford a Catholic education.

Date: **Thu, 13 Aug**, Villa Maria College Hall

Time: Doors open at 6.30pm, refreshments available, event starts at 7.00pm

Raffles, stalls, spot prizes!! Don't miss this opportunity to plan your spring wardrobe, mingle and be part of a fun night with friends.

Cost: \$30.00

Tickets available at events.humanitix.com/evening-of-style or contact Yvonne at 0273534450.

