

CATHEDRAL OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

When Bishop Michael arrived in the Diocese four years ago, one of the questions he was most often asked was, *'What is happening with the Cathedral?'* That question revealed something profound: the deep love our people have for their Mother Church. Over these past four years, through listening, prayer and discernment, that shared vision has taken shape. Bishop Michael has shared the plans for our Mother Church. Visit blessedsacrament.nz to see the plans and learn how you can help Bishop Michael bring this vision to life.

DIOCESAN WOMEN'S RETREAT

Registrations are open for our next Diocesan Women's retreat 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. To register and find out more visit our [website](https://www.cdodoc.org.nz).

DIOCESAN PRAYER CONFERENCE

All are welcome to our 2026 Diocesan One-Day Prayer Conference to be held on **Sat, 12 Sep** in Timaru. Registrations are open! For more info visit cdodoc.org.nz/news-events/prayer-conference or contact Matt O'Connell on moconnell@cdodoc.org.nz or 366-9869

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

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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

JUBILATE CHRISTCHURCH EAST A GREAT MUSICAL EXPERIENCE

The schools and choirs of Christchurch East begin Jubilate 2026 in Christchurch city. Come and support our singers and join in some strong congregational singing.

Date: Thurs, 20 Aug

Time: 7.00–8.00pm

Venue: St Mary's Pro-Cathedral

All welcome. Admission is free.

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD – LEVEL 1 PART 1 FORMATION

The St Carlo Acutis Atrium will host Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Level 1 Part 1 Formation from **5–11 Oct**. This week-long training is ideal for anyone wishing to develop skills as a catechist, as well as parents seeking support in nurturing their child's faith at home.

For more information, please contact Anna Abraham at chch.childrens.atrium@gmail.com. Register [here](https://www.cdodoc.org.nz).

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) is a Montessori-based approach to children's faith formation that helps them encounter God through Scripture and the liturgy. It offers a peaceful, hands-on environment where children grow in prayer, wonder, and a deep relationship with Jesus, the Good Shepherd.

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@cdodoc.org.nz

MISSIONHUB ZOOM

Join Clare Bell on this month's Mission Hub zoom,

- **Mon, 17 Aug**
- 7.00pm–8.30pm
- Register [here](https://www.cdodoc.org.nz)



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