

CATHEDRAL OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT CAMPAIGN LAUNCH

Last Sunday, Bishop Michael 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.

THE ART OF CELEBRATING MASS WORKSHOP – ARS CELEBRANDI

Parish liturgy teams, school staff, parish leadership teams, and all involved in the preparation of the sacred liturgy are invited to a special workshop with international liturgist Fr Paul Turner. Fr Paul is an experienced parish priest and respected liturgist and will deepen our understanding and love of the Eucharist in the Liturgy. **Sat, 8 Aug**, 9.30am to 12.30pm at St Joseph's Pastoral Centre, 133 Main North Road. No cost to attend but registration is required by going to our website cdoc.nz/news-events/ars-celebrandi-workshop For more information contact Mike Stopforth, mstopforth@cdoc.nz or phone 027 5398 542

SAVE THE DATE - DIOCESAN WOMEN'S RETREAT

Mark your calendar for our next Dio Women's event: **Sat, 5 Sep**
Retreat Day: 9.00 am–4.00 pm
Led by the Dominican Sisters
More information to follow.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

it is with a heavy heart that following a canonical process conducted by the Bishop of Aberdeen, the Most Rev Hugh Gilbert, I inform you that Fr Michael Mary, formerly Superior of the Sons of the Most Holy Redeemer, has been excommunicated from the Catholic Church, dismissed from ecclesiastical office, and prohibited from celebrating Mass or the other sacraments.

Furthermore, the religious body known as the Sons of the Most Holy Redeemer is no longer recognised as being in communion with the Catholic Church.

Accordingly, I urge the faithful of the Diocese of Christchurch to have no dealings with them in matters of faith, worship, or the sacraments. At the same time, we continue to pray for their repentance and reconciliation, trusting in the mercy of God and the Church's desire to welcome all who sincerely seek to return to full communion. The Diocese continues to support those with a particular devotion to the Traditional Latin Mass at Kaiapoi.

Bishop Michael Gielen

JUBILARIANS MASS

Each year the priests of the diocese gather to celebrate the jubilee of priests who reach milestones of ordination.

This year we celebrate the following priests:

60 years – Fr Mike Mahoney

50 years – Fr Peter Norris & Fr Kevin Mowbray SM

25 years – Fr Sean Mary Britto CSJ

25 years – Fr Isaiah Lee (Korean)

All are welcome to the Mass at 5.00pm on **Thu, 6 Aug** at the Nazareth House Chapel to celebrate and pray for our priests and give thanks for their many years of faithful service.



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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

St. Hildegard of Bingen - a weekend silent retreat with Aluminé Andrews, 20-22 Nov, at Sister Eveleen Retreat House.

Register at sistereretreat.com/retreats

ST MICHAEL'S TROOPS

Do you long for authentic brotherhood and a space to grow deeper in faith alongside other men? St Michael's Troops is an event for men aged 16-35 seeking strength, discipline, and purpose rooted in Christ. This morning event on **Sat, 8 Aug** in Riccarton includes Mass and formation, physical activity, and shared BBQ. Join us, and bring a mate. Register at fitforthekingdom.com.au



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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

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.

Diocesan Prayer Conference SAVE THE DATE!

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.

Registration will open in a couple of weeks. For more information contact Matt O'Connell on moconnell@cdoc.nz or 366-9869

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

