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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 cdoc.nz/news-events/prayer-conference or contact Matt O'Connell on moconnell@cdoc.nz or 366-9869.

FAREWELL TO ST MARY & ST FRANCIS DE SALES CHURCH, RANGIORA

The parish community of St Peter Chanel warmly invites parishioners, former parishioners, families and friends to a Farewell and Final Closing Service for St Mary & St Francis de Sales Church, Rangiora. The church has remained closed since the earthquakes and, following many years of consultation, heritage processes and discernment, all necessary steps towards demolition have now been completed.

This will be a time of thanksgiving for the generations of faith, worship, family celebrations and community life that have been centred around this church for well over a century, while also looking forward with hope to the future rebuilding of a new Catholic church in Rangiora.

Farewell and Final Closing Service

Sun, 6 Sep, 2.00pm

41 Victoria Street, Rangiora

(Service to be held adjacent to the church building)

All are welcome. Enquiries:

admin@waimakariricatholic.org.nz

DIOCESAN WOMEN'S RETREAT

All women are invited to our next Diocesan Women's retreat on **Sat, 5 Sep** at 9.00 am–3.00pm. The theme is: *Seek His Face*, and will be led by the Dominican Sisters.

To register and find out more visit our [website](#).

CATHOLIC BUSINESS NETWORK EVENT

Don't miss our next CBN event, 'From Amberley to America' with Rosemary Banks.

Date: **Thurs, 24 Sep**

Time: 5:30pm – 7:30pm

Venue: Terrace & Fairway Room, Russley Golf Club, Join us for a thought provoking evening with Rosemary Banks. Having twice served as ambassador to the United States, Rosemary will discuss the way America's view of its global role is changing and what this means for New Zealand. To register and for more information visit cbn.nz

INTERNATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

In 2028 Sydney will host the 54th International Eucharistic Congress (IEC). These conferences are held every 4 years and the purpose is "to make ever better known, loved and served, Our Lord Jesus Christ in his Eucharistic Mystery, center of the life of the Church and of its mission for the salvation of the world". This is a great opportunity for renewal in this part of the world. The event consists of a week of activities, talks, events, processions culminating in a final Mass attended by hundreds of thousands of people, hopefully celebrated by Pope Leo IV. There will be an **information night** on **Wed, 9 Sep** to learn more about this event. Sr Anastasia Reeves OP from the Sydney Diocesan Parish Renewal Office will speak about the IEC and how individuals and parishes can get involved. The info night will be held at Nazareth House beginning at 7.00pm with adoration in the chapel followed by the presentation in the Hall. For more info and RSVP please contact Matt O'Connell on moconnell@cdoc.nz or 366-9869.



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BILLINGS OVULATION METHOD NATURAL FERTILITY SEMINAR

A Billings Ovulation Method Natural Fertility Seminar will be held in Christchurch on **Fri, 9 - Sat, 10 Oct**. This seminar will offer a comprehensive introduction to a natural and scientifically based fertility awareness method that assists couples in planning their families and supports women in understanding their reproductive health.

The seminar is suitable for couples, health professionals, educators, and anyone interested in learning more about fertility awareness. It is also an excellent opportunity for those interested in becoming accredited Billings Teachers, as demand for teaching services continues to grow across New Zealand.

For further information and registration, visit:
www.billingslife.org.nz/training-seminar

SEASON OF CREATION: PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

The Season of Creation is a special time when Christians around the world unite in prayer and action to care for our common home. From 1 September (World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation) to 4 October (Feast of St Francis of Assisi), we are invited to renew our relationship with God, one another, and all of creation. Parishes are encouraged to include a Prayer of the Faithful in their Sunday Masses during this season. There are some on our [website](#) which could be used or adapted. *Kathleen Rushton RSM on behalf of Laudato Si' Action Group.*

CBS CHOIR & ORCHESTRA

Heavenly Haydn, Salve Regina, Symphony 98 Heiligmesse. Leader: Natalia M. Lomeiko
DATE: **Sun, 6 Sep** TIME: 2.00pm
VENUE: Catholic Pro-Cathedral, 373 Manchester St
Programme Admission \$30 & \$25
Wednesdays at One All invited to a weekly feast of music at St Mary's Pro-Cathedral. View the latest schedule on our [website](#).

VINNIES YOUTH HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Looking for something meaningful and fun to do these school holidays?

WHEN: 28 Sep- 2 Oct

WHERE: Vinnies Manchester St

WHO: Year 6 - 9

Come along to the Vinnies Youth Holiday Programme and spend a few days making new friends, building your confidence, developing leadership skills, and putting your faith into action. This programme is a chance to connect, have fun, serve others, and make a difference in our community. Whether you're already involved with Vinnies or completely new, you're welcome! Spaces will be limited, so get in early and secure a spot. Register [here](#) or contact cyrene@svdpcanterbury.nz



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WORLD YOUTH DAY APPLICATIONS HAVE

OPENED! Young Adults, now is the time to move for the opportunity of a lifetime - joining with Catholics from all over the Diocese, the motu and the world for an incredible experience. All the information is at www.cyt.org.nz/worldyouthday with applications closing at the end of September.

JESUS YOUTH MEET UP

Jesus Youth is hosting a Meet Up on **Wed, 2 Sep**, from 6:30pm to 9:00pm at St. Teresa Church Hall, 8 Puriri Street, Riccarton. An opportunity for young adults to grow in faith, connect with others, and build friendships in a welcoming community. Activities include prayer and worship, games, music, entertainment, food, refreshments, and social time. Register [here](#) or scan the QR code.

SISTER EVELEEN RETREAT HOUSE

St. Hildegard of Bingen - a weekend silent retreat, 20-22 Nov, at Sister Eveleen Retreat House. Register at sistereretreat.com/retreats



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