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2026**CATHEDRAL OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
HOW CAN YOU HELP?**

Together, through prayer, sacrifice and generosity, we can build a Cathedral that will honour God and serve His people for generations.

Visit blessedsacrament.nz to make a donation.

MISSION SUNDAY 100TH CELEBRATION

The Catholic Church around the world will mark the 100th Mission Sunday on **18 Oct**. The day is set aside to pray for the Church's mission and to support those who carry the Gospel to places where hope is fragile, where faith is young and where believers often face hardship or persecution. That support can be financial and through prayer. Find out more at: missio.nz

VIVA LA VIRGEN!

You are warmly invited to the **Feast Day of Our Lady of Peñafrancia** on **Sun, 20 Sep**, at 10:30 am, at Catholic Cathedral College Hall, 62 Ferry Road, Christchurch.

After Mass, we will continue the celebration with a community lunch and fellowship. Bring your family and friends and let us gather as one Catholic family - united in faith, prayer, love and devotion to our Blessed Mother.

Come and celebrate the joy of our faith and the loving protection of Our Lady of Peñafrancia!

Viva la Virgen! Viva Nuestra Señora de Peñafrancia!

CATHSOC ALUMNI DINNER

The University of Canterbury Alumni dinner has been postponed until 2027. For enquiries about sponsorship please contact Ryan Frost rfrost319@gmail.com

INFORM

The latest issue of Inform is now available in parishes and online at cdoc.nz/inform

CATHOLIC BUSINESS NETWORK EVENT

Tickets are still available for our upcoming CBN event, 'From Amberley to America' with Rosemary Banks.

Date: **Thur, 24 Sep**

Time: 5:30pm – 7:30pm

Venue: Terrace & Fairway Room, Russley Golf Club, 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

**JUBILATE 2026 CHRISTCHURCH NORTH;
COMING TOGETHER IN SONG**

Come together for an hour of sacred singing in our Pro-Cathedral. Along with shared singing, we feature Christchurch Catholic choirs. You are invited to join in singing and support our featured choirs. Where? St Mary's Pro-Cathedral. When? **Thur, 24 Sep** from 7-8pm. All welcome and admission is free.

**WOMENS LABOUR WEEKEND RETREAT – HEALING
OF THE WHOLE PERSON**

Come away for 4 days to experience God's love & healing. With your accommodation and meals taken care of, a prayerful environment prepared for you, and the Community present to accompany and pray with you, there is space simply to receive and allow the Lord to work more deeply in your heart.

When: **Thur 22nd to Sun 25th Oct**

To book, email retreats@beatitudes.nz or phone 022 103 6994

SACRED HEART PRIMARY SCHOOL - 150 YEARS

In 2027, Sacred Heart Primary School, the old Addington Convent School will mark 150 years! We are currently in the early planning stages and need your help to gauge interest. Completing this short survey does not commit you to purchasing tickets. It simply helps us plan the right venues and activities for our community. [Survey](#).



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HOUSING ELECTION FORUM- LIVESTREAM

Join this livestream to hear Church and community voices on the housing issues facing Aotearoa New Zealand. A panel of political party representatives will be responding to questions about homelessness, social and affordable housing, and the development of a long-term national housing plan. The forum will be co-hosted by Archbishop Paul Martin and Anglican Archbishop Justin Duckworth. Caritas is co-sponsoring the event.

Date: **Wed, 23 Sep**

Time: 6.30pm

Livestream link: caritas.org.nz/housingforum

CHRIST THE REDEEMER PARISH MISSION WITH JOHN PRIDMORE

John Pridmore is coming to Christ the Redeemer parish for a Parish mission in September. Once involved in London's criminal underworld, John's life was dramatically transformed through an encounter with Jesus Christ. For more than 30 years he has travelled the world sharing his powerful story of conversion, hope and God's mercy, inspiring thousands to rediscover their faith. Each evening will include John's testimony, prayer and an opportunity to deepen your relationship with Christ.

Mon, 21 Sep: *God's Love*

Tue, 22 Sep: *God's Mercy*

Wed, 23 Sep: *God's Healing*

All events will be held at 7:30pm - 8:30pm and will be held at St Gregory's Church.

Come and hear John's story in person and invite others to come too!

There will be a Koha to help cover costs.

DR JEFFREY LEHMAN TALKS

Virtue, Vocation and the Examined Life

Dr Lehman joined by Ali Ghaffari, Executive Director of the St John Henry Newman Institute and a former US Navy F/A-18 pilot.

Thur, 24 Sep, 5:30pm to 6:30pm

St Bede's College Performing Arts Centre

**Note Change of date and venue.*

All welcome. Co-hosted by Holy Family Parish Young Adults. Register at stmtrust.org.nz

The Consolations of Philosophy: Boethius and the Recovery of the Examined Life

An evening on Boethius and the enduring question of how to live well, with supper and facilitated small group discussion.

Thur, 24 Sep, 7:00pm to 9:00pm

St Bede's College Performing Arts Centre

Register at stmtrust.org.nz

PARIHAKA DAY 2026

In the lead-up to Parihaka Day 2026, the Christchurch Parihaka Network (NMKŌ) will run a talk to explore the historical events of 5 Nov 1881. The Crown invasion of the peaceful Taranaki village of Parihaka is an especially poignant event amongst the large-scale losses incurred by Māori during the New Zealand Wars. The invasion culminated in the arrest of its Christian leaders, Te Whiti-o-Rongomai and Tohu Kākahi, who led their 2000-strong community in philosophy of peace and reconciliation through non-violence.

Date: **Tue, 20 Oct**

Venue: St Mary's Pro-Cathedral

Time: 7.30 - 9.00pm

These events will be informal, discussion-based, beginner-friendly and run by experienced facilitators. All warmly welcome. Enquiries to parihakaotautahi@gmail.com



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