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**VACANCY CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF
CHRISTCHURCH**

Financial Controller, Catholic Development Fund &
Management Accountant (0.8 FTE)

The Catholic Diocese of Christchurch is seeking a
qualified Chartered Accountant (CA or CPA) for a
newly established senior finance role combining
Financial Controller responsibilities for the Catholic
Development Fund (CDF) with Management
Accounting support across the Diocese. The
role offers the opportunity to contribute to
the financial stewardship of a purpose-led
organisation while supporting strategic initiatives,
governance reporting, budgeting, forecasting and
financial decision-making across the Diocese.
Applications close **Mon, 5 Oct**. For a copy of the
Candidate Briefing Information and application
details, please contact [Jreeves@cdoc.nz](mailto:jreeves@cdoc.nz)

DIOCESE YOUTH MASS

All youth and young adults welcome to the final
Dio Youth Mass for 2026! Mass will be celebrated
in Te Reo Māori and will be held on **Sun, 25 Oct** at
6.00pm in St Mary's Pro-Cathedral.

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

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

Come away to experience God's love & healing.
8 video talks presented by Dr. Bob Schuchts &
Sr. Miriam James Heidland for anyone desiring
wholeness, freedom, and an encounter with a
loving Creator. With your accommodation and
meals taken care of, a prayerful environment, 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: **Tues, 3 Nov - Fri, 6 Nov**

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

SISTER EVELEEN RETREAT HOUSE RESIDENCY

Sister Eveleen Retreat House are seeking
expressions of interest for our first 12-month
Contemplative Residency and Retreat House Host
position, commencing in 2027. This residency
offers a unique opportunity for someone seeking a
year of intentional living, spiritual growth, prayer,
hospitality, and service within the life of a Christian
retreat house. Expressions of interest, including
a CV and a one-page summary, should be sent to
SERH Board Chair Sarah Gardiner (serhchair@gmail.com)
by 5.00 pm, **Fri, 23 Oct**. Further information,
can be found on the [website](https://www.sistereveleenretreat.com) or to arrange a visit, or
to request the ministry description, please contact
antje_duda@sistereveleenretreat.com.

PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS AND PRIESTS

As in the past, the diocesan family dedicates
Thursdays to pray for priests and vocations to the
priesthood. You might like to come to Mass on
Thursdays, if possible, but all are invited to pray for
this intention using a prayer for vocations written
by Pope Francis. Prayer cards are available at the
back of your church or [online](https://www.catholic.org) at the Diocesan
website. For more information contact the
Vocations Coordinator Matt O'Connell on 366-9869
or moconnell@cdoc.nz



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PARIHAKA DAY 2026

Commemoration Events for Parihaka Day offered this year by Ngā Manu Kōrihi Ōtautahi (Parihaka Network Christchurch) aims to highlight the historical events of 5 Nov 1881, the Crown invasion of the peaceful Taranaki village of Parihaka and its philosophy of peace and reconciliation through non-violence. The ecumenical Community Discussion will use the Caritas resource, Remembering Parihaka:

Date: **Tue, 20 Oct**

Venue: St Mary's Pro-Cathedral

Time: 7.30 - 9.00pm

This event will be informal, discussion-based, beginner-friendly and run by experienced facilitators.

Parihaka Commemoration Peace Service

Date: **Thurs, 5 Nov**

Venue: World Peace Bell, Botanic Gardens

Time: 1.00pm

All warmly welcome. Enquiries to
parihakaotautahi@gmail.com



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CATHOLIC ENQUIRY CENTRE

Exploring faith or returning to Church? You're always welcome — find out more at
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CATHOLIC DEVELOPMENT FUND (CDF)

If you're interested in planning ahead and saving for peace of mind, we warmly invite you to get in touch for a private, no-obligation conversation about funeral planning.

CDF – Invest in Good | cdf@cdoc.nz | 03 366 9869

Click [here](#) for flyer

SISTER EVELEEN RETREAT HOUSE

You are warmly invited to join us for one of our Retreats.

Our last Sabbath Day for this year will be held on

Thur, 29 Oct, 9:30 - 2:30

Sister Eveleen Retreat House, Sumner, 6 Whitewash Head.

For retreat info and to register follow this [link](#).

ELECTION TAX FORUM

Our Catholic bishops have used their 2026 election statement to promote voting as a moral and civic responsibility. In discerning our nation's future through a Gospel lens, the bishops encourage voters to carefully examine parties, candidates and policies through the lens of the Gospel and Catholic social teaching. Read the full election statement at: <https://bit.ly/NZCBCElection26> The Election Tax Forum sponsored by Canterbury Tax Reform & EcuAction has eleven Canterbury candidates from six parties confirmed and instead of listening to set speeches, the candidates are set in rotation in four sector groups where they will face challenging questions on Health & Welfare, The Environment & Climate Change, Education & Training and The Underlying Causes of Inequality. A reporting back plenary will conclude the evening. **Thur, 8 Oct** at 7.00pm (refreshments from 6.30pm). Aldergate Centre, 309 Durham St.

ONLINE SAFEGUARDING WORKSHOP

Date: **Wed, 7 Oct**

Time: 7.00pm-8.30pm

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