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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

PRAYER VIGIL FOR THE UNBORN

Join us for an afternoon of prayer, hymns, and fellowship as we pray together for an end to abortion. We meet on the first Saturday of each month at 3.00pm in Hagley Park, Christchurch, Matai Street east entrance. Next gathering **Sat, 7 Nov**. Contact: info@fftkingdom.com

MISSIONHUB

Join the zoom next Monday for a special one-year celebration of Mission Hub with Pippa Fletcher and Joe Wells from One Hope Project.

Come and explore how we can worship God more deeply—not only through music, but with our whole lives.

Date: **Mon, 12 Oct**

Time: Join us at 6.45pm for a bonus time of praise and worship before the session 7.00pm–8.30pm

Register [here](#)

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](#) 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](#) 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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REFLECTION DAY IN HAWARDEN

All are welcome at St Raphael's Church in Hawarden for a Reflection Day on the Eucharist with Fr John Rizzo on **Sat, 7 Nov** from 10.00am-3.00pm. Enquiries to catholichurunui@gmail.com



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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](#).

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 in Riccarton on

Sat, 7 Nov includes Mass and formation, physical activity, and shared BBQ. Join us, and bring a mate. Register now at fitforthe kingdom.com.au

CATHOLIC NEWS IN YOUR INBOX

What's happening in the Catholic Church in New Zealand? What are the big stories affecting people of faith in our country? Get Catholic headlines delivered to your inbox each Tuesday and Friday. Sign up today at <https://cathnewsnz.com/> Follow [cathnewsnz](https://www.facebook.com/cathnewsnz) on Facebook.

THE CRAFTY CREW

Holy Family Parish hosts monthly craft meetings in the Bishop Joyce Centre at Our Lady of Victories, 106 Main South Rd in Sockburn. This month we are meeting on **Sat, 17 Oct** at 12:30 - 3:00pm. Come meet and work alongside crafters from other Christchurch parishes. Bring your handcraft project and a gold coin donation, as well as some cash for raffles. It's a friendly social gathering with good fellowship and time to enjoy a cuppa and a biscuit. Any queries, call Jude Lathey 021 217 2052

