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DIOCESE YOUTH MASS

All youth and young adults are 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

This Sunday the Catholic Church celebrates the 100th Mission Sunday. 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



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DIOCESAN COMMUNAL DISCERNMENT PROCESS

"By listening to one another we learn to listen to the Lord" Pope Leo XIV

Bishop Michael is inviting parish leadership from across the Diocese to a process of communal discernment and reflection about the vision and priorities for our Diocese.

The material can be found on our Diocesan website.

Any group is welcome to undertake this process and facilitators can be provided. We welcome group feedback by the end of November.

For more information contact Mike Stopforth, Bishop's Pastoral Office, mstopforth@cdoc.nz or 027 5398 542.

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CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE ENROLMENTS 2027

Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College is now accepting enrolments for Semester One 2027. If you are a Catholic school teacher, preparing for ministry, seeking academic formation, or wanting to grow in understanding of the Catholic faith, CTC offers opportunities to learn and engage with Theology in a supportive environment. Go to www.ctc.ac.nz for more information.

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.

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

SILENCE – PAUSING – REFLECTING

The 2027 retreat programme at Sister Eveleen Retreat House is taking shape. You are warmly invited to take a look at the retreats planned for the coming year [here](#).



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2026**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

PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS AND PRIESTS

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 03 366-9869 or moconnell@cdoc.nz

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

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