

JUBILEE YEAR 2025 – PILGRIMS OF HOPE

Pope Francis has announced that 2025 is a Jubilee Year. A Jubilee Year encourages renewal, spiritual growth, mercy, and forgiveness. The theme for the Jubilee year is *Pilgrims of Hope*. Bishop Michael will open the Jubilee Year on **Sunday 26th January 2025**, at the 4pm Mass, St Mary's Pro-Cathedral. More information about the Jubilee can be found at <https://cdoc.nz/jubilee> or contact Mike Stopforth, Bishop's Pastoral Office, mstopforth@cdoc.nz

GOLDEN CATHOLICS

The next Golden Catholics event will be hosted by Fr Pat Breeze and Fr John O'Connor on **18th February** at Our Lady Queen of Peace parish, 70 Spencer St. This will begin with Mass at 11am followed by lunch and a presentation by Fr John on 'Hopeful Living', in keeping with this year's Jubilee theme. Please rsvp by 13th February, including any dietary requirements, to cdf@cdoc.nz or calling 03 366 9869. A donation towards lunch on the day would be appreciated.

NEXT SAFEGUARDING WORKSHOPS

Tuesday February 11th – Safeguarding Workshops Online at 1pm & 7pm. Register with Clodagh on cward@cdoc.nz. A link to the workshop will be sent to all who register on February 10th.

1pm: Safeguarding Workshop Online at 1pm - 2.15pm - MS Teams | Safeguarding
7pm: Safeguarding Workshop Online at 7pm - 8.15pm - MS Teams | Safeguarding

Who is required to attend: All volunteers/staff in Catholic entities regardless of role are required to attend a Safeguarding Workshop every three years.

WORD OF GOD SUNDAY

The Church around the world marks the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time as Word of God Sunday. Pope Francis established this commemoration in 2019, saying: "Devoting a specific Sunday of the liturgical year to the word of God can enable the Church to experience anew how the risen Lord opens up for us the treasury of his word and enables us to proclaim its unfathomable riches before the world." Pope Francis' document *Aperuit Illis*, which means "Opened to Them", offers practical suggestions for celebrating the day appropriately.

LAUDATO SI' ACTION WAITAHA

This year marks the tenth anniversary of Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si'*: On Care for Our Common Home. The *Laudato Si'* Movement's tenth anniversary (<https://laudatosimovement.org/>) is a moment of hope for all people of good will who care for creation. Recently, a young woman and her 2 children, living in a very poor circumstance near Christchurch told me she sees God in everything and everybody. **Laudato Si'* resonates with this: "We are part of nature, included in it and thus in constant interaction with it. We are faced not with two separate crises, one environmental and the other social, but one complex crisis which is both social and environmental" (*Laudato Si* #139). We invite you to join our small group, full of Hope in this Jubilee year, that our action will bring greater understanding and pathways for us all to act. Our next meeting is **Monday 27th January 2025** at Rosary House, 22 Gracefield Ave Christchurch 7.00pm. Jenny.carter@xtra.co.nz



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THE GIFTS OF HEALING

Christ the Redeemer Parish is offering a Training day on “The Gifts of Healing” on **Saturday 15 February 2025**, 9.30am - 4pm at the Lamb of God Centre, Thames Street. Morning tea and a light lunch provided. Please advise any dietary requirements. Suggested koha of \$30.

Presenters will include: Fr John Rea SM, Michael Powell (Wellington) and Brendan and Judith Woodnutt. For those wanting to develop and sharpen their gifts in the area of healing.

To register please complete form on www.christchurchnorth.org.nz (Healing Day) or for more information email Judith on pastoral@christchurchnorth.org.nz

VACANCY - CLERGY HEALTH COORDINATOR

The Bishop has an oversight over the wellbeing of his priests. On his behalf, the Clergy Trust Fund seeks to employ a Health Coordinator to ensure their medical welfare and general well-being are supported.

A vacancy now exists for this part-time position with the ability to be flexible with his / her time to be able to provide an adequate service.

This is an important position in the care of our priests. Having an affinity with the Catholic faith, the Coordinator will have the ability to relate to the priests in their overall health needs. The Clergy Health Coordinator will visit and meet with clergy to make assessments and to provide the necessary support, advice and guidance.

A position description can be viewed on our diocesan website or available from Mike Stopforth, Cathedral House, phone 027 5398 542, email mstopforth@cdoc.nz Applications close 5.00pm,

Friday 7th February 2025.

SISTER EVELEEN RETREAT HOUSE

Need to pause and to retreat? You are warmly invited to join us and experience the hidden treasure on the hill - Sister Eveleen Retreat House:

Next Day of Retreat @ Sister Ev

Date: **30th Jan 2025** (9-2:30pm) - facilitator Antje Duda Follow this [Link](#)

24 hour prayer vigil

Date: **23 (5pm) - 24 Feb (5pm)** - facilitator Sue Sinclair Follow this [link](#)

Day of Retreat @ Sister Ev - February

Date: 23 Feb 2025 (9-2:30pm) - facilitator Antje Duda Follow this [Link](#)

Coming Home to the Fathers Loving Embrace -

facilitators: Carol & Colin Renouf,

Date: **7-9 March 2025**- Follow this [Link](#)

7-Day Silent directed Retreat -

facilitator: Glenda Prosser,

Date: **16-22 March 2025**- Follow this [Link](#) (only limited places)



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