

**CATHEDRAL FEEDBACK SURVEY:** A big thank you to the approximately 1,600 respondents to the Cathedral location survey. Along with other advice he has received, Bishop Michael is now considering the survey responses before making a decision. An announcement on the location of our new Cathedral will be made later this month. Please continue to pray for this important period of discernment.

### THE FIFTH GOSPEL PROJECT

Father John O'Connor's Food For Faith forum is collecting and collating for publication stories of personal experience of God. Please share this invitation, and send an experience (up to 400 words - before the end of April) by email to [john@fff.org.nz](mailto:john@fff.org.nz) More information on this mission is at <https://foodforfaith.org.nz/2024/03/telling-the-story/>

### HOURS OF MERCY

"Hours of Mercy" is a eucharistic adoration organised by Jesus Youth New Zealand from Easter Monday to Pentecost Day, across all 6 dioceses in New Zealand. Each diocese will be taking it up for one day of the week, every week until Pentecost. **In**

**Christchurch, this will be every Thursday.**

Aim: Eucharistic Adoration is a cherished practice in our Catholic Church. With Hours of Mercy, we aim to foster this practice within our community, providing a space for everyone to experience the transformative power of God's mercy. We invite all of you to join us in the presence of the Holy Eucharist. If you are keen to cover one of the slots of Eucharistic adoration, please express your interest by simply scanning the QR code and filling up the form.

Time: Every Thursday after Easter Sunday till Pentecost, 8am to 8 pm

Location: Our Lady of Victories church, Sockburn



### CATHOLIC HEALTH PROFESSIONALS

Calling all Catholic Health Professionals to come meet some of the Catholic hospital chaplains, come have a cup of tea or coffee and a biscuit or two and a chinwag with the chaplains and other health professionals from around Christchurch. Bring along any questions you have for them and other health professionals that would like to meet other like minded people working in the health industry. **Saturday 4th May** at the Papanui Pastoral Centre, Vagues Road (Papanui Road end), 2pm - 4pm. To RSVP or for any questions email [christchurchcma@gmail.com](mailto:christchurchcma@gmail.com)

### HOATU FUND

Applications for Hoatu Fund are now open. The Hoatu Fund provides funding to assist vulnerable women, children and families with material and spiritual needs. Parishes, Schools and Organizations are invited apply. The Hoatu funding allocation process is also used to distribute the funds the Bishop receives annually from The Tindall Foundation. Details about the fund can be found online at <https://cdoc.nz/news-events/hoatu-fund-2024> The funding round closes on **May 10th**. Please contact Matt on 366-9869 or [hoatu@cdoc.nz](mailto:hoatu@cdoc.nz) for more info.

### GOLDEN CATHOLICS EVENT - TOWARDS PRIESTHOOD

Hear from Bishop Michael Gielen as he shares his journey towards priesthood and now life as a Bishop. Of the early influencers and experiences that helped to guide his call to priesthood in 1997. Also, hear of his passion for a Diocese that is constantly on Mission, working together so every person encounters Jesus Christ in a life-giving way.

**Friday 19th April, Sacred Heart Basilica, Timaru.**

11am Mass with presentation and lunch to follow. As numbers are limited please RSVP by **12th April** 03 686 2010 or [cdf@cdoc.nz](mailto:cdf@cdoc.nz)



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### SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH IN REEFTON

will celebrate its sesquicentennial (150th Anniversary) in May. For details please email [tonyfortune52@xtra.co.nz](mailto:tonyfortune52@xtra.co.nz)

### COME WORK FOR US – CARITAS AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND

Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand is the Catholic Bishops' agency for justice, peace and development, part of a global federation. We're on the hunt for an experienced Executive Assistant (EA) to support the Chief Executive. The ideal candidate will have plenty of EA experience, excellent communication skills, and the ability to manage time well. Reporting to the CE, they will need to be able to handle sensitive matters with discretion, demonstrate attention to detail, and understand modern business systems. Affinity with Caritas' mission is a plus. This role offers an exciting opportunity within a close-knit Wellington-based team.

For more information, visit <https://www.caritas.org.nz/work-with-us>

### SR EVELEEN RETREAT HOUSE

Please see below a selection of Retreats for April/May For more info or to register, please visit our website [www.sistereretreat.com](http://www.sistereretreat.com)

**An Introductory Encounter with the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola** - facilitator: Dr. Mary Allen ofs. A 4 week retreat with weekly sessions **Friday 19th & 26th April, 3rd & 10th May.** (3-4pm)

**Attending to the needs of people in midlife**- a day with Dr. Anne Shave. A day for clergy, church leaders, teams and pastoral workers.

**Wednesday 1st May** 2024, 9:30 am – 4:00 pm

**Participating in the Trinity** - a 5 or 7 – day silent retreat - facilitators: Donald and Janice Scott

**Sunday, 19th May** (5pm)– **Thursday, 23rd May** or **Saturday 25th May** (2pm) - 5-day or 7-day Retreat .... your choice.

**Seasons of Growth** - a 2-day retreat - The process of grief is like healing a broken heart - facilitators: Joanne and Rick Smith

**Friday 31st May** (9:30am) – **Saturday 1st June** (4pm)



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### PRISON CHAPLAINCY VACANCIES

There are currently two vacancies for prison chaplains within the Canterbury region. Please note, these positions are with Tira Tūhāhā Prison Chaplaincy Aotearoa (TTPCA) not the Catholic diocese. These are permanent roles which are advertised on the TTPCA website and on Seek.

Applications close **22nd April 2024.**

<https://www.prisonchaplaincy.org.nz/vacancies/>

- Rolleston prison (16 hours per week) : <https://www.seek.co.nz/job/74691265>
- Christchurch Men's and Christchurch Women's prisons (40 hours per week) : <https://www.seek.co.nz/job/74691091>

Please feel free to contact Nikos Palaiologos if you need additional information. [nikos.palaiologos@prisonchaplaincy.org.nz](mailto:nikos.palaiologos@prisonchaplaincy.org.nz)

*He is Risen*

*Easter Blessings*

*to you and your loved ones*

