

NAMING OUR CATHEDRAL

This weekend is your final chance to provide feedback on the shortlist of names for our new cathedral. Bishop Michael invites you to review the seven remaining candidates, read their profiles and consider the suggested reasoning. The information is on the diocesan website and on posters in parishes. People are invited to provide up to three names that they support for the cathedral. Submissions must be received by **Sunday, 7th July** and can be made via <https://cdoc.nz/cathedral> or you can request a paper form from your parish. Please continue to pray for this important step on the cathedral journey.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S NIGHT

Bishop Michael invites women from across the diocese to join him for another Catholic Women's Night. Come along and connect, pray and be inspired. **Friday, 19th July** at Elim City Church. Tickets at \$15. To register and for more information visit <https://www.trybooking.com/nz/SKZ>



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DIOCESAN YEAR OF PRAYER CONFERENCE

Pope Francis has declared 2024 as a Year of Prayer as a lead up to the Jubilee Year in 2025. The Christchurch Diocese is holding a Conference on **Saturday, 27th July** to mark this year. The theme of the conference is "Lord, teach us to pray" and will involve Mass, Prayer, workshops, keynote talks and more. The Conference is being held in Ashburton at the Holy Name Catholic Church and the Sinclair Centre. The cost \$59 includes morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea. All are invited to join with Bishop Michael. For more information and to register go to <https://cdoc.nz/news-events/prayer-conference> or contact Matt O'Connell on 366-9869 or moconnell@cdoc.nz



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ST VINCENT DE PAUL - URGENT NEEDS

Due to a mammoth increase in welfare demands, Vinnies are in desperate need of:

- Bedding & Linen – Blankets, Sheets and Towels
- Children's winter clothing

Donations can be dropped to a Vinnies Shop at Stanmore Road, Hornby, or Papanui. **Or**

Drop into the Blue Vinnie Bin at one of the Parish Churches <https://www.svdpchch.co.nz/charity-clothing-donation-bin-locations.html> **Or**

Donate by linking to [SVdP give a little page](#) St Vincent De Paul, Christchurch City Area - Givealittle to "Help Us to Help Others"

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. The successful candidate will have a nursing practising certificate and the ability to be flexible with his / her time to be able to provide an excellent 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 full position description is available from Mike Stopforth, Cathedral House, phone 027 5398 542, email mstopforth@cdoc.nz

Applications close 5.00pm, Friday, 26th July



INFORM SURVEY

The Diocese is conducting a survey of readers of its quarterly magazine, Inform, to help guide considerations about how to refine and improve the publication. It is the first survey that has been conducted in many years and people's participation would be warmly welcomed. The survey can be completed online at <https://cdoc.nz/news-events/inform-survey> It is also printed on the back page of the magazine, which is in parishes now. The survey will conclude **30th August**.

SCRIPTURE SESSION: MARY MAGDALENE

On **Tuesday, 16th July**, 7.30pm presented by Sr Kathleen Rushton RSM. Inquiries to roho@xtra.co.nz or (03) 379 1298

Venue: Te Manawa Atawhai Catherine McAuley Centre at Villa Maria College, Peer Street, Riccarton

HEARTS AFLAME CATHOLIC SUMMER SCHOOL

Aflame is a life-changing experience for young adults aged 18 to 35 who want to know more about their faith, have an authentic encounter with Christ and meet other Catholic young adults from all over New Zealand. Join us this year at Nga Tawa Diocesan School, Marton, from **3rd-12th January 2025!** Registrations open **14th July** at 2pm: we sell out fast so be in quick! Visit heartsaflame.org.nz to register or find out more.

SPIRIT OF MERCY NGĀ WAHINE ATAWHAI

Feature Film will be screening at Lumiere Cinema Christchurch at 4pm **Sunday, 27th September**. In 1918 the Sisters of Mercy founded Villa Maria School with 9 pupils in an old house on 16 acres in the country near Christchurch. This film explores the story of the Sisters of Mercy of Christchurch and their pupils, and how they engaged in the world with the kaupapa of mercy.

PEACE OF MIND FOR YOUR LOVED ONES

A Catholic Development Fund **Funeral Savings Account** allows you to invest in the **good works of the diocese** now and ensures your wishes will be carried out in the future. Provide **peace of mind** for you and your family; contact us to find out more.
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SR EVELEEN RETREAT HOUSE

Greetings from Sister Eveleen Retreat House
"Be still, and know that I am God." (Psalm 46:10)
We warmly invite you to come to Sister Eveleen retreat House - for our guided retreats, get in touch for a personal day, an overnight retreat, or join us for our regular prayer times. Please visit our website www.sistereretreat.com for details

Midwinter Fire

Exploring the Dynamics of the Spiritual Exercises of Ignatius of Loyola -

Date: **Fri 26th - Sun 28th July**
facilitators Colin & Carol Renouf, follow this [link](#)

Creative Joy to nourish your soul - Winter

Date: **Fri 9th - Sun 11th August 2024**
facilitators: Glenda Joy, follow this [link](#)

The Perfect Joy of Saint Francis

Date: **Fri 6th - Sun 8th September 2024**
facilitator: Marion Fairbrass TSSF, follow this [link](#)

Hearts Ablaze – Praying with the Psalms

Moving beyond mediocrity to passion. Write your own psalm of praise. Pen your own lament
Date: **Fri 13th – Sun 15th September 2024**
facilitators Colin & Carol Renouf , follow this [link](#)

A Greening Heart

A weekend with Hildegard of Bingen- "The mystery of God hugs you in its all-encompassing arms." St. Hildegard of Bingen
Date **Fri 20th – Sun 22nd September 2024**
facilitator: Elinor Galbraith, follow this [link](#)



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