

JOHN PAUL II CENTRE FOR LIFE RACE NIGHT

The JP II Racenight is back in 2024. Join us on **Friday, 6th September** in the Silks Room at Addington Raceway for an evening of fun and help support the work of the JP II Centre for Life. Tickets will be \$60 per person which includes entry and a two-course meal with cash bar available. Contact Matt on moconnell@cdoc.nz for more information.

ANNUAL PRO-LIFE "MARCH FOR LIFE CHCH

The annual pro-life "March for Life Christchurch" will be held on **Saturday, 28th September**, at Victoria Square, starting from 1pm with the march commencing at 2pm, after which the marchers will be addressed by Pro-Life leaders. The march will be prayerful and peaceful calling for greater legal protection for the right to Life of our unborn, elderly and vulnerable New Zealanders. For more information please visit www.marchforlifechristchurch.nz and/or the new FB page Marchforlifechristchurch2024. The march will be family friendly with live music, free candy-floss, face-painting, crafts and balloon show for children. This year the march is being organized by Right to Life with support from ProLife UC, JP2 Centre for Life, Pro-Love, Voice for Life and Family Life International.

PARENTS RETREAT

Are you a parent grieving the loss of faith of your adult children? Take time out to be encouraged and nourished. Experience the Fathers merciful love and the powerful intercession of our heavenly Mother and the Saints in heaven. Retreat Day: **Saturday, 14th September** (Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross) Fourviere Retreat Centre, 67 Leithfield Rd. Leithfield (with option to stay Friday night and/or Saturday night). Email: jenngoulding@outlook.co.nz The cost for the day is \$50 per couple

ANTIOCH CAMP - YR 9-13 STUDENTS

After a sell-out camp in 2023, Antioch Camp is back for 2024! An inspiring speaker, an incredible house band and all the usual camp favourites will be on the menu for Year 9-13 students from **27th -29th September**. Woodend Christian Camp is again our host and tickets are already selling fast. Get a group together from your Parish and School and make this the best camp ever! All the details and the link to register are at www.cyt.org.nz/antioch. Sponsorship is available and donations to support these are welcomed. Enquiries and any other questions to mcurrie@cdoc.nz.

THE SEASON OF CREATION CELEBRATION

The Season of Creation Celebration which extends from **1st September until 4th October**, the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi, offers us a way to take steps towards believing more deeply in God as Creator. Throughout this month-long celebration, the world's 2.2 billion Christians come together to care for our common home. This year's theme is: "To Hope and Act with Creation" and the symbol inspired by Roman 8:19-25 is: "The firstfruits of hope." In his letter to the Romans, Paul pictures the Earth as a mother. Later, Francis of Assisi referred to the Earth as our Sister and our Mother. Today our relationship with the Earth is one of subjection and exploitation rather than one of nurturing and respect. For resources visit: <https://catholicclimatecovenant.org/resources/season-of-creation-2024/>

CATHOLIC DEVELOPMENT FUND

The Catholic Development Fund's Summary Annual Report is available in your parish office or online [here](#). The report showcases a \$500,000 distribution and photo gallery of how the CDF connected with community throughout the 2023-24 financial year.



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VACANCY – ACCOUNTANT TEMP SEP/OCT 2024

The Diocese is seeking an Accountant for six weeks from 16th September to provide cover for an extended period of leave. This is a fixed term full time position providing accounting and administrative services to the diocese, including month end reporting, balance sheet reconciliations and other tasks as required. Accounting experience is required. For more information including a full position description please contact Janice Rennell at the Diocesan Offices, ph 366 9869 or email jrennell@cdoc.nz **Applications close Friday 6 September.**

SR EVELEEN RETREAT HOUSE - VACANCY

We currently have a vacancy for a Live-In Host at our retreat house. If this opportunity interests you or someone you know, please follow this [link](#) for more details.

Upcoming retreats (with limited spaces):

The Perfect Joy of Saint Francis - facilitator: Marion Fairbrass TSSF **Fri 6 – Sun 8 September 2024**, follow this [link](#)

A Greening Heart - A weekend with Hildegard of Bingen - facilitator: Elinor Galbraith, **Fri 20 – Sun 22 September 2024**, follow this [link](#)

SPIRIT OF MERCY - NGĀ WAHINE ATAWHAI-

This Feature Film will be screening at Lumiere Cinema Christchurch, **NB NEW TIME 3.45 pm Sunday, 29 September.**

In 1918 the Sisters of Mercy founded Villa Maria School with nine pupils, in an old house on sixteen acres near Christchurch. This film explores the story of the Sisters Of Mercy in Christchurch and how they engaged with the world with the Kaupapa of mercy. You can click on the link to purchase the ticket <https://lumierecinemas.co.nz/movie/sky-whisperers-ranginui>

CWL - ASSISTANCE REQUIRED

The Catholic Women's League Aotearoa New Zealand is seeking an accounts person to undertake the Review of their Annual Accounts in accordance with Charities Services Reporting Standards. For further information please contact National President, Sylia Mellish cwlnat.president@gmail.com or National Treasurer, Colleen McKay cwlnat.treasurer@gmail.com.

CATHEDRAL PRECINCT OUTDOOR MASS

Bishop Michael invites you to a Mass of thanksgiving for the precinct of our future Cathedral. **Sunday, 24th November 2024 @ 11am** on the Feast of Christ the King. Save the date! All are welcome to come and share in this celebration. More details will follow.

A TASTE OF THEOLOGY

"Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College is holding Lecture 6 in the series, A Taste of Theology. Rev Dr Merv Duffy will talk about "Christian identity, life and mission in Lumen Gentium, the Dogmatic Constitution on the Church. This will be on **Tuesday, 3rd September 2024** from 5:30-6:30pm on Zoom. For a fee of \$60 you get access to all 9 courses in this lecture series and join the remaining live sessions. Go to www.tekupenga.ac.nz/tasteoftheology to register."

TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS

The Traditional Latin Mass is being celebrated each Sunday at 11am at St Patrick's Church in Kaiapoi. **Bishop Michael would like to remind the faithful that any public Masses celebrated by the priests of the Sons of the Most Holy Redeemer are illicit – that is, outside the rules of the Church.** Any enquiries around the provision of the Latin Mass and the sacraments, can be made by emailing TLMC@cdoc.nz or calling 03 244 0331.



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