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JOHN PAUL II CENTRE FOR LIFE

Embracing Grief with Hope Retreat

The JP2 Centre for Life is holding a one-day consoling retreat for parents who have lost a child pre/post natally. **19 October**, 10am-2pm. Fourviere Retreat Centre, Leithfield. This is a free event, but registration is required by 16 October. Email: director@jp2.org.nz or phone 022 503 9249. BYO lunch.

Infertility Support

We welcome you to a monthly Support Group if you are struggling with infertility. Join us to find encouragement, hope and a way forward through prayerful reflection, sharing and solidarity. Please contact us to find out more:

Ph 021 0814 8834 or email the John Paul II Centre for Life: info@jp2.org.nz

Women Healing from Spousal Sexual Betrayal

The JP2 Centre is offering a 6-8 wk course for women in Oct/Nov. Flyer can be viewed on our website: www.jp2.org.nz Please direct enquiries to: info@jp2.org.nz, 022 503 9249 or register at <https://bit.ly/4dz38fT>. Scholarships are available

SISTER EVELEEN HOUSE VACANCY

Interested in serving God through the gift of hospitality? Sister Eveleen Retreat House may need you! [Vacancy for a Live-In Host available](#) Please see our [website](#) for more info or get in touch with us enquiry@sistereretreat.com

YEAR OF PRAYER: EVENING TALKS AT ST GREGORY'S "Praying with Scripture Through the Ignatian Method"

Wednesday 9th October, 7pm

St Ignatius' Spiritual Exercises are a powerful method for encountering Jesus Christ and growing to know, love and serve him more. This session, led by Dr Mary Allan, will introduce you to some of the key elements in the Ignatian Spiritual Exercises and invite you to engage and experience those, enabling you to use them in your own prayer life.

GOLDEN CATHOLICS SOUTH CANTERBURY

The Catholic Development Fund and Holy Family Parish are hosting Bishop Michael on **Friday, 18 October** at the Sacred Heart Basilica, Timaru. Bishop Michael will celebrate Mass at 11:00 am before sharing his journey to priesthood. Lunch will be served at the Holy Family Parish Centre from 12:30 pm. For catering purposes, please register by emailing cdf@cdoc.nz or calling the parish office at 03 686 2010

PARISH TO PARISH BNB

Parish to Parish for Bed and Breakfast, Catholics throughout New Zealand and a few in Australia host Catholics in their homes, a wonderful way for Catholics to meet and enjoy the company of other Catholics. A contribution of \$50 for one person, and \$30 for each additional guest, this is per night. E.g. two people would pay \$80 per night.

If you wish to purchase a book with the details of the hosts, the cost is \$15, includes postage, contact or order from Marie Anderson 2 Brent Place, Christchurch 8053, phone 027 2800 611, email: marie.ian@xtra.co.nz



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WOMEN'S RETREAT

Friday 25th to Sunday 27th October 2024

"Freedom to Be Loved & to Love as Women" is the theme for the retreat. Starting at Genesis where our knots were tied up through Eve, we will journey with the Lord allowing Him to untie the lies of the enemy; concluding with Mary who shows us how to be loved and love freely as a woman. To book, email retreats@beatitudes.nz or phone 022 103 6994

INTENTIONALLY BUILDING A CULTURE OF EVANGELISATION

A one day workshop for priests, parish leadership, ministry leaders and those with a heart for evangelisation. **Saturday, 12th October**, 10am to 4pm at Villa Maria College. A collaboration of the Diocese and Divine Renovation with guest speaker Cathy Kennedy (Evangelisation Coordinator, St Declan's Parish Sydney). \$20 per person to defray costs, including lunch. To register www.divinerenovation.org/events



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INVEST IN CHRISTMAS JOY

A Catholic Development Fund Christmas Club Account allows you to enjoy the peace and joy that the birth of Jesus brings without the unnecessary stress at what is often a busy and expensive time of year. Your savings are available from 1st December in time for Christmas celebrations or even summer holiday expenses, and your account will earn interest for you while doing good within our community.

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NZ COMMUNITY FOR CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Silence, Stillness and Simplicity

An introduction to meditation will be held at the St Mary's Church Hall, (Anglican Centre), 24 Church Street, Timaru

Saturday, 12th October 2024 from 1-3 pm.

This introduction to Meditation, the Prayer of the Heart, is for anyone who is looking for a pathway to peace. Annette Reinheimer and Jane Hole will give a short outline of the history of this practice, and explain how we meditate and how meditation creates a Community of Love. Come and experience meditation for yourself and enjoy an afternoon of fellowship. We offer you a very warm welcome and hope you will join us. For further details, please contact Jane on 021 360 814

SR EVELEEN RETREAT HOUSE

Sister Eveleen Retreat House is a contemplative retreat house in which many seek to experience God's sacred presence, find rest and replenishment.

Day of Retreat every last Thursday in the month with different themes)

Thursday 31st October 9:30 – 2:30 - facilitator: Antje Duda - [Register here](#)

24 hour Prayer Vigil @ Sister Eveleen,
Date: **Sunday 20th October** 5pm- **Monday, 21st October** 5pm - facilitator: Sue Sinclair- [RSVP](#)

Creative Joy to nourish your soul - Spring -

facilitators: Glenda Joy

Date: Fri 8 -Sun 10 November 2024 -

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