

CATHOLIC BUSINESS NETWORK LUNCH

Building Character to Shape our Future

We are thrilled to announce that Peter de Keratry will be our guest speaker at the first Catholic Business Network lunch of 2024 on Thursday, April 3rd at Rydges Latimer.

Peter has led significant church projects in the US and Australia and will share his powerful story of leadership in church initiatives, offering insights into how personal growth can positively influence people and communities around them.

For more information or to register, please visit cbn@cdoc.nz

VACANCY – DIOCESAN ARCHIVIST

The diocese is seeking a part time Archivist (5 hours per week) to join our team. The Archivist is responsible for managing and preserving the diocese's archival collection, ensuring the accurate inventory, maintenance, and accessibility of materials that document the history, mission, and activities of the Catholic Diocese of Christchurch.

This role supports the Church's mission by safeguarding its heritage and enabling effective communication of its values and history. Please refer to the diocesan website <https://cdoc.nz/news-events/vacancy-archivist> for the full job description. Please send any enquiries or applications to the Manager- Finance & Support Services – Janice Rennell at jrennell@cdoc.nz

HEALTH CARE WORKERS MASS

Bishop Michael warmly welcomes you to Mass on Sunday 6th April, 6pm at St Mary's Pro-Cathedral, followed by hospitality in the Assisi Lounge afterwards. For more information contact: Paula Avery, averypaula@gmail.com or Mike Stopforth, mstopforth@cdoc.nz, phone 027 539 8542

LOVING FOR LIFE - Adolescence and Relationships Programmes

Loving for Life runs relationships and sexuality programmes based on Catholic teaching and medical expertise - helping parents and schools guide young people toward age appropriate knowledge of their bodies and healthy relationships. We are offering some catch up programmes for parents and children so you can start out conversations in this area in a way that is positive, safe and enjoyable.

We are running the following programmes:

- Growing and Changing - for parents and year 5/6 (9-11yo) children -Thur 17 July 5:30pm - 7:30pm
 - Toward Loving - for parents and year 7/8 (11-13yo) children - Thur 3 April 5:30pm - 7:45pm
 - Choosing to Love - for young people in year 9 or 10 (13-15yo) - Monday 14 April, 9:30am - 3:30pm
- For more information or to sign up, please contact David Jackman - david@lovingforlife.org.nz

EVENING WITH FR CHRIS ALAR

Fr Chris Alar will visit Christchurch on May 27 at 7pm for a one-off talk at St Bedes' College Chapel. He will be accompanied by international singer Anna Nuzzo. Donations accepted. Contact Pat for more information on 03 359 2087

LENTEN REFLECTION DAY

A Lenten Reflection Day, The Soul of a Pilgrim facilitated by Sr Lyndall Brown rsj on Tuesday 18 March 10.30am -2.30pm at Te Manawa Atawhai Catherine McAuley Centre at Villa Maria College. On this Lenten Reflection Day we will pause to ponder on the soul's practice of "Packing Lightly" drawing to open our hearts to letting go, surrendering and embracing the possibility of wonder, delight, and inner freedom. Bring own lunch. Tea, coffee provided. Koha Donation. Register with roho@xtra.co.nz; 03 379 1298



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APEST: FIVEFOLD MINISTRY WORKSHOP

Discover your own ministry style and how you can live out your unique calling in service of the Church. Join us Saturday 15th March for a transformative retreat day centered on Ephesians 4, where we explore the empowering gifts of Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors, and Teachers (APEST). This day of reflection and renewal will deepen your understanding of how these roles strengthen the Church and inspire personal growth. Led by Cameron Surrey, PhD. Includes lunch, afternoon tea, and a 60 minute coaching session (scheduled after the retreat day).

10:00 AM – 4:00 PM, Cost: \$95.

For more information and to view our upcoming retreats, visit replenishretreat.co.nz/events

INFERTILITY SUPPORT GROUP

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 register and to find out more: Ph 0210814 8834 or email info@jp2.org.nz

VISITA IGLESIA and PILGRIMAGE TO AKAROA

The Catholic Parish of the Good Shepherd, and the Philippine Chaplaincy is inviting you to join the VISITA IGLESIA and PILGRIMAGE TO AKAROA. The Pilgrimage will be held on Sunday March 30. We will meet at 8:30AM for Mass at the Church of the Holy Passion in Amberley. We will visit 7 different churches to pray and reflect on Jesu's suffering and sacrifice. For more information Contact Fr Rex 0220775318 padrepio1428@gmail.com

Register at <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfDzd5306NVfwCnUztt1UsjQCjEcc-zoOW2mcF5PAScljFBSA/viewform?usp=sharing>

WOMEN'S RETREAT

Our next diocesan women's event is a retreat day. It will be a special day of faith, reflection, and renewal as we come together to celebrate this year of Hope

Date: Saturday, 5 April 2025

Time: 9:30 AM - 2:30 PM

Location: Marian College

Registration details still to come.

LAUDATO SI RETREAT - PILGRIMS OF HOPE

29 March from 10am - 4pm, at Te Mānawa Atawhai - Catherine McAuley Centre, 21 Peer St. Pray and reflect on Pope Francis' encyclical, Laudato Si.

To register contact roho@xtra.co.nz or call 03 3791298. Tea & Coffee provided. Bring own lunch, Cost - koha according to means

HOW TO FOSTER VOCATIONS IN THE PARISH

COMMUNITY A half day conference for interested parishioners is being held to learn about the role of the parish community in fostering vocations to the priesthood and Religious Life. This will be held Saturday March 15th from 10am-1pm at the Lamb of God Centre. For more details and to register please contact the Diocesan Vocations Coordinator, Matt O'Connell on moconnell@cdoc.nz or 366-9869.

LENTEN FAMILY RETREAT DAY

Saturday 5th April 2025

"Neither do I condemn you; go, and do not sin again." John 8:11

In this time of Lent, we learn about God's amazing love for us. He searches for us, not to condemn us but to forgive us and make us whole. Come with your family and live a day discovering the great mercy of our Father.

To book, email retreats@beatitudes.nz or phone 022 103 6994



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