

CHANGE OF DIOCESE OFFICE HOURS

The Diocese office at 391 Moorhouse Ave has updated its open hours. The new open hours are Monday to Friday, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

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

WOMEN'S RETREAT

Join us for our Diocesan Women's Retreat for 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

Register here <https://cdoc.nz/news-events/womens-retreat>

GLORY: A RETREAT ON THE HOLY SPIRIT Saturday 12th April

Encounter the Holy Spirit in a deeper, more powerful way and explore your unique calling. Join us for a Holy Spirit Retreat Day at Replenish, where we will deepen our understanding of the Third Person of the Trinity and open our hearts to the transformative power of the Holy Spirit. Through prayer, reflection, and Scripture, we will explore the Spirit's presence in our lives, His gifts, and the ways He guides and empowers us. The day will include praise and worship, Eucharistic Adoration, opportunities for prayer ministry, dynamic talks and small group discussions, so that you can experience a replenishing and strengthening of your faith to live boldly as a witness of Christ.

Led by Fr Michael-Therese Scheerger

Includes lunch and afternoon tea.

10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Cost: \$30

[Register here](#)

ST JOSEPH'S MEN'S RETREAT

Friday 21st to Sunday 23rd March 2025

In the school of Saint Joseph, the earthly father of the Redeemer – we will learn how to receive the Redeemer into our everyday lives as men. To book, email retreats@beatitudes.nz or phone 022 103 6994



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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

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 [here](#)

FOOD FOR FAITH for Lent

Fr. John O'Connor offers brief daily encouragements for those seeking greater maturity in relationship with Jesus Christ. Sign up to receive daily emails at www.foodforfaith.org.nz

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

THE CRAFTY CREW

Holy Family Parish hosts monthly craft meetings in the Bishop Joyce Centre at Our Lady of Victories, 106 Main South Rd in Sockburn. The next meeting is **Saturday 22 March** at 12:30-3:30pm. Bring your handcraft project and a gold coin donation. Any queries, call Jude Lathey 021 217-2052

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

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

SISTER EVELEEN RETREAT HOUSE

The Contemplative Gaze: A Weekend Retreat
How do we see God? How does that shape how we see ourselves?

Join us at Sister Eveleen Retreat House for The Contemplative Gaze, a weekend of silence, prayer, and reflection led by Donald and Janis Scott. Through rhythms of contemplative prayer and devotional input, we will step away from daily distractions to explore the transformative power of beholding God's presence.

Come and rest in the stillness, allowing space for deep encounter and renewal.

4 Apr (5pm) – **6 Apr 2025** (1:30 pm), Sister Eveleen Retreat House, Sumner, 6 Whitewash Head
More info and register follow the [link](#)



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