

### CHRISTCHURCH DIOCESAN JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE TO NORTHLAND

In this year of Jubilee, one of the exciting opportunities the Christchurch Diocese is offering is a Diocesan 6-day pilgrimage to the sacred places at the very foundation of the Catholic Faith in New Zealand. As 'pilgrims of hope', the pilgrimage will begin in Auckland and will explore the sites of the first missionaries that brought the faith to this country.

The pilgrimage is being held **Oct 26 – 31, 2025**. Places are limited. Matt O'Connell is leading the tour and there will be a priest chaplain. Bishop Michael will also join the pilgrimage for two days. For more information and a full itinerary, please contact Matt at the Diocesan Office on 366-9869 or [moconnell@cdoc.nz](mailto:moconnell@cdoc.nz)

### HOLY WEEK LITURGY TIMES

Are you travelling during Easter? Are you looking for Holy Week times including Reconciliation? Parish Holy Week and Liturgy times can be found on the diocesan website <https://cdoc.nz/easter>

### CHRISM MASS

You are warmly invited to the annual Chrism Mass on **Monday 14th April, 5.30pm** at St Mary's Pro-Cathedral.

During this Mass, the bishop will bless the sacred oils used throughout the year in the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Orders, and the Anointing of the Sick and the clergy of our diocese will renew their commitment to priestly service. All are welcome to join in this celebration.

### WOMEN'S RETREAT

Last chance to register for our Diocesan Women's Retreat! Step away from the busyness 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>

### 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](mailto:averypaula@gmail.com) or Mike Stopforth, [mstopforth@cdoc.nz](mailto:mstopforth@cdoc.nz), phone 027 539 8542

### 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



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### 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](http://www.foodforfaith.org.nz)

### SAFEGUARDING

The Catholic Diocese of Christchurch has zero tolerance for all forms of abuse and is committed to safeguarding everyone involved in its activities, ministries, and services. The safety and wellbeing of children and adults-at-risk is our highest priority. Next Safeguarding Workshop – Ministries with Children.

Monday **April 7th – 7pm-8.30pm** – St Teresa's School, Riccarton.

Details link here: [Safeguarding Workshop](#)

### SEVEN SORROWS ROSARY GROUP

John Paul II Centre for Life hosts a Rosary and Adoration group to support Catholics suffering through grief. Held on the **4th Monday of the month** 7.30 - 8.30am after the 7.00am Mass at St Teresa's Church, 8 Puriri St, Riccarton.

### 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](mailto:retreats@beatitudes.nz) or phone 022 103 6994

### SISTER EVELEEN RETREAT HOUSE

Join us at Sister Eveleen Retreat House for a Day with ... the wisdom of the Desert Mothers and Fathers. This day will be a quiet day of reflection, prayer, silence, and sharing....as we explore the spirituality of the desert Mothers and Fathers. These early Christian ascetics sought an intentional awareness of God's presence, a quest that continues to resonate today, offering us an ancient treasure nearly forgotten. This retreat day invites you to pause and take a little time out for yourself-drawing inspiration from the teachings and spirituality of the Desert.

Retreat Facilitator: Antje Duda

**10 April** (9.30am -2:30 pm), Sister Eveleen Retreat House, Sumner, 6 Whitewash Head

More info and register follow the [link](#)

### HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY CONTACTS

Most hospitals no longer provide names of Catholic patients to our chaplains.

If there is someone from your family going to hospital please either advise the chaplain or your parish office or let the nurses know that you would like to see the Catholic Chaplain/Priest on call

#### Christchurch Hospital:

Angela McCormick – 021 702 378

**Burwood Hospital:** Jane Dick - 021 572 480

**Hillmorton Hospital:** Joan Hough - 021 501 683

#### Nurse Maude Hospice:

Christchurch North Parish - 03 359 1438

#### St George's Hospital:

Christchurch North Parish - 03 359 1438

**Southern Cross:** Cathedral Parish - 379 1068



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