

JAM 23 - JESUS AND ME

“JAM’23 - Jesus and Me,” is an event by Jesus Youth Christchurch which aims to foster a stronger spiritual connection among children aged 5 to 10. It is happening on **30 September**, 2023, at the Te Hapua: Halswell Centre, Hao Hall. We’re starting at 9:30 AM and ending at 3:30 PM.

CELEBRATION SUNDAY FOR VENERABLE SUZANNE AUBERT

Celebration Sunday, **1 October** 2023, is celebrated in parishes and communities across Aotearoa New Zealand this weekend. It is a day to remember the life, spirituality and good works of Venerable Meri Hohepa Suzanne Aubert. While we wait and pray for Meri Hohepa Suzanne Aubert to be beatified, we continue to unite to promote her message of compassion and love throughout Aotearoa New Zealand and the world.

www.compassion.org.nz/celebration-sunday

VALUE YOUR VOTE – ELECTION 2023

The Family First organisation has again produced a pamphlet that allows you to see how each current or past MP seeking re-election has voted on important social issues.

This material is worth a look to be informed about candidates voting record. The information can be viewed at <https://www.valueyourvote.org.nz/>

CHAMPAGNAT MARIST FAMILY

The Champagnat Marist Family will be celebrating Mass at 2pm on Sunday **17th September**, at the Xavier Hall, 122 Barbadoes Street. Drinks and nibbles to follow. The Champagnat Marist Family are looking to set up a Marist Family Network. For more information, please contact Brs Alan or Osmund on 358 5351 or Dan Dungey 021 285 5400 or at partnership@fmspacific.com

WYD - PILGRIMS SHARING EVENING

The pilgrims that attended World Youth Day from our Diocese are keen to share their experience. They are hosting an evening on Tuesday the **12th September**, 7.30pm at the St Teresa’s Parish Hall Riccarton. This is an open invitation to anyone who would like to hear about the pilgrimage and the impact it has had. After the presentation, you are welcome to stay for a light supper and cup of tea. For more information, please contact Grace at gchallies@cdoc.nz or Stephani at youngadults@christchurchwest.org.nz.

CYT ANTIOCH CAMP: 22ND TO 24TH SEPTEMBER

Antioch is our camp for students in Years 9 to 13. Every year Antioch has attracted and welcomed young people not only from our diocese but also from our neighbouring parishes Dunedin and the Archdiocese of Wellington. A youth group from Blenheim has already registered to attend camp this year. Antioch camp has born amazing fruits that have helped set a solid foundation of faith in young people. These young people go on to be called youth ministries such as The Mission Team and NET Ministry, and for some, a religious vocation. Your donation will support young people who struggle financially to attend Antioch and allow them to encounter Christ. Thank you for being part of a young person’s faith journey. God Bless.

Donations can be made to:

Catholic Diocese of Christchurch:

03-0802-0948733-00

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Reference: Antioch23



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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 advise the chaplain 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

THE SEASON OF CREATION

(1st SEPTEMBER - 4th OCTOBER)

Friday 1st September marks the beginning of the month-long Season of Creation. The ecumenical family around the world unites to listen and care for our common home, the household of God.

The theme for 2023 is "Let Justice and Peace flow like a river," inspired by the prophet Amos who cries out "But let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream (Amos 5:24) and so we are called to join the river of justice and peace, to take up climate and ecological justice, and to speak out with and for communities most impacted by climate injustice and the loss of biodiversity.

In his World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation message Pope Francis suggests that Christian communities can contribute: "by resolving to transform our hearts, our lifestyles, and the public policies ruling our societies."

(For information and resources: <https://seasonofcreation.org/>)

SECOND HAND CATHOLIC BOOK SHOP

If you are looking for the right book to nourish your faith which doesn't cost much, St. Augustine's Second-Hand Catholic Bookshop is the place to visit in Christchurch.

Come and browse the many subject areas and discover something new to read about our amazing faith. If you have any Catholic books that you no longer need and not sure what to do with, you are welcome to drop them off at the shop so they can be passed onto a new generation. LOCATION: 90 Greers Rd, Christ the King foyer. OPENING HOURS: 11am-2pm. EFTPOS available.



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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 1 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.

CDF – INVEST IN GOOD: 0800 403 86 www.cdf.org.nz



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