

CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES - SOUP KITCHEN

As we did last year through the cooler months of the year, Catholic Social Services will be offering much-needed kai through a series of Soup Kitchens starting on Thursday the **23rd May** at Shand Crescent Reserve, Riccarton.

A DAY WITH MARY

Join us for a Day with Mary on Saturday **25th May** at Sacred Heart Church, 70 Spencer Street, Addington. Starting with Mass at 9am, followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Reconciliation and the Rosary. There will be a shared lunch at 12pm, followed by a talk on our Lady, Invocations to St Joseph, Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Benediction. For more information call Ron 022 097 0627

CATHOLIC BUSINESS NETWORK – AI & BEYOND:

What is the Catholic perspective on artificial intelligence? How can you use new technologies ethically? Catholic technologist, husband and father James Bergin will explore those questions at the Catholic Business Network lunch on Thursday **4th July** at Te Pae Convention Centre. James is currently Executive General Manager, Technology Research and Advocacy at Xero, one of New Zealand's great technology success stories. He is an adviser to the Catholic Church and other non-profit organisations. Individual, group and corporate tickets, as well as annual CBN memberships, can be purchased via: www.cbn.nz.

MARRIAGE UNPLUGGED

Marriage Unplugged is a workshop for all married couples of any age or stage. Led by Tim and Jenn Goulding the workshop will help you reconnect with your spouse and grow deeper in your relationship together.

25th May - 9-4:30pm

Ashburton Catholic Parish Centre

\$50 per couple (morning tea and lunch provided)

Register online at www.jp2.org.nz/marriage-enrichment/

REVOLUTION CAMP

After a sell-out camp in 2023, Revolution Camp is back for 2024! An inspiring speaker, an incredible house band and all the usual camp favourites will be on the menu for Year 7-9 students from **5th - 7th July**. Woodend Christian Camp is again our host and tickets are already selling fast – with earlybird pricing available. Get a group together from your Parish and School and make this the best camp ever! All the details and the link to register are at www.cyt.org.nz/revolution. Sponsorship is available and donations to support these are welcomed. Enquiries and any other questions to mcurrie@cdoc.nz.

TEILHARD VISIONARY SCIENTIST

The NZ Premier showing of the movie: Teilhard Visionary Scientist is confirmed for 4pm on **31st May** at Lumiere Cinemas. Followed by a celebration in the Bijou Bar afterwards (drinks to purchase some food platters provided). The Link for Information and Bookings is: <https://lumierecinemas.co.nz/movie/teilhard-visionary-scientist>

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.

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THE JOY OF HOPE – *Heavenly Revelation from John on the Holy Island of Patmos*

An inspirational course filmed on location on the beautiful Greek Holy Island of Patmos, where Scripture tells us the Book of Revelation was written. Each of the four sessions is presented at key places around the island by David Payne. Uplifting and practical insight into the joy of living now with hope in the future blessing of Eternal Life with God in Heaven.

Each session includes an engaging mix of teaching, scripture meditation and prayerful response with group discussion.

Starting **21st May** at 7.30 pm. Register at www.fdm.org.nz/joy.

GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

The Parish of Christ the Redeemer (Christchurch North) is presenting a series of talks to give you knowledge and experience in praying and using the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. This is a 3 week series and will be held on Thursday **6th, 13th, 20th June** from 7pm - 8.30pm at the St Joseph's Pastoral Centre, Vagues Road. Registration will be available on the Christchurch North Parish website or by contacting Judith on 027 261 5655 or email pastoral@christchurchnorth.org.nz

THINKING ABOUT A VOCATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD OR RELIGIOUS LIFE?

The Good Shepherd knows his sheep and lays down his life for them. On this Vocations Sunday are you being called to Shepherd others as a Priest or Religious? Hearing that divine call", Pope Francis writes, is the "surest way for us to fulfil our deepest desire for happiness". Contact the Vocations Director, Fr Tien Cao on petercaochitien@yahoo.com or the Vocations Coordinator, Matt O'Connell on 366-9869 or moconnell@cdoc.nz if you want to talk more information or to talk about a possible vocation.

SR EVELEEN RETREAT HOUSE

Life is busy - time for a retreat?

Taking time for a retreat at Sister Eveleen offers a precious opportunity to pause, reflect, and reconnect with what truly matters in the most beautiful and serene setting of Scarborough Hill.

In the midst of life's busyness, a retreat creates a breathing space for you to deepen your relationship with God, gain clarity amidst the noise, and just simply rest. It is a chance to step away from the distractions of everyday life, your demands of work and ministry and open yourself to renewal and growth.

Whether it is through prayer, reading scripture, silence or meaningful discussions, a retreat offers a gentle invitation to nurture the soul and rediscover the joy of faith in a welcoming environment.

Join us for our regular prayer times, get in touch for a personal day or overnight retreat, or register for our guided retreats.

Please visit our website www.sistereretreat.com

Seasons of Growth - a 2-day retreat - The process of grief is like healing a broken heart - facilitators: Joanne and Rick Smith

Date: **31st May (9:30am)** – 1 June (4pm) - [Follow this link](#)

Faith and Hope in Midlife - A day for all interested to explore, reflect and celebrate the significant transitions in life and faith.- facilitator: Dr. Anne Shave.

Date **Sat 8th June 2024**, 9:30 am - 4 pm - [Follow this link](#)

Our Pilgrims Soul - A Weekend Retreat - "A pilgrim is a person who prays with the feet" - facilitator: Elinor Gabraith

Date: **Fri 14th – Sun 16th June** - [Follow this link](#)



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