

Guided/Directed Five Day Non-Residential Retreat

Companions on the Journey. An Ignatian retreat based on Scripture, the source of nourishment and life; presented using a variety of input.

Fr Brian Cummings SM

Monday 2 October - Friday 6 October, 10am - 4.00pm daily

The venue for this retreat is Villa Maria College. In this setting we will provide an atmosphere of stillness and silence, spaces for prayer and a general gathering place.

Villa Maria College, Peer Street, Upper Riccarton
Bring your own lunch ~ Morning and afternoon tea provided
Cost \$260

Reflection Day

Theme: Friends of God from Scripture

Mary Catherwood RSM

A day of quiet and prayer with scripture, music, art and a short section for sharing of insights.

Tuesday 17 October 10.30 - 2.30pm

Mary Potter Community Centre, 442 Durham Street North

Bring own lunch, tea/coffee provided
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Scripture - Sunday Gospels

Gospel of Matthew - Sunday Gospel Year A Series

Kath Rushton RSM

Wednesday 15 November (Part 4) 7.30 - 9.00pm

Continuing to explore the Sunday gospel readings to enable participants to listen more deeply to the proclaimed Word of God.

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Advent Retreat

Reflections on the Self-Emptying of Mary

'This frail vessel thou emptiest again and again, and fillest it ever with fresh life'. Rabindranath Tagore

Joy Ryan-Bloore Jungian Analyst

Friday 1 December 6.45pm - 9pm

Saturday 2 December 9.30am - 4.30pm

Our journey through this year's Advent readings follows the same pattern as our Lenten Reflections - the path of kenosis: culminating not in an outer crucifixion and death, but an inner 'death' - Mary's total emptying of self in readiness for the in-filling of the Holy Spirit and the conception and birth of Christ (Luke 1:28). In Mary we see a further dimension of the kenotic path. This retreat will focus on what we can learn from her about surrendering to the self-emptying demands of God in our lives.

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Suggested contribution \$60 or donation according to means

Spiritual Direction

Spiritual Direction provides a supportive relationship in which to share the joys and struggles of our journey with a view to discovering in it the hand of Providence. In the context of listening and sharing there is the opportunity to reflect on our life and attitudes, gain deeper insight and self-knowledge and discover God's activity in life's experience. Those seeking spiritual direction may choose to meet regularly, usually for an hour once a month but sometimes at greater or shorter intervals.

Cost negotiable

Retreats and Days of Prayer

Those wishing to make an individual daytime Retreat or a Private Day of Prayer at Rosary House are welcome to phone 379 1298 or email roho@xtra.co.nz Also, those wishing to make a Private Six/Eight Day Non-residential Retreat or Retreat in Daily Life are welcome to make phone or email contact.



2017 Arrupe NZ Retreat Schedule Wellington

Arrupe NZ Retreats held at the **Home of Compassion**, 2 Rhine St (off Murray St) Island Bay, Wellington.

July 14 (7pm) - 23 (9am) A New Heart

An 8-day silent individually guided retreat in the dynamic of the Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius of Loyola. **Application open to all**

September 29 (7pm) - Oct 6 (9am) Holy Mystery

A 6 day silent individually guided retreat in the dynamic of the Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius of Loyola. **Open to all**

November 17 (7pm) - 26 (9am) A Discerning Heart

An 8-day silent individually guided retreat in the dynamic of the Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius of Loyola. **Application open to all**

To apply email arrupenz@xtra.co.nz or online www.arrupe.org.nz



ROSARY HOUSE SPIRITUAL LIFE CENTRE 2017

No reira, ka kiia toku whare, he whare inoi mo nga iwi katoa Isaiah 56:7

Therefore, my house will be called a house of prayer for everyone Isaiah 56:7

A non-residential Centre for prayer and contemplation; retreats, prayer days, spiritual direction, programmes and seminars which promote spiritual development.

Rosary House
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CHRISTCHURCH 8013

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www.sistersofmercy.org.nz



God's Tender Love and Mercy Revealed in Scripture

Through this 2017 programme, may we bring God's Word to our times when there is so great a need for God's tender love and mercy.



In a recent homily Pope Francis said, "With gratitude we acknowledge that the Reformation helped give greater centrality to sacred Scripture in the Church's life." He invites us to pray that God's word may "keep us united, for it is a source of nourishment and life... Together we can proclaim and manifest God's mercy, concretely and joyfully, by upholding and promoting the dignity of every person." (Oct 2016)

Scripture - Sunday Gospels

Gospel of Matthew – Sunday Gospel Year A Series

Kath Rushton RSM

Wednesday 15 February, Monday 12 June,

Tuesday 5 September, Wednesday 15 November
7.30 - 9.00pm

In the Eucharist “the Church ... proclaims and listens to Sacred Scripture following the rhythm of the liturgical year.” (*Verbum Dei: The Word of God*, 52). This series will explore how the Lectionary follows the story of Matthew’s gospel and, in particular, the five great sermons. The Sunday gospel readings will be placed within the structure and special concerns of Matthew to enable participants to listen more deeply to the proclaimed Word of God.

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Prayer Series - In God’s Presence

Experience a variety of ways of silent prayer

Mary Catherwood RSM

Mondays 27 February, 6 March, 13 March
10.30 - 11.30am

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442 Durham Street North

Reflection Day

Prayer Themes from Third Sunday of Lent

(Jn 4:5-42)

A day of quiet prayer with scripture supported by art and music

Mary Catherwood RSM

Saturday 18 March 10.30 - 2.30pm

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Bring own lunch, tea/coffee provided
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Lenten Retreat

Reflections on the Self-Emptying of Jesus the Christ

‘A condition of complete simplicity - costing not less than everything’ T.S.Eliot

Joy Ryan-Bloore Jungian Analyst

Friday 7 April 6.45pm - 9pm

Saturday 8 April 9.30am - 4.30pm

At the heart of the Incarnation is the ‘kenosis’ of Christ - a radical experience of self-emptying - culminating in Jesus’ unconditional surrender to the Mystery of suffering and death (Phil 2:5-8). This kenotic path is also at the heart of our human journey and the evolution of the cosmos. It is an innate, archetypal map which informs every aspect of our lives as it did for Jesus. It involves a progressive self-emptying and complete surrender to God during which we are stripped of all we have perceived ourselves to be; all we have known, desired, achieved or believed - especially in the latter stages of life. This silent Retreat will focus on the self-emptying of Jesus in order to assist us with the similar demands God may make of us.

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Bring own lunch, tea/coffee provided

Suggested contribution \$60 or donation according to means

Reflection Day

Who Are You O God and Who Am I?

Christina Cathro RNDM

Saturday 29 April 10am - 3pm

We are invited to be the sacred space where God lives. We fall into a particular way of seeing and knowing God that we are given a lifetime to unveil.

Venue to be decided depending on the number of people interested. To Register please call Sr Christina at (03)980 1863 or email christina.cathro@gmail.com

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Ignatian Retreat in Daily Life

Finding God in All Things

Mary Catherwood RSM & Kevin Gallagher

Saturdays 6 and 20 May 10am - 3pm

Days for extended silent prayer. Interspersed, there will be brief explorations of ways of praying and finding God in all things. Participants will be encouraged to be present for both Saturdays; and during the two intervening weeks give 30 minutes to daily silent prayer. There will be the opportunity for individual time with a spiritual director either on the Saturdays or by appointment on a weekday.

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Suggested contribution \$70 or donation

according to means. Early booking recommended

Cooking up a Personal Worldview and Becoming Oneself More Deeply

Allan Bloore Jungian Analyst

Saturday 27 May 10.00am – 4.00pm

“A worldview is a picture of the world, and of oneself. As one sees the world so one sees oneself. To have a worldview means to have the best possible knowledge of what the world is and who I am. ...The great decisions in human life usually have far more to do with the instincts and other mysterious unconscious factors than with conscious and well-meaning reasonableness. The shoe that fits one person pinches another ~ there is no universal recipe for living.” (Carl Jung CW16:81 & CW8:698)

For those who consciously take on this task of worldview construction, death becomes a symbolic event, as they fall from the security of collective consciousness, the consciousness of the group, into the cooking pot of the unconscious. Fear stops many from taking the plunge, but if they balk at the challenge, they will discover a dish of a more sinister kind appearing on their plate, unknowingly contributing to the problems of the era rather than becoming a part of their solution.

“We are in the soup that is going to be cooked for us,” says Jung, “whether we claim to have invented it or not... We are threatened with universal genocide if we cannot work out the way of (inner) salvation by a symbolic death.” (CW 18:1661)

This seminar will explore this Jungian theme and assist participants to reflect on its application to their lives.

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Monday 12 June (Part 2) 7.30 - 9.00pm

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Reflection Day

Theme ~ Trust in God

(Mt 8:23-27 Calming of the Storm)

A day of quiet and prayer with scripture, music, art and a short section for sharing of insights.

Mary Catherwood RSM

Tuesday 4 July 10.30 - 2.30pm

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Six Day Guided Silent Retreat

(Non-residential)

Each day will begin with prayer and reflection starters based on Scripture

Individual Spiritual Direction available.

Mary Catherwood RSM and Rosary House Personnel

Monday 24 July - Saturday 29 July

10am - 3pm daily

Venue Sisters of Mercy

141 Main North Road, Papanui

Bring your own lunch, tea/coffee provided

Suggested Contribution \$25 per day

Early booking recommended

Mercy Reflection Process

A group theological reflection process to discern a shared response to the ‘cry of the earth and the cry of the poor’ in our world today

Facilitator Mary Catherwood RSM

6 July - 21 September (First and Third Thursdays – 6 sessions) **4.00 - 5.30pm**

22 Gracefield Avenue, Central City

Prayer Series - In God’s Presence

Experience Imaginative Contemplation

Scriptural prayer - using one’s senses to enter into presence with Jesus

Mary Catherwood RSM

Tuesdays 1, 8, 22 August 10.30 - 11.30am

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Life’s Transitions

Exploring change in life through input, reflection and prayer

Mary Catherwood RSM

Saturday 26 August 10.30am - 2.30pm

Mary Potter Community Centre,
442 Durham Street North

Bring your own lunch, tea/coffee provided

Suggested Contribution \$25

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Tuesday 5 September (Part 3) 7.30 – 9.00pm

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Dreams as the Cooking Pot of Interior Development and Worldview Construction

Allan Bloore Jungian Analyst

Saturday 16 September 10.00am - 4.00pm

COOKING DREAM: *As a teacher I am conducting an experiment with a small class of young pupils in a brand new room. The only equipment is a couple of stoves out the front, on which is sitting a small mass of grey porridge-like material, not in a container. It suddenly starts to reproduce itself and grow into a great mountain of material. I call for the fire extinguisher and spray the growing mass. The paint work in the room is destroyed but the damage is only superficial.*

This dream expresses the little-known purpose underlying many dreams, which is to ‘cook up’ the inner development in consciousness and the worldview of the dreamer. The ‘brand new’ classroom setting with the dreamer teaching young pupils is a symbolic image of the necessary cooperation of the dreamer with the unconscious in the process of becoming more conscious, and developing a personal worldview. In the dreams of midlife and beyond, this is a common theme, to be explored in depth in this Seminar.

Bring some dreams.

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Reflection Day

Living in the Light - All is Grace and Gratitude

‘The place where you’re called to be is the place where your deep gladness meets the deep need of the world.’ (Frederick Buechner) ~ Our invitation is to be the face of God

Christina Cathro RNDM

Saturday 23 September 10am - 3pm

Venue to be decided depending on the number of people interested

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**‘From the heart of the Trinity,
from the depths of the
mystery of God,
the great river of mercy wells up and
overflows unceasingly’. MV25**
