



ROSARY HOUSE SPIRITUAL LIFE CENTRE 2023

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, 22 Gracefield Ave,
Christchurch 8013

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"God is always waiting for us;
God never grows tired.
Jesus shows us this merciful
patience of God so that we can regain
confidence, hope—always!"
Pope Francis 2022



Towards becoming a *Laudato Si'* Platform Family, Parish, School, Diocese ...

Thursday 23 February, 7.30pm – 9pm

Facilitator Kathleen Rushton RSM

Pope Francis is inviting the universal Church on a seven-year journey for healing our relationships with God, our neighbours and the Earth through the *Laudato Si'* Platform which is based on his 2015 encyclical letter on care for our common home (<https://laudatosiactionplatform.org/our-journey-together/>). How does your family, community and parish care for our common home? How do you engage and respond to the great social and environmental questions of our time? Come and find out more about the *Laudato Si'* Goals and explore practical ways we can journey on the "path to renewal" together (LS 202). An opportunity, for those who wish, to plan further meeting dates.

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Regarding ongoing reflection, action and solidarity, contact Kathleen Rushton RSM (kprushton@gmail.com)

Everything is Connected Contemplative Walks in Nature

Facilitator Bede Haughey

Dates to be arranged

Pope Francis exhorts us to take 'time to recover a serene harmony with creation, reflecting on our lifestyle and our ideals, and contemplating the Creator who lives among us and surrounds us'.

Laudato Si' §225.

This is an opportunity to spend reflective time walking in silence as group. The walks (2-4hrs) will be at a variety of places of nature within the outskirts of Christchurch and beyond. DOC rating: "Easy".

BYO lunch and appropriate gear.

For further information and booking contact Bede at kiwibede@gmail.com

Praying Sunday Scriptures

Tuesday 28 Feb and 28 March

10.30am – 11.30am

Facilitator Mary Catherwood RSM

Contemplative prayer drawing on one of the readings of a following Sunday. Music will support prayer.

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Discernment as a Way of Life

Wednesdays 1, 8 and 15 March

7pm – 9pm

Facilitator Kevin Gallagher

These sessions will explore Pope Francis' recent catechesis on discernment.

What does it mean to discern? What are the elements of discernment? How do I interpret the movements of the heart such as desires, desolation, consolation? *"Discernment is demanding but indispensable for living. It requires that I know myself, that I know what is good for me here and now. Above all, it requires a filial relationship with God."* Pope Francis 2022

**Venue: Rosary House, 22 Gracefield Avenue,
Central City**

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"Let us be renewed by God's mercy;
let us be loved by Jesus,
let us enable the power of his love
to transform our lives too;
and let us become agents of this mercy;
channels through which God can water the earth,
protect all creation and make justice and peace
flourish." Pope Francis

Sunday Gospel Readings Year A God's Unfinished, Evolving Universe

Tuesday 7 March, 7.30pm - 9pm

Facilitator Dr Kathleen Rushton RSM

The Year A Gospel Readings proclaimed in the Roman and Revised Common Lectionaries from 3rd Sunday of Lent (12 March) until Pentecost Sunday (28 May) are mainly from the Gospel according to John. This session of the Sunday Gospels Series will focus our call to participate with Jesus in finishing the works of God by hearing both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor in God's evolving unfinished universe. An opportunity, for those who wish, to plan further meeting dates.

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A Day with Hildegard of Bingen

Tuesday 14 March, 10.30am – 2.30pm

Facilitator Lyndall Brown rsj

"All living creatures are sparks from the radiation of God's brilliance, emerging from God like the rays of the sun." Hildegard of Bingen

The writings of Hildegard inspire us to appreciate the Source of Life within the Universe and all of creation. The day will open us to the richness of her wisdom and a deepening appreciation of the Creative Energy present within us and the body of Earth.

Bring own lunch. Tea, coffee provided

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What is the Church for? What is its purpose?

Thursday 16 March, 7pm – 8.30pm

Presenter Fr Neil Darragh

We belong to the church for a variety of personal reasons – family tradition, seeking salvation, becoming more holy, finding God, etc. But surely the Church is not just for our own personal benefit or even for providing us with a lively Christian community. What then is it really for? The answer is eventually both very simple and very enriching. The book 'But what is the Church for?' by Neil Darragh will provide us with a background and starting point.

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Earth Stations for Lent (on ZOOM)

Tuesdays 21 and 28 March, 7pm - 7.45 pm

Facilitator; Lyndall Brown rsj

Two contemplative evenings on Zoom where the Stations of the Cross are interwoven with Pope Francis's Encyclical, 'Laudato Si'

The first night we will contemplate the first seven Stations and the next evening the remaining Stations. On ZOOM.

Registrations to lyndallb19@gmail.com

021-185 6750

Lenten Retreat

Joy Ryan-Bloore, Jungian Analyst

Friday 31 March, 6.45pm – 8.30pm

Saturday 1 April, 9.30am – 3.30pm

Walking the Way of the Christ

'I have been crucified with Christ and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me.'

Gal 2:20.

Contemporary Reflections on the Evolutionary Path of Holy Week. At the heart of the traditional stations of the cross is a map for greater individual and collective consciousness.

Bring own lunch; tea/coffee provided

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Suggested contribution \$60 or donation according to means

Praying Sunday Scriptures

Tuesday 9 May, 13 June, 1.30pm - 2.30pm

Facilitator Mary Catherwood RSM

Contemplative prayer drawing on one of the readings of a following Sunday. Music will support prayer.

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Call to Care for the Earth

Tuesday 23 May, 1pm – 3pm

Facilitator Mary Catherwood

The Letter, a film by *Laudato Si'* Movement, will be shown. This film features Pope Francis and five voices representing indigenous people, the youth, the poor and the wildlife of planet earth. (Film is partly in English and has English subtitles throughout). After the film there will be brief responses and an opportunity, for those who wish, to plan further meeting dates.

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Learning to See in an Unfinished Universe

"Nothing is profane for those who know how to see." Teilhard de Chardin

Friday 21 July, 7pm – 9pm

Saturday 22 July, 10am – 4pm

Facilitator Kevin Gallagher

These experiential sessions draw on the writings of Pierre Teilhard de Chardin to assist us in developing for today in light of evolution. The sessions include recent documentary material of Teilhard and experience of the cosmic walk, a ritual created by Sr Miriam MacGillis of Genesis Farm.

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Reflection Afternoon

God's Loving Kindness

Tuesday 25 July, 1pm – 2.30pm

Facilitator Mary Catherwood RSM

Reflection and prayer drawing on themes of God's mercy and the call to justice. Music and art will support prayer.

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Praying Sunday Scriptures

Tuesday 8 August, 10.30am – 11.30am

Facilitator Mary Catherwood RSM

Preparing for Sunday liturgy by prayer inspired by one of the readings. Music will support prayer.

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"If anyone hears my voice and opens the door,
I will come in." Rev 3:20

"Be still and know that I am God" Ps 46:10

". . . listening deeply and accepting being
transformed by it."

Synodality Document 2022

"The entire material universe speaks of God's love, his boundless affection for us. Soil, water, mountains: everything is as it were, a caress of God." *Laudato Si'* 84

Spirituality of Poetry

Facilitator Lyndall Brown rsj

Tuesday 22 August

10.30am – 2.30pm

A poet is someone who can pour light into a cup, then raise it to nourish your beautiful parched holy mouth. Hafiz

This reflection day will be spent being nourished by the poetry of Rilke, Denise Levertov, David Whyte, Mary Oliver, and others. A chance also to bring your own favourite poem.

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Wisdom of the Body

'Everything that is ... is Holy' Thomas Merton

Facilitator Lyndall Brown rsj

Saturday 16 September

10.30 am – 2.30 pm

This day will draw on the wisdom from Celtic Spirituality and from the book 'Wisdom of the Body' by Christine Valters Paintner.

It will offer a contemplative journey to wholeness, recognizing that our bodies and Earth's body are all sacred vessels. The themes will be developed through Sacred Word, Music, Poetry, and Contemplative processes.

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Guided/Directed Five Day

Non-Residential Retreat

Fr Chris Skinner SM

Monday 25 Sept - Friday 29 September

10am - 4pm daily

An Ignatian retreat presented using a variety of input including music. Further information on request.

The venue for this retreat is Villa Maria College, Peer Street, Upper Riccarton.

In this setting we will provide an atmosphere of stillness and silence, spaces for prayer and a general gathering place. Daily Eucharist included. Come for all 5 days or fewer days.

Register with roho@xtra.co.nz or 03 379 1298

Bring own lunch; morning and afternoon tea provided. Cost \$280

Advent Retreat

Joy Ryan-Bloore, Jungian Analyst

Friday 24 November, 6.45pm – 8.30pm

Saturday 25 November, 9.30am – 3.30pm

Advent - An Evolutionary Call

'... the revelation of a Mystery kept secret for endless ages.' Romans 16:25

Hidden in the Mystery of Advent is a call to increased consciousness both in individuals and the whole of creation, *'groaning in one great act of giving birth'* to the Christ in our time. Rom 8:22.

This silent retreat will reflect on the implication of this Call in our lives.

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Suggested contribution \$60 or donation

The universe unfolds in God, who fills it completely. Hence, there is a mystical meaning to be found in a leaf, in a mountain trail, in a dewdrop, in a poor person's face. The ideal is not only to pass from the exterior to the interior to discover the action of God in the soul, but also to discover God in all things. Saint Bonaventure teaches us that "contemplation deepens the more we feel the working of God's grace within our hearts, and the better we learn to encounter God in creatures outside ourselves". *Laudato Si*, 223

Presentation about Palestine

Thursday 2 February

7.30pm

Presenter Br Peter Bray FSC

Arranged by Catholic Bishops Conference
of NZ and Caritas NZ

Br Peter Bray is a New Zealander and Vice Chancellor of Bethlehem University an institution established by Rome to serve the Palestinian people. He sees the struggle of young people daily.

Br Peter will provide a brief historical perspective and the impact the situation is having on Israelis and Palestinians and particularly the students at Bethlehem University. He will consider what justice issues are involved and what needs to happen for peace to come.

**Venue: Villa Maria College Auditorium,
21 Peer Street, Upper Riccarton**

For further information see Catholic Diocese of ChCh Website and Parish Notices

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. See insert with names.

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 (03) 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. Staff at Rosary House can also put people in touch with Spiritual Directors available to lead people through the Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius as the 19th annotation (retreat in daily life over 35 weeks) and with opportunities for the 30 day residential retreat experience.

Summary Guide

Usual Registration: roho@xtra.co.nz
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Laudato Si'

23 Feb and further dates

Scripture sessions

Begin 7 Mar

Facilitated Prayer

28 Feb, 28 Mar, 9 May, 13 June, 8 Aug
Stations on Zoom: 21 and 28 Mar

Discernment Evenings

1, 8, 15 March

Reflection Days

14 Mar, 25 July, 22 Aug, 16 Sept

Evening Presentations

2 Feb, 16 Mar

5 day Retreat

25-29 September

Reflective Seminars/Retreats

31 Mar-1 April; 21-22 July; 24-25 Nov

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View from Villa Maria College driveway



View from Brodie Street

Pounamu Cross within Centre



Rosary House Spiritual Life Centre

Profiles 2023

Sister Mary Catherwood is a Sister of Mercy, has a Master of Spiritual Direction (University of Divinity, Melbourne) and is a member of ACSD (Aotearoa NZ) and Companions (Aust). She may be contacted for spiritual direction, reflection experiences and retreats, including the Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius. Ph 03-379-1298, 027-294-2741 or mcatherwood@xtra.co.nz

Sister Anna Clarke is a Sister of Mercy, an experienced Spiritual Director and member of the NZ Association for Christian Spiritual Directors. Ph 379-1298, 027-2494919 or roho@xtra.co.nz

Sister Mary Gleeson is a Sister of Mercy, an experienced Spiritual Director and a member of the NZ Association for Christian Spiritual Directors. Ph 03-379-1298 or roho@xtra.co.nz

Sister Kathleen Rushton is a Sister of Mercy who has a particular interest in linking scripture and spirituality in life-giving ways. She is available as a Spiritual Director. Ph 03-352-7533
kprushton@gmail.com

Joy Ryan-Bloore is a Jungian Analyst and Supervisor (Zurich 1993-1997) Dip. Analytical Psychology, IAAP, GAP(UK) ANZSJA, who specialises in the interface of psychological and spiritual development. Her retreats explore the eternal truths embodied in the rituals and symbols of Christianity in the light of contemporary insights and facilitate the search for deeper meaning at all stages of life. Joy has considerable experience in accompanying individuals and is available for dream analysis, supervision and spiritual direction. Ph 021-1734-142 ryanbloore@xtra.co.nz

Sister Lyndall Brown rsj is a Sister of St Joseph who lives in Temuka. For many years Lyndall has worked in the ministry of Spiritual Accompaniment and Retreat work. Lyndall's spirituality is nourished by walking in nature and poetry both offering a doorway into the sacred. Lyndall is available for Spiritual Accompaniment online. Contact: lyndallb19@gmail.com 021-185-6750

Kevin Gallagher has an MA in spiritual direction through the University of Divinity, Melbourne. He is available for spiritual direction, supervision and retreats throughout NZ. He is co-ordinator of Ignatian Spirituality NZ and a faculty member for *Te Wairua Mahi*, a course forming Spiritual Directors in the Ignatian tradition in NZ. kevingallagher@xtra.co.nz Ph 027-739-7007

Lyn Gallagher is a Spiritual Director, Retreat Director and Counsellor. She trained with SEED and St Beuno's Spirituality Centre, Wales. She has a diploma in psychosynthesis and experience in Interactive drawing therapy. Lyn offers spiritual direction, counselling and retreat facilitation. She is a member of the ACSD (Aotearoa NZ). lyngallagher@gmail.com

Bede Haughey has a Graduate Diploma in Spiritual Direction (University of Divinity, Melbourne) and is a member of ACSD (Aotearoa NZ). He was an ordained priest for 14 years and has had a diverse range of urban and rural workplace experiences in latter years. He has special interests in spirituality for men and facilitating silent walks with nature. kiwibede@gmail.com Ph: 027-612-1058

Trish O'Donnell has been a Spiritual Director and member of ACSDNZ for over 15 years having trained through Spiritual Growth Ministries. She is a member of SGM's workgroup, a workshop facilitator and supervisor of trainees in this ecumenical formation programme. Alongside offering spiritual direction she enjoys creating retreats and contemplative prayer days. Ph 027-339-2261
trish.willem@gmail.com

Father Chris Skinner sm is a Marist priest and has been involved in initial formation at Marist Seminary for the past 12 years. He is a graduate of 'Te Wairua Mahi' a formation programme for Spiritual Direction in the Ignatian tradition. Chris is a well known singer/songwriter and performer. His songs reflect his faith, personal and human experience, the beauty of creation and the inspiration of Christ in the Scriptures.

Sister Christina Cathro is a member of the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of the Missions. She has many years of experience in spiritual direction, retreat leadership and workshop presentations. Ph 021-0250-3064 christina.cathro@gmail.com