



ROSARY HOUSE SPIRITUAL LIFE CENTRE 2024

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.

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*"Listen to the melody of God
in your own lives"*

Pope Francis



Contemplative Walks in Nature

Everything is Connected

Dates: Every 3rd Saturday of the month

Facilitator Bede Haughey

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 a group. The walks (2-4hrs) will be at a variety of places of nature within the outskirts of Christchurch and beyond.

DOC rating: "Easy walking track". BYO lunch and appropriate gear.

To register interest and for further walk details contact Bede at kiwibede@gmail.com

Reflective Hour in Lent

Tuesday 20 February, 10.30am - 11.30am

Facilitator Mary Catherwood RSM

Reflective Prayer in spirit of Lent; drawing on scripture, music and art; interspersed with silence.

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Exploring the Name and Boundaries of Palestine/Israel in the Christian Biblical Imagination

Tuesday 27 February, 7.30pm – 9pm

Facilitator Kathleen Rushton RSM

Without disregarding the complexity and intricacy of the Israeli/Palestinian situation, we shall explore what we carry in our biblical imagination about the boundaries of the Land of Jesus and his Jewish ancestors. What are the implications if Christians are to engage with efforts to promote a just solution?

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Wisdom of the Body Reflection Day

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

Saturday 9 March, 10.30am – 2.30pm

Facilitator Lyndall Brown rsj

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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Gospel of John

"And the Word became Flesh"

Tuesday, 19 March, 7.30pm - 9.00pm

Facilitator Kathleen Rushton RSM

This session on the death-resurrection of Jesus will continue our reading of John's Gospel which focuses on 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.

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Lenten Retreat

Treasures in the Darkness' Isaiah 45:1

Joy Ryan-Bloore, Jungian Analyst

Friday 22 March 6.45pm – 8.30pm

Saturday 23 March 9.30am – 3.30pm

'I will go before you ... I will give you the treasures of darkness, riches stored in secret places, so that you may know I am the God who summons you by name.' Isaiah 45:1

'Do not be afraid, you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth who was crucified. He is risen ... he is not here.' Mark 16:6

Contemporary Reflections on the Evolving Mystery of Holy Week.

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Suggested contribution \$65
or donation according to means

Saturdays of Contemplative Prayer Ignatian Contemplative Prayer

Facilitator Kevin Gallagher

Introduction 11 May 10am - 4pm

Deepening 25 May 10am - 4pm

Practice 22 June 10am - 4pm

An opportunity to meditate in silence together with others, according to this way of contemplative prayer which is based on the third method of prayer in Ignatius' spiritual exercises and the text: Contemplative Retreat: An introduction to the Contemplative Way of Life and the Jesus Prayer. Franz Jalics SJ. These silent days introduce the foundations of this way of contemplative prayer - including exercises in nature, guidelines for attention to the body, breathing and a sacred word to enter contemplation. These days allow for a progressive initiation into contemplative prayer.
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Praying Sunday Scriptures

Tuesday 7 May and 4 June, 10.30am - 11.30am

Facilitator Mary Catherwood RSM

Prayer drawing on Sunday scriptures - supported by music and art; being drawn into contemplative silence.

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Mary Magdalene – Mary the Tower

Tuesday, 16 July, 7.30pm - 9pm

Facilitator Kathleen Rushton RSM

In preparation to celebrate the feast day of Mary Magdalene (22 July) we shall draw on recent scholarship to uncover how the sexualising and demonising of Mary Madgalene in modern art and the religious imagination overshadows how she is presented in the four gospels and in the Roman Missal and Lectionary.

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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

Seasons of Life – Winter

'There is a time for every season under heaven'

Tuesday 23 July, 10.30am – 2.30 pm

Facilitator Lyndall Brown rsj

The seasons of the year offer us wisdom for our inner seasons. During this day we will explore the invitations of **Winter**. We will visit our inner landscape and discover our own inner wisdom and the opportunities for transformation that grace us in our **'winter experiences'**.

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Spiritual Exercises with Teilhard de Chardin The Presence of Christ in an Evolving Universe

Facilitator Kevin Gallagher

Friday 2 August, 7pm - 8.30pm

Saturday 3 August, 10am – 4pm

"The world gradually caught fire for me, burst into flames... until it formed a great luminous mass, lit from within, that surrounded me..." Teilhard de Chardin

Teilhard expands the presence of Christ to the whole universe and considers it as Christic presence in his cosmic nature. These experiential sessions will explore the interior life of prayer and contemplation with Teilhard in light of a dynamic new cosmology.

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'Season of Creation' Reflection

Thursday, 5 September, 1pm - 3pm

Thursday, 5 September, 7pm - 9pm

(Same session repeated)

Facilitators Diocesan Laudato Si Group

During the first week of the Season of Creation (1 Sept - 4 Oct), we shall reflect on and explore Pope Francis' Encyclical Letter, *Laudato Si'* and his 2023 follow up exhortation, *Laudate Deum* so that together we may more deeply respond to *"both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor"* (LS #49).

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Gospel of John

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Tuesday, 17 September, 7.30pm - 9pm

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This session will continue our reading of John's Gospel which focuses on 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.

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Mercy Day Prayer and Gathering

Join with Sisters of Mercy

Tuesday 24 September 2.30pm

Celebrate God's Mercy on this feast of Our Lady of Mercy with a time of reflection and socialising.

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Indication of attendance helpful.

Guided Five Day

Non-Residential Retreat

Monday 30 Sept - Friday 4 October

10am - 4pm daily

Retreat Leader Chris Skinner sm

A retreat presented using a variety of input including music and guidance for reflection and prayer. Further information on request.

**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.

Bring own lunch,

morning and afternoon tea provided.

Cost \$320 for 5 days

Advent Retreat

Listening to the Voice of the Soul

"An angel of God appeared to Joseph in a dream: 'do not be afraid ...'" Matt:1:20

Joy Ryan-Bloore, Jungian Analyst

Friday 29 November 6.45pm – 8.30pm

Saturday 30 November 9.30am – 3.30pm

Listening to the Voice of the Soul

'Each of us is carried in the one world womb in which the Incarnation is wrought independently, with degrees of intensity and shades that are incommunicable.' *Teilhard de Chardin*

Contemporary Reflections on the Evolving Mystery of the Incarnation

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"Be still and know that I am God"

Ps 46:10

Rosary House Spiritual Life Centre Profiles 2024

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 Kathleen Rushton is a Sister of Mercy who has a particular interest in linking scripture and spirituality in life-giving ways. She is a Scripture scholar, teacher and author. 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 021 173 4142 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 Ph 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.

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.