

2019 Spirituality Events

Nau mai Haere mai

Our Lady's Home of Compassion



Spirituality Programme

We invite you to our place of prayer, pilgrimige, retreat and respite.



Opportunities for Prayer & reflection

Schedule

1st March
5th April
3rd May
7th June
5th July
2nd August
6th September
4th October
1st November
6th December

Taizé Prayer

First Friday of the month in the Chapel – 7pm to 8pm

Taizé is prayer consisting of meditative singing – simple songs typically featuring a line or two from the Psalms. A kind of lectio divina in music, reading and spoken prayer along with periods of silence.

Schedule

Each Monday and
Thursday to
16th December

Christian Meditation

Each Monday evening 7pm to 8pm or each Thursday 11am to 12pm in the Chapel

The practice of Christian meditation is an ancient form of contemplative prayer, deeply anchored in the teachings of the desert Fathers and Mothers of the 4th and 5th centuries. No previous experience is needed to participate.

An additional session led by Sr Rachel is available on Thursday. All are welcome.

Schedule

Each Sunday to
December

Sunday Miha

11am Sunday Miha (Māori Mass) in the Chapel

The first Sunday of the month will be a Liturgy of the Eucharist. Every other Sunday Māori Mass.

Schedule

13th, 20th, 27th March
3rd, 10th April

Contemplative Prayer

Wednesday seminars - 10am sessions are repeated at 7pm

Fr Jeff Drane leads this five-week seminar series on the tradition and practice of Contemplative Prayer. Sessions begin 7pm, 13th March. The theme for the series is, "Prayer from the heart," and involves taking time to develop the practice of deep listening. Intended to be practical for our everyday living. No previous experience is necessary and all are welcome.

Opportunities for Retreats & renewal

Schedule

14th March
11th April
9th May
13th June
11th July
8th August
12th September
10th October

Quiet Days with Suzanne Aubert

Second Thursday of the month – 10am to 2pm

Insights from Suzanne's life can be a means of developing our own spiritual tools and wisdom. Suzanne knew very well that life can be difficult and exhausting. Her understanding of human nature led her to offer practical and gentle advice. Simple lunch provided, please register.

Schedule

9th - 10th March

Hiruhārama Pilgrimage

Saturday 9 & Sunday 10 March, at Hiruhārama/Jerusalem

Hiruhārama holds a special place in New Zealand's history and is at the heart of Compassion identity. Spiritual home of the Sisters of Compassion and the final resting place for poet James K Baxter, this pilgrimage to Hiruhārama is as much a journey of the heart, as it is a physical place to visit. All are welcome. Accommodation at the Old Convent is limited, so please book early.

Schedule

Saturday 25th May

A Day for Poetry and Prayer

Saturday 25 May, 10am to 3pm

Well-known Cenacle Sister and poet Anne Powell leads this day of 'Poetry and Prayer'. Drawing from her most recent book of poems, "The Edge of Things" Anne will share insights and practical advice to help participants bring their own prayers and poetry 'into the light'. Registration is required for this event – please book early.

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Spiritual Direction

More info: www.compassion.org.nz

More accurately called spiritual companionship, this ministry of walking alongside another, supports people in their deepening awareness of the presence and action of God in their lives. Spiritual direction differs from counselling or professional supervision in that it is focused on the lived, personal experience of prayer – the relationship between self and God.

Places to visit at

Our Lady's Home of Compassion

Opening Hours

Tuesday – Saturday
10am to 3pm

Sunday 12pm to 3pm

For more details, visit:
www.compassion.org.nz

Cloister Café is closed
on Tuesday

Suzanne Aubert's final resting place

Suzanne Aubert – Meri Hōhepa

A slab of Waitaha stone with a simple carved inscription marks the place where Suzanne Aubert is buried, beneath the Chapel floor at Our Lady's Home of Compassion, Island Bay. This specifically designed prayer space is open to the public each day and at other times by arrangement.

The journey from her native France to this, her final resting place in Aotearoa New Zealand, is an extraordinary story of faithful courage. The lights embedded in the vaulted ceiling above her, reference the southern cross constellation – a poignant symbol that she rests among her people, in this land. All are welcome to visit and sit a while.

More Info

To be kept up to date with events throughout 2019, please contact us and ask to be added to the Spirituality Programme mailing list.

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Chapel of Our Lady of Compassion

A place of prayer, pilgrimage, respite and retreat

Visitors and pilgrims visiting the Chapel are welcome to take time out for quiet prayer or to simply sit with their own thoughts. The iconic Stations of the Cross, designed by renown artist John Drawbridge, are a wonderful source of contemplative inspiration and visitors will be rewarded by the addition of the 15th Station, the stained glass Resurrection window, also by John Drawbridge.

Suzanne Aubert Heritage Centre

Spaces for permanent and temporary exhibitions

The inspiring story of the Venerable Suzanne Aubert, her early life, her journey to Aotearoa New Zealand, her scholarship and accomplishments in botany, chemistry and traditional Māori medicine as well as her love for the people of this land, is told in the Heritage Centre's permanent exhibition. New material about the ongoing work of the Sisters of Compassion and their co-workers means there is always more to discover.



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