

2019 Spirituality Events

Nau mai Haere mai

Our Lady's Home of Compassion



Spirituality Programme

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



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Prayer & reflection

Schedule

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

Schedule

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

Schedule

Each Monday and
Thursday to
16th December

Schedule

Each Sunday to
December

For more details call
Christine on 04 383
7769

Schedule

Each Wednesday and
Thursday

Contacts

Sr Margaret Anne Mills dolc
Sr Sue Cosgrove dolc
Sr Josefa Tikoisolomone dolc

By appointment
Retreat@compassion.org.nz
Phone: 04 383 7769

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.

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.

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.

Karakia o te Rātapu

11am Sunday Miha (Māori Mass) in the Chapel

Each Sunday there is Miha for all. Liturgy of Eucharist is held if priest is not available.

Morning Payer

8.30am Wednesday and Thursday in the Chapel

Sisters and staff meet for prayer in the Chapel 8.30am on Wednesdays and Thursdays. All welcome.

Spiritual Direction

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.

Upcoming events

Schedule

Saturday 25th May
10am - 4pm

Writing the Soul Home

Saturday 25 May, 10am to 4pm

Poems offer us an alternative space for viewing the world and for prayer. Join published poet and Cenacle Sister Anne Powell in an opportunity to explore Aotearoa New Zealand poems with a listening heart - includes time for own writing. Anne has recently had her 4th collection of poems published. Her poems appear in several anthologies and have been sung by Voices New Zealand and the internationally renowned Kings Singers. Registration is required for this event – places still available. Light lunch provided. Koha to cover costs.

Schedule

Sunday 9 June

Welcome to Matariki

Sunday 9 June. From 1.30pm

Family-friendly gathering to celebrate togetherness and new beginnings in Aotearoa. Kapahaka and waiata performed by local groups will create warmth, give thanks and celebrate our wider families and community. All welcome.

Schedule

14th - 16th June

Christ the Compassionate Stranger

Live in Retreat, 14 to 16 June

Post Christchurch, Christ's encounter with the Woman at the Well invites us to embrace a Spirituality of GIFT, seeing the person of Christ in our neighbours and moving towards truly inclusive communities. Join Anglican priest and theologian Dr Raymond Pelly at the Home of Compassion in reflecting upon the radical generosity of the God of our Christian tradition. Retreat fee \$100.00 plus accommodation costs. Day attendance option also available. Retreat starts at 8pm Friday 14th.

Schedule

15th - 17th November

Looking ahead

Br Matthew from Taizé in France will be present with us to deepen our understanding of Taizé prayer in a world yearning for peace and reconciliation. On the occasion of Taizé's 30th anniversary in New Zealand a Taizé gathering is being hosted at the Home of Compassion site. Further details about this event scheduled for November to come.

To Register and for more details:
spirituality@compassion.org.nz or 04 383 7769 and ask for Christine



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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