

# Spirituality Events

October 2019 - January 2020

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## Our Lady's Home of Compassion

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



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# Prayer & reflection

## Schedule

4 October  
1 November  
6 December

## Taizé Prayer

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

A reflective time with simple songs and readings from scripture that bring us to stillness and silence. All welcome.

## Schedule

10 October  
14 October

## Quiet Days with Suzanne Aubert

Second Thursday of the month – 10am to 2pm

Drawing on insights from the life of Suzanne Aubert, a time for gentle reflection and quiet. Time out for compassion values to find a home in our hearts. An additional quiet day will be available on Monday 14 October. Simple lunch provided. Registration required.

## Schedule

Each Monday and  
Thursday until  
16 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. Come to the quiet.

## Schedule

Each Sunday to  
December

For more details call  
Christine on  
(04) 383 7769

## Karakia o te Rātapu

11am Sunday Miha (Mass) in the Chapel

All invited to our Sunday mass. Liturgy of the Eucharist is held if a priest is unavailable. Shared lunch follows.

## Schedule

Each Wednesday  
and Thursday

## Morning Prayer

Wednesdays and Thursdays at 8.30am in the Chapel

Please feel welcome to join Sisters, staff and guests who start the day with morning prayer. Mass usually celebrated at this time.

## Contacts

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Sr Sue Cosgrove dolc  
Sr Josefa Tikoisolomone dolc

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## Spiritual Direction

This ministry, more accurately called spiritual companioning, supports us in a deepening awareness of God's presence and action in our lives. A focus on the relationship between self and God makes spiritual direction different from counselling or professional supervision.

# Upcoming events

## Schedule

9 October  
16 October  
23 October  
30 October

## Beads of Contemplation

Wednesdays in October, 10am or 7pm

A prayer series led by Fr James Lyons invites us to explore the joy, anticipation, sorrow and triumph of the missionary journey through the eyes of faith and heart of Mary. All welcome. Registration required.

## Schedule

15 November  
16 November  
17 November

## Taizé in Aotearoa

Remembering Hospitality (Heb 13:2)

Friday 15th November 5pm to Sunday 17th November 4pm

Weekend retreat led by Br Matthew from the monastic community in Taizé, France, marking 30 years of Taizé Prayer celebrated by the Sisters of Compassion in Wellington. Through prayer, simple songs based on scripture and an experience of community, pilgrims of all ages are invited to explore our universal call to welcome the presence of God in each other. An ecumenical event. All welcome. Registration required.

## Schedule

4 December  
11 December  
18 December

## Advent Series

Wednesdays in December, 7pm to 8pm in the Chapel

Prayer of the Heart series to help us foster a sense of mystery and joyful expectation as we approach Christmas. The mystics of our tradition pave the way to the contemplative place within. Registration required.

## Schedule

1 December

## Carols around the Crib

Sunday 1st December, 1.15pm to 3pm

Bring the children to enjoy a time setting up the crib, singing carols and joining in family friendly activities to begin the advent season. Feel free to join us for Miha and pot luck lunch before the scheduled event.

## Schedule

18 January  
19 January

## Pilgrimage to Hiruhārama/Jerusalem

Saturday 18th January to Sunday 19th January

A pilgrimage to Jerusalem on the Whanganui River. An immersion into the story of Suzanne Aubert, founder of the Sisters of Compassion and an invitation to experience the Wairua of our most historical site. Wellington pilgrims are invited to extend their stay, as it is Wellington Anniversary day on Monday. A second pilgrimage is planned for March 14 and 15, 2020.

**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](http://www.compassion.org.nz)

## Suzanne Aubert's 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 2019/2020, please contact us and ask to be added to the Spirituality Programme mailing list.

To register or for more information:  
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(04) 383 7769  
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## The 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 renowned 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 on-going work of the Sisters of Compassion and their co-workers means there is always more to discover.



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