

Spirituality Events

February - April 2020

Nau mai Haere mai

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

6 March
3 April

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

12 March
9 April

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. Simple lunch provided. Registration required.

Schedule

Each Monday and
Thursday

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
For more details call
(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

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

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retreat@compassion.org.nz
Phone: (04) 383 7769

Spiritual Direction

This ministry, more accurately called spiritual companionship, 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

15 February

Stewardship Day

Saturday 15th February

Take inspiration from Suzanne Aubert's example as an intentional disciple while reflecting on your own journey. All welcome.

Schedule

26 February

Ash Wednesday Ecumenical Service

Wednesday 26th February - 7pm

We join with local church communities at the start of Lent. A service to mark the beginning of our Lenten journey through darkness to Easter light. All welcome.

Schedule

7 March

Wellington Pilgrimage Walk

Saturday 7th March - 10am-2pm

Discover the places where the remarkable Suzanne Aubert lived out a life of faith and compassion in a practical way, as she tended to the most pressing social needs of the day. Sr Sue Cosgrove will lead the tour. Registrations essential.

Schedule

4 March
25 March
1 April

An Encounter with Mercy

Wednesdays in Lent - 7pm

A teaching series that explores the mystery of forgiveness through the healing ministry of Jesus in the parables of Luke's Gospel. Lost, Restored, Healed, Forgiven. Led by Fr James Lyons. All welcome. Please register.

Schedule

10 April

Way of the Cross

Friday 10th April - 10am

An opportunity to reflect on the stations of the cross in the light of the life of the Venerable Suzanne Aubert. All welcome.

Looking ahead

Schedule

23 May

Poetry Day

Saturday 23rd May - 9.30am - 3.30pm

Join published poet and Cenacle Sister Anne Powell in an opportunity to explore the poetic voice within us all. The day will include time for personal writing. Light Lunch provided. Registration will be required for this event. Further details to come.

**To register and for more details:
spirituality@compassion.org.nz or (04) 383 7769**

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

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.

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www.compassion.org.nz

2 Rhine Street (off Murray St)
Island Bay
Wellington 6023

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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