

Rosary House Spiritual Life Centre Profiles 2025

Sister Mary Catherwood is a Sister of Mercy and may be contacted for spiritual direction, reflection experiences and retreats, including the Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius. She has a Master of Spiritual Direction (University of Divinity, Melbourne) and is a member of ACSDNZ and Companions (Aust). mcatherwood@xtra.co.nz Ph 027 294 2741, 03 379 1298

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. krushton@gmail.com (Denis Edwards Visiting Scholar, Laudato Si' Research Institute, Oxford, February-April 2025)

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. ryanbloore@xtra.co.nz Ph 021 1734142

Sister Lyndall Brown RSJ is a Sister of St Joseph. 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 by poetry both offering a doorway into the sacred. Lyndall is available for Spiritual Accompaniment online. 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 was formed in the ministry of spiritual direction through the local SEED formation programme, and St Beuno's spirituality programme in Wales. She has offered spiritual direction and retreats in NZ for over 20 years and is a member of the Ignatian Spirituality NZ team. She has worked in social work and counselling and has a Dip. in psychosynthesis. She is a member of ACSDNZ. Lyn has a love of the natural environment, walking, and photography. lyngallagher@gmail.com

Bede Haughey has a Graduate Diploma in Spiritual Direction (University of Divinity, Melbourne) and is a member of ACSDNZ (Aotearoa NZ). He is presently the Pastoral Practitioner at St John of God, Halswell. kiwibede@gmail.com Ph 027 612 1058

Patricia O'Donnell is a member of Association of Christian Spiritual Directors Aotearoa New Zealand. She offers contemplative prayer days and dream workshops and teaches and supervises in the Spiritual Growth Ministries Spiritual Direction Formation Programme. trish.willem@gmail.com Ph 027 3392261

Father Chris Skinner SM is a Marist priest and has been involved in initial formation at Marist Seminary for the past 13 years. He is a graduate of Te Wairua Mahi, a formation programme for Spiritual Directors 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.

"If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in."
Revelation 3:20



ROSARY HOUSE SPIRITUAL LIFE CENTRE 2025

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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Christchurch 8013

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"May hope fill
our days"
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

Tuesday 18 February, 10.30 - 11.30am

Facilitator Mary Catherwood RSM

Prayer drawing on following Sunday scriptures: contemplative silence supported by music, scripture text and art. Information given on accessing resources for praying with text and themes of readings for coming Sundays.

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A Lenten Reflection Day

'The Soul of a Pilgrim'

Tuesday 18 March, 10.30am – 2.30pm

To journey without being changed is to be a nomad. To journey to be transformed by the journey is to be a pilgrim.

Facilitator Lyndall Brown RSJ

On this Lenten Reflection Day we will pause to ponder on the soul's practice of "Packing Lightly" drawing to open our hearts to letting go, surrendering and embracing the possibility of wonder, delight, and inner freedom.

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The Crucified Earth

Pilgrims of Hope, Laudato Si' Retreat

Saturday 29 March 10am

Concludes with Eucharist 3.30pm

Facilitated by Diocesan Laudato Si' Group

In a spacious reflective environment, participants will explore Laudato Si', Pope Francis' encyclical on Caring for our Common Home.

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Lenten Retreat

Following in the Footsteps of Christ:

"Take up your own cross and follow Me."

Matt 16:24

Joy Ryan-Bloore, Jungian Analyst

Friday 11 April, 6.45pm – 8.30pm

Saturday 12 April, 9.30am – 4pm

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Suggested contribution \$65

or donation according to means

Praying Sunday Scriptures

Tuesdays 6 May and 3 June, 10.30am - 11.30am

Facilitator Mary Catherwood RSM

Prayer drawing on Sunday scriptures: contemplative silence supported by scripture, music, art and ways of focusing on God's presence.

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Our Cosmic Story

Pilgrims of Hope Retreat

Saturday 24 May, 10am - 4pm

Facilitator Kevin Gallagher

This retreat day will be spacious and reflective and include "The Cosmic Walk" of Miriam MacGillis OP of Genesis Farm.

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Mass on the World

Pilgrims of Hope Retreat

Saturday 28 June, 10am - 4pm

Facilitator Kevin Gallagher

In a spacious reflective environment, Teilhard de Chardin's 'Mass on the World' will be explored. The retreat concludes with a group liturgical expression of Teilhard's text.

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The Gift of Years

– Growing Older Gracefully

Tuesday 22 July, 10.30am – 2.30 pm

Facilitator Lyndall Brown RSJ

Understanding our Wisdom Years gifts us with the opportunities to embrace the blessings that accompany them, as well as to own with courage the difficulties that may emerge. The day will explore several of these blessings and offer ways to embrace the difficulties with courage.

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An Introduction to Prayer of the Heart

Wednesday 13, 20 August, 3, 10, 17 September

6pm – 8pm Online

A five week introduction to Contemplative Prayer proposed by Fr Franz Jalics SJ
Led by KARIN SEETHALER. As these evenings build on each other, attending all sessions is advised.
Further Information and registration at:
info@ignatianspirituality.nz

A Day with Thomas Merton

"We are living in a world that is absolutely transparent, and God is shining through at all times."

Saturday 16 August, 10.30am – 2.30 pm

Facilitator Lyndall Brown RSJ

A day to savour the inspiration of Thomas Merton through some of his writings using contemplative practices, music and silence.

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Season of Creation

Tuesday 2 Sept, 1.30pm – 2.30pm

Rosary House personnel

Reflection and prayer using material from Laudato Si' and that provided for ecumenical groups throughout the world for this month called 'Season of Creation'.

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Guided Five Day

Non-Residential Retreat

Monday 22 Sept - Friday 26 September

10am - 4pm daily

Retreat Leader: Fr Chris Skinner SM

A retreat presented using a variety of input including music and guidance for silent 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 five days or fewer days.

Bring own lunch,

Morning and afternoon tea provided.

Cost \$320 for five days

Advent Retreat

The Wisdom of the Dream

"An angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream." Matt 1:20

Joy Ryan-Bloore, Jungian Analyst

Friday 28 November, 6.45pm – 8.30pm

Saturday 29 November, 9.30am – 4pm

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Suggested contribution \$65

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*"We must fan the flame of hope
that has been given us."
Pope Francis*

Retreats provided by Ignatian Spirituality NZ

Silent Individually Guided Retreats 2025

Residential at Mary McKillop Centre, Auckland

8 DAY: 20 July (7pm) – 28 July (12.30pm)

6 DAY: 17 August (7pm) – 23 August (10am)

6 DAY: 21 Sept (7pm) – 27 September (10am)

30 DAY: 9 Nov (7pm) – 12 December (10am)

Further Info and registration to:

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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.

*"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*



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