



Newsletter

Number 275, November 2021

Carmel OCDS Community Meeting Sunday 7 November 2021

12:00pm Formation Groups

12:45pm Community Meeting

Welcome & opening prayers

Roll call & apologies

Minutes of previous meeting

Treasurer's report, Correspondence

General business, General discussion

Closing prayers

1:45pm Community Formation

St Thérèse of Lisieux

"Story of a Soul: Study Edition"

(Community Study: Chapter 4, from p.128)

2:30pm Father's Teaching

Divine Office in Chapel

Leader: Megan, Reader: Eddie

Afternoon Tea

Prep. & Serving: Karen & Ken

Dishes: Odette & Mary

4pm Council Meeting



Missions

For Goma and
Musoshi in DR Congo

Bethany Day

Tuesday 16 November 2021

(10:30am – 1:00pm)

10:30am Morning Tea

11:00am DVD

12:00pm Chapel – Quiet Prayer

12:30pm BYO Lunch and Study

Birthdays

Gay Hailes Monday 8 Nov.

Barbara Hempseed Thursday 11 Nov.



NZ OCDS Website: www.carmel.org.nz

November: Dedicated to the Holy Souls

Dear brothers and sisters in Carmel,

**"I am the resurrection and the life;
he who believes in me, though he die, yet shall live,
and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die."**

November – dedicated to the holy souls. We pray for our deceased family members, friends, loved ones and especially for those who don't have anyone to pray for them. May God bring the dead into His light and comfort them with His presence.

*"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let your perpetual light rest upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen."*

We look forward to our annual **OCDS retreat**; this year it is the weekend of the 26th (Friday) to the 28th (Sunday) and will be led and guided by Fr Sean-Mary Britto, CSJ.

Please continue to pray for the success of our retreat; we need many prayers during these uncertain and challenging times.

May God bless each of you and your families with peace and joy.

Blessings in Carmel,

Maureen William, OCDS

(President, Peace of Christ Community, Christchurch)



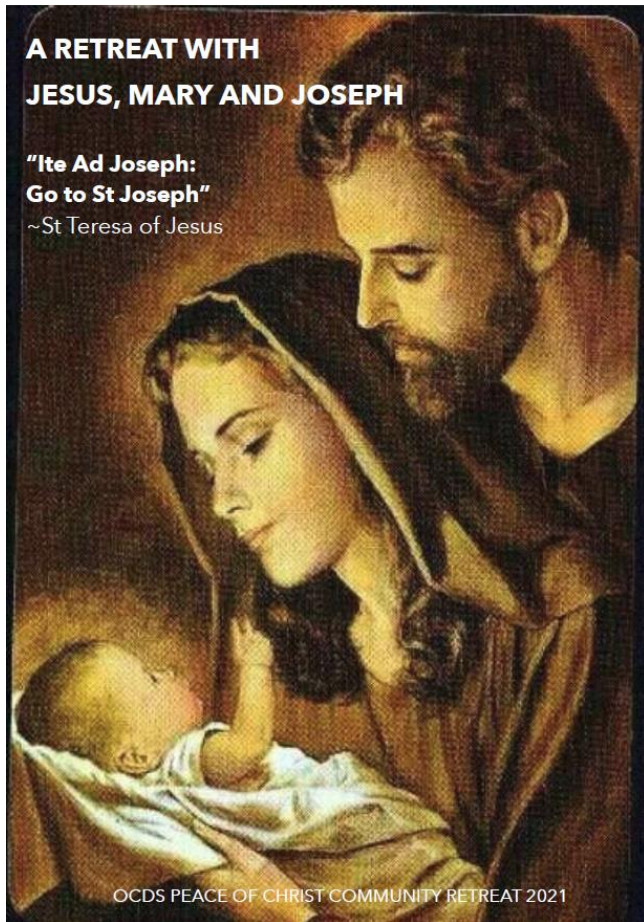
November quote from St Thérèse of the Child Jesus and the Holy Face:

"As soon as you try to please Him in everything and have an unshakable trust He purifies you every moment in His love and He lets no sin remain. And then you can be sure that you will not have to go to Purgatory."



OCDS RETREAT 2021

University of Canterbury
Rochester & Rutherford Hall
26 – 28 November



Retreat Director:
Fr Sean-Mary Britto, CSJ

Please bring your retreat money to our November meeting, which makes our planning easier. Costs, which include our donation, are:

\$230 for those booked to live in, and
\$110 for the day retreatants.

Retreat Timetable

Friday 26 November

4:30pm Arrival, sign in and collect room keys
5:15pm Welcome & Housekeeping Details

The silence of the retreat begins

5:30pm Mass. Evening Prayer
6:30pm Evening Meal
7:30pm **Spiritual Talk / Conference 1**
Night Prayer
8:30pm – 9:30pm 4 x 15-minute slots

Saturday 27 November

7:30am Breakfast
7:45am – 8:30am 3 x 15-minute slots
8:45am Morning Prayer
9:00am Mass
10:00am Morning Tea
10:00am – 10:45am 3 x 15-minute slots
11:00am **Spiritual Talk / Conference 2**
11:45am – 12:15pm 2 x 15-minute slots
12:30pm Lunch
1:30pm Adoration
1:45pm – 3:15pm 6 x 15-minute slots
3:30pm **Spiritual Talk / Conference 3**
4:30pm – 5:30pm 4 x 15-minute slots
6:00pm Evening Meal
7:00pm Evening Prayer
7:30pm **Spiritual Talk / Conference 4**
Night Prayer
8:30pm – 9:30pm 4 x 15-minute slots

Sunday 28 November

7:30am Breakfast
8:45am Morning Prayer
9:00am Mass
10:00am – 10:45am 3 x 15-minute slots
11:00am **Spiritual Talk / Conference 5**
12:00pm Lunch
Closing Comments & Blessing
by Fr Sean-Mary
Photos & Farewell

**Consultation/Reconciliation
with Fr Sean-Mary, CSJ**

(Above time slots can be booked in at retreat.)

Prayers for November

Thank-you, Lord, for all the blessings you give us each day.

We pray for:

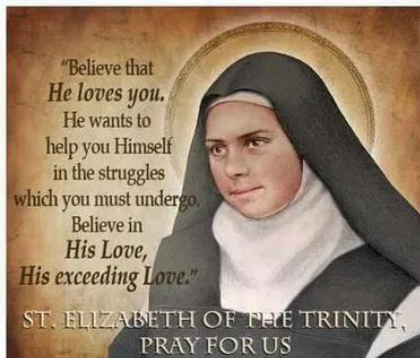
- Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, Archbishop Paul, SM, the appointment of a new bishop for our diocese and all our priests, religious and seminarians
- Our Provincial, Fr John Grennan, OCD, our new General, Fr Miguel Márquez Calle, OCD and all our Carmel family, especially our Carmelite Sisters. Also, vocations to Carmel and to our own Peace of Christ Community (**Please offer a decade of the rosary daily for this, as requested by Bishop Greg Homeming, OCD.**)

Special Intentions:

- Fr Jérôme, OCD and our Goma school mission
- Fr Arsène, MAFR and his Musoshi project (DR Congo)
- Fr Michael-Thérèse, Fr Antoine and CSJ
- Fr Philip, CSJ and the University Chaplaincy Team
- Our newly ordained deacons: Monty, Adam and Alfred
- Sr Mary Teresa, Sr Elizabeth (ulcer on leg) and our Carmelite Sisters
- Our upcoming retreat and director, Fr Sean-Mary, CSJ
- Our Special Members, especially Dorothea, Stephanie, Rosaline, Margaret and Peb
- John Paul II Centre for Life and prayers for life
- Those who have died recently, especially Peter McMullan and the consolation of his family
- Those who have asked for, or need our prayers, especially all those affected by the coronavirus. Also, prayers for Fr Benito (cancer), Annette and her daughter, Stephanie, Marian's son, Stephen, Noeline and Hec, Gary Miers (cancer) and his wife, Carol, baby Carter, Gay (knee), Shaun Hickland (NET Ministries), Martha (cancer), Megan's sister, Debbie (cancer), Lilan (fractured skull), Loanne Metcalfe's sister, Collette (dying of cancer), Karen's daughter and family, Stephanie's son, Cath Monkhouse, and Megan as Burwood Chaplain

Our Holy Father's Intentions for November:

- We pray that people who suffer from **depression** or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life.



Our November Carmelite Saints

- 6 Sat. St Nuno Alvares Pereira (religious)
Bl. Josepha Naval Girbes (virgin)
- 8 Mon. **St Elizabeth of the Trinity (virgin)**
- 14 Sun. All Carmelite Saints
- 15 Mon. All Carmelite Souls
- 19 Fri. St Raphael Kalinowski (priest)
- 20 Sat. Bl. Denis of the Nativity and
Bl. Redemptus of the Cross (martyrs)

NATIONAL STATUTES

PART VI – FORMATION IN THE SCHOOL OF CARMEL

Section Eleven – Ceremonies & Symbols of Carmel

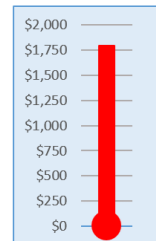
"I confidently entrust this, my Promise, to the Virgin Mary, Mother and Queen of Carmel."

25. The weeks and days immediately preceding the ceremonies are a time of joy and fervent prayer for the candidates themselves as they prepare for the commitment they are about to make. It is a time for thanking God for their vocation and asking his blessing on them, and the grace to be always faithful in living his will. As well the candidate should be made aware that this period of preparation may be an emotional and testing time and that the Spiritual Assistant, the President and the Director of Formation are always available for help and advice.

The Promise handwritten by the candidate(s) prior to the ceremony is to be signed and witnessed by the Spiritual Assistant at the close of the ceremony. The handwritten copy is kept by the newly professed and details are entered in the Community's records.

OUR MISSIONS PROJECT

To help Fr Jérôme, OCD in providing education for the children in Goma



New Total



Desks for the children

The Seal of Carmel: "Zelo zelatus sum pro Domino Deo exercituum"

"With zeal have I been zealous for the Lord God of hosts"