



Newsletter

Number 286, November 2022

Carmel OCDS Community Meeting

Sunday 6 November 2022

12:00pm Formation Groups

1pm 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 6, from p.197)

2:30pm Father's Teaching

Divine Office in Chapel

Leader: Marian, Reader: Claire

Afternoon Tea

Prep. & Serving: Christine & Maureen

Dishes: Eddie & Elizabeth



Bethany Day

Tuesday 15 November 2022

(10:30am – 1:00pm)

10:30am Morning Tea

11:00am DVD

11:45am Chapel – Quiet Prayer

12:15pm BYO Lunch

Birthdays

Gay Hailes Tuesday 8 Nov.

Barbara Hempseed Friday 11 Nov.

NZ OCDS Website: www.carmel.org.nz

November: Dedicated to the Holy Souls

Dear Friends in Carmel,

November is the month dedicated to pray for the Holy Souls in Purgatory, and we especially remember **Fr Brian** and **Fr Bill**, recently deceased.

Only a few weeks away from our Carmel retreat with Fr Carl, and we have had many enquiries. There will be around 44 retreatants, and it certainly shows people want to spend a silent time with the Lord and experience something of our Carmelite spirituality. 🙏 The Scripture theme to meditate on for the retreat is:

**"Set me as a seal upon your heart..." Solomon 8:6
He has sealed the new covenant in the blood of Christ.**

Barbara Hempseed has kindly created a word document for us, for all the Divine Office, so we can use our phone or Divine Office books on retreat. I will email out the documents before the retreat, plus an updated retreat leaflet, and other info for the retreat. Please continue to keep us in prayer.

Congratulations again to **Sr Lauren**, and have included a photo from this grace-filled day. So many people joined Sr Lauren, and a big thank you to all who helped with welcoming people, reading, serving food and cleaning up!

Safe travels **Fr Michael-Thérèse**, as you return to NZ and we look forward to seeing you at our meeting day on November 6th. 😊

Special mention to keep **Mary O'Boyle** in prayer as she awaits news of her back surgery soon. ❤️

*One day Padre Pio
gave a Rosary
to a Spiritual daughter
remarking to her
with a trembling voice,
"I am entrusting you
with a treasure.
Know how to value it.
Let us empty Purgatory."*



Blessings in Carmel,
Megan Emery, OCDS
(Formator, Peace of Christ Community,
Christchurch)

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

"And it is the Lord, it is Jesus, Who is my judge. Therefore I will try always to think leniently of others, that He may judge me leniently, or rather not at all since He says: 'Judge not, and ye shall not be judged.' "



OCDS RETREAT 2022

University of Canterbury
Rochester & Rutherford Hall
18 – 20 November



Retreat Director:
Fr Carl Telford, SM

Retreat Timetable

Friday 18 November

11:00am to 12.30pm Arrival, sign in & collect room keys
12.30pm Welcome and lunch
Housekeeping details

The silence of the retreat begins.

1.30pm Spiritual talk/Conference 1
2.30pm Adoration
2.45pm - 4.00pm 5 x 15-minute slots
4.30pm Mass
6.00pm Evening meal
7.00pm Evening Prayer
7.30pm Spiritual talk/Conference 2
8.30pm - 9.30pm 4 x 15-minute slots

Saturday 19 November

7.30am Breakfast
8.00am - 8.30am 2 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 3
12.30pm Lunch
1.30pm Adoration
1.45pm - 3.15pm 6 x 15-minute slots
3.30pm Spiritual talk/Conference 4
4.30pm - 5.30pm 4 x 15-minute slots
6.00pm Evening meal
7.00pm Evening Prayer
7.30pm Spiritual talk/Conference 5
8.30pm - 9.30pm 4 x 15-minute slots

Sunday 20 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 6
12.00pm Lunch
Closing comments & blessing
by Fr Carl
Photos and farewell

*(15-minute time slots are times for
Consultation/Reconciliation with Fr Carl.
Time slots can be booked in at retreat.)*

Please bring your retreat money to our November meeting, if you have not already done so, which makes our planning easier.

Costs, which include our donation, are:

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

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, Bishop Michael Gielen, and all our priests, religious and seminarians
- Our Provincial, Fr John Grennan, OCD, our 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:

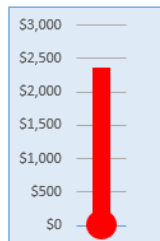
- Our Ukrainian Carmelite nuns, friars & seculars, and all the people of Ukraine, suffering from the terrors of war
- Fr Jérôme, OCD and our Goma school mission
- Fr Michael-Thérèse, Fr Antoine and CSJ
- Fr Philip, CSJ and the University Chaplaincy Team
- Our dear Carmelite Sisters, especially Sr Elizabeth, and Sr Dorothea in hospital with a broken hip
- Our upcoming retreat, and director, Fr Carl Telford, SM
- Our Special Members, especially Margaret, Dorothea, Stephanie, Rosaline and Peb
- John Paul II Centre for Life and prayers for life
- Those who have died recently, especially Mary Anngow, Fr Brian, Fr Bill, and the consolation of their families and community
- Those who have asked for, or need our prayers, especially Fr Arsène, little Carter, Fr Michael-Thérèse's father recovering from knee surgery, Megan for family healing, Megan's mum, Josie, and Lia Reitveld, both in Burwood, recovering from bad falls

Our Holy Father's Intentions for November:

- We pray for **children who are suffering**, especially those who are homeless, orphans, and victims of war; may they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection.

OUR MISSIONS PROJECT

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



New Total



Silver jubilees of OCD Friars
Rafal, Robert Mary and Jérôme

Our November Carmelite Saints

- 7 Mon. Bl. Francis Palau y Quer (priest)
- 8 Tue. St Elizabeth of the Trinity (virgin) ♥
"By our actions we tell Him of our love."
- 14 Mon. All Carmelite Saints
- 15 Tue. All Carmelite Souls
- 19 Sat. St Raphael Kalinowski (priest)



Sr Lauren of the Cross receiving her habit on 15 October



Fr Rafal Wilkowski, OCD at Carmel with Megan & Claire

NATIONAL STATUTES

PART III – Witnesses to the Experience of God Section Six – Self-Denial and Taking up the Cross

"If anyone will come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me." (Mt 16:24)

14. The days and times of penance for the universal Church are each Friday of the whole year and the season of Lent.

Traditionally the vigils of the Solemnities of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, St Teresa of Jesus and St John of the Cross have been days of penance proper to the Discalced Carmelite Order. Some act of self-denial is also recommended on the vigils of the great feasts of Our Lady.

Abstinence and fasting are to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

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

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