



Newsletter

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Carmel OCDS Community Meeting

Sunday 3 November 2024

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

2:00pm Mass in Chapel

Ann-Marie, Catherine and Therese

make their First Promise

Afternoon Tea

(Please bring a plate.)



Prep. & Serving: Claire & Marian

Dishes: Christine & Barbara



Bethany Day

Tuesday 19 November 2024

(10:30am – 1:00pm)

10:30am Morning Tea

11:00am DVD

11:45am Chapel – Quiet Prayer

12:15pm BYO Lunch

Birthdays

Gay Friday 8 Nov.

Barbara Monday 11 Nov.



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November: Dedicated to the Holy Souls

Dear Friends in Carmel,

November is a special time to remember all those who have died, especially in Mass intentions. We especially remember Peb Simmons and Roseline Closel, members of our Community who have died recently.

Only a few weeks away from our Carmel retreat 15th – 17th November with **Fr Adalbert, OCD** from Perth, and we have had many enquiries. Each year the numbers grow as we stretch the tent pegs! There will be around 50 retreatants, and it certainly shows people want to spend a silent time with the Lord and experience something of our Carmelite spirituality. (Thank you to all who have paid and we need final payments in now, please.)

St Teresa of Jesus tells us, **"In your silence and stillness, let God's Spirit within you make itself known."**

With great joy we will be welcoming **Ann-Marie, Catherine and Therese** into their First Promise at our November 3rd meeting. There will be Mass at 2pm in the Chapel, celebrated by Fr Michael-Thérèse, followed by a shared afternoon tea. We also wish Father a safe return to Christchurch and look forward to his return... in our prayers. ☺

Congratulations again to **Sr Lauren** on her Profession on the Feast of St Teresa of Jesus, and have included a photo from this grace-filled day. So many people joined Sr Lauren, the main celebrant being Bishop John Adams, along with many priests. Also, a big thank-you to all who helped with welcoming people, reading, serving food and cleaning up! Our Community is amazing!

Blessings in Carmel,

Megan Emery, OCDS

(Formator, Peace of Christ Community, Christchurch)



November Prayer: "All powerful God, whose mercy is never withheld, look kindly on all who have departed this life and number them among your saints for evermore. It is our certain faith that your Son, who died on the cross, was raised from the dead, the first fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Grant that all who have gone to their rest in Christ may share in the joy of His Resurrection..."



OCDS RETREAT 2024

University of Canterbury
College House, 100 Waimairi Road
15 – 17 November



Retreat Director:
Fr Adalbert, OCD

Retreat Timetable

Friday 15 November

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

The silence of the retreat begins.

1.30pm **Talk 1: *Our experience of silence***
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 **Talk 2: *Silence in the Old Testament***
Night Prayer
8.30pm - 9.30pm **4 x 15-minute slots**

Saturday 16 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 **Talk 3: *Silence in the New Testament***
12.30pm Lunch
1.30pm Adoration
1.45pm - 3.15pm **6 x 15-minute slots**
3.30pm **Talk 4: *Silence in St Teresa of Jesus***
4.30pm - 5.30pm **4 x 15-minute slots**
6.00pm Evening meal
7.00pm Evening Prayer
7.30pm **Talk 5: *Silence in St John of the Cross***
Night Prayer
8.30pm - 9.30pm **4 x 15-minute slots**

Sunday 17 November

7.30am Breakfast
8.45am Morning Prayer
9.00am Mass followed by
Adoration/Benediction
10.15am – 11.00am **3 x 15-minute slots**
11.15am **Talk 6: *Silence in our spiritual life***
12.30pm Lunch
Closing & blessing by Fr Adalbert
Photos & farewell

*(15-minute time slots are times for
Consultation/Reconciliation with Fr Adalbert.
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:

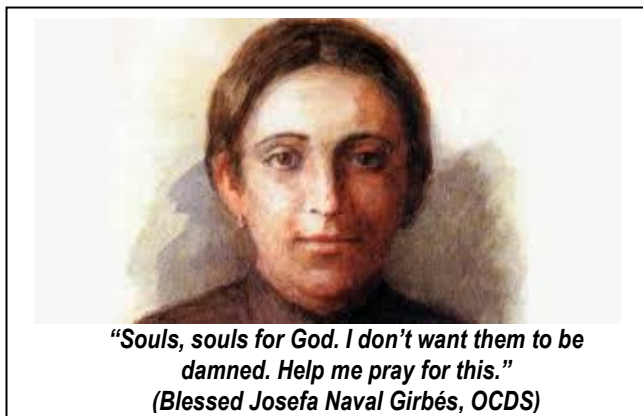
- Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, Archbishop Paul, SM, Bishop Michael, all our priests, religious and seminarians, and the welfare of our diocese
- Our Provincial, Fr Jim Noonan, OCD, our General, Fr Miguel Márquez Calle, OCD and all our Carmelite family, especially our Carmelite Sisters. Also, vocations 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:

- All the people of the Middle East and the Ukraine, suffering from the terrors of war
- Our dear Carmelite Sisters, especially Sr Teresa of Jesus, Sr Elizabeth and Sr Dorothea
- Fr Jérôme, OCD and our Goma mission to build another school, for displaced children (\$1,960 raised)
- Fr Michael-Thérèse, Fr Antoine and CSJ
- Fr Philip, CSJ and the University Chaplaincy Team
- Our Special Members, especially Dorothea and Stephanie (and family)
- Ann-Marie, Catherine and Therese making their First Promise to the Secular Order of Carmel on Sun. 3 Nov.
- **Bishop Michael has asked us to pray a daily 'Hail Mary' for vocations and for our seminarians.**
- Matthew Clark, from our Diocese, joining the seminary
- John Paul II Centre for Life and prayers for life
- Those who have died recently and the consolation of their families, especially Peb Simmons and Rosaline Closel
- Those who have asked for, or need our prayers, especially Gabrielle, Michelle, Marian, Pauline, and Megan's family, especially Ben, Henry & Jayme

Our Holy Father's Intentions for November:

- We pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and receive peace and consolation from the Holy Spirit.



Our November Carmelite Saints

- 6 Wed. St Nuno Alvares Pereira (religious)
- 7 Thu. Bl. Francis Palau y Quer (priest)
- 8 Fri. St Elizabeth of the Trinity (virgin)
"Believe in His Love, His exceeding Love." ♥
- 14 Thu. All Carmelite Saints
- 15 Fri. All Carmelite Souls
- 19 Tue. St Raphael Kalinowski (priest)
- 20 Wed. Bl. Denis of the Nativity and Bl. Redemptus of the Cross (martyrs)



**Sr Lauren of the Cross:
First Profession,
Carmelite Monastery,
Tuesday 15 October 2024**

OCDS CONSTITUTIONS Epilogue

*...Carmelite Seculars, sons and daughters of Teresa of Jesus and John of the Cross, ...are called to "stand before the world as a witness to the resurrection and life of the Lord Jesus and a symbol of the living God", by means of a life of prayer, of service to evangelisation and by means of the witness of a Christian and Carmelite community. "All the laity as a community and each one according to [their] ability must nourish the world with spiritual fruits... In a word, ...must be to the world what the soul is to the body".
Blessings in Carmel, Megan (Formator)*

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

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