



2026 Retreats and Reflection Days
Mary MacKillop Centre
Te Punanga ō Maria MacKillop

*There where you are
you will find God.
Mary MacKillop 1871*

TAIZE PRAYER EVENING - throughout the year Friday evenings from 7pm to 8pm

Dates Please find the dates within the programme for each month

Leader Jill McLoughlin rsj

Prayer expressed in song remains one of the most essential expressions of our search for God. Brother Roger Schütz (Founder of Taizé) 1915 – 2005.

This meditative candlelit service will include singing chants, listening to the Word of God, intercessory prayer and ample time for quiet prayer in an atmosphere of silence and peace.



CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

When Every Thursday evening from early February until late June. This will resume at the end of September.

Venue Mary MacKillop side Chapel

Time 7pm

RETREAT DAYS, COURSES AND RITUALS

**** FEBRUARY ****

TAIZE PRAYER EVENING



Date Friday 13 February; 7 – 8pm
Venue Chapel

LENTEN REFLECTION EVENING

Date Wednesday 25 February: 7pm – 8pm
Venue Chapel
Leader Jill McLoughlin rsj

As we begin the sacred season of Lent, take a moment to pause and listen deeply, discerning what our God most desires in us. In an atmosphere of silence and stillness and inspired by reflections and song, we are invited to prepare our hearts as we journey towards Easter.

**** MARCH ****

TAIZE PRAYER EVENING



Date

Friday 13 March; 7 – 8pm

Venue

Chapel



CELEBRATING ST JOSEPH Ritual and Light Tea

Date

Thursday 19 March; 5.30pm

Venue

Chapel

Leaders

Josephite Companions and Sisters

Let us come together in gratitude to celebrate St Joseph: an example of faith, humility and strength.

**** APRIL ****

TAIZE PRAYER EVENING



Date

Friday 10 April; 7 – 8pm

Venue

Chapel

CARD-CRAFTING WORKSHOP of Fun, Fellowship & Creativity

Date

Saturday 11 April; 9.30am – 3pm

Venue

Meeting Room

Facilitator

Meg Hills rsj

This workshop is for those who have a small degree of experience in card-making. It provides an opportunity to design and create a variety of handcrafted all-occasion cards that recipients will treasure. All materials are supplied. A maximum of eight people can attend this workshop.

**** MAY ****

TAIZE PRAYER EVENING



Date Friday 8 May; 7 – 8pm
Venue Chapel

REFLECTIVE DAY: Grace

Date Saturday 9 May; 10am – 1pm
Venue Meeting Room
Facilitator Ann Neven rsj

Grace is all around us and is available to everyone. It is God communicating Godself to us. We hear this word of God through everyday events and words.

TWO-SESSION REFLECTION DAY: Seeking Wellness – Julian of Norwich via Zoom

Date Wednesday 13 May; 1st session 10am; 2nd Session 4pm
Facilitator Lyndall Brown rsj
Cost Koha

'All shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of things shall be well.' Julian of Norwich

Julian of Norwich's spirituality gives us windows of insight into wellness. During this day we will explore themes of Awareness – Goodness – Beauty and the appreciation of being One with all creation through the writings of Julian. There will be a morning and afternoon session with a handout for reflection.

Registrations to lyndallb19@gmail.com 021 185 6750



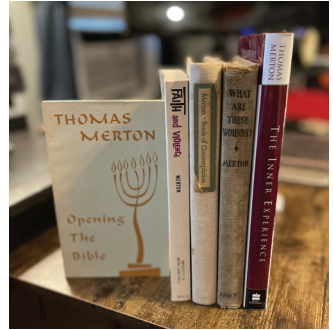
** JUNE **

REFLECTION DAY : A Day with Thomas Merton

Date Saturday 6 June; 10am - 1pm
Venue Meeting Room
Facilitator Lyndall Brown rsj

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

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



TAIZE PRAYER EVENING



Date Friday 12 June; 7 – 8pm
Venue Chapel

** JULY **

TAIZE PRAYER EVENING



Date Friday 3 July; 7 – 8pm
Venue Chapel

CARD-CRAFTING WORKSHOP of Fun, Fellowship & Creativity

Date Saturday 11 July; 9.30am – 3pm
Venue Meeting Room
Facilitator Meg Hills rsj

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REFLECTION DAY : The Humanity of Jesus

Date Saturday 18 July; 10am - 1pm
Venue Meeting Room
Facilitator Ann Neven rsj

This is an opportunity to reflect with Fr Daniel O'Leary on a further Chapter of his book – An Astonishing Secret.

"Son of God, Jesus, you were formed in the womb of Mary, your mother, and you became part of this earth, gazing at it with Human eyes."

Pope Francis

**** AUGUST ****

CELEBRATING MARY MACKILLOP:

Vigil Ritual and Light Tea

Date Friday 7 August; 5.30pm onwards
Venue Chapel
Leaders Josephite Companions and Sisters

A time of prayer to honour Mary MacKillop and how her life is an inspiration for us today.



TAIZE PRAYER EVENING



Date Friday 14 August; 7 – 8pm
Venue Chapel

PILGRIMAGE to Sacred Josephite Places in Auckland

Date Saturday 22 August; 10am to 3pm
Venue Meeting Room and beyond
Leaders Jill McLoughlin rsj and Ann Neven rsj

The Pilgrimage will begin at Mary MacKillop Centre, Mission Bay

A pilgrimage is a journey to and from a place of significance where we immerse ourselves in the story of God's action in and through the people of faith associated with the place whose lives continue to inspire us.

*Using the booklet **With Mary MacKillop in Auckland**, participants will be invited to reflect on Mary's life, journey and spirituality as we travel together to these places of significance.*



**** SEPTEMBER ****

TAIZE PRAYER EVENING



Date Friday 4 September; 7 – 8pm
Venue Chapel

REFLECTIVE WORKSHOP: Josephite Hearts Keep Expanding

Date Saturday 5 September: 10am - 1pm
Venue Chapel
Leader Ann Gilroy rsj

“Our prophetic stance is inclusion” is the direction statement arising from our 2025 Chapter. This session will focus on how this direction for our future arose and will explore where, how and why we with Josephite hearts might take up the challenge of being alert to inclusion.

TWO-SESSION REFLECTION DAY :

Spring – the Season of Awakening and Birthing via Zoom

Date Thursday 24 September : 1st Session 10am; 2nd Session 4pm
Facilitator Lyndall Brown rsj
Cost Koha

“I said to the almond tree. Speak to me of God and the almond tree blossomed.” Nikos Kazantzakis

*The seasons of the year offer us wisdom for our inner seasons. During this day we will explore the invitations of **Spring**. We will visit our inner landscape and discover the wisdom that has graced us and been awakened in us through our **‘spring experiences.’***

There will be a morning and afternoon session with a handout for reflection

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**** OCTOBER ****

CELEBRATING JULIAN TENISON WOODS: Ritual and Light Tea

Date Wednesday 7 October; 5.30pm
Venue Chapel
Leaders Josephite Companions and Sisters

We come together to reflect on Julian's deep spirituality, his love of creation and the way his life continues to inspire us to live with faith, courage and compassion.



TAIZE PRAYER EVENING



Date Friday 9 October; 7 – 8pm
Venue Chapel

CARD-CRAFTING WORKSHOP of Fun, Fellowship & Creativity

Date Saturday 10 October; 9.30am – 3pm
Venue Meeting Room
Facilitator Meg Hills rsj

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REFLECTIVE WORKSHOP: Humanity and Nature through the lens of the Incarnation by Daniel O'Leary

Date Saturday 17 October; 10am – 1pm
Venue Meeting Room
Facilitator Ann Neven rsj

*This is an opportunity to reflect with Fr Daniel O'Leary on a further Chapter of his book – **An Astonishing Secret**.*

"Whenever we encounter another person in love, we learn something new about God...opening up spiritual horizons, taking us beyond our limited constructs." Pope Francis

**** NOVEMBER ****

TAIZE PRAYER EVENING



Date Friday 13 November; 7 – 8pm
Venue Chapel

REFLECTIVE DAY: The Joy of Living Simply

Date Saturday 14 November: 10am - 1pm
Venue Meeting Room
Facilitator Jill McLoughlin

Living simply invites us to move beyond the clutter of material desires and social expectations to reconnect with the essence of our being. This allows our hearts to become more open to peace, gratitude and the Divine presence. It can become a sacred practice, a deliberate turning inward where the soul can rest, listen and dwell in harmony with God.

**** DECEMBER ****

TAIZE PRAYER EVENING



Date Friday 11 December; 7 – 8pm
Venue Chapel

ADVENT REFLECTION DAY: Pause, Prepare and Awaken Your Heart to the Coming Light

Date Saturday 12 December - 10am – 2pm
Venue Meeting Room
Facilitator Jill McLoughlin rsj

As the season of Advent begins, the invitation is to take a step away from the busyness of daily life and enter a time of quiet reflection and spiritual renewal. Join us for a day of reflection, meditation and gentle guidance as we prepare our hearts for the mystery and joy of Christmas.



Other Retreats taking place at Mary MacKillop Retreat Centre organised by Ignatian Spirituality NZ are as follows:

July 19 – 27;
September 20 -26;
October 25 - 31;

For more information and bookings please contact
info@ignatianspirituality.nz



Living in harmony with God and with nature gives
us full happiness and purpose.

Julian Tenison Woods 1887



RETREAT AND REFLECTION DAY REGISTRATION

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REFLECTION/WORKSHOP DAYS INFORMATION

\$35 waged person per day
\$25 unwaged person per day
Tea and coffee provided for reflection days
It is important to check the time frames for each day as they differ.

Other reflection days may also be offered throughout the year. These will be advertised via email through our Retreat Centre database and Parish newsletters. If you wish to be added to our database, please contact

Sr Jill McLoughlin
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**If you wish to book a private or group retreat at Mary MacKillop
Retreat Centre please contact Sr Julian Langton**

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