

Announcing Good News



Retreats in the
Dominican Tradition

During September Mary Ellen Green OP and Brian Pierce OP will be offering retreats in New Zealand.



Mary Ellen Green, a member of the Sinsinawa Dominican Sisters (USA), is a spiritual director, retreat-giver and theologian. She has filled significant leadership positions in her congregation and worked in various roles in spiritual formation. For two years she lived at Our Lady of Prouilhe Monastery in France to fundraise for the monastery. She has worked as Co-Director of the Parable Conference for Dominican Life and Missions and Executive Director of the Jesuit Volunteer Corps in Southwest Berkeley. She says of herself: “The Dominican charism is the essence of who I am. Nothing gives me more joy than to share the Good News in any way I can.”

Brian Pierce is a Dominican Friar of the Province of St Martin de Porres, USA. Brian has spent a number of years ministering in different parts of Latin America (Peru, Honduras, Guatemala). He also lived for a year and a half in the “Forest of Peace” contemplative ashram in Oklahoma, where he began to delve more deeply into Christian mysticism and interreligious dialogue. For six years Brian accompanied the Dominican Contemplative Nuns worldwide, based in Rome. Brian is an itinerant preacher based in Texas. He has written three books: *Martin de Porres: A Saint of the Americas* (New City Press, 2004), *We Walk the Path Together: Learning from Thich Nhat Hanh and Meister Eckhart* (Orbis Books, 2005) and *Jesus and the Prodigal Son* (Orbis Books, 2016).



Day Retreats

These two very gifted and experienced retreat givers will offer a day of retreat in the Dominican tradition of contemplation and reflection on the Word, in an environment of silence and prayer.

Auckland: Saturday 9 September, 9.30am – 4.30pm at Good Shepherd College, 20 Ponsonby Road, Grey Lynn.

To register contact Jacqui Ryan OP or Helen Bergin OP by 31 August
Jacqui *email:* jmryanop@gmail.com *Phone:* 09 636 3554
Helen *email:* h.bergin@auckland.ac.nz *Phone:* 09 845 2453

Cost \$20.00 or koha – pay on the day.

Bring your own lunch. Tea and coffee provided.

Palmerston North: Tuesday 12 September, 10.00am – 4.00pm at Catholic Diocesan Centre, 33 Amesbury Street.

To register contact Maureen O’Hanlon OP or Roxane Parkinson OP by 31 August
Maureen *email:* mcohanlon08@gmail.com *Phone:* 06 355 0272
Roxane *email:* domswn@clear.net.nz *Phone:* 04 477 0751

Cost koha

Bring your own lunch. Tea and coffee provided.

Invercargill: Sunday 24 September, 1.00 – 4.30pm at St Patrick’s Parish Room, Metzger Street.

Contact Raewyn Benzie OP or Judith Robinson OP.
Raewyn *email:* raewyn.b@xtra.co.nz *Phone:* 03 217 4565
Judith *email:* judithop@xtra.co.nz *Phone:* 03 217 8987

Cost \$10 or koha – pay on the day.

Week-long Retreat

The retreat – in the parable model – will be a time for prayerful pondering on the readings from the daily mass. There will be two preachings each day, accompanied by time for personal reflection. The days will be silent and there will be an opportunity to speak to one of the retreat leaders if you wish.

When: Friday evening 15 September until after lunch on Friday 22 September. Check-in is available from midday on the 15th, with the evening meal at 6.00pm.

Where: Burns Lodge, Church Street, Mosgiel

Cost: Live in – single room, full meals \$600 per person
Live out – lunch and dinner \$330 per person

Registration: By 31 July. Registration forms are available from:
Anne Haines *email:* domfinance@clear.net.nz or
post: PO Box 5395, Moray Place, Dunedin 9058

If you wish to attend and cost would be a problem, please contact:
Judith Anne O’Sullivan OP *email:* judithanneop@hotmail.com
Phone: 03 473 1525

For other enquiries please contact:

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