

# CLUNY RETREAT AND HOLISTIC DEVELOPMENT CENTRE

*The Sisters of St Joseph of Cluny are the proprietors of the Retreat Centre.*

*Situated in Thirteenth Avenue, Tauranga, with an impressive view of the estuary, this facility offers a space hallowed by the prayer and service of the many dedicated women who have lived and worked there, where the seeker can find a haven of peace and the guidance that can facilitate the quest for meaning in life's transitions.*

*It offers accommodation for retreats, weekend, eight-day or longer, group or individual. There is a chapel, small rooms for quiet reflection, a dining room and a conference hall for groups.*

*In addition, one-day retreats for small to medium sized groups or individuals can be facilitated.*



## COST OF RETREATS

### LIVE OUT

#### **RETREAT ATTENDANCE**

- ◆ \$40 a day per person
- ◆ Please bring your own lunch
- ◆ Morning and afternoon tea is provided

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#### **ACCOMMODATION - 11 Rooms Available Only**

- ◆ \$60 a day per person - Bed & Breakfast
- ◆ \$15 a day per person - lunch
- ◆ \$20 per person - dinner Saturday evening only

*Advance Booking essential*



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# CLUNY SISTERS' 2018 RETREAT Programme CENTRE



# Kia ora!

## Welcome to our 2018 programme

### Facilitators

**Joy Cowley** is a prolific, widely-published and much-celebrated writer of fiction for adults and children. She is a great New Zealander and a woman of great faith. As well as poetry and fiction, Joy has also written on many spiritual themes.

Joy was made a Distinguished Companion of New Zealand Order of Merit for services to children's literature in 2005 and she was awarded a Prime Minister's Award for Literary Achievement for Fiction in 2010. In 2018 Joy was made a member of the Order of New Zealand.



**General Structure of Retreats:** There are four sessions in a day. Each session has input, a time of silent reflection and then a time of sharing. People who don't wish to share, simply say, "Pass." Before the silent reflection times, a handout with notes is given. This is because I'm one of those people who can remember maybe two sentences of someone's talk. We usually sit in a circle so that we can all see each other. The movement of a retreat is always from Head to Heart. This is not planned. It just happens.

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**Fr Gerard Whiteford SM** is a Marist priest of the Society of Mary. Gerard has extensive experience in the offering of retreats and spiritual direction, having worked for 30 years in this ministry. Gerard worked at both the Futuna Retreat Centre, and the Emmaus Spirituality Centre, each of which is centered in Wellington. Gerard has also had experience in parish ministry in New Zealand and the Pacific (Fiji).



*Gerard has a special interest in dreams, and in fairy tales.*

### March

Joy Cowley

March 24/25

9.30am - 4.00pm

#### The Parables of Nature

Parables are stories that adapt to our spiritual needs. Parables meet us who and where we are. The Gospels tell us that Jesus spoke all things in parables, and we see that most of his parables came from His environment, and most of those from nature.

**On Day One**, we explore two of Jesus' nature parables – "The Treasure in the Field" and "The Sower", and see how their messages have changed in the context of our life journey.

**On Day Two** we seek awareness of the parables of nature in our own country. When we develop this awareness, everything becomes God's teacher.

*Please bring writing materials*

*Registrations for this retreat close on **16 March 2018***

*N.B: Maximum number of participants 30 persons*

### August

Joy Cowley

August 11/12

9.30am - 4.00pm

#### The Gospel of Our Lives

It is sometimes said that wisdom is life experience well digested. When we go a little further and examine the stories in our lives, we see each one as blessing and teaching, however we have regarded it at the time. One story must end for another story to begin, and God is with every part of it. Our lives are literally gospel or "good news."

**On Day One** we see ourselves as spiritual beings on a human journey, and how the challenge for us is to become fully human. While Jesus is the Christ, the fire of God incarnate, He also had to grow into his humanity, and in that, He is a model for us all. Our faith journey is an echo of His.

**On Day Two** we look at all parts of our journey, and how we have grown through our crucifixions and resurrections. In prayer we gently love any part of our story that is still stuck in the tomb. Fr Alan Roberts, retreat director and teacher-leader of directors, will co-facilitate this retreat.

*Please bring writing materials*

*Registrations for this retreat close on **4 August 2018***

*N.B: Maximum number of participants 30 persons*

### October

Rev. Fr Gerard Whiteford SM

October 26/28

10.00am - 4.00pm

#### Eyes to See; Ears to Hear

Through the eye of the artist and pen of the poet we are invited to spend time in prayer with familiar Gospel texts.

*Please bring writing materials*

*Registrations for this retreat close on **19 October 2018***

*N.B: Maximum number of participants 30 persons*

### December

Joy Cowley

December 1/2

9.30am - 4.00pm

#### The Love-Child (Advent Retreat)

When God's love was made flesh, the world changed. We changed. This retreat goes beyond tinsel and gifts, beyond carols and nativity plays, to the deep mystery of the love for which we are made. We too, are love-children.

**Day One** is concerned with Mary and what it means to become pregnant With God.

**Day Two** is Nativity, a calling to give birth to Christ in the world.

*Please bring writing materials*

*Registrations for this retreat close on **24 November 2018***

*N.B: Maximum number of participants 30 persons*

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### REGISTRATION

Please kindly email Cluny Retreat Centre Office on [retreatcentre@clunysisters.org.nz](mailto:retreatcentre@clunysisters.org.nz) to obtain a registration form **OR** telephone **07 578 5220** to register.

*Numbers are limited to 30 persons*

### Method of Payment

*Payment on registration*

#### Internet Banking

Name of Bank: **Bank of New Zealand**

Name of Account: **Sisters of St Joseph of Cluny Retreat Centre**

Bank Account: **02-0466-0312890-000**