



Presentation Spirituality Centre

Manly Qld

Opportunities for Personal and Spiritual Renewal in 2012

ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES

Spiritual Direction

Spiritual Direction is an opportunity to learn to trace the movement of God in our lives and to help us make positive life choices and decisions. It involves meeting regularly with a trained spiritual director.

Time: To be individually arranged

Counselling

with Margaret Skehan pbvm

Counselling can help people to cope with the demands of peer and family relationships, parenting issues, personal and emotional challenges, including grief, loss and depression.

Time: To be individually arranged

Reading Circle

with Carolyn Doherty

There are so many things to read these days but what is worth picking up that nourishes the spirit? Come along to this monthly group to reflect and discuss Richard Rohr's book *Falling Upward, A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life*. Richard Rohr takes us on a journey of how the heartbreaks, disappointments and first loves of life are actually stepping stones to the spiritual joys that the second half of life has in store for us. Time and day of gathering to be decided after the initial meeting.

Initial Gathering: Saturday 4 February 10.00am-12.00pm

Carolyn works on the Formation Team for Oceania Province (Christian Brothers) and over the years has been involved in many areas of pastoral ministry. She has completed a Graduate Diploma in Theology and is currently studying to be a Spiritual Director.

Outreach

facilitated by Mary Franzmann pbvm

Opportunities for parish retreats and renewal, team formation, adult education and staff in-service.

If interested in any of these ongoing opportunities please contact the PSC.

25 February

Leaning into God's Graciousness
guided by Marie Thompson

To be a person of faith is to give yourself to goodness. What does it mean as busy people to live more aware of God's graciousness? Come along and explore how the soul comes alive when it leans into the abundance and bigness of God.

Special invitation to Fan the Flame participants

Time: Saturday 9.30am-3.00pm

Closing Date: 20 February

Marie is the Coordinator of the MEC training program for spiritual directors at St Francis Theological College and is an experienced spiritual director.

LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES

2-4 April

A Quiet Stillness During Holy Week

These days will offer a reflective space to prepare for Holy Week. Days nourished in prayer, silence, nature and Eucharist. Lenten resources for prayer will be provided. Number of days optional.

Time: Monday 10.00am to Wednesday 9.00am

Closing Date: 5 March

3 April

He emptied himself ... Taizé Prayer
guided by Erica Marshall

With courage, we enter the 'emptiness' with Jesus. There, we discover the fullness of God who loved the world so much. Let your soul be nourished by the gentle chants of Taizé in this healing movement through death to life.

Time: Tuesday 7.30pm-9.00pm

Closing Date: 27 March

Erica has a background in Music Education and holds a Masters Degree in Pastoral Liturgy (Santa Clara University, CA). She has resourced country dioceses in the spirituality and practice of liturgy for many years.

20 April & 15 September

Living in the Light
and Joy of the Resurrection
Women's Retreat guided by Penny Carroll

The Easter event challenges us to continue to reflect during the Easter season on the power of the death and resurrection of Jesus in our lives. During this day we will reflect on the themes of love and suffering which invite us as women to transformation. You are invited to bring a notebook or journal and for those who like to draw, a sketch book and appropriate drawing materials. There will be small group time for those who choose to be with others.

Time: Friday 20 April 9.30am-3.30pm

Time: Saturday 15 September 9.30am-3.30pm

Closing Date: 10 April/10 September

Penny is a skilled facilitator, counsellor and educator who has extensive experience in assisting women on their journey.

5 May

Catching the Spirit Underneath the Mango Tree
guided by Zoe Fitzpatrick pbvm

Come along and enjoy the gentle movement of Tai Chi and engage in giving expression to your spirit through art. This will be a morning to be kind to your spirit and to enjoy the Bay. Bring along a desire to be creative and a playful heart.

Time: Saturday 10.00am-12.00pm

Closing Date: 30 April

Zoe is a Presentation Sister who has assisted others over the years in coming to know their spirituality through the creative expression of art and is a spiritual director.

26-27 May **Exploring the Ecological Texture of the Text –
Reading Matthew's Gospel Ecologically Part 2**
Scripture Workshop facilitated by Elaine Wainwright rsm

If our sacred story is to have meaning for us in a world in which we are faced by extraordinary ecological issues, we need to be able to read it anew. This weekend will provide the opportunity for participants to explore ways of reading the biblical text ecologically using selected texts from the Gospel of Matthew.

Time: Saturday and Sunday 10.00am–3.00pm

Closing Date: 11 May

Elaine is an international biblical scholar whose most recent research project has been the preparation of the Earth Bible Commentary on the Gospel of Matthew. She is passionately committed to exploring ways of reading the gospels anew in the face of the challenges arising up from our world.

2-8 June **Invisible Mystery**
Sacredness Enfolding Us Here and Now
7-day Guided Retreat with Monica Brown and Hilary Musgrave

Monica and Hilary, using music, imagery, ritual and sacred clowning, will provide an opportunity to reflect on Jesus as he invites us into a renewed appreciation of God's continual self-expression within the context of the New Cosmology. This retreat experience will invite participants to embrace the Sacred within their own being and to open themselves to the transforming vision of life that recognises God "as the mystery of human experience..." and the life-giving Presence in all creation.

Time: Saturday 6.00pm to Friday 9.00am

Closing Date: 2 May

Monica is an internationally acclaimed Christian composer and workshop/retreat facilitator who visits the UK, Ireland, Canada and the USA frequently, working in the areas of spirituality, liturgy and religious education and the integration of the arts. Hilary works extensively in the area of Creative Spirituality through sacred clowning, story telling and facilitation throughout Ireland, as well as the UK, Canada, USA, Australia and NZ.

7 July **A Cup of Mindfulness**
facilitated by Cheryl Warwick

This is a morning to explore over a cuppa some practical ways to live more mindfully in the midst of busyness. Come along and experience creative ways to stay in touch with a wonderful God who lives both in our bodies and in the midst of our lives. As Ronald Rolheiser omi once described the contemplative way, "Normally it does not feel like prayer."

Time: Saturday 10.00am–1.00pm

Closing Date: 29 June

Cheryl and her husband Bruce have worked in pastoral ministry for over 20 years. They have two adult children. Cheryl has led various ministries for women, facilitating small groups, coordinating healing ministry, mentoring young mums, pastors' wives, small and large retreats. She is also a spiritual director.

14 July **Who are the contemporary mystics
and what are they saying to us?**
guided by Tony Hempenstall cfc

Who are the contemporary mystics of today and what are they saying to us as people of faith about how to discover meaning and live justly in the world we find ourselves? Join us for a day of reflection and conversation as we reflect with the prophets of our day about our call to be co-creators of a new paradigm of being and living.

Time: Saturday 9.00am–4.00pm

Closing Date: 6 July

Tony is a Christian Brother and a member of The Archer community. He has just returned from study in the US. Tony brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to this topic.



7 August **Ordinary Time 2012: Ubi Caritas ... Taizé Prayer**
guided by Erica Marshall

"Ordinary Time" (the ordered Sundays of our liturgical year) is when we grow the church. We practise our day-to-day life as Christians. Let us express our love and loyalty in the beautiful chants of Taizé: *Where two or three are gathered in prayer, God is truly present!*

Time: Tuesday 7.30pm–9.00pm

Closing Date: 30 July

Erica has a background in Music Education and holds a Masters Degree in Pastoral Liturgy (Santa Clara University, CA). She has resourced country dioceses in the spirituality and practice of liturgy for many years.

13–17/20 August **You are encircled by the arms
of the Mystery of God (Hildegarde of Bingen)**
3/6-day Directed Retreat with David King cp and Juanita Scari rsj

A sacred time to journey gently into the depths and mystery of God's love for you as you honour what is touching your heart. A retreat experience nourished in silence, prayer, Eucharist and spiritual direction.

Time: Monday 6.00pm to Friday/Monday 9.00am

Closing Date: 25 May

Juanita, a Josephite Sister, and David, a Passionist priest, are experienced spiritual directors who have ministered extensively in the areas of spiritual direction and retreat ministry.

23 August **Sharing Bread, Sharing Traditions**
guided by Nora Amath

This is an opportunity to know more about the Muslim tradition. Nora will give us a glimpse into what it means to make a spiritual journey as a Muslim woman. Bring along your questions and an eagerness to engage in conversation.

Time: Thursday 4.30pm–7.00pm

Closing Date: 16 August

Nora has richly shared her Muslim tradition in a variety of ecumenical settings. This will be a wonderful and informative evening.

3-7/10 September **From the Withered Tree a Flower Blooms**
3/6-day Directed Retreat with Colleen Brady rsm and Pat Cullen fmm

Spring awakens the human heart to the beauty around us. These days will offer an opportunity to savour and celebrate what God is desiring to grow in you. A retreat experience nourished in silence, prayer, Eucharist and spiritual direction.

Time: Monday 6.00pm to Friday/Monday 9.00am

Closing Date: 13 August

Colleen is a Sister of Mercy with a background in education. She is presently ministering in the area of spiritual direction. Pat is an experienced spiritual director who has ministered extensively in the area of spirituality.

24-28 September **Dwelling in Divine Hospitality**
3-day Guided Retreat with Anne Boyd csb

These days will offer an opportunity to explore our own identity and relationships in the rich tapestry of the unfolding work of the creating Spirit. After time together for some input each morning, related material will be provided for personal reflection and contemplation throughout the day. We will gather again in the evening to share the fruits of this time. Our prayer and ritual will find roots in Paul's wisdom that "in God we live and move and have our being" and in the spirit of Hildegarde who believed that "prayer is the breathing in and breathing out of the one breath of the universe".

Time: Monday 6.00pm to Friday 9.00am

Closing Date: 24 August

Anne, a Brigidine Sister with a background in education, is coordinator of EarthSong, a project sponsored by eight religious congregations. EarthSong presents a world view that is consonant with current scientific understandings of the nature of the universe and the place of the human in it and develops new ways of honouring and celebrating the sacredness of all creation. Anne is particularly interested in the conversation between ecology and spirituality and exploring avenues for encountering the Divine, dwelling amongst the whole vibrant community of life.

6 October

**The Contemplative Camera
facilitated by Bruce Warwick**

Using the camera as an aid for stilling and noticing - a tool in discovering the healing that being in the moment can bring. You don't need much in the way of skills with photography. This is not about taking 'good photographs'; it's about learning a way of seeing. Bring your digital camera. Part of the day will involve going out and using your camera to practise contemplative photography.

Time: Saturday 9.30am-2.30pm

Closing Date: 28 September

Bruce is the director of Soul Whispers Australia, a ministry of retreats and spiritual direction based on Coochiemudlo Island in Moreton Bay.

19-21 October

**Spiritual Yoga Retreat
guided by Laurene Hassard**

This weekend offers Hatha yoga, breathing practices, meditation and a chakra workshop. This is a weekend not to be missed.

Time: Friday 6.00pm to Sunday after lunch

Closing Date: 8 October

Laurene has taught yoga for the past 20 years in Denmark, USA and Australia.

1-6 November

**Life in Abundance:
A Journey with the Beloved Disciple
5-day Guided Scripture Retreat with Mary Coloe pbvm**

Jesus invites disciples to "Come and see" and they spend the day with him (John 1:39). During this retreat we will join the beloved disciple on a journey with Jesus through the Gospel of John, with its promise "I have come that you may have life in abundance" (John 10:10). Mary will offer reflective input each morning to support your prayer journey. Bring your bible and journal.

Time: Thursday 6.00pm to Tuesday 9.00am

Closing Date: 19 October

Mary is a Presentation Sister, theologian, author and well known presenter.

19-25 November

**Bringing Christ to Birth
6-day Guided Retreat with Jill McCorquodale**

What unique part of the universe am I called to bring forth for these times? Jesus, the doorway to the divine, invites us in this Advent time to leave behind our myopic views and comforting illusions - to let the Christ in me be born! This retreat will offer the opportunity to notice touch and be drawn into the evolving, expanding enormous reality of God's continuing creation. There will be daily input, guided prayer/reflection and spiritual direction available.

Time: Monday 6.00pm to Sunday 9.00am

Closing Date: 19 October

Jill has a background in theology, spirituality and spiritual direction studies. She works nationally and internationally as a spiritual director, in retreat work, as a facilitator for religious

congregational meetings and chapters, and with parishes, deaneries, school staffs and other church groups in the areas of formation, spirituality and personal development.

**28 November - 2/5 December God is Lonely for our Longing
3/7-day Directed Retreat with Elaine Smith rsj and Marie Thompson**

Advent is a season of sacred longings. This is an opportunity to ponder the deepest desires of our heart and the gentle birthing of God's word in our lives. A retreat experience nourished in silence, prayer, Eucharist and spiritual direction.

Time: Wednesday 6.00pm to Sunday/Wednesday 9.00am

Closing Date: 1 November

Elaine and Marie are both experienced spiritual directors who bring a depth and a creative spirit when companionship others.

4 December

**Lord is Near ... Taizé Prayer
guided by Erica Marshall**

In joyful anticipation, let us make room for Christ to be born more deeply within our hearts this Christmas You are invited to an evening of chant and sacred silence in the style of Taizé.

Time: Tuesday 7.30pm-9.00pm

Closing Date: 28 November

Erica has a background in Music Education and holds a Masters Degree in Pastoral Liturgy (Santa Clara University, CA). She has resourced country dioceses in the spirituality and practice of liturgy for many years.

Come Away Days ...

- 2-4 April
- 2-8 June
- 3-10 September
- 24-28 September
- 1-6 November
- 19-25 November
- 29 November - 2 December

Silent Private Retreats



For more information/general enquiries/reservations, contact the Administrator ...

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For spiritual direction enquiries, contact the Coordinator ...

Phone: (07) 3396 3298
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PSC website: www.pbvm.org.au/pscmanly



Application Form...

Please print clearly...

Name:

Address:

Postcode:

Phone: Fax:

Email:

Date/s of Retreat/Weekend/Day/Series/Workshop/etc:

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Title of Retreat/Weekend/Day/Series/Workshop/etc:

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Retreat Director (if applicable):

Special Needs (dietary, mobility, etc):

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Please send this Application Form and Deposit to:

The Administrator, Presentation Spirituality Centre,
26 Kooralgin Street, Manly Qld 4179

Deposit for Retreats: \$50.00 (non-refundable) paid on application
Final Payment: Paid at Administrator's Office one week prior to retreat; Workshops payable on application
Cheques payable to: Presentation Spirituality Centre

Cost...

Spiritual Direction: \$65.00

Counselling: Cost negotiable

Reading Circle: Donation

Leaning into God's Graciousness: \$35.00 (incl morning tea, BYO lunch)

A Quiet Stillness: \$100.00 per night (incl accom/all meals)

Taizé Prayer: \$20.00

Women's Retreat: \$35.00 (incl morning tea, BYO lunch)

Catching the Spirit: \$7.50 (incl morning tea)

Scripture Workshop: \$90.00 one day or \$110.00 two days (incl morning tea/lunch);
Overnight stay available (incl breakfast) – add \$100.00

Invisible Mystery Retreat: \$750.00

3-day Guided * or Directed Retreat: \$300.00

5-day Guided * Retreat: \$500.00

6-day Guided * or Directed Retreat: \$600.00

7-day Guided * or Directed Retreat: \$700.00

A Cup of Mindfulness: \$20.00 (incl morning tea)

Who are the contemporary mystics: \$35.00 (incl morning tea, BYO lunch)

Sharing Bread: \$20.00 (BYO salad/bread to share)

The Contemplative Camera: \$25.00 (incl morning tea, BYO lunch)

Spiritual Yoga Retreat: \$250.00 (incl accom/all meals) *

Private Retreat: \$100.00 per night (incl accom/all meals) *

* Cost for non-residential participants can be arranged

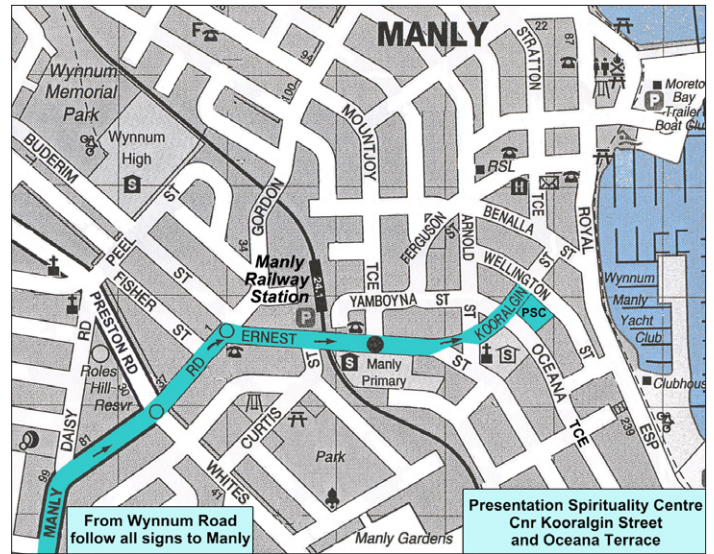
All costs are negotiable depending on circumstances.

Retreats offered at the Presentation Spirituality Centre are subsidised by the Presentation Sisters Queensland.

Location...

The Presentation Spirituality Centre is at **26 Kooralgin Street, Manly**. Limited parking is available in the grounds and there is street parking.

• Trains run to Manly station regularly from Roma Street and Central stations in Brisbane (Cleveland line). Manly station is approximately a five-minute walk from the Centre.



If you are interested in facilitating a course/workshop/craft, we would be delighted to hear from you.

