

May God Give You Peace



St Francis  
Retreat Centre

# ST FRANCIS NEWSLETTER

December 2023

*Merry Christmas, Happy New Year  
& Greetings of Peace from St Francis*

We have had a lively 2023 at St Francis and have had many highlights including increased Retreat Offerings and the refurbishment of our Chapel. We are so grateful to all of you for your support through prayer, donations and patronage throughout the year. As the year comes to a close and the new year approaches we give thanks and praise to God for the gift of all our guests. From our heart to yours, the team at St Francis wish you a peace and joy-filled holiday season. We look forward to serving all of you in 2024.

*Love, Prayers & Blessings from the St Francis Team*

## Chapel Refurbishment

The refurbishment of the Chapel at St Francis was completed at the end of September this year and we hope our guests and visitors will love it as much as we do! Our Chapel is a place of worship and prayer open to all, providing a place for reflection, prayer, quiet and the celebration of the Sacraments. Prayer services and Masses celebrated by the Franciscan Community are held weekly in the Chapel and are open for everyone to attend. Our Library and Fireplace Rooms also received a little refresh. We hope that you can come and see...





# SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

Through our human experience we can have an experience of God. Spiritual direction can help you realise the Lord at work, help you bring that experience into prayer and into the light of the Lord. We have a small team of Spiritual Directors from different backgrounds and experience that run retreats and offer spiritual direction at St Francis Retreat Centre. If you would like to find out more or would like to be connected to a Spiritual Director please email [sd@stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz](mailto:sd@stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz).



St Francis Open Day (1 Oct)



The Transitus of St Francis (3 Oct)

*"Come with me by yourselves  
to a quiet place and get some rest."*

Mark 6:31

## RETREAT OFFERINGS FOR 2024

Book in for a day retreat, 24hr overnight retreat or weekend retreat.

09 625 6651 | [retreats@stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz](mailto:retreats@stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz)

### Time Out Days | 9:30am - 2:30pm

\$30 per person includes lunch

Wed 21 Feb | Thu 21 Mar | Tue 16 Apr

Wed 15 May | Thu 27 Jun | Tue 9 Jul

Wed 21 Aug | Thu 12 Sep | Tue 15 Oct

Tue 5 Nov | Thu 5 Dec

### 24Hr Quietude | Fri 7pm - Sat 7pm

\$120 per person incl accomm & meals

17 - 18 May | 12 - 13 Jul

6 - 7 Sep | 22 - 23 Nov

### Weekend Retreats

Lenten Retreat | 22 - 24 Mar

Women's Prayer Retreat | 16 - 18 Feb

8 - 11 Aug

Check out our website for  
new dates and retreats

[www.stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz](http://www.stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz)