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Gems of Mercy

The latest Gems of Mercy are from Sr Clare O'Conner, Colin MacLeod and Sr Elizabeth Julian RSM. These, other gems, and Year of Mercy resources for parishes and schools are available on the NLO Year of Mercy webpage. tinyurl.com/NLOYearOfMercy

Closing Celebration of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy

Te Kapinga o te Kuaha o te Atawhai, Closing of the Door of Mercy is a Rite that has been prepared for the Catholic Church in Aotearoa New Zealand. Pope Francis decreed that the Holy Year would conclude on November 20, 2016, the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, with the closing of the Holy Door in the Basilica of St Peter's in Rome. This Mass may be celebrated in parishes in Aotearoa New Zealand on November 20 in union with Pope Francis or on the previous Sunday, the 33rd week in Ordinary Time.

tinyurl.com/ClosingDoorOfMercy

Aotearoa New Zealand Ordo 2017

The NZ Ordo 2017 is at the printers and orders are being taken. Contact Ramona Cortes, NLO Liturgy Assistant (rcortes@nzcbc.org.nz).

Rite(s) of Christian Initiation – Day in the Diocese for Parish Teams

A Day in the Diocese for Parish Teams will be held for the **Diocese of Christchurch** on Saturday 26 November, 9:45am – 3:30pm at St Joseph's Parish Centre, Papanui. Best practice will be shared along with conversation, various resources and prayer together. To register contact mdaly@chch.catholic.org.nz or 03 353 0758. There are also gatherings for the **Archdiocese of Wellington:** North Island based on 5 November, 10am – 2pm at St Joseph's Church, Mt Victoria and South Island based on 19 November, 10am – 2pm at Parish centre, St Mary's Church, Blenheim. Contact Joe Green hohepa55@yahoo.co.nz.

Proclaim Conference 2016 Webcasts

Cardinal Donald Wuerl, keynote speaker at the Proclaim 2016 conference on the new



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evangelization in Sydney in early September, said that the new evangelizer needs four qualities for successful parish renewal: courage, confidence, a sense of urgency and joy. Webcasts of the keynotes from the conference can be viewed at www.xt3.com/proclaim2016/.

2017 Silent Retreat with Sarah Bachelard

For Love of the World: Contemplation, Faith and the Active Life, a silent retreat led by Sarah Bachelard, the founding director of the ecumenical worshipping community, Benedictus Contemplative Church, will be held from January 23rd to 26th 2017 at the University of Waikato, Hamilton. For more information email retreat@christianmeditationnz.org.nz.

Some useful resources:

Scripture Backgrounds for the Sunday Lectionary – A Resource for Homilists (Year A)

This resource provides commentary on the Lectionary readings for Year A for Sundays, Holy days of Obligation, and Feasts and Solemnities that may occur on a Sunday. It offers historical-critical background on the readings and underscores their relevance to life today. This resource is also very useful for catechists, lay leaders of prayer and bible study group members.

Pray as you go

Pray as you go is a daily prayer session, designed for use on portable MP3 players, to help you pray whenever you find time, but particularly whilst travelling to and from work, study, etc. This app is available for Apple and Android phones. For more information visit www.pray-as-you-go.org.

Pope Francis' prayer intentions, Youtube video

The Vatican Youtube channel releases a short video every month on Pope Francis' prayer intentions for that month. Here is the video for October 2016 <https://youtu.be/l3bARk4kzjo>. This month the Pope asks us to join him in praying for journalists.



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