

# Roy's Retreat E Bulletin, May 2010

We have been looking forward to reaching May to give ourselves a bit of breathing space. The year began with a series of Retreats and now we can catch our breath before the series of Retreats in June. A highlight from Term 1 was the 'Desert Retreat' in the Flinders Ranges. We have another 'Desert Retreat' available from Monday 27<sup>th</sup> September until Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October. In 2011 we have 4 'Desert Retreats' booked. It may be helpful to our Adelaide people to know that Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October is a Public Holiday in South Australia. We have lots of photographs from the 'Desert Retreats' on our website.

Please share what we are doing at Roy's Retreat with other interested spiritual seekers. We are very happy to have you put on our email or postal address list so that you can receive regular information from us.

## Upcoming One Day Retreats:

- Praying with Meister Eckhart. This is one of our one day 'Praying with the Mystics' retreats. The same Retreat is being offered on three consecutive days, Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup>, Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> and Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June, 9.30am-4pm at St Martin's By the Sea at Port Noarlunga. The cost is \$20. These are silent Retreat days and are offered each 'season' so that spiritual seekers can take time out up to 4 days a year to just be with God in an atmosphere of prayer and reflection. At the same time you get to learn about one of the Christian mystics each season and discover the richness of the mystical tradition within Christianity. Allow the 13<sup>th</sup> Century German Mystic, Meister Eckhart to enliven your spiritual journey and take you to the very heart of Christian mysticism this June.
- Praying with Oscar Romero. This is one of our one day 'Praying with the modern Prophets' Retreats. This retreat is being offered on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> June, 9.30am-4pm. The cost is

\$20. The Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> June day is being held at Nunyara, Belair (not St Paul's, Glen Osmond as previously advertised), and the Sunday June 13<sup>th</sup> retreat is being held at the new Galilee Centre and Aldinga. Oscar Romero was Archbishop of San Salvador and was assassinated 30 years ago this year. His writings form a body of prophetic literature which are some of the most outstanding Christian writing of the last century. This day with Oscar Romero will include input, extended periods for prayer and reflection and opportunities to discuss Romero's relevance to our challenging times.

### **Upcoming Weekend Retreat:**

From Friday evening 18<sup>th</sup> to Sunday afternoon 20<sup>th</sup> June we are offering a silent Retreat at Middleton on the south coast. This retreat has the theme, **In the footsteps of the Mystics**. The cost is \$140. All meals are included and each retreatant will have their own private heated bedroom. There will be an opportunity to meet both days with a Spiritual Director for those who wish to. In 2011 there will be one of these weekend silent Retreats each school term (four times during 2011).

### **Prophet School 2010:**

We confirmed last week that Donna Mulhearn, who was one of the 'human shields' in the Iraq War, will attend the 2010 Prophet School to offer an Australian perspective on being prophetic in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Donna has recently had her story published as a book and we are delighted that she will be able to join our weekend at Nunyara December 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. We received an email from John Dear to say he was now not able to travel to Australia this December due to planned trips to Haiti late 2010. John goes to court mid September 2010, having been charged in 2009 for walking on to a U.S. military base with other religious, demanding the end to the war in Afghanistan. Please keep John and others who put their life on the line for justice and peace in your prayer.

The **2011 Prophet School** is now being planned and details of the program will be announced before the end of June. The Prophet School

is a 12 month commitment for those who participate. Those attending the weekend in December 2010 will be completing a year of prayerful prophetic discernment, having attended the weekend retreat with John Dear in November 2009.

**It is anticipated that places for the 2011 Prophet School will fill quickly, so be fast in registering your interest once the 2011 program is announced.**

**The Roy's Retreat Board of Management:** we are currently seeking expressions of interest from people who may be interested in serving on the Board which governs Roy's Retreat. We are now an Incorporated Association and would be to hear from people committed to promoting contemplative Christian practice through our organisation. The Board meets 4 times a year.

**Stop Press:** Please note that the 'Praying with the Mystics' one day Retreat on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June is now fully booked. There are still some places remaining on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> and Friday 25<sup>th</sup>.

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