



30 November 2025

First Sunday of Advent

Dear Friends and Supporters,

At long last! We are so pleased to be able to finally share the main fundraiser video for our new Chapel. It's just under 5 minutes and you can watch it here:

[https://youtu.be/yitD\\_PHsJLM](https://youtu.be/yitD_PHsJLM)

Special thanks to Chris Cooke, who generously filmed and edited the video for us. Chris was the producer of our 2016 TV documentary and we have gotten to know him well over the years. We are also grateful to our long-serving builder, Bruce McBride, for his willingness to participate. The video was filmed on a single day in October – when the roadworks were mercifully quiet and the expected storm did not arrive – and so, besides being a fundraiser video, the footage of our community at prayer and work provides a glimpse into ‘a day in the life’ of our Carmel.

As mentioned in our last email update, we have now added fundraising tiers to our Chapel campaign, allowing donors the opportunity of name recognition, if they would like. You can view new information about the Our Lady of Mt Carmel Donor Wall and St Therese Book of Flowers on the webpage here:

<https://www.christchurchcarmel.org.nz/chapel-rebuild.html>

Since those of you currently receiving this email update will not have known about the fundraising tiers at the time of your donation, please feel free to email us and let us know if you wish your name, or a loved one's name, to be recognized. To contact us, either reply to this email or send an email to our main address: [ocdchch@xtra.co.nz](mailto:ocdchch@xtra.co.nz)

Thank you!

We look forward to sharing further updates as we progress in our plans for the rebuilding of our monastery Chapel.

May God bless you and your loved ones this Advent and into the Christmas season!

Your Carmelite Sisters in Christchurch