



*The much-anticipated Day of Refreshment held at Kingston House in Kerikeri, more than met any expectations of the 40+ women who accepted the invitation to Come to the Father's Heart.*

*The weather was kind, the venue welcoming, and 'everything was done that they would come'.*

*Setting the scene at the front of the room was a stunning focus arrangement featuring a large heart draped in rich red fabric, a gold black and red mirrored Cross and a single white candle placed at different levels.*

*These were all brought together with beautiful flowing red and white fabrics which pooled onto the floor below, and formed the backdrop for dozens of long-stemmed red and white roses which the women were invited to take home as a reminder of the Father's Love for each one.*

*This was the day that the Lord had made, and He was powerfully present, ministering in tenderness and love through the anointed leading of National President, Helen Funnell and the beautiful praise and worship. It was not hard to believe we were joined by choirs of angels, as one of our intercessors had seen while praying early that morning. As the women gradually relaxed in this peaceful atmosphere, weariness and worries were replaced by healing and hope as the Holy Spirit touched hearts and changed lives, as one lady testified at the end - "I am changed!".*

*Fr Frank Bird joined us in the afternoon and presided over a joyful Mass after dinner, bringing this very blessed Day of Refreshment to a perfect finish. We know lives have been touched, and many women went home feeling not only refreshed, but encouraged and empowered to make a fresh start.*

*All glory and praise to God, our Loving Father, and sincere thanks to everyone who freely gave their labour and love to make this Day of Refreshment such a gift to the women of Northland.*

*God bless you all.*

*Bev Balcombe*