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Saturday & Sunday 17 & 18 June, 2017

Everyone is invited to this conference

The theme of the Conference is: Liturgy – Strength for Mission building on the 2014 liturgy conference in Cowra.

The keynote presentations and workshops will explore different aspects of the liturgy related to 'The Joy of the Gospel' (Pope Francis) and the call to 'go out and proclaim the Good News'.

A weekend of practical workshops and engaging discussions with inspirational and interesting speakers including

Bishop Patrick O'Regan, Bishop of Sale Diocese

Dr Laurie Woods, Scripture Scholar

Fr Rob Galea,


International singer, song writer & priest from the Diocese of Sandhurst, Victoria, Australia

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Conference Program

Friday, 16 th June 2017	Sunday, 18 th June 2017
<p><i>Optional Event</i> Parish welcome to presenters and delegates.</p> <p>7.30 – 9.00pm Mother Scholastica Learning Ctr St Raphael's School, Liverpool Street, Cowra</p>	<p>9.00am Welcome & Morning Prayer</p> <p>9.15 Workshop Session 4</p> <p>10.15 Morning Tea</p> <p>10.45 Workshop Session 5</p> <p>11.45 Facilitated Discussion led by Bp Pat O'Regan <i>'Harvesting the fruits of the weekend'</i></p> <p>12.15 Closing ritual</p> <p>12.30 LUNCH</p> <p>1.00 Depart for home</p>
Saturday, 17 th June 2017	
<p>9.00am Registration</p> <p>9.30 Welcome and Opening Ritual</p> <p>10.00 <i>Liturgy and Mission</i> Keynote Presentation by Bp Pat O'Regan</p> <p>11.00 Morning Tea</p> <p>11.30 <i>Liturgy, Mission & the Gospels</i> Presentation by Dr Laurie Woods</p> <p>12.15 LUNCH</p> <p>1.00 Workshop Session 1</p> <p>2.00 Workshop Session 2</p> <p>3.00 Afternoon Tea</p> <p>3.30 Workshop Session 3</p> <p>5.00 Choir practice in St Raphael's Church for Saturday evening Mass.</p> <p>6.00 Mass, St Raphael's Church, Lachlan Street, Cowra</p> <p>7.30 CONFERENCE DINNER Mother Scholastica Learning Ctr</p> <p>Speaker: Fr Rob Galea – <i>'My Journey'</i></p>	

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Workshops

There are 10 workshops being presented on various aspects of the liturgy, its preparation, young people, the formation of ministers and the music ministry. Many of the workshops are repeated to provide conference participants with the greatest opportunity possible to attend as many of the workshops as they would like. The workshops are conducted over 5 sessions. The full program is shown on the previous page. On the reverse side of the Registration Form you are asked to select which workshops you wish to attend.

A brief description of the workshops is shown below:

Mass Songs for Mission - This workshop will explore the connection between the songs we sing at Mass and the missionary activity of the church, by learning a number of new songs that can be sung by congregations of all sizes. *Presented by Paul Dunn and the Choir of St Brigid's Dubbo. Paul is Director of Music at St Brigid's Dubbo.*

Scripture Inspires Action - Scripture is not meant to be merely informative but is designed to be transformative. Our workshop focuses on the way Scripture, proclaimed in the liturgy, can sweep the hearer into its spirit and into its action. Vatican II emphasises the presence of Christ in Scripture and in this sense it is profoundly sacramental. Scripture was the foundation of Jesus' spirituality and is the source of our own and we will have the opportunity in this workshop to explore how Scripture can inspire action to live and be agents of the good news. *Presented by Dr Laurie Woods.*

Psalms – Songs of Praise – Psalms are integral to the celebration of Mass and singing the psalm adds lustre to our prayer. In this workshop, participants will have the opportunity to learn how to engage their congregation by setting the psalm text to simple and sing-able chords. *Presented by Tory Roth. Tory is Head of Music at St Stanislaus College Bathurst.*

Growing Community – Gathering on Sunday - The Sunday Celebration of the Lord's Day and his Eucharist is at the heart of the Church's life (CCC2177). Communities gathering for Worship is core to our Catholic Faith. How do we allow our communities to meet, worship and build relationships that encourage a missionary Church? How can communities continue to gather and worship even when regular Mass may not be possible in a community. *Presented by Deacon Joshua Clayton. Deacon Josh is the Administrator's Delegate for the Parish of St James Blayney.*

A Moment of Evangelisation – the Role of the Communion Minister. At this workshop the ministry of the communion minister will be explored in terms of the opportunity that this ministry presents for evangelization. *Presented by Bishop Patrick O'Regan.*

Engaging Young People in the Liturgical Experience - The challenge to engage young people in the liturgy is ongoing and complex. Drawing on his experience and musical gift, at this workshop Fr Rob will unpack creative strategies to evangelise young people. *Presented by Fr Rob Galea.*

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Being Bold and Creative: The Role of the Family Educator. The Family Educator Project was one of the new ways the Sydney Catholic Schools Office responded to the call from the Bishops of ACT and NSW, for our schools to be centres of the New Evangelisation. Almost eight years on, with over 91 Family Educators working to provide family faith formation and evangelisation in school/church communities, the results of increased parent/family engagement in the faith life of the school and parish are speaking for themselves. This is a presentation of practical ways schools can effectively liaise with the church and families to strengthen relationships to build and strengthen one overall parish community. The session will provide an explanation of the Family Educator Project, a brief summary of research results for the project and an open sharing of experiences and new, creative, practical initiatives Family Educators use to strengthen the faith of parents, connect families with the religious life of the school & church and strengthen relationships between school, family & parish. The session will conclude with Q&A time.

Presented by Meredith Lemos and Paige Burren. Meredith has been an educator in the Archdiocese of Sydney over 25 years. She is currently the Advisor for the Family Educator Project for the Sydney Catholic Schools Office, leading and coordinating the Family Educator Project. Paige is currently the Family Educator at OLMC Catholic Primary School in Waterloo. She has worked in the role of Family Educator since its' pilot in July 2010. Paige has been a regular contributor to the online RE journal "Echoing the Word" and has presented at conferences in Sydney, interstate and internationally

House of God/House of God's People. Does the way a church is designed influence the participation of the congregation in the Mass and in living-out the Gospels in daily life? Using examples from the Bathurst Diocese, particularly the recent proposals to reorder the space in the Cathedral of Ss Michael and St John Bathurst, the presentation will explore this question. *Presented by David Nelson. David is a member of the Bathurst Diocesan Pastoral Council and he has a Master Degree in Theology (Liturgical Studies).*

Who to Turn to for Help – Resources for Preparing the Liturgy. Sometimes the number and complexity of liturgical resources is so vast that its hard to find what is helpful. At this workshop a pathway will be cleared through the resources forest and all will be made clear. *Presented by Ms Karla Slaven. Karla is a parishioner of St Raphael's Cowra and Religious Education Co-ordinator – Primary, of the parish school. Karla is on the organising committee for this conference and has recently attended a national gathering of liturgists in Melbourne. Karla also has completed a Masters Degree in Theology (Religious Education).*

Beauty in the Liturgy - The Art of Flower Arranging - This workshop will give some tips and ideas for using flowers to enhance the environment for different liturgical celebrations particularly creating large arrangements with little effort. *Presented by Margaret Stewart. Margaret is employed in the community as a professional floral decorator and co-ordinator of the floral ministry in St Raphael's Church.*



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