

## Fr Richard Leonard SJ

Fr Richard Leonard is a Jesuit priest. He has degrees in arts and education, as well as a Master's degree in theology. Fr Richard did graduate studies at the London Film School and has a PhD from the University of Melbourne. He directs the Australian Catholic Office for Film & Broadcasting, is an Honorary Fellow of the Australian Catholic University and has been a visiting scholar within the School of Theatre, Film & Television at UCLA and a Visiting Professor at the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome. Fr Richard has served on juries at the Venice, Berlin, Warsaw, Hong Kong, Montreal, Brisbane and Melbourne International Film Festivals and he has lectured on faith and culture all over the world. He has been published in America Magazine, Eureka Street, US Catholics, is regular columnist with The London Tablet and is a regular guest on ABC Radio. He is the author of nine books:

*Where the Hell is God?*

*Why Bother Praying?*

*What are we doing on earth for Christ's sake?;*

*What are we waiting for? Reflections for Advent & Christmas;*

*What are we hoping for? Reflections for Lent & Easter;*

*His most recent book is:*

*What does it all mean? A guide to being more faithful, hopeful and loving.*



St Michael and St John's,  
Horsham

## **Parish Mission**

with

Fr Richard Leonard SJ

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October to  
Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November

## **Mission Program**

**Saturday October 28<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> –**

Fr Richard will celebrate and preach at Horsham and Murtoa Parish Masses

**Session 1: Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October**

**Mass at 9:30** in Ss Michael and John's Church

**Mission Session 10am in the Church**

*"Going out to the world: we need all the help we can get" One of the richest things Catholics take the world is our tradition. Some people think Catholic Tradition is a static bloc of doctrines that must be imparted to our young. By looking at Mary, the Mother of Jesus we will see how our tradition is rich and responsive to the needs of today.* Followed by Morning Tea at 11.15am

**Monday Evening Mission Liturgy: 7:15pm in the Parish Centre**

(Repeat of Session 1 from the morning)

Followed by supper 8.45pm

**Session 2: Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October**

**Mass at 9:30** in Ss Michael and John's Church

**Mission Session 10am in the Church**

*"Nine steps to making better choices for my life" On the strongest elements within the Catholic tradition is the process of discerning the*

*promptings of God in my daily life. How can we practically apply the best of our Christian spirituality to the choices we make at home, work and the wider community?*

Followed by Morning Tea at 11.15am

**Tuesday Evening Mission Liturgy:**

**7:15pm in the Parish Centre**

(Repeat of Session 2 from the morning)

Followed by supper 8.45pm

**Session 3: Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November**

**Mass at 9:30** in Ss Michael and John's Church

**Mission Session 10am in the Church**

*"Where the Hell is God? Holding to Faith through the Tough Times." Our faith in God is easier when everything is going well. But what about the times in our lives when it is challenged, undermined and threatened by the things that happens to us, or those we love? This critical session will help out words around how we can believe in a God who walks with us in the "valley of tears"?* Followed by Morning Tea at 11.15am

**Wednesday Evening Mission Liturgy:**

**7:15pm in the Parish Centre**

(Repeat of Session 3 from the morning)

Followed by supper 8.45pm