

VINE & BRANCHES: YEARNING TO BELONG



*“I am the vine,
you are the branches.
Those who abide in
me and I in them bear
much fruit, because
apart from me you can
do nothing.”
(John 15:5)*

About the Conference

This conference will be an opportunity for clergy, pastoral associates and pastoral planners to reflect upon the signs of the time and move forward with hope. Our keynote speakers and workshop presenters will enable us to: consider the church in Australia’s secular context, wherein we encounter belief, unbelief, belonging, abandonment, rejection and credibility; grapple with the church’s tradition in light of our identity and within this secular culture; imagine how we might respond anew and with integrity within these challenging times.

Date/s & Venue

The conference begins on **Monday 4 September** (registration from 6.30pm) and concludes on **Thursday 7 September** (1pm). We will be meeting at *Rydges on Swanston* (701 Swanston St, Carlton)

Keynote Speakers

PROFESSOR RICHARD GAILLARDETZ (USA) • Theologian
Wrestling with the Faith in Times of Scandal: why belonging to the Church still matters” & “Pope Francis and the Church of Tomorrow

DR MAEVE LOUISE HEANEY • Theologian, Composer & Musician
Beauty and Belonging: making space(s) for our yearnings

GERALDINE DOOGUE • Australian Journalist
Living Through the ‘Holy Saturday’ of our Australian Church Experience: what are the steps towards hope?

ARCHBISHOP MARK COLERIDGE • Archbishop of Brisbane
Plenary 2020 and the Future of the Catholic Church in Australia

HUGH MACKAY AO • Social Researcher & Author
How should the church respond to a society like ours, at a time like this?

Registrations

To view the full list of workshops on offer and to register, please visit <https://nplpconference.wordpress.com/> Conference cost is \$420 (incl. Conference dinner). Note: Accommodation is not included.

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