

## Forum Schedule

| Time        | Session                                                                                                                        | Speaker               |
|-------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 9:45-10:00  | Sign in on Zoom                                                                                                                |                       |
| 10:00-10:05 | General welcome                                                                                                                | Jim Ryan              |
| 10:05-10:20 | Acknowledgement of Country and Opening Prayer                                                                                  | Jeanette Morris       |
| 10:20-10:30 | Social Justice Statement 2021 'Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor'                                                              | Bishop Paul Bird CSsR |
| 10:30-11:10 | Keynote speaker<br><i>'Listening to and learning from the world—what the science is telling us'</i>                            | Dr Mark Diesendorf    |
| 11:10-11:20 | Response and reflection                                                                                                        | Fr Barry Ryan         |
| 11:20-11:40 | Questions                                                                                                                      | Jim Ryan              |
| 11:40-12:00 | Morning tea break                                                                                                              | 20mins                |
| 12:00-12:45 | Keynote speaker<br><i>'Listening and drawing wisdom from our own wells—responding to the Cry of the Earth Cry of the Poor'</i> | Dr Sandie Cornish     |
| 12:45-1:00  | Response and reflection                                                                                                        | Fr Barry Ryan         |
| 1:00-1:15   | Questions                                                                                                                      | Jim Ryan              |
| 1:15-2:00   | Lunch break (BYO)                                                                                                              | 45mins                |
| 2:00-2:20   | Indigenous response<br><i>'Listening to creation—a call to care for country'</i>                                               | Vicki Clark           |
| 2:20-2:40   | An interconnected Response<br><i>'Caring for creation—watering the seeds of change'</i>                                        | Jacqui Rémond         |
| 2:40-3:00   | Thank you and closing prayer                                                                                                   | Jim Ryan              |

**Forum location:**  
**St Patrick's Cathedral Parish**  
**Mary Glowery Room**  
 (Covid restrictions apply)

**Forum can also be attended via Zoom**

**Register though Eventbrite**  
 (search forum title: 'Listening, learning...change' when registering)

**Registration opens**  
**22nd October**

**FREE Event**



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# *Cry of the Earth*

# *Cry of the Poor*

*A Ballarat Response to the Australian Catholic Bishops Social Justice Statement 2021-22*

**Saturday 6th November**

**10:00am-3:00pm**

**FREE Event**

## *Cry of the Earth Cry of the Poor*

### Listening, learning... change

The Bishops Social Justice Statement 2021-22: *Cry of the Earth Cry of the Poor* affirms that “we human beings need a change of heart, mind, and behaviour.”

It draws from Scripture, from the theological tradition, from Catholic Social Teaching, and from the wisdom of the world, including the insights of the First Nations.

The Bishops invite us to take up Pope Francis’ invitation to a seven-year journey towards total ecological sustainability, guided by seven Laudato Si’ Goals. These Goals are:

- ◆ Response to the cry of the earth;
- ◆ Response to the cry of the poor;
- ◆ Ecological economics;
- ◆ Sustainable lifestyles;
- ◆ Ecological spirituality;
- ◆ Ecological education; and
- ◆ Community engagement and participatory action.

### Dr Mark Diesendorf

Dr Mark Diesendorf is Honorary Associate Professor in Environment & Governance at UNSW Sydney. Previously, he was a Principal Research Scientist in CSIRO, Professor of Environmental Science and Founding Director of the Institute for Sustainable Futures at University of Technology Sydney, and Education Program Leader of the Australian Cooperative Research Centre for Low



Carbon Living. His most recent book is *Sustainable Energy Solutions for Climate Change* (UNSW Press & Routledge-Earthscan). He also enjoys bushwalking, kayaking and tending to his native garden.

### Dr Sandie Cornish

Dr Sandie Cornish is a practitioner in the field of Catholic Social Teaching. She leads the Office for Justice, Ecology and Peace of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, and is a sessional lecturer with the Australian Catholic University, and with BBI-TAITE. Sandie is a member of the Dicastery for the Promotion of Integral Human Development and is one of the periti for the Fifth Plenary Council of the Catholic Church in Australia.



Sandie holds a PhD in Practical Theology, a Licentiate in Catholic Social Doctrine and Ethics from the Pontifical Gregorian University, a Master of Public Policy, and a Bachelor of Economics.

### Vicki Clark

Vicki Clark OAM is a proud Mutti Mutti/Wemba Wemba woman who lives in Nyah. Vicki’s contribution to the Australian Catholic Church, Catholic Education and Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Communities has been profound. For 25 years she was the coordinator of Aboriginal Catholic Ministry Victoria. Vicki is involved in the national Reconciliation process, Opening the Doors Foundation and Yingadi Aboriginal Corporation which nurtures Indigenous spirituality and works at preserving culture. Vicki is a member of numerous boards in Victoria and across Australia. Vicki will offer challenges to us from an Indigenous perspective.



### Jacqui Rémond

Jacqui Rémond is Co-Coordinator of the Vatican Ecology Taskforce at the Dicastery for Integral Human Development and Co-Founder of the Global Catholic Climate/ Laudato Si’ Movement. Jacqui is the Former National Director of Catholic Earthcare Australia, the ecological agency of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference (2007-2017) and Laudato Si’ Consultant at the Australian Catholic University. With a long history in environmental advocacy,

Jacqui previously worked as the Coordinator of the Northern Australia Environment Alliance. and served as Chair of Environs Kimberley. In 2006, Jacqui undertook training with Al Gore to become a ‘Climate Change Leader.

