



INSTITUTE FOR SPIRITUAL STUDIES

A Ministry of St Peter's Eastern Hill

Anglican parish church of the City of Melbourne since 1847

PROGRAM

SEMESTER ONE 2018



Quiet Day: *Merton in the City*

Date: Saturday March 2

Time: 10 am to 4pm

Venue: St Peter's Hall, 15 Gisborne Street,
East Melbourne

Presenter: Fr Rob Whalley

Fr Rob Whalley is our guest director, for this first ISS event of 2018. The Quiet Day will be an opportunity to reflect together on the spiritual writer and mystic, Thomas Merton. Please BYO lunch; tea and coffee provided. Cost: \$15 (concession: \$12).

Seminar: *Images of Mary in the Christian Tradition*

Date: Tuesday March 20

Time: 7.30 - 9.30 pm

Venue: St Peter's Hall, 15 Gisborne
Street, East Melbourne

Presenter: Dr Matthew Beckmann
OFM



Matthew Beckmann is a Franciscan brother, theologian and teacher. He teaches a wide range of theology and church history courses at the Yarra Theological Union but is particularly interested in the life and thought of the medieval church. Light supper provided. Cost: \$15 (concession: \$12).



Winter Symposium: *Spirituality in the Age of Distraction*

Date: Saturday June 2

Time: 10 am - 4pm

Venue: St Peter's Church, 15 Gisborne Street, East Melbourne

This year the ISS presents a day-long intensive symposium on the role and importance of spiritual practice in the contemporary world. A range of speakers, from both within and outside the Christian tradition will discuss spirituality in the context of the lives of young people, disability, ageing and the stolen generations. There will also be sessions on popular culture and how spiritual traditions, such as the Celtic, can be relevant in the modern context.

Morning and afternoon tea provided, please BYO lunch - or there are a number of convenient lunch venues within walking distance. Cosy \$20 (concession: \$15).

Sundays in Lent: Sermon and Discussion Series

ISS participants are warmly invited to the St Peter's Lenten sermon and discussion series "Friends and Companions: Books That Have Shaped Our Theology". Sermons delivered at the 9.30 and 11.00 am masses during Lent, followed by discussion at 1.00 pm.

Lent 1 - 18th February - Carol O'Connor: Rowan Williams, *Silence and Honeycakes*

Lent 2 - 25th February - Nick Browne: Ursula Le Guin, *A Wizard of Earthsea*

Lent 3 - 4th March - Fr Philip Gill: Rowan Williams, *Being Christian*

Lent 4 - 11th March - Colleen Clayton: Richard Rohr, *Dancing Standing Still*

Lent 5 - 18th March - Fr Greg Davies: Stephen Chalke, *Redeeming the Cross*

Palm Sunday - 25th March - Fr Hugh Kempster: Marcus Borg and John Dominic Crossan, *The Last Week*.