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**WORKSHOPS - LISTENING WORKSHOP 1 - SATURDAY 12-1PM**

Stream	Title	Speaker	Workshop Description
<b>Ecological Conversion: Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor</b>	Who Is My Neighbour? Called to Ecological Conversion	Beth Riolo	<i>This workshop is an invitation to engage with the rich theology of the encyclical Laudato Si', we are invited into a way of dialogue set within the context of the urgent call to ecological conversion and vocation. This workshop is an opportunity to reflect through a Benedictine lens on what it means to be a human being on this planet with a 21st Century understanding of our world, its origins and complexities.</i>
<b>Synodal Church: Plenary and</b>	Pope Frances and Synodality – what it means to us	Dr Elissa Roper	<i>What is synodality and why is Pope Francis making it a big deal? This workshop will explore the roots of synodality and get to the heart of what it means to be synodal: being responsible, mature Christians in our engagement with each other and with the world. The good news is that examples of this are already happening. The bad news? Clericalism is entrenched in much of Catholic culture so some hard work is needed in identifying, rooting it out, and choosing synodality as our preferred path.</i>
<b>Building Bridges</b>	Inclusive Church and the Image of God	Dr Danielle Lynch	<i>This session is aimed at challenging pre-conceived ideas about the image of God and the impact that has on communities. Through song, along with opportunities for reflection and discussion, we will explore the privilege of inclusion and the realities of exclusion in contemporary faith communities.</i>
<b>Education</b>	Preparing for the best and worst of times	John Buchanan	<i>The session looks at the challenges and opportunities for emerging technologies and how education will evolve for a changing world. What jobs are available? How do we prepare students for this world?</i>
<b>Lay Ecclesial Ministry</b>	Incorporation: the Good Sams' deep dive into partnership	Catherine Slattery sgs	<i>Inspired by the insights of Vatican II, the Sisters made a courageous decision in the early 1980's to incorporate their schools, thereby inviting others to share directly in the ministries of leadership and governance. This workshop will briefly trace the Sisters' learnings and ongoing commitment to incorporation as an authentic expression of synodality, of engagement in our shared mission.</i>
<b>Spirituality</b>	Listen to the Voice of God – Prayer in the Benedictine Tradition	Christine Manning sgs	<i>In the Rule of St Benedict we learn that prayer is at the heart of Christian Discipleship. For St Benedict prayer is a response to God's Word to us.</i>
<b>Leadership</b>	Obedience Revisited	Fr Michael Casey osco	<i>The common perception of what is entailed in the exercise of authority and in responding to it is subjected to critical examination by a discussion of certain elements in the Benedictine tradition which give a more nuanced approach.</i>

## BEING Workshop 2 – Saturday 2:30-3:30pm



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<b>Ecological Conversion: Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor</b>	Pouring Out Mercy, Pouring Out Love: Being Stewards of Earth	Pat O’Gorman	<i>This workshop will encourage dialogue about being stewards of Earth and what is asked of us as we engage with the ecological challenges presented in Pope Francis’ 2015 encyclical Laudato Si: On Care for our Common Home. Through the lens of our Benedictine spirituality and Catholic social teaching, we will see that the environmental challenge has fundamental moral and ethical dimensions that cannot be ignored. The workshop will explore ways we can respond to the call to respectfully care for our planet and live our faith in relationship with all of God’s creation.</i>
<b>Synodal Church: Plenary and</b>	What being Church means in the context of a Ministerial PJP...beyond the Plenary	Eva Skira	<i>This workshop will explore the role of Ministerial PJP’s and their role and context in the Australian church at this time of crossroad and engagement with the Plenary Council.</i>
<b>Building Bridges</b>	Story and Reconciliation	Brooke Prentis	<i>Big deep into story... “the Church herself in Australia will not be fully the Church that Jesus wants her to be until you (Aboriginal people) have made your contribution to her life and until that contribution has been joyfully received by others” Pope John Paull II – Alice Springs, 29 Nov 1986.</i>
<b>Education</b>	Futures of Work: what education can and can’t do	John Buchanan	<i>The session explores the context for education now and in the foreseeable future - climate change, changing gender relations, technological change, inequality. What is the impact on education and education policy?</i>
<b>Lay Ecclesial Ministry</b>	Being a lay leader of an apostolic work	Selina Hasham	<i>Lay people are, put simply, the vast majority of the people of God. The minority - ordained ministers - are at their service. There has been a growing awareness of the identity and mission of the laity in the Church. By virtue of our baptism, we are called to participate in the mission of the Church and to contribute to its fruitfulness with our innovation, creativity and passion. As we listen to the Spirit and come into full awareness of our identity and being as children of God, we play a part in the transformation of the world. Come to this seminar ready to receive and give witness to examples of lay people who are participating in mission leadership with dynamism and joy.</i>
<b>Spirituality</b>	What on earth is an "Oblate"? Lessons from the Manquehue Apostolic Movement.	Dr Paul O’Shea	<i>St Benedict invites us to "listen with the ear of the heart" and "prefer nothing whatever to Christ" while trusting always in the mercy of God. Oblates are women and men who seek to live their baptism in the tradition of Benedict. What can we learn from the Manquehue community in Chile that might help us in our inculturation of ancient wisdom in our contemporary Australian school contexts?</i>
<b>Leadership</b>	Discipline - Discipleship	Fr Michael Casey ocso	<i>Discipline is a harsh word, but it is a variant of "discipleship". A disciplined life is one of ongoing learning; accepting reality, responding to it and building up a wealth of experience which enriches one’s capacity to respond creatively to changing situations.</i>



**TRANSFORMING Workshop 3 – Sunday 9:30-10:30am**

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<b>Ecological Conversion: Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor</b>	<i>Living Ecological Conversion in the every day</i>	Carmel Shaw	<i>How can we transform our lifestyle in a way that honours that call? This workshop will share practical examples of individuals and communities who are seeking authentic change and the lessons they are learning along the way. There will be an opportunity for workshop participants to contribute their own examples of initiatives and progress, big and small, that move us closer to integral ecology.</i>
<b>Synodal Church: Plenary and Beyond</b>	is a transformed Church possible after the Plenary Council?	John Warhurst	<i>The workshop will consider the factors making a Transformed Church possible, likely or unlikely. Transformation is a challenging aspiration, relying on cultural and structural change. The diversity within the church makes for various possible answers.</i>
<b>Building Bridges</b>	Woman in the Church	Andrea Dean	<i>Let's courageously explore our current relationship to the Church, name the experiences and issues that cause us pain and uncover the wisdom strategies that enable us to grow deeper rather than grow bitter as women of faith.</i>
<b>Education</b>	Harnessing the transformative potential of education	Tish Creenaune	<i>Today's five year olds will spend most of their working lives in the second half of the 21st century. Does our current approach to school education sufficiently ensure our young people will have the knowledge, skills, values and experiences to thrive in a rapidly changing world? Do we need to reframe education to better meet the future needs of students given predicted economic, societal and workplace change?</i>
<b>Lay Ecclesial Ministry</b>	The Holy Spirit and Lay Ecclesial Ministry	Dr Julie Trinidad	<i>This workshop will explore the phenomenon of Lay Ecclesial Ministry as a hope-filled sign of the Spirit's work for the life and mission of the contemporary Catholic Church. Educators in Catholic Schools will be considered as an example of how the Spirit is inspiring the growth of a synodal Church underpinned by "an ecclesiology of communio" envisioned at Vatican II.</i>
<b>Spirituality</b>	Before the Fire	Elizabeth Brennan sgs	<i>This workshop will dig deep into the Exodus account of Moses' encounter with God on Sinai: God calls, God reveals, God transforms, God sends.</i>
<b>Leadership</b>	Humility: Self-Truth	Fr Michael Casey <b>ocso</b>	<i>Together we will explore in conversation and contemplation God's desire for our love, our trust, our companionship. The workshop will include moments for pondering and quiet. I hope.</i>