Some Women of Our Company Amazed Us

(Luke 24:22)

This conference invites you to journey through the history, the experience and the hopes of women in the Australian Churches. Presentations and workshops will explore how women have “stood out” and continue to “amaze us” as they open new spaces and construct new frameworks for communities to celebrate the call to be a “discipleship of equals”.

27-29 OCTOBER 2020

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Keynote speaker:

**Professor Tina Beattie**

Tina Beattie is Professor of Catholic Studies at the University of Roehampton in London, and Director of Catherine of Siena College - an online college offering courses in gender, theology and social justice based at Roehampton. Tina is married to Dave and they have four adult children and four grandchildren. She is the founder and facilitator of the international network Catholic Women Speak. Tina's research and academic publications focus on issues of gender, sacramentality and women's rights in Catholic theology. Her publications include *Theology after Postmodernity: Divining the Void - a Lacanian reading of Thomas Aquinas* (Oxford University Press, 2013), and *New Catholic Feminism: Theology and Theory* (Routledge, 2006). Tina has a keen interest in the relationship between art, literature and theology. She contributes widely to the media, and she also writes fiction. Her novel *The Good Priest* was published in 2019.

Master of Ceremony

**Dr Sandie Cornish**

Dr Sandie Cornish is a scholar in the field of Catholic Social Teaching. She works in the Office for Social Justice of the Catholic Bishops Conference and in private practice as a consultant. Sandie is a facilitator who brings her academic knowledge and her skill in community engagement together in a practical and insightful way. She is a co-author of the research report *Woman and Man: One in Christ Jesus*, and co-editor of *Still Listening to the Spirit*. Her other research interests include migration theology, Ignatian spirituality, and a community engagement approach to practical theology.

Artist-in-Residence **Debra Phillips**

Debra Phillips is an academic and a practising artist. Her work reflects the reflexivity of academic research, her spirituality and her art-making processes. Her PhD celebrates an awareness of the importance of woman-centered spirituality which underlies the courage to challenge oppressive social-cultural practices. Debra has presented at both national and international conferences using her art work to illustrate her ideas.

Debra's mixed media works on paper and gouache on MDF board paintings are representations of her spirituality. Her paintings highlight the contributions of female prophets, saints and ordinary women have made to a woman-centered and feminist understanding of Christianity. Debra's work is influenced by medieval style visual narratives and icon paintings. She mobilises their flat, decorative spaces and stylised figures to create visual narratives that tempt the viewer to create their story in tandem with Debra's story. Debra has exhibited in group and solo exhibitions, and her work is in many international private collections. Additionally, Debra works with her local community as team-leader and artist to create large scale, public yarn-storming installations.
Day 1

HISTORY: Where We Come From

8.30–9.25am
Registrations/House keeping

9.30–10.30am
Welcome Liturgy

10.35 – 10.55am
Morning Tea

11.00 – 12.30pm
Opening Key Note: Professor Tina Beattie
On Dignity and Equality of Women in the Church

12.35 – 1.10pm
Dialogues

1.15 – 1:55pm
Lunch

2.00 – 2.45pm
Presentation: Session A

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2.50 – 3.10pm
Afternoon Tea

3.15 – 4.00pm
Presentation: Session B

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4.05 – 4.40pm
Dialogues

4.45 – 5.40pm
Creative Spaces: Session C

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5.45 – 7.00pm
Connections with Wine and Cheese
Presented by Catholic Women's Mentoring Group

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Day 2

EXPERIENCE:
Where We Are Today

8.30–8.55am
Personal Reflection (optional)

9.00–10.30am
Plenary Session: Putting Women at the Centre: Australian Women’s Organisations as Church

10.35–10.55am
Morning Tea

11.00–11.30am
Dialogues

11.30am–12.10pm
Mid-pilgrimage ritual

12.15–1:05pm
Lunch

1.10–1.55pm
Session D

2.00–2.45pm
Session E

2.50–3.10pm
Afternoon Tea

3.15–3.55pm
Dialogues

4.00–4.45pm
Creative Spaces - Session F

5.00–5.30pm
Free Time

5.30–6.30pm
Network Dinner

6.30 onwards
Public Lecture by Professor Tina Beattie
Mother Earth and Mother Church: Towards a Sacramental Theology of the Maternal
Day 3

HOPE: Where We Are Going

8.30–8.55am
Personal Reflection (optional)

9.00–9.45 am
Session G

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10.40 – 11.00 am
Morning Tea

11.05 am – 12.05 pm
*Final Reflections - Food for the Journey: Where do we go from here?* Professor Tina Beattie

12.10 pm – 12.55 pm
Dialogues

1.00 – 1:45 pm
Lunch

1.50 – 2:20 pm
On Pilgrimages Together – Sharing of initiatives

2.20 – 3:00 pm
Concluding Liturgy

Event Details

**DATE:** 27 - 29 October 2020

**TIME:**
- Day 1: 8:30am-7:00pm
- Day 2: 8:30am-6:30pm followed by Public Lecture
- Day 3: 8:30am-3:00pm

**VENUE:** St Joseph’s Spirituality Centre, Baulkham Hills

**ADDRESS:** 33 Barina Downs Rd, Baulkham Hills NSW 2153

**FEE:**
- $220p/p (+ GST) Regular Ticket - 3 Days
- $100 p/p (+ GST) Regular Ticket - 1 Day (per person/per day)

**CATERING:** Fee includes lunch, morning and afternoon tea over three days. Network Dinner $35 and Public Lecture $20 are extra fees


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  $220.00 p/p $242.00 p/p

- Regular Ticket - 1 Day
  Tuesday Wednesday Thursday
  $100.00 p/p/day $110.00 p/p

DAY ONE (Tuesday 27 Oct 2020) DAY TWO (Wednesday 28 Oct 2020) DAY THREE (Thursday 29 Oct 2020)

I wish to register for the NETWORK DINNER (Wednesday 28 October, 5.30 - 6.30pm): $35.00

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