

Registration Form – Archdiocesan Adult Faith Gathering

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Conference Date	Event Name and Venue	Conference Fee (GST free)	Meals Included
Commencing 5:30pm Friday 18 th Sept Closing 4:00pm Saturday 19 th Sept	Archdiocesan Adult Faith Education Gathering Marymac Community Centre, Annerley	\$40	Friday: evening meal Saturday: morning tea and lunch

Workshop Preferences

Please mark three preferences (eg 1,2 and 3) beside the workshops of each round.

Round 1 Friday 7:30pm	Round 2 Saturday 11:00am	Round 3 Saturday 2:00pm
1A: Small Groups – What's the Story?	2A: Creative Conversations	3A: In the beginning ... A Spirituality for Small Groups
1B: Promoting Small Groups in Parishes	2B: Praying the Scriptures with SOAP	3B: RCIA – falling in love with God and each other
1C: In the beginning ... A Spirituality for Small Groups	2C: Lectio Divina in Small Groups	3C: Forming faith and community – a new approach to sacramental program
1D: Small Groups – the Challenges and the Gifts	2D: Our Essential Story – The Core Gospel Message	3D: Conflict in Small Groups
1E: Weave to Love	2E: Where are all the men?	3E: The Merry Widows – weaving the memories

Registration closes on: 14th September 2009

Please indicate any dietary requirements: _____

Please indicate any mobility requirements: _____

PAYMENT METHOD:

- Cheque enclosed (cheques are to be made payable to Faith & Life)
 Visa MasterCard

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Archdiocesan Adult Faith Gathering

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Like threads of different hues and textures we connect and weave 'our story' in small groups in our parish community. These groups can vary from a finance committee to a scripture sharing group, however each group plays its part in nurturing the reign of God and the local faith community. This gathering will provide presentations,

workshops, resources and prayers to develop our gifts and skills as group leaders and participants. Together, as we engage in this work, we create a beautiful tapestry revealing our faith in Jesus, our deep communion and our commitment to Christian mission in our world.

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Archdiocesan Adult Faith Gathering – Program

Friday 18th evening		Saturday 19th morning		Saturday 19th afternoon	
5:30pm	Registration – light supper	8:30am	Registration	12:30pm	Lunch
6:30pm	Welcome – Opening Prayer	9:00am	Prayer	1:30pm	Plenary Session
7:00pm	Keynote Presentation	9:30am	Keynote Presentation	2:00pm	Workshops – Round 3
7:30pm	Workshops – Round 1	10:30am	Morning Tea	3:15pm	Archbishop Bathersby
8:30pm	Browse resources	11:00am	Workshops – Round 2	3:30pm	Closing Prayer

Keynote Presenter – John Brady



John is an engaging, challenging and inspiring speaker and workshop facilitator. For over thirty years he has held senior leadership positions in education, private companies and community organisations. He has completed post-graduate study in practical aspects of leadership, team-work, organisational development and effective groups.

John has witnessed the incredible value small groups can provide in accomplishing a task and providing faith and personal transformation. However through his study and consultancy work he is also keenly aware how ‘dysfunctional groups’ can sabotage effectiveness, individual growth and personal faith. Some of the questions he will address in his presentations are: ‘What is it about small groups that feed directly into our spiritual need and yet at the same time scare the living daylights out of us? In an Australian psyche, how does our scepticism about small groups, particularly amongst men, affect our development of small groups? What is the cost/benefit analysis of setting up small groups in a parish setting? And the critical question – “Will it be fun?”’

Workshops Round 1



Workshop 1A: Small Groups – What’s the Story? New to the idea of small groups? Got some great experiences of small groups but not sure how it fits with the rest of the parish? This workshop will explore the vision and purpose of nurturing a parish OF small groups rather than a parish WITH small groups.

Presenter: Greg Sunter. Greg is a member of the Evangelisation and Spiritual Formation Team at Brisbane Catholic Education and chairs the Archdiocesan Commission for Ministry with Young People. For many years, Greg has been involved in facilitating faith formation experiences with groups of all sizes.



Workshop 1B: Promoting Small Groups in Parishes. This workshop outlines how one parish promotes and supports small faith sharing groups. It is one example of how the use of adult small groups for faith sharing has renewed the lives of all those involved.

Presenter: Br Roger Burke FMS. Roger, a member of the Marist Brothers, became more involved in parish ministry after many years of Catholic schools leadership. In his present position of Coordinator of Adult Faith Education ministry in the Jubilee parish Brisbane, he believes strongly in the small group method of nourishing the lives of parishioners.



Workshop 1C: In the beginning ... A Spirituality for Small Groups. The workshop will explore spirituality for small groups and will consist of input, interaction and reflection and will endeavour to draw upon the experience of both the presenter and the participants in articulating a spirituality for small groups.

Presenter: Penny Carroll. Penny brings to this workshop a wide range of experiences and engagement in small groups in Christian communities, in parish ministry, as a school counsellor, as a lecturer at St Paul’s Theological College and in her own counselling practice. Penny has a passion for pastoral ministry.



Workshop 1D: Small Groups – the Challenges and the Gifts. This workshop will explore some of the dynamics that affect how groups operate, and how you can be a more effective group member and leader. The workshop will be experiential as well as offering some insight into the theories about groups.

Presenter: Madonna Botting. Madonna has worked in Brisbane adult faith education, juvenile justice mediation, counselling and communication training and co-teaches a subject on group processes and communication at St Paul’s Theological College.



Workshop 1E: Weave to Love. As Christians we need to plan our activities and priorities to play our part in achieving God’s vision and purpose for us. Jesus taught us that our priorities should be to love our God and love our neighbours. So how do we make sure that our resources and activities are channelled in the right direction?

Presenter: Chris Kent. Chris is an experienced management consultant with extensive leadership, managerial, financial and consulting expertise. His approach is to assist organisations to improve by taking a holistic view of how they are operating in order to identify areas where changes will deliver positive outcomes.

Friday evening

Workshops Round 2



Workshop 2A: Creative Conversations. The aim of this workshop is to allow the Spirit to weave the threads of our stories together using simple tools that can open a pathway to a deeper connection with each other. It offers an opportunity to experience the value of sharing our daily realities in the context of prayer and Scripture.

Presenter: Kathryn Robbie. Much of Kathryn’s training and formation comes from her involvement in a wide variety of parish ministries and activities including RCIA Coordinator, Liturgy Coordinator and Director of ERDU. In recent years Kathryn has sensed a calling to a life of stillness, silence and contemplation.



Workshop 2B: Praying the Scriptures with SOAP. This workshop allows participants to learn how to use SOAP in small groups. It has very little to do with being clean! Come and see!

Presenter: Mike Humphrys. Mike is a member of the Everyday Mission Team in Faith & Life. He is a member of several faith sharing groups and has a passion for spirituality, evangelisation and a passion for connecting people in mission. Mike has a leading role with Catholics Returning Home, Pray 2010 and the Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre.



Workshop 2C: Lectio Divina in Small Groups Lectio divina is about meditating on the Word of God and connecting the fruits of that meditation with life. The workshop provides an introductory experience of lectio and indicates resources for further developing the practice. Lectio divina comes out of the Benedictine tradition of spirituality.

Presenter: Anthony Gooley. Rev Anthony Gooley is a deacon of the Archdiocese of Brisbane and an oblate (associate member) of a Benedictine monastic community. He teaches lectio divina and facilitates reflection days based on this method especially for parents and carers of people with disability.



Workshop 2D: Our Essential Story – The Core Gospel Message. We sometimes may find it difficult to communicate the Gospel in a manner specifically intended to bring about an increase of faith in Jesus, the Christ. This workshop is a sharing of scripture supported by simple, clear and concise teachings that validate the Gospel of Jesus Christ as Good News!

Presenter: John Tasker. John is Director of Evangelization Resources Down Under, a Catholic Ministry providing scripture-based resources to help others become committed mature followers of Jesus, grow into faith-filled communion with God and with one another, and to go and be effective in the mission Jesus has entrusted to us.



Workshop 2E: Where are all the men? A perspective on the male journey and parish ministry to men by the Australian Catholic Parish men’s ministry menALIVE. The formation of small fellowship groups and the initiation of a Catholic method of prayer using the daily readings of the church and journaling.

Presenter: Robert Falzon. In 2003 Robert co-founded the Catholic Men’s Ministry menALIVE. In this mission he has been involved in presenting and running more than 50 events all over Australia and NZ, reaching in excess of 3500 men. This year he ran the inaugural Sons of the Father weekend event for dads and their teenage sons.

Workshops Round 3



Workshop 3A: In the beginning ... A Spirituality for Small Groups. The workshop will explore spirituality for small groups and will consist of input, interaction and reflection and will endeavour to draw upon the experience of both the presenter and the participants in articulating a spirituality for small groups.

Presenter: Penny Carroll. Penny brings to this workshop a wide range of experiences and engagement in small groups in Christian communities, in parish ministry, as a school counsellor, as a lecturer at St Paul’s Theological College and in her own counselling practice.



Workshop 3B: RCIA – falling in love with God and each other. This workshop addresses how small parish groups have a role and a responsibility to be initiators together with RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) Team in a parish, and ways in which this can be enabled.

Presenter: Sue Thomas. Sue is the Pastoral Associate for Surfers Paradise Parish and a member of the Archdiocesan Catechumenate Committee. She has a Masters in Ministry in which she researched RCIA in an ecumenical setting. She is passionate about the RCIA and the implications for its implementation in parishes.



Workshop 3C: Forming faith and community – a new approach to sacramental program. This workshop will investigate how a new approach to the small group process can benefit not just the children, but also the children’s parents and other adults in the faith community.

Presenter: Lisa Forbes. Lisa is Pastoral Associate at St John’s Wood/The Gap and each year co-ordinates a preparation program for the sacraments for over 150 families. Her Masters in Ministry thesis topic was ‘Inviting Faith: the parish-based sacramental program as invitation to adult faith development.’



Workshop 3D: Conflict in Small Groups. The aim of this workshop is to deal with one of the most challenging concerns for leaders. Groups may experience conflict at some point so it is imperative that leaders have competent skills and processes to handle conflict constructively and effectively.

Presenter: John Brady. John has held senior leadership positions in education, private companies and community organisations. He has completed post-graduate study in practical aspects of leadership, team-work, organisational development and community organisations.



Workshop 3E: The Merry Widows – weaving the memories. Lis will take a Gospel passage concerning women, tell the story from the woman’s perspective, and then share discussion and reflection.

Presenter: Sr Lis Keane IBVM. Lis is a Loreto sister and is Pastoral Associate at Southport Catholic parish where she is mainly involved in Liturgy. She is also involved in Adult Formation in the South Coast Deanery, as well as being a Chaplain at the Women’s section of the Numinbah Correctional Centre. Her experience as a Biblical Story Teller has been of great benefit as a Chaplain.

Saturday morning

Saturday afternoon