

Topics – 2024

6-7 April

Orientation *Rita Malavisi rsj, Lianella Girardi rsj*

8 April

Encountering Inner Wisdom – Listening with the Inner Ear of my Heart. Part 1
Geraldine Kearney sgs

9 April

Social Justice-Called to be a community of mercy, inclusion, and human solidarity.
Most Reverend Vincent Long van Nguyen OFM Conv DD STL; Bishop of Parramatta

11-12 April

Always in transition with an ever-dynamic God. “Be willing to be a beginner every single morning.” Meister Eckhart
Graham Neist fms

15-16; 18 April

“Come and See’: reading John’s Gospel with Ecological Eyes
Elizabeth Dowling rsm

19 April

Encountering Inner Wisdom - Listening with the Inner Ear of my Heart. Part 2
Geraldine Kearney sgs

22-23 April

Attending Deeply: An opportunity to Ponder Teilhard de Chardin’s statement that, with one hand God shapes the universe, and with the other, God shapes us carefully. The Trinity keeps drawing us through the details of our lives.
Carmel Drew rsj

25 April

Transition: A Graced Time.
Geraldine Kearney sgs

29-30 April

Part1: A Church Always On the Way Part2: Responses to the Synod on Synodality. Both sessions will focus on moments and movements in the Church today. They will emphasise Pope Francis’ desire for a Synodal Church.
Luke Tobin: Diocesan Director Sydney, Broken Bay, Parramatta

2-3 May

“Country, Culture and Spirituality. My journey as a First Nation Catholic Educator.”
Dr. Lisa Buxton: Executive Officer, Aboriginal Catholic Ministry

6-8 May

A How to “Seeking and Finding God in All Things.”
Brendan Kelly sj

13-14 May

Discovering the Wonders of Life’s Beginning.
Elaine Smith rsj, Lianella Girardi rsj



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Invitation to WISDOM, MISSION, CONVERSION, TRANSFORMATION

**A Sabbatical for Members
of Religious Congregations**

5 April - 17 May 2024

*Standing on
the pathway
leading to new
invitations*

**St Joseph’s Baulkham Hills
33 Barina Downs Road Norwest NSW 2153**

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This Sabbatical focuses on transitions and is suitable for those who are at the Crossroads of life and ministry. The invitation is to Openness, Vulnerability and Spiritual Growth.

The Sabbatical is integrative and holistic in its approach.

An excellent team of Australian - based Presenters.

St Joseph Centre sits within beautiful, spacious grounds at Baulkham Hills, 40 minutes north-west of Sydney's CBD and Sydney Harbour.

Within the grounds there is a labyrinth, other reflective spaces, and a swimming pool. Inside there is a chapel, spaces for quiet reading, and guest lounges with TV/DVD and tea/coffee facilities. Laundry facilities are available. All rooms are en-suited.

Please note that participants are invited to arrive from 2.00pm onwards on Friday 5 April and depart after breakfast on Friday 17 May.



**Date: 5 April
to 17 May 2024**

**Venue:
St Joseph's Baulkham Hills**

Cost: \$8,806.50

**Closing date for applications:
25 March 2024**

*"It is a wonderful day
in a life when one is finally
able to stand before the long,
deep mirror of one's own reflection
and view oneself with appreciation,
acceptance and wisdom.*

*On that day one breaks through the
falsity of images and expectations
which have blinded one's spirit.*

*One can only learn to see who one is
when one learns to view oneself
with the most intimate and
forgiving compassion."*

John O'Donohue