

Queensland Program 2018

Welcome to the activities for the **Australian Network for Spiritual Direction (ANSD Qld)**. We thank all our presenters & venue hosts for their interest and willingness to share with us. **ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.**

ANSD Qld coordinator is **Denise Brosnan rsj** Mobile: 0439 675 571 & email: ansdqueensland@gmail.com & www.ansd.org.au

Saturday, 3rd February - Day 9:00 for 9:30am – 3:30pm BYO lunch

Kathryn Robbie & Cecily Jensen-Clayton will present **“Engaging Your Inner Mystic: Experiencing and Enjoying Mystical Poetry”**

Do you ever wonder what elements make up mystical poetry? Maybe you already write mystical poetry? Or perhaps you might like to try to write a mystical poem? Whatever your interest, we invite lovers of deeper meaning in nature to join us for a day of pondering, reflection, and evocation as we share what we have discovered about writing and producing a book on mystical poetry. We would love you to be part of our collaboration as we bring together photos, stories, and mystical poems of the Australian landscape, and invite you into our journey towards publication.

About Kathryn

As a trained Spiritual Director, I take great delight in accompanying others on their spiritual journey and facilitating retreat days/weekends. My spare time is shared between enjoying time with family and friends, particularly the grandchildren and nurturing my inner monk and artist through contemplative photography, writing and poetry.

About Cecily

Through my eyes, our lives are all based in mystery, and in the living out this mystery mysticism comes naturally to us all. With this in mind, I have wandered through this world gathering those things that can express the Divine life in me as I encounter Divinity. Along the way I have gathered to myself all those experiences and skills necessary for me to contribute also to the lives of others. As theologian, philosopher, educator, linguist, psychoanalyst, musician and poet, my life is informed by, but not confined to, a feminist consciousness. My work also includes mentoring and offering spiritual guidance to research students and women for effective leadership in our complex age.

RSVP: Denise on 0439 675 571 or ansdqueensland@gmail.com Suggested donation to ANSD Qld is \$20 or what you can afford.

Venue: **St Francis Theological College, 233 Milton Road, Milton.** (best to use the Baroona Road Entrance)
(by train to Milton Station) LR1 – **Room under the library**

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Saturday, 24th February - Day 9:00am for 9:30am– 3:15pm. BYO lunch, morning tea is provided.

Lucy Tierney will present **“Focusing.”**

Lucy will lead us in naming, owning, expanding, and experiencing our personal gift of focusing which is an innate human process with which we all engage. Through this process we are invited into deeper communion between our True becoming Self and God’s Self.

Lucy is a Sister of Saint Joseph who co-ordinates Virginia Waters Self-Care – an inner wisdom consultancy. She is (and has been for many years) a full time spiritual director, supervisor, and retreat giver. Lucy is also a lecturer and supervisor for the St Francis Spiritual Direction Formation Program auspiced by the Anglican Church in Brisbane.

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Venue: **Villa Maria Spirituality Centre, 123 Warren Street, Fortitude Valley.**
(Park underneath or on the road)

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Tuesday, 17th April – Evening 6pm to 7pm chatting in the hall. BYO supper. Tea and coffee are provided.
7pm -9pm Presentation in the Church.

Michael Mayer will present **“Richard Rohr’s ideas on second half of life and non dual consciousness.”**

Richard Rohr, a US Catholic Franciscan priest, is a modern prophet with the gift of seeing deeply into the interconnectedness of all things because they come out of the Trinity. His books, talks and daily emails are very helpful resources in encouraging seeing and living out of a contemplative approach to life and the Scriptures. The Centre for Action and Contemplation in the US offers opportunities and training that some Australians have taken up. This evening will look at some of the themes that consistently arise in the teachings of Richard Rohr. Participants will have the opportunity to add their own reflections.

Michael Mayer is a pastor currently working in a Lutheran school and part of the first class completing the St Francis Spiritual Direction Formation Programme. He first came across Richard Rohr while in the context of men’s work. He finds that the daily emails offer resources,

Saturday, 17th November - 9:00 for 9:30am to 2:30pm Bring lunch to share

Denise Brosnan will lead in reflecting on the topic “**Act justly, Love tenderly and Walk humbly with your God**” – Micah 6:8

The Gospels and Hebrew Scriptures are saturated with Social Justice messages. During this morning there will be an opportunity and space for personal and communal engagement with Scripture in a search for a Spirituality for Social Justice.

Denise a Sister of Saint Joseph who is a Spiritual Director, Counsellor, Educator and Sandplay Therapist. Denise is a supervisor for the St Francis Spiritual Direction Formation Program sponsored by the Anglican Church in Brisbane. Denise currently works, part-time, as a School Pastoral Worker at St Brendan’s Moorooka and is also connected with those who are often seen to be on the margins of society including those who seek Asylum and refuge.

1 - 1:30pm lunch to share

1:30 - 2:30pm **Planning** for ANSD Qld Programme 2019

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