

CONCERNED CATHOLICS Canberra-Goulburn

Public Forum

The Future of the Catholic Church in Australia: The role of the laity in Church renewal

7:30pm: Tuesday 11 September 2018

The Chapel, Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture
55 Blackall Street Barton ACT

Speakers

- **Bishop Vincent Long, Bishop of Parramatta**
- **Ms Anne Kirwan, CEO Catholic Care Canberra-Goulburn**
- **Sr Clare Condon, Good Samaritan Sister**



Vincent Long



Anne Kirwan



Clare Condon

Professor John Warhurst will chair the forum and provide an update on the work of Concerned Catholics Canberra-Goulburn.

All are welcome. Supper will be provided.

Please note: Anthony M Maher's two recent books will be launched in the Chapel at the ACCC from 6:00pm to 7:00pm the same evening. All are welcome to attend this event.

For more information on both these events visit Concerned Catholics Canberra Goulburn [website](http://www.concernedcatholicscanberra.org/) at www.concernedcatholicscanberra.org/

Bishop Vincent Long was born in 1961 in Vietnam. He studied for the priesthood in Melbourne and was ordained in 1989. After further study in Rome, he served as parish priest in Kellyville in the Diocese of Parramatta for seven years, followed by seven years as parish priest in Springvale in Victoria. He was elected superior of the Order of Friars Minor Conventuals in Australia in 2005 and served as assistant general in Rome until 2011. He was auxiliary bishop of Melbourne for nearly five years from 2011. Nationally, he serves as the Bishops Delegate for Migrants and Refugees and is Chair of Australian Catholic Social Justice Council.

Bishop Vincent is the first Vietnamese born bishop to lead a diocese outside of Vietnam and the first Vietnamese born bishop in Australia. He was installed as the fourth Bishop of Parramatta in June 2016.

Anne Kirwan is a registered psychologist with over 20 years' experience in the social services sector. She has held the position of Chief Executive Officer of CatholicCare Canberra & Goulburn since 2014. Anne commenced her career working in homelessness services, and has overseen youth, employment, mental health and disability & aged care services during her time with CatholicCare. Anne has held various board positions including as president of the Alcohol, Tobacco & Other Drug Association of the ACT. She is currently on the Catholic Social Services Australia NSW/ACT Branch Committee. Anne holds post tertiary qualifications in psychology, leadership and adult mental health. She recently completed the Australian Institute of Company Directors (AICD) course. She is currently completing her MBA and is a passionate supporter of the Canberra Raiders.

Sister Clare Condon is a member of the congregation of the Sisters of the Good Samaritan. She was born in Jamberoo, south of Wollongong and educated at St Francis Xavier's and St Mary's Star of the Sea, Wollongong. Sr Clare holds tertiary qualifications in accountancy, sociology, education and social policy. After profession as a Sister of the Good Samaritan in 1972 she trained as a teacher and taught mainly in Queensland. In 1988 she was appointed province counsellor in the Sydney Province and in 1993 was elected as a member of the Congregational Governing Council. Sr Clare then took up a position in the Archdiocese of Adelaide in March 2000 and became Chancellor of the Archdiocese in 2001. She held this position until she was elected Congregational Leader of the Sisters of the Good Samaritan of the Order of St Benedict in September 2005.

In 2013, Sr Clare was awarded a Human Rights Medal by the Australian Human Rights Commission in recognition of the Good Samaritan Sisters' work with asylum seekers, Indigenous Australians and the victims of domestic violence. Her term of office as Congregational Leader concluded in September 2017. She has also been a member of the Board of Directors of Catholic Church Insurances; of the Administrative Council and regional representative for the International Conference of Benedictine Women and president of Catholic Religious Australia. She co-chaired the National Committee for Professional Standards which was established to oversee the development of policies, principles and procedures in responding to Church-related abuse complaints.

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