

OUR PARISH MISSION

**LIVING A CONTEMPORARY
CATHOLIC LIFE
OF FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE**

WHEN & WHERE

MONDAY 20, TUESDAY 21, WEDNESDAY 22 MAY

MORNING SESSIONS 9.30am - 11.45am
St. Pius X Church & Hall
419 Waterdale Road Heidelberg West

Morning session is repeated each evening

EVENING SESSIONS 7.30pm - 8.45pm
Ollie Grimes Room, St. Clement's School
9 Egan Drive Bulleen

OUR MISSIONER

Fr. Richard Leonard sj
Parish missions are a time for us to reflect on where we have been, where we are and where we are going. This mission will focus on the issues that confront us as Christians in the contemporary world and offer practical direction about how we can live more deeply our lives of faith.



PARISHES

St. Clement's Bulleen
St. Pius X Heidelberg West
Mary Mother of the Church
Ivanhoe
St. John's Heidelberg
St. Martin's Rosanna

PRE-MISSION MASSES

Fr. Richard will preach at the following Masses in preparation for the Mission

Sat 18 May at 5.30pm
St. Clement's Bulleen

Sun 19 May at 10.00am
St. Martin's Rosanna

DAILY SESSIONS

Each morning session begins with Mass 9.30am at St. Pius X Heidelberg West

The morning session is repeated each evening 7.30pm at St. Clement's School Hall Bulleen

Monday 20 May

Going out to the world: we need all the help we can get

Tuesday 21 May

Nine steps to making better choices for my life

Wednesday 22 May

*Where the Hell is God?
Holding to Faith through the tough times*

**ALL
WELCOME**

OVERVIEW OF EACH SESSION

Monday

“Going out to the world: we need all the help we can get.”

One of the richest things Catholics take to the world is our tradition. Some people think Catholic Tradition is a static block of doctrines that must be imparted to our young. By looking at Mary, the Mother of Jesus we will see how our tradition is rich and responsive to the needs of today.

Tuesday

“Nine steps to making better choices for my life.”

One of the strongest elements within the Catholic tradition is the process of discerning the promptings of God in my daily life. How can we practically apply the best of our Christian spirituality to the choices we make at home, work and the wider community?

Wednesday

“Where the Hell is God? Holding to Faith through the Tough Times.”

Our faith in God is easier when everything is going well. But what about the times in our lives when it is challenged, undermined and threatened by the things that happens to us, or those we love? This critical session will help us work out how we can hold onto a God who walks with us in the “valley of tears”?

**COME ALONG AND JOIN YOUR
PARISH COMMUNITY FOR
A TIME OF RENEWAL OF FAITH**

ABOUT OUR MISSIONER

Fr. Richard Leonard is a Jesuit priest. He has degrees in arts and education, as well as a Master's degree in theology. Fr. Richard did graduate studies at the London Film School and has a PhD from the University of Melbourne.

He directs the Australian Catholic Office for Film & Broadcasting, is an Honorary Fellow of the Australian Catholic University; has been a visiting scholar within the School of Theatre, Film & Television at UCLA and a Visiting Professor at the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome.

He has served on juries at the Cannes, Venice, Berlin, Warsaw, Hong Kong, Montreal, Brisbane and Melbourne International Film Festivals and he has lectured on faith and culture all over the world. He has been published in America Magazine, Eureka Street, US Catholics, is regular columnist with The London Tablet and is a regular guest on ABC Radio. He is the author of ten books, among the titles are:

- Where the Hell is God?
- Why Bother Praying?
- What are we doing on earth for Christ's sake?
- What are we waiting for? Reflections for Advent & Christmas
- What are we hoping for? Reflections for Lent & Easter
- What does it all mean? A guide to being more faithful, hopeful and loving
- His most recent book: Hatch, Match & Dispatch: A Catholic Guide to Sacraments will be released in 2019.