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# "The Church Re-Imagined: Four Public Conversations."

The Crypt of St Patrick's Church, Grosvenor Street, Sydney  
1.30pm – 3.00pm on Sundays 1<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> September, 27<sup>th</sup> October, & 24<sup>th</sup> November

The Royal Commission is potentially a watershed for the Catholic Church in Australia. This can be a "privileged moment of the Spirit" (see Pope Paul VI, *Evangelii Nuntiandi*, 75). It is crucial therefore that we reflect honestly, carefully and clearly on our situation.

Geraldine Doogue will set the context for these conversations, reflecting on her experience in Rome at the time of the election of Pope Francis and suggesting major questions facing the Catholic Church.

Francis Sullivan, Bishop Geoffrey Robinson and Gerard Webster will each focus more directly on the issue of sexual abuse and its implications.

- 1<sup>st</sup> September:** **Geraldine Doogue AO.** Geraldine has been the host of Compass on ABC TV since 1998 and is host of Saturday Extra on Radio National. She received a United Nations Media Peace Prize and two Penguin Awards for her role in ABC TV's coverage of the Gulf War. She received the award of Officer of the Order of Australia in 2003. She covered the election of Pope Francis in the Vatican for the ABC.
- 22<sup>nd</sup> September:** **Francis Sullivan.** Francis was Secretary General of Health Care Australia and CEO of Australian Medical Association. Together with NSW Supreme Court chief judge, Barry O'Keefe, Francis is co-chair the panel of lay people and clergy overseeing the Catholic Church's engagement with the Royal Commission into child sexual abuse.
- 27<sup>th</sup> October:** **Bishop Geoffrey Robinson,** is the author of two books on the issue of sexual abuse by clergy, *Confronting Power and Sex in the Catholic Church* and *For Christ's Sake End Sexual Abuse in the Catholic Church ... for good*. He is the originator of the petition to Pope Francis to call an ecumenical council to address the issue.
- 24<sup>th</sup> November:** **Dr Gerard Webster,** Gerard Webster is a Forensic and Counselling Psychologist who, for over twenty-five years, has worked with adults, adolescents and children who have been, or who have sexually abused. He has also received Supervisor Accreditation for the assessment and treatment both child and adult sexual abusers under the *NSW Commission for Children and Young People Child Sex Offender Counsellors Accreditation Scheme*.

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