

Pastoral Ministry CONNECT

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Wow! What a month and what an experience Alive in the Spirit was for 2022.

The Spirit was truly alive at the Alive in the Spirit Conference held virtually on the 26th-28th May. With engaging keynote presentations and 25 practical workshops, the content of this year's experience provided inspiration and energy for those who experienced it. A highlight this year was the group sharing opportunities which happened after each keynote and special Let's Have a Yarn opportunities for networking. The engagement, participation and thirst to be connected energised me and highlighted what this Alive in the Spirit experience is all about.

Thank you to everyone who participated and contributed to bring the Alive in the Spirit experience to life this year. And welcome to all new members of the Pastoral Ministry Network. It was great to see so many people not only engage with the Conference, but choose to become members of PMN. Enjoy the resources on offer to support you and your communities.

If you haven't been able to engage with Alive in the Spirit so far, be sure to keep reading to see the many opportunities to stay connected. There are Let's Have a Yarn opportunities, the upcoming Webinar and of course anyone is welcome to reach out to the Pastoral Ministry Network for support or resourcing for areas of pastoral ministry.

May we continue to live daily, the theme of Alive of the Spirit for this year, "What does God require of us: to act justly, love mercy and to work humbly with our God."



Richard McMahon
Co-Chair, Pastoral Ministry Network

You can still be part of the Alive in the Spirit Experience!

The Conference itself might be over but you can still enjoy the Alive in the Spirit Experience.

A parish in the North Coast of NSW are setting aside a weekend in August where their parish will experience Alive in the Spirit as a community.

Another parish in Western Sydney will be offering it as a weekly parish event - inviting participants to watch a workshop or keynote presentation and then having a discussion afterwards as part of their adult faith formation program.

Individual Participants have shared that they are watching or re-watching a keynote or workshop every few days for personal nourishment.

If you visit the Delve Deeper page on the Conference Central Website <https://aliveinthespirit.com.au/conference-delve-deeper/> (remember to be logged in) you will see the Conference Booklet which has reflection questions for keynotes and workshops. You will also find guides on the Delve Deeper page to experience Alive in the Spirit as a:

- Three-Day Personal Guide to Conference
- Three-Day Group Guide to Conference
- One-Month Guide for Individuals & Groups

A few things to remember ...

- Conference registrations will remain open until the end of June.
- PMN members who have registered for the Conference will be able to access 2022 Alive in the Spirit resources for the term of their membership.
- If you are a PMN member, but haven't registered for the Conference, you won't have access to the 2022 resources until after the next PMN hosted Conference.
- Register today, if you haven't already, to access these awesome resources.



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Conference registration: \$49 (member price)

If you have registered for Conference and are not a PMN member, join by the end of June for \$49. Contact info@pastoralministrynetwork.org to register.

Let's have a yarn ...

It is always great to connect, even if it is via Zoom! Let's Have a Yarn provides the opportunity to meet with others in the Pastoral Ministry Space, who are all doing their bit to live God's mission.



The next Let's Have a Yarn is **Wednesday 29th June 2022, 7.30 - 8.30pm AEST**. This Let's Have a Yarn will have as its focus an opportunity to debrief the workshop presentations from Alive in the Spirit. There may have been one that stood out for you or you may have questions that you want to explore with others. Come along and enjoy the time of friendship and support with others along the journey.

Register for Let's Have a Yarn
29th June, 7.30pm AEST at
<https://tinyurl.com/LHAY290622>

ARE YOU NEW TO THE PASTORAL MINISTRY NETWORK?

Welcome to those of you who have joined the network in the past month. We hope that you find some time to explore the Pastoral Ministry Network Website and connect with others along the way.

Your membership allows you access to the growing library of video resources including videos from the 2021 Alive in the Spirit Conference, the 2021 Ministry Symposium and previous Oceania Pastoral Ministry Webinars. There is also a book library offering a variety of books for borrowing. The online forum also offers another space for connection. All these things are on the Insights page of the website.

You can also catch up on previous newsletters to keep on top of all that is on offer. And the events! Upcoming Webinars and Let's Have a Yarn sessions will appear under the Events tab.

Enjoy all that there is to offer in this space as we support each other in ministry and leadership.

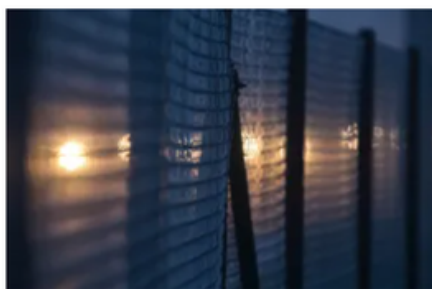


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The Spirit is Alive!

A reflection on the Alive in the Spirit experience.



“Alive in the Spirit” is exactly what I felt after attending this brilliantly facilitated, inspiring and thought-provoking conference.



I found out about the conference through my parish newsletter. After reviewing the program, there were a few topics that drew my attention, but in particular the talk by Dr Christina Kheng, “One Thing God Requires of Us: What does it mean to follow Christ in practice?” - the question I felt I really needed an answer to and the talk did not disappoint.



Dr Christina Kheng’s journey is one I could really resonate with on a few levels as someone who has deeply pondered on the true meaning of success in a transient life.



But whilst this topic drew me to the conference, I was in awe of what all speakers had to share and enjoyed the Group Sharing opportunities where I was so warmly welcomed by all participants. Participants I did not think I would see again... until I walked into my parish for mass that Sunday evening where the first person I saw was the event’s emcee, Lisa Bright, whom I had only met over Zoom a few days prior. Turns out we had both been attending the same parish for many years but never crossed paths! It is only because we crossed paths that evening that I have the privilege of writing this reflection.



This was a reminder that the Spirit is truly alive amongst us, orchestrating God’s will in each of our lives should we allow it to.



~Michelle S

Alive in the Spirit Participant



OCEANIA PASTORAL MINISTRY WEBINAR

Getting RCIA Going in Your Parish

with Max Norden and Lisa McKerr from Christian Initiation Australia Network

- Walk through the basics of either re-establishing RCIA or reinvigorating your current RCIA process in your parish.
- Hear about the journey for teenagers and children as well as adults

**Open to everyone
who seeks continual
renewal in the Spirit!**

Tuesday, 14th June 2022, 11am – 12.30pm (AEST)

Register at <https://www.trybooking.com/BZWUP>

You will receive a confirmation email upon registration and further information closer to the event.



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Max's involvement in RCIA is more than 30 years. He is in active parish ministry work at St Francis Xavier Cathedral Wollongong since 1983. He has many years experience as an RCIA Parish coordinator. He has an active involvement with Nick Wagner's TeamRCIA. He has led multiple workshops at previous CIAN/RCIA conferences and is currently on the executive committee for CIAN.



Lisa McKerr works for the Archdiocese of Brisbane as a Project Officer at Evangelisation Brisbane on the Adult Formation team. With a passion for leading people to God, Lisa is the key author of Crossroads RCIA, the RCIA resource for young people aged 9 to 16. Lisa has worked extensively in parishes as a Pastoral Associate, RCIA Coordinator and Sacramental Coordinator. She is the Secretary of the Archdiocesan Catechumenate Committee and an ex-officio member of the Pastoral Ministers Association. Lisa has a deep commitment to promoting RCIA and Evangelisation in the Archdiocese.



CIAN members Max Norden and Lisa McKerr will take you through the basics of either re-establishing RCIA or re-invigorating your current RCIA process in your parish. In this webinar we'll look at:

- The no. 1 top priority for RCIA,
- Who should be on the parish RCIA team and what do they do,
- The two distinct pathways for unbaptised and baptised inquirers,
- Key discussion points for your pastoral conversation with your inquirers (and some paperwork to help you),
- Journeying with children and teenagers (what's the same as for adults, what's different)
- The key resources you need

Register today for the
Oceania Pastoral Ministry Webinar.
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for the Discount Code for free access.
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PODCAST

Episode 12: About the Birthday of
the Church and the Holy Spirit?

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PMN member Sr Grace Roclawska invites you to "Seeking God's Grace"

Sr Grace, what inspired you to create a podcast and blog?

I like sharing my thoughts and my faith. When I came to Australia, people asked me if it is OK to call me Grace instead of my original name: Grazyna. This was the beginning of a journey of seeking God's Grace and myself in the Land Under the Southern Cross. The title of my blog and podcast – Seeking God's Grace (seekinggodsgrace.com), means many things: seeking God, seeking my own meaning of life. Life stories and more.

Would you say that this is a way of evangelisation?

Absolutely YES. This is my way of sharing the Good News: my faith and passion for God and his Church. To evangelise means to start sharing your journey with God with likeminded people and make ponder those who are not interested in faith but might find the reflections shared thought- provoking.

What are your hopes for your podcast and blog?

That people will hear about God who cares and love them. That my stories will help them to see that God is present in their everyday life and will encourage them to deepen their relationship with God and others.

www.seekinggodsgrace.com is an encouragement for people to discover their life passions and to live them with joy.

Visit our Virtual Exhibitors

In the next few weeks, you can still explore the Alive in the Spirit Conference site. Visit the exhibitors page where many organisations have supported the Alive in the Spirit experience.

One of our virtual exhibitors, Divine Renovation, shares videos, an overview, and information on how you can find out more about coaching for your community.



Inspiring, connecting, and equipping parishes to be missional and through them bringing people to Jesus Christ.

Visit www.aliveinthepirit.com.au, log into your account, and visit the Exhibitors tab where you will find a range of resources and offerings.





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Alive in the Spirit Photo Gallery - Behind the Scenes!

The Alive in the Spirit Studio was buzzing as the team streamed the live components. See some of the behind the scenes magic that brought the Conference to life. Thanks to Anthony Costa from Ministry Digital Media for producing the event, Brad Austin from Click Digital Solutions for our Web and IT support and PMN Committee member Carmel for helping in studio.



It was the Alive in the Spirit 'Morning Show' feel!



Carmel participating in one of the group sharing opportunities.



Keynote Presenter, Luke Tobin stayed around for an engaging Group Sharing.



Keynote Presenter, Dan Ebener, joining in from the USA to share about humble leadership.



One of the many group sharing opportunities.



Richard facilitating Let's Have a Yarn



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SAVE THE DAY for the PMN Annual General Meeting on the
Wednesday 17th August 2022

There will be the opportunity to hear about the works of the Pastoral Ministry Network, be part of the Committee or working committees for the next 12 months as well as networking opportunities for those who attend.

More details will be offered in the July Pastoral Ministry Connect Newsletter.

Alive in the Spirit Being The Community Christ Calls Us To Be **SURVEY**

If you attended the Alive in the Spirit experience, the Conference Committee would appreciate your feedback. You are invited to complete the survey at
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/S2LPWR3>

The survey should take no longer than five minutes with your feedback helping us create a better experience for participants for future conferences.

For our early bird survey responders (by 31st May), they went into the draw to win a copy of copy of Fr Richard Lennan's new book, Tilling the Church. And the winner is...

Anne Maree Jensen

Congratulations Anne Maree! Someone from PMN will be in contact with you soon.

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He said to them, "When you pray, say:
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- Luke 11:2

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for June, July
and August 2022

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Start a conversation via the PMN Online Forum

The Pastoral Ministry Network is your network. The online forum has been created as a space where members can share ideas and questions, to enrich our network.

Contribute to the topics already started or begin your own discussion thread on an area of pastoral life not discussed elsewhere.

Be sure to introduce yourself in the "introduce yourself" thread, and read the forum guidelines to ensure a safe and welcoming experience for all.

As well as the online forum, visit the [insights](#) page where you will find a plethora of video and book resources to use within your communities or for your own journey.

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Your contribution to Pastoral Ministry Connect is very welcome!

To submit or suggest an article for Pastoral Ministry Connect or to share a story of your community, please contact us via the details below. We're always looking for good news stories to share from those working in pastoral ministry.

The collective wisdom of people working in the area is what makes the Pastoral Ministry Network a great place to network and support each other.

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