

The St. Thomas More Forum Speakers Program 2005 to 2016

*The Inaugural Address St. Thomas More Forum Address
A Catholic in Public Life*

**Hon Tony Abbott
Federal Minister of Health and Leader of the House of Representatives
18 July 2005**

Marriage and Public Life – Balancing Work and Family

**Hon Kevin Andrews
Federal Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations and Minister assisting
the Prime Minister for the Public Service
Margaret Andrews
Marriage Educator
17 August 2005**

*First Annual St Thomas More Forum Lecture
Cardinal Newman on Conscience*

**His Eminence George Cardinal Pell
Archbishop of Sydney
20 September 2005**

*God on Trial – A Hypothetical
Robert Colquhoun KHS*

**Sydney Barrister, Author and Philosopher
Mr Colquhoun, played the role of Mr Socrates
The Panel taking part in God on Trial included:
Terry Higgins, Chief Justice of the ACT Supreme Court
(reading for Lord Alfred Denning) Head of Panel
Richard Refshauge SC, Director of Prosecutions, ACT Government
(reading for Karl Marx and Jean-Paul Sartre)
Christopher Erskine, Canberra barrister, Member of congregation, St Paul's
Anglican Church Manuka
(reading for David Hume).
Rev Dr Graeme Garrett, Lecturer in Theology at St Mark's Theological College,
Charles Sturt University
(reading for Pythagoras)
Professor Raymond Canning, School of Theology, Australian Catholic University
(reading for St Thomas Aquinas)
Dr Michael Jarvis, Lecturer Australian Defence Force Academy
(reading for Plato)
Rev Nikolai Blaskow Chaplain at Radford College
(played the role of Friedrich Nietzsche)
Mr Stephen Utick, Coordinator of the Hypothetical and NSW and ACT Literature
Advisory President, St Vincent de Paul Society**

Modern Labor and the Catholic Church

Kevin Rudd MP

**Shadow Minister for Foreign Affairs, Trade and International Security
28 November 2005**

Balancing Business, Family and a Catholic Life

Tim Kirk

**Winemaker and General Manager, Clonakilla
3 March 2006**

Positive Parenting

Paul Monagle

**ACT President, Australian Family Association
in a Joint Forum with Bill Muehlenberg**

Family Under Threat

Bill Muehlenberg

**National Vice President, Australian Family Association
in a Joint Forum with Paul Monagle
5 April 2006**

Second Annual Lecture St Thomas More Forum Lecture

Public Ethics in Bioethics

Fr Frank Brennan S.J., A.O

**Professor of Law, Australian Catholic University
Visiting Professor of Law and Social Justice, University of Notre Dame
Adjunct Fellow, Research School of Asian and Pacific Studies, Australian National
University
22 June 2006**

Sharing Your Faith without Losing Your Friends

Peter Holmes

**Manager, Courses of Study, Catholic Adult Education Centre Sydney
13 September 2006**

Peacemaking for Christians in the 21st Century

Peter Garrett MP

**Shadow Parliamentary Secretary for Reconciliation and the Arts
18 October 2006**

Media and Faith
Dennis Shanahan Political Editor
The Australian Newspaper
and
Angela Shanahan
Columnist with the Canberra Times and the Sunday Telegraph
15 November 2006

Faith on a Long Walk
Amy Banson
Social Work/Theology student at ACU National's Canberra Campus (Signadou)
and organiser of the 'Walk With A Rose' initiative and former School Captain of St.
Thomas More's Primary School
in a Joint Forum with Brother John May

Faith and Wine
Brother John May SJ
Jesuit Winemaker Emeritus, Sevenhill Cellars, Clare Valley
in a Joint Forum with Amy Banson
8 December 2006

Keeping the Faith in Policing
Mick Keelty, APM
Australian Federal Police Commissioner
9 May 2007

Third Annual St Thomas More Forum Lecture
Faith and Conscience: a Dilemma?
Fr. Thomas Cassidy
Prior Provincial, Dominican Fathers
22 June 2007

Christians and Politics
Patrick Morgan
Academic and Author of *Your Most Obedient Servant B.A. Santamaria Selected*
Letters 1938-1996
in a Joint Forum with Prof John Warhurst
The Catholic Influence in Politics
Prof John Warhurst
Professor of Political Science at ANU
in a Joint Forum with Patrick Morgan
25 July 2007

Caesar and God
The Holy See and World Diplomacy
The Most Reverend Mark Coleridge
Archbishop of Canberra and Goulburn

22 August 2007

Putting the peace into development in the context of Modern Catholic social teaching
Joint St. Thomas More's Forum with Australian Catholic University

Duncan MacLaren
Immediate Past Secretary General
Caritas Internationalis
Vatican City
18 September 2007

Christian Involvement in Politics Right or Wrong

Jim Wallace
Managing Director
Australian Christian Lobby
17 October 2007

Toxic culture: the challenge of restoring dignity, worth and value to women and girl

Melinda Tankard Reist
Convenor
Women's Forum Australia
23 April 2008

The Catholic Politician: Facing the Moral Issues of the Day

Joe de Bruyn
National Secretary/Treasurer, Shop, Distributive and Allied Employee's Association
and Member of Federal ALP Executive and ACTU Federal Executive
28 May 2008

Fourth Annual St Thomas More Lecture

The Mission and Character of Religious Institutions, Then, Now and Looking Forward

Fr. Mark Raper SJ, AM
Provincial of the Australian Jesuits
18 June 2008

Sense and Sensibility: The key to Catholic and Islamic Co-existence in the future

Hon Christopher Pyne MP
Shadow Minister for Justice, Border Protection & Assisting Shadow Minister for
Immigration & Citizenship
6 August 2008

*Australian Universities and the Catholic Tradition: Intellectual, Educational and
Cultural Connections*

Joint St, Thomas More's Forum Lecture with Australian Catholic University
Professor Greg Craven
Australian Catholic University National Vice-Chancellor
17 September 2008

One God in a Divided World
**Joint St. Thomas More Forum Lecture with The Catenian Association
and the Australian Catholic University**
Rabbi John Levi
Associate Professor Anne Hunt
Professor Ismail Albayrak
12 November 2008

Foreign Policy and Interfaith Dialogue
Michael L'Estrange
**Secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
and former Australian High Commissioner to the United Kingdom**
11 March 2009

Faith and the Creative Writer in a Secular World
Sophie Masson
Author and Essayist
6 May 2009

Fifth Annual St. Thomas More Lecture Dinner
No Impunity for Sovereigns: Thomas More and International Humanitarian Law
Rev Prof Michael Tate AO
**Parish Priest of Holy Spirit Parish in Sandy Bay, Hobart and Catholic Chaplain to
the University of Tasmania and former Australian Ambassador to the Netherlands
and the Holy See, former Federal Justice Minister and Senator for Tasmania**
22 June 2009

Only Connect
The Catholic Church's Key Challenge in Modern Australia
Geraldine Doogue
ABC Broadcaster with Radio National and Compere of ABC TV's Compass
11 August 11 2009

Family, Faith and Sport
John Kennedy
Former Head of AFL Commission and Former Premiership Coach
2 September 2009

*Food Security – One of the Greatest Social
Justice Challenges in Today's World*
Hon Tony Burke, MP
Federal Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
9 November 2009

Religious Liberty in the Public Square
How the Church Should Engage Public Policy:
Lessons from the American Healthcare Debate

Professor Gerard V. Bradley
Professor of Law
University of Notre Dame Law School
10 March 2010

How the Church should engage with the Parliament and Public Opinion?

Senator the Hon Ursula Stephens
Parliamentary Secretary for Social Inclusion and the Voluntary Sector
and Former President Australian Labor Party in NSW
Senator Barnaby Joyce
National Party Leader in the Senate
12 May 2010

Sixth Annual St. Thomas More Lecture Dinner
“St. Thomas Mores – The Friend of Bishops”

Most Rev Philip Wilson
Archbishop of Adelaide
President Australian National Bishop’s Conference
22 June 2010

Cardinal Newman and the Humanities Today

The Hon Justice Susan Crennan
High Court of Australia
1 September 2010

The Religious Beliefs of Australian Prime Ministers

Prof John Warhurst
Professor of Political Science at ANU
10 November 2010

A Contemporary Perspective

Andrew Robb MP
Shadow Minister for Finance and Debt Reduction
Chairman of the Coalition Policy Development Committee
18 May 2011

Seventh Annual St. Thomas More Lecture

Public Office as Public Trust
Chief Justice Robert French
High Court of Australia
22 June 2011

Recognizing Women in the Church

Anne Henderson

Author and

Deputy Director Sydney Institute

7 September 2011

Leading Australia

General Peter Cosgrove

Chancellor of ACU and former Chief of Australian Defence Force

9 November 2011

*The future for Catholic health care in Australia
within the Charitable Health Care Sector in Australia*

Andrew Podger

Formerly Public Service Commissioner and
Secretary Department of Health and Aged Care

Lynne Pezzullo

Director of Deloitte Access Economics

22 February 2012

Art in the Light of the Divine - Faith and Art

Camille Masson-Talansier

Artist, Curator and Artistic Director

(including Art Exhibition)

21 March 2012

Dialogue with a Secular Culture

Bishop Michael Putney

President of the National Council of Churches in Australia and

Bishop of Townsville

11 April 2012

Catholic Social Teaching under the papacy of Paul VI, John Paul II and Benedict XVI

Clifford Longley

Tablet Columnist in the United Kingdom

2nd May 2012

Eighth Annual St. Thomas More Lecture Dinner

Culture Wars - The Church and the Media

Paul Bongiorno

Network Ten's National Affairs Editor

Parliamentary Press Gallery Canberra

22 June 2012

Thomas More, Truth and Marriage
Most Rev Anthony Fisher OP
Bishop of the Diocese of Parramatta
5 September 2012

The Catholic Contribution to Canberra over One Hundred Years
Bishop Pat Power
Retired Bishop of Canberra
11 April 2013

The Truth Will Heal
Francis Sullivan
CEO Truth Justice and Healing Council
22 June 2013

Ninth Annual St. Thomas More Lecture Dinner
My Christian Walk: Let the process look after the scoreboard
Nick Farr-Jones
Former Australian Wallabies Rugby Union Captain and
Business Leader
20 July 2013

The Australian Church – From Irish roots to an Asian Future
Fr. Michael Kelly SJ
Executive Director
The Union of Catholic Asian News (UCAN), the leading independent Catholic news
source in Asia.
17th March 2014

Tenth Annual St. Thomas More Lecture and Parish Golden Jubilee Dinner
Thomas More: Piety and Politics
His Excellency Archbishop Paul Gallagher
Apostolic Nuncio in Australia
21 June 2014

*Catholic Perspectives: Asylum Seekers, Deaths at Sea and Detention Centres:
Where Should Catholics Stand on These Issues?*
Rev Maurizio Pettena CS
Director of the Australian Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office
30 October 2014

Social Justice and Australia's Social Contract
Chris Richardson
Director of Deloitte Access Economics
14 April 2015

Eleventh Annual St. Thomas More Lecture Dinner
Linking Kindness with Killing

Professor Margaret Somerville

**Canadian ethicist and Samuel Gale professor of law, Professor in the Faculty of Medicine,
and Founding Director of the Centre for Medicine, Ethics and Law at McGill University,
Montreal**

20 June 2015

Reflections on Faith and Ethics in the Media - A Personal Perspective

Genevieve Jacobs

ABC 666 Radio Presenter

25 November 2015

St. Thomas More and the Death Penalty

Julian McMahon

Lawyer and Advocate and Representative of the Two Australian Men executed in Bali

24 February 2016

Raising a Catholic Family in Today's World

Tim, Lara and Aodhan Kirk

**Tim is Chief Winemaker and CEO at the Clonakilla winery and was 2013 Australian
Wine Maker of the Year. Lara works for the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn as
Marriage, Family and Relationships Co-ordinator. Aodhan Kirk in year 12 at St. Francis
Xavier College Canberra and is College Captain.**

18 March 2016

Twelfth Annual St. Thomas More Lecture Dinner

A Church Out on the Streets

Fr Chris Riley

Founder and CEO of Youth Off The Streets

24 June 2016

How beliefs can get in the way of faith

Hugh Mackay AO

7 October 2016
