



St. THOMAS MORE'S FORUM

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"Only Connect: The Catholic Church's Key Challenge in Modern Australia"



Presented by

Geraldine Doogue

**Host of ABC TV's Compass program and
Host of ABC Radio's Saturday Extra**

Tuesday 11 August 2009 7.30 – 9.00pm

St. Thomas More Hall at 30 White Crescent, Campbell followed by light supper.

The Speaker

Geraldine Doogue has established herself as one of the most respected and popular personalities on national television and radio.

In 1992 Geraldine began presenting Life Matters, a new ABC Radio National program which set out to cover the full gamut of social issues in everyday life. In 1998, she also became host of ABC TV's Compass program, which looks at issues of spirituality, philosophy and belief every Sunday evening. After 11 years with Life Matters, she moved to Saturday mornings to host a program focusing on international politics, Australia's role on the world stage, and business, called Saturday Extra.

The Synopsis

Despite waning regular attendance at churches, most official census and other qualitative research prove that the majority of Australians still search for some sense of the sacred and for a concept of 'soul', within some understanding of spirituality. Other research also shows that up to one in two Australians will suffer some form of anxiety or depression in their lifetime, sufficient to seek medical help. It is estimated this phenomenon is boosted by people feeling disconnected from their fellow citizens, with increasing numbers of people living alone. Certainly, large numbers are actively seeking that aloneness. Nevertheless it pre-disposes people to less peace-of-mind. I would like to suggest that this is the Church's big opportunity: to offer connections that matter to contemporary Australians, that invite them to both explore the incomparable meaning available within our Catholic tradition but also to engage with the community around them. The result will be a re-invigorated Church and individual - a great quinnella.

**Entry : \$10 per person and \$3 per student at
school or university and concession card holders.**

The objective of the St Thomas More's Forum is to promote thought, discussion and debate on the challenges of faith in the workplace, family and public life in the modern world.

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ST THOMAS MORE FORUM PROGRAM

2009

Wednesday 2 September 2009 - 7:30-9:00pm

Family, Faith and Sport

John Kennedy

Former Head of AFL Commission and Former Premiership Coach

Monday 9 November 2009 - 7:30-9:00pm

The Hon Tony Burke, MP

Federal Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

2010

April 2010

The Hon Justice Susan Crennan

High Court of Australia

22 June 2010 St Thomas More's Feast Day

Sixth Annual St. Thomas More Lecture Dinner

Most Rev Philip Wilson

Archbishop of Adelaide

President Australian National Bishop's Conference

November 2010

Prof John Warhurst

Professor of Political Science at ANU

Booking Details

Prior bookings are requested by email on sttmforum@homeemail.com.au for seating and catering purposes. Prepayment of bookings is encouraged and seating is only guaranteed for those who prepay for their tickets. Please see payment options below:

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