



PARISH OF SAINT JOSEPH

VISITING SPEAKER PROGRAM

Upper Room, Wednesday 3 & Thursday 4 July

As part of the Parish's commitment to ongoing opportunities for listening and dialogue as we journey towards the Plenary 2020, and in partnership with the Archdiocese of Perth, we have invited Daniel Ang (member of the Plenary Council 2020 Executive, and Director of Parish 2020, Archdiocese of Sydney) to facilitate two opportunities within our Parish to further our conversations about how we as a local church may be signposts of renewal and life.

Wednesday 3 July

Session 1: 6-7.30pm

Principles of Our Evangelising Mission

This session will explore the way in which a parish may become more fully alive and a Church for all people by considering principles or essential foundations central to an evangelising parish. It will address the subject of pre-evangelisation, how we may proclaim the good news, the personal nature of faith's reception and the cultivation of a deeper Christian identity both within and beyond the parish.

Thursday 4 July

Session 2: 9.45-11.15am

Making Disciples in the Australian Parish

This session will consider the pastoral reality and opportunities for the Church in Australia, noting the local parish as indispensable to our spiritual identity as Church. This session will name the 'fruit' of evangelising parishes as discipleship and recognise the complexity of people we encounter in ministry today. It will propose that a renewed vision for making disciples, and a preference for processes over programs, are integral to the movement from maintenance to mission.



Daniel is a member of the Executive Committee preparing for Plenary Council 2020 and former Chair of the National Pastoral Planners Network, a professional planning body that promotes and advocates a culture of planning within the Catholic Church in Oceania. He is a present member of the

Australian Catholic Council for Pastoral Research (ACCPR), and the ACBC Evangelisation Network established by the National Centre for Evangelisation.

Daniel has been published in a number of [peer reviewed journals](#) in the areas of ecclesiology, the spiritual tradition, youth ministry, and contemporary issues of pastoral concern in the life of the Catholic community.

His theological outlook is shaped by the scholars of the *ressourcement* movement, among others. This project of religious revitalisation took place within the French Church from the period of 1930 to 1950 and engaged theologians

and historians including Henri de Lubac, Yves Congar, Jean Daniélou, Henri Boulliard, Henri Rondet, and Émil Delaye. This movement underscored the theological meaning of history, sought to overcome the recurrent *separatio* between knowledge and life, and sought a return to a more substantial tradition, accessed through the 'monuments' of Scripture, liturgy and the Church Fathers.

A further influence is ecumenism as an integral dimension of Catholic theology. This brings the recognition of a real but incomplete communion with other churches and communities that includes within its 'bond' baptism, the work of the Spirit, sharers in holiness, unexpected dimensions of Christian commitment, as well as a call to complete, visible unity in sacraments, faith and hierarchical ministry

Archbishop Anthony Fisher recently appointed Daniel Director of Parish2020, the Plenary Council initiative of the Sydney Archdiocese.