

Theme for 2019: “Reflections on my Spiritual Journey:”

March 5

Rabbi Jeffrey Kamins: Senior Rabbi at Emanuel Synagogue and rabbinic consultant to many Jewish organisations, Jeffrey is committed to the principles of egalitarianism, inclusion and diversity within the synagogue and broader community. He is involved in interfaith dialogue, and committed to social justice projects, particularly concerning refugees, the environment and animal rights.

Paul McFarlane: Originally trained as a nurse and working in aged care, Paul subsequently became an Anglican Minister, working for 15 years as a pastor and Senior Chaplain at NSW Ambulance. With a Masters degree in Loss and Grief he currently leads a team of volunteer chaplains and trains paramedics, and is a community ambassador with RU OK?

April 2

Rachel Willis: After 20 years in Government focusing on complex social issues and driving public sector reforms, Rachel started as CEO at Coast Shelter in July 2018. She is driven by a passion to make a difference in the community she grew up in, striving to end homelessness and domestic and family violence here on the Central Coast.

Hilary Wong: Born and raised in the UK, Hilary studied the Classics at Oxford before doing a post-graduate certificate in primary education. Following ten years teaching, Hilary trained for the ministry, working as an ordained minister in the Church of England from 2003. She moved to Australia in 2018 with her Australian husband and young son and became the Rector of Holy Family Wyoming.

May 7

Adrian Gomez: Ordained a permanent deacon in 2017, and ministering in Holy Name Parish, Wahroonga, Adrian is also Youth Ministry Coordinator at St. Leo's Catholic College, and helps with Catholic Youth festivals. In 2018 Adrian began work at the Diocesan Marriage Tribunal. He is also a Team Leader on St. V de P Night Patrol.

Daniel Petrie: With a Masters In Religious Education, and for 16 years a specialist in R E across three dioceses, Daniel is currently Acting Assistant Principal at St. Leo's Catholic College. Loving a God of surprises, Daniel specialises in creating synergy between witness based curriculum design, innovative liturgy and authentic service programs.

June 4

Matthew French: A graduate law student, Matthew comes from a strong Catholic family, and is following a call to youth ministry in four parishes on the Central Coast. Recognising youth to be the future of the Church, Matthew responds to their yearning for something greater in their lives by active engaging with them.

Rev Rex A E Hunt: A retired minister of the Uniting Church, Rev. Rex is a 'grass roots' religious naturalist, and social ecologist. He is the founding Chair of Common Dreams Conference of Religious Progressives, Australia/South Pacific, and author and/or editor of eight books, the latest being Seasons and Self: Discourses on Being 'at home' in Nature.

July 2

Pollyanna Forshaw: Holding a Masters in Theology, Pollyanna worked for two years in Timor Leste in teacher training as a volunteer with PALMS. Once retired she walked the Camino in Spain and worked in a pilgrim hostel. With a passion for drama she has worked with Theatre of the Oppressed here and in Brazil

Sharon Davson: Acknowledged as a world leading spiritual and environmental artist with works in royal, celebrity, museum, corporate, investment and private collections, Sharon's art engages viewers with layers of interpretation reverberating the inter-connectedness of everything. Sharon's art traces her spiritual journey through Jewish roots, Christian upbringing and Eastern spiritual exploration and practice.

August 6

Amy Friedman: A Baha'i, Amy is an author with a novel coming out in early 2019. She trained in counselling and healing and will start her own business as a counsellor/ healer in 2019. Amy has had 25 near-death experiences, and multiple paranormal/ psychic experiences.

Carol Bailey: Following an orthodox 1940s/1950s Catholic upbringing, Carol subsequently embraced a much grander and more inclusive view of the Divine. Several transformative experiences shaped her changed beliefs. Carol rejoices in the current rapprochement between contemporary science and religion in the face of mystery with our ever-evolving, awe-inspiring universe.

September 3

Peter Julius: An educator and former sports administrator, Peter was born and raised in Cape Town, where for many years he was an aid worker in gang-infested areas. With vast experience as a volunteer with St. Vincent de Paul, Peter is presently involved with many activities in his parish of St. Patrick's East Gosford.

Linda Brown: Following a varied career in insurance, bookkeeping, with a medical specialist and as a funeral director, Linda is now a volunteer Chaplain with her local bridge club, the Disaster Recovery Chaplaincy Network and St. John Ambulance. She enjoys kayaking, movies, music, travelling and spending time with her seven grandchildren.

October 1

Rev Greg Colby: Overcoming traumatic experiences of his past life to make him a stronger person, Greg determined to care for others in need. The path he is now following saved him from a painful life of toxicity, trauma and shame. His spirituality and gardening experiences continue to provide a stable platform from which to help others.

Mardi Bell: Mardi is the Individual Support Worker for the Family & Carer Mental Health Program offered on the Central Coast by Parramatta Mission and funded by NSW Health. As an ISW she offers emotional support, information and advocacy for Mental Health Carers. She has taught yoga and practises Buddhism.

November 12 - Two Buddhist Monks:

Gen Kelsan Dawa: The resident teacher of Khedrubj Kadampa Buddhist Centre, and practising for 18 years, Gen Dawa is known for his kindness and humility. Gen Dawa explains how to integrate ancient Buddhist wisdom into busy, modern life.

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November 12 (continued)

Ross Markey: Raised as a Christian in the Church of England, in his 20's Ross became more interested in Buddhism. Ross meditates regularly and attends weekly classes that study Buddhist literature. He is training to become a "Bodhisattva", which means to have compassion for and to be a friend of all living beings.

What is Spirituality in the Pub?

A Forum to prompt open exchanges among the community of believers mindful of the diversity of expression of faith in contemporary Australia.

"Let there be unity in what is necessary; freedom in what is unsettled and charity in any case." Pope St. John 23rd - Vatican II (Gaudium et Spes, n 92)

We believe that all people experience and express spirituality in their lives whether they are churchgoers or not. We hope that through Spirituality in the Pub we will be encouraging conversation about spirituality amongst people as we join in this ongoing conversation.

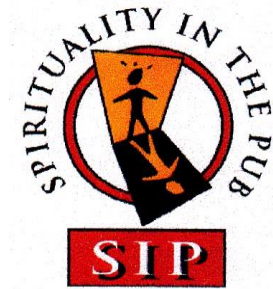
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**Spirituality in the Pub
Central Coast
2019**

**The Grange Hotel
Cnr: Renwick St &
Pacific Hwy,
WYOMING**

7.30pm - 9.00pm

**1st Tuesday
of the month
March - October
2nd Tues in Nov.**

**Bistro meals from
5-30pm**