

Parish Pastoral Council 5 June, 2019
Report on Ecumenism

Next Speaker in the Series Learning of Other Faiths

I have followed up on the details of the last report and can now say that Dr Robyn Cadwallader of Murrumbateman will speak on the subject of “Body and Soul: Spirituality in *The anchoress*” in the Lovat Chapel at 2.00 for 2.30 on Sunday 23 June.

This is excellent timing for her, as her next novel, *Book of Colours*, has just been published in the U.K. We are fortunate in being able to draw an author of her stature into our program.

I have worked on publicity in the usual channels, the Parish Bulletin and distribution of news of the event through the Yass Ministers. I have also sought to have publicity in Canberra and that remains to be seen. I will also approach the *Yass Tribune*.

As she will be speaking directly on her award-winning novel, which exists in the context of the theme of spiritual writing in the English tradition, beginning with, say, the anchoress Julian of Norwich, whose *Revelations of Divine Love*, c.1395, is considered the first book in the English language to have been written by a woman, I have held open the possibility that we could arrange to have another speaker on the *Revelations of Divine Love* at a later date this year. I am working on this idea.

I have raised with my committee the idea of making the role of women in the church the main theme of our talks this year. There is strong support for this approach. It has been put to me that we have a talk on the role of women in the foundation of St Vincent de Paul, with reference to St Louise de Marillac and Blessed Rosalie Rendu. I am keen to pursue this theme.

Other details of the organisation of the event, the booking of the Lovat Chapel and the social preparations, are all in hand.

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