Tree of Life

Centre for Christian Belief, Spirituality and Australian Culture

Wollaston College

Encouraging vital encounters with the living God and deepening awareness of the transforming work of the Spirit in Australian life

Tree of Life Weekends in Spiritual Formation, Christian Spirituality and Spiritual Direction

Available for new participants and people who want to reengage with the Programme.

Dates and Presentations for 2027

12-14 February	"Exploring Spiritual Direction in a Contemporary Context" with the Tree of Life Team
21-23 May	"Benedictine Spirituality" with Sister Hilda Scott (Formerly Abbess of Jamberoo Abbey NSW)
27-29 August	"The Spirituality of Thomas Merton" with The Revd Sylvia Grevel
19-21 November	"Sacred Fire" Exploring Discipleship with The Revd Stephen Gibbs

Fees: $2400 (for the year); $600 (per weekend)

Inclusive of accommodation and meals . A non-refundable deposit of $50 is required with Registration for the Weekend Programme. A payment plan may be negotiated with the Programme Director. Fees are paid before the commencement of each weekend.

Tree of Life Graduate Enrichment Weekends Programme

The Graduate Enrichment Program is a continuation of the Tree of Life journey is a way for graduates to stay connected and deepen their spiritual practice within a familiar rhythm of theological education, prayer and reflection by attending the Weekends Programme and undertaking deepening work in your graduates group.

Cost: $600 (per weekend)

Tree of Life Saturday Practicums and Quiet Morning

Four Saturday mornings, 8.30am to noon, at Wollaston College enabling contemplative community practice, available to any interested person by participation in-person or via Zoom. A Letter of Participation and knowledge base is provided for Professional Development.

Dates and Topics for 2027

20 March	The Revd Pamela Turner	Cantio Divina
26 June	Sally Kester	Darkness of the Divine
18 September	Tree of Life Team	Quiet Day
30 October	The Revd Lynne Eastoe	Story and the Spiritual Journey

Quiet Day - Silent Retreat with the options of scriptural reflection stations, Labyrinth, Bold Park walks, and Poetry in the conference room.

Cost: $40 (per session)

Ignatian Retreat

27 September - 2 October 2027

St John of God Retreat Centre, 47 Gloucester Crescent, Shoalwater. Limit of 12 participants.

This is a directed silent retreat in which you will have the opportunity to pursue a time of prayerful discernment and grow closer to God. The directors, one of whom will meet with you daily, are trained in the many forms of prayer suggested by St. Ignatius in The Spiritual Exercises, designed to strengthen the individual in the Christian life of 'action in contemplation', and to help you 'find God in all things'.

Cost: $1620 ($400 paid on registration, balance of $1220 paid by 15 August)

For all inquiries or to register, contact The Revd Judy Van Rossum, Director of the Tree of Life
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