



The Priority of Being

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Leader: Rev. Dr. Sarah Bachelard

Sarah is a theologian, retreat leader and founder of Benedictus Contemplative Church, based in Canberra. She is a teacher with the World Community for Christian Meditation and a Circle of Trust facilitator. Sarah gave the 2019 John Main Seminar on the theme 'A Contemplative Christianity for our Time', and her books include *Experiencing God in a Time of Crisis*, and *Poetica Divina: Poems to Redeem a Prose World*. Sarah loves to discern connections between the wisdom of tradition, contemplative practice and our lived experience.



Theme: *The Priority of Being: A Retreat for Deepening Practice*

Teachers of contemplation insist that prayer is not just something we do: it's a habit of being, a state of awareness, a climate of rest and joy. Prayer is not something to master but an opening into reconciling presence. Over five days, this retreat will focus on fundamental elements of contemplative practice – stillness, silence, simplicity, presence – and the invitation to open ever more whole-heartedly to the gift. It will speak to experienced meditators and beginners. All are welcome.

Venue: **Pallotti College**, Millgrove, Victoria

Cost: Single \$870 (\$920 dietary requirements); Couple: \$1740



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