



**In 2018 we are celebrating
the Bicentenary of the Preservation of the Blessed Sacrament and
the Sesquicentenary of the death of the first Parish Priest at St Patrick's,
Archdeacon John McEncroe (22 August 1868)
and the appointment of the Marist Fathers to St Patrick's (20 September 1868)**

ST PATRICK'S ANNIVERSARY CONVERSATIONS

We take a lead from Pope Francis:

"If there is one word that we should never tire of repeating, it is this: dialogue. We are called to promote a culture of dialogue by every possible means and thus to rebuild the fabric of society. The culture of dialogue entails a true apprenticeship and a discipline that enables us to view others as valid dialogue partners, to respect the foreigner, the immigrant and people from different cultures as worthy of being listened to. Today we urgently need to engage all the members of society in building 'a culture which privileges dialogue as a form of encounter' and in creating 'a means for building consensus and agreement while seeking the goal of a just, responsive and inclusive society'. Peace will be lasting in the measure that we arm our children with the weapons of dialogue, that we teach them to fight the good fight of encounter and negotiation. In this way, we will bequeath to them a culture capable of devising strategies of life, not death, and of inclusion, not exclusion." (Address on receiving the Charlemagne Prize, May 6, 2016)

**Our conversations will be held on Sundays, 1.30pm – 2.50pm, in The Crypt.
All welcome. Entry free.**

29 April: "History of St Patrick's Church" – Peter McMurrich SM

24 June: "A dialogue on Islam" – Sh. Anthony Andrist from Lakemba Mosque

1 July: "The Timeless Beauty of Icons" – Michael Galovic

22 July: "Before and after Pope Francis – what difference?" – Dr Massimo Faggioli

26 August: "Archdeacon McEncroe" – Fr Ed Campion

23 September: "The Founding of the Marist Fathers" – Justin Taylor SM

7 October: "Values in the public square" – Professor Margaret Somerville

4 November: "Women in the Church" – Ms Tereza Seric and two other women

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