

NATIONAL CONGRESS 2023+ PROGRAM

FRIDAY 27 OCTOBER 2023

- 5:30pm Registrations Open
- 5:30 - 6:20pm Informal Dinner
- 6:30pm **Welcome to Country**
- 6:45pm **Opening Ceremony, Opening Liturgy**
- 7:00pm **Plenary Session One**
- 7:10pm Orientation to Congress 2023+
- 7.45pm **Key Note Speaker: Claire Madden (Social Research)**
Q and A
- 8:10pm Exploring Context
- 9:00pm **Close for Evening** - Social spaces opened for those eager to continue conversations

SATURDAY 28 OCTOBER 2023

- 8:30am **Morning Reflection**
- 8:50am **Plenary Session Two**
Exploring Context
- 10.30am Morning Tea
- 10:50am **Plenary Session Three**
Identity and Experiences
- 12:30pm Lunch
- 1:30pm **Workstreams**
Membership, Leadership, Communications and Collaboration, Enabling Structures, Enabling Changes
- 3:10pm Afternoon Tea
- 3:30pm Workstreams contd.
- 4:30pm **News Room:** Sharing back from workstreams
- 5:00pm **Day Close**
- 6:30pm Pre-Dinner Drinks
- 7:00pm Congress 2023+ Dinner
- Panel Discussion** hosted by *Geraldine Doogue AO*, featuring *Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv (Diocese of Parramatta)*; *Andy Rajapakse MAICD (Rotary International)*; *Rebecca Bromhead (Australian Marist Solidarity)*.
- 9:30pm **Formal Close** - Social spaces opened for those eager to continue conversations



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SUNDAY 29 OCTOBER 2023

- 8:00am **Check out** - place bags with reception
- 8:30am **Plenary Session Four**
Review Actions, Prioritise Actions
- 10:00am Morning Tea
- 10:30am **State and Territory Group Meetings**, prioritisation lists
- 11:45am **Final Plenary Session**
- 12:30pm **Transition into Mass space**
Closing Mass with Fr Alan Gibson CM, Provincial Superior of the Vincentian Fathers and Brothers in Oceania
- 12:45pm
- 1:45pm Lunch - including takeaway options
- 2:00pm **Official Close** - Social opportunities will remain in hotel space until transfer to airport is arranged

**Schedule subject to change*

[SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES](#)

