

The Cathedral Lecture Series was launched in 2016, the 150th anniversary of the arrival of the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle's first resident bishop, James Murray, and will be hosted each year in the Sacred Heart Cathedral at Hamilton.

The annual Cathedral Lecture offers the opportunity for engagement between Church and Society on contemporary Catholic themes through the opportunity to listen to lecturers of significant standing in Australia and internationally.

Sacred Heart Cathedral stands at the centre of the life of the diocese and aims to be a place within the local civic community where Church and Society meet and interact.



The 2017 Cathedral Lecture

The 2017 Cathedral Lecture will take place on **Wednesday 21 June, 2017** in the Sacred Heart Cathedral, 841 Hunter Street, Newcastle West, beginning at 6pm (gathering from 5.30pm) and will be followed by a brief question and answer session.

Light refreshments will be served afterwards in the adjoining facilities.

RSVP

Please RSVP for catering purposes via www.cathedrallecture2017.eventbrite.com.au



The 2017 Cathedral Lecturer

The 2017 Cathedral Lecture, entitled *Christian Faith in a Secular Age*, will be given by **Rev Dr James McEvoy**, Senior Lecturer in the Faculty of Theology and Philosophy at Australian Catholic University.

James McEvoy lectures in systematic theology and is a priest of the Archdiocese of Adelaide. For almost two decades prior to 2014 he taught at Catholic Theological College and Flinders University's Department of Theology. His doctoral thesis considered theological and philosophical anthropology, studying the works of Karl Rahner and Canadian philosopher Charles Taylor.

His current research concerns the place of religion in the contemporary West and the Church's understanding of its role and social relationships in that context. He has published numerous journal articles as well as a book, *Leaving Christendom for Good: Church-World Dialogue in a Secular Age* (2014).

