"From Darkness into the Light: Holding to Faith through the Tough Times"
A Spirituality Evening, with Fr Richard Leonard SJ

Our faith in God is easier when everything is going well. But what about the times in our lives when it is challenged, undermined and threatened by the things that happen to us, or those we love? This critical session will help our words around how we can hold to a God who walks with us in the "valley of tears". This session is a must for any of us who have ever wondered how we can hold to faith when things in our life go pear-shaped.

ABOUT THE SPEAKER:

Fr Richard Leonard is a Jesuit priest. He has degrees in arts and education, as well as a Master’s degree in theology. Fr Richard graduated from the London Film School and has a PhD from the University of Melbourne. He directs the Australian Catholic Office for Film & Broadcasting, is a Visiting Professor of Communications at the Pontifical Gregorian University, Rome, an Honorary Fellow of the Australian Catholic University and has been a visiting scholar within the School of Theatre, Film & Television at UCLA. He is the author of: The Mystical Gaze of the Cinema: the Films of Peter Weir; Movies That Matter: Reading Film Through the Lens of Faith; Preaching to the Converted; Where the
*Hell is God? Finding God in Pain and Suffering* (which has gone on to become an international bestselling religious title); and *Why Bother Praying?* which has just been published. Fr Richard has served on juries at the Venice, Berlin, Warsaw, Hong Kong, Montreal, Brisbane and Melbourne International Film Festivals and he has lectured on faith and culture all over the world.