



Walking with others through the valley: Ministry in the light of VAD legislation

ONE DAY CLERGY CONFERENCE 2026

DATE Tuesday 3 March 2026
TIME 9.30am – 4.30pm
VENUE Good Shepherd Anglican Curtin, 38 Gillies Street, Curtin
LUNCH There are several options across the road for lunch, otherwise please bring your own. Tea and coffee and morning tea provided.

PARKING You are encouraged to park across the road at the Curtin Shopping Centre. There is very limited parking in front of the church.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER Professor Megan Best
THEOLOGICAL AND PASTORAL REFLECTIONS Reverend Dr Andrew Cameron

PROGRAM

09.30 – 09.45	Gather & Morning Tea
09.45 – 10.05	Welcome; introduction to new clergy; farewell to retiring clergy
10.05 – 11.05	Megan Best: Living with VAD – The impact on end-of-life care
11.05 – 11.20	Break (15 mins)
11.20 – 12.20	Megan Best: Living with VAD – How it impacts us
12.20 – 12.40	Q & A with Megan Best
12.40 – 13.40	Lunch (60 mins)
13.40 – 14.45	Andrew Cameron: What are your options? Pastors and VAD
14.45 – 15.00	Stand & stretch while the Eucharist is set up
15.00 – 16.15	Eucharist, Bishop Vanessa celebrating, Bishop Mark preaching
16.15 – 16.30	Wrap up

RSVP <https://forms.gle/zs5WSoaA45QivwBa7>



PROFESSOR MEGAN BEST

PhD, MAAE, BMed(Hons, University Medal), GradDipQHR, ClinDipPallCare, ATh

Professor Megan Best is Convenor for Bioethics and a senior researcher in the Institute for Ethics and Society (IES) at the University of Notre Dame Australia (UNDA). She has a clinical background in palliative medicine. Her career focus has been on the relief of suffering and care for the vulnerable through high quality research, translation, advocacy, supervision and leadership.

After training in palliative care, she worked as a consultant for state and federal health departments developing palliative care policy for several years before returning to clinical palliative care. She has maintained a life-long interest in developing evidence-based and ethical healthcare policy, contributing to many areas of legislation.

Prof Best is known internationally for her work in Christian bioethics. She teaches bioethics at tertiary level at several institutions and is a busy and popular public speaker. She is a faculty member of CASE at UNSW; a CPX fellow; a member of the Academy of Fellows for The Center for Bioethics and Human Dignity at Trinity International University in Illinois, USA; and is the founding Director of Ethicentre. Prof Best's research on the spiritual care of patients has influenced the development of training for healthcare professionals internationally. She is currently a member of the Executive for the Spiritual Care Taskforce of the European Association for Palliative Care; and is a past member of the boards for Spiritual Care Australia, the Anglican Defence Force; and the international Joint Research Council for chaplaincy.

She has published extensively in the areas of spirituality in healthcare, bioethics and psycho-oncology. She is the author of two books exploring ethical issues at the beginning of life and one on spiritual development in children, and is editor of the recently published *Spiritual Care in Palliative Care: what it is and why it matters*.

She belongs to St. Mark's Anglican Church, Darling Point.

REVEREND DR ANDREW CAMERON

BSc, MTh, PhD

Rev'd Dr Andrew Cameron is the Senior Associate Priest at St John the Baptist Anglican Church in Reid, where his brief includes extending St John's ministries in public theology and cultural engagement.

He teaches and writes in theological ethics, most recently at St Mark's National Theological Centre.