

# MONTHLY TALKS

FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH | 2PM - 4PM  
ST FRANCIS FRIARY & RETREAT CENTRE

07  
MAY  
2023

## THE UPSIDE DOWN FRANCISCAN

Robert Hardie OFS

St Francis saw the Kingdom of the Most High as a complete reversal to the kingdoms of this Earth. This is an invitation for us to enter the Kingdom of Heaven here on Earth. We will explore the teaching Jesus gave, how it was acted on and acted out by St. Francis and how we may apply it more completely in our daily lives and come to know 'Perfect Joy'.



04  
JUN  
2023

## THE REAL ST ANTHONY

Br Philip Jeffares OFM

Born not far from Lisbon on the border between two hostile cultures, Fernando Bulhom had a remarkable education, exposed to the leading streams of thought of his day. He lived through turbulent times to which he responded with a compassionate evangelical zeal that earned him the great affection in which he is held. Come and learn about the real St Anthony of Padua.

02  
JUL  
2023

## ST. BONAVENTURE

Jo Basham OFS

St Bonaventure's theology coming out of Paris initially, reveals the graciousness of God like an overflowing well of goodness; Christ is the centrepiece of the redemption of all humankind, creatures and creation. We are gathered up in the abundance of God's grace, given freely, for us to return the gift.



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## 06 AUG 2023

### GOSPEL TO LIFE...

Lloyd de Melo OFS

Going from Gospel to Life....and Life to the Gospel. A Franciscan way of life. St Francis lived 800 years ago, in a world very much like ours today. Our world is a situation of unprecedented secularization, religious indifference, consumerism, sexual immorality, terrorism, violence, unethical power and scientific progress. In the midst of these stormy winds of change both within and outside.... how do we respond? Come and see how St Francis responded, in a unique and Franciscan way.

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## 03 SEP 2023

### SEASON OF CREATION

Stuart Montgomerie

The Season of Creation runs each year from 1st September and ends on 4th October - the feast day of St Francis of Assisi. It is a time to renew our relationship with our Creator and all creation through celebration, conversion and commitment together. We will also learn more about Pope Francis' action plan: The Laudato Si' Action Platform.



## 01 OCT 2023

### ST FRANCIS OPEN DAY

To celebrate the Feast of St Francis of Assisi, St Francis Retreat Centre is hosting an Open Day for everyone! Come for an afternoon to explore the grounds and learn about St Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals and ecology. There will also be an Animal Blessing Service, so bring your pets!!