

# Program

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## Organisers

**Prof. Jim Harrison**

*Director of Research  
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**Dr Philip Kariatlis**

*Academic Director, Senior Lecturer  
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## Friday, 24 August

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- 3.00pm Registration Table Open
- 4.00pm Conference Papers Session 1  
**Sr Dr Margaret Beirne RSC**  
*St Irenaeus, the Scriptures and the Contribution of Fr Antonio Orbe*  
**Revd Girgis al-Antony**  
*The Influence of the Theology of St Irenaeus on the Contemporary Coptic Theology Embodied in the Writings and Teachings of Fr Matthew the Poor*
- 4.40pm Conference Papers Session 2  
**Dr Bernard Doherty & Ms Shelley Thompson**  
*A Defence on Multiple Fronts: Irenaeus of Lyons and Justin Martyr's Responses to the Persecution of Christians in the Second-Century*  
**Revd Joseph Vnuk**  
*Gratitude, Grace and Divinisation in Irenaeus*
- 5.20pm Afternoon Tea
- 5.50pm Group Photo
- 6.00pm Prayer and Greeting  
**His Eminence Archbishop STYLIANOS of Australia**
- 6.30pm **Keynote Address**  
**Very Revd Prof. John Behr**  
*St Irenaeus and the School of St John*
- 8.00pm Supper

## Saturday Morning, 25 August

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- 9.00am Morning Prayer (College Chapel)
- 9.30am Conference Papers Session 3  
**Revd Dr Damaskinos of Xenophon**  
*Liturgical Apologetics after Irenaeus:  
St John Damascene and his Anti-Heretical Preaching*  
**Mr Chris Baghos**  
*The Apologetic and Literary Value of the Acts of Justin*
- 10.10am Conference Papers Session 4  
**Dr Joe Mock**  
*The Swiss Reformer Heinrich Bullinger's Appropriation of  
the Thought of St Irenaeus of Lyons*  
**Dr Boo Teong Khoo**  
*St Irenaeus of Lyons - Prophecies and  
the Work of the Holy Spirit Today*
- 10.50am Morning Tea
- 11.30am Conference Papers Session 5  
**Dr Andrew Mellas**  
*Irenaeus of Lyons' "Symphony of Salvation"  
in Romanos the Melodist's Hymn On the Nativity*  
**Jonatan Simons**  
*Ptolemy's Letter to Flora in Book 2 of Irenaeus' Against Heresies*

## Saturday Afternoon, 25 August

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- 12.15pm Lunch
- 1.00pm Conference Papers Session 6  
**Dr Vicki Petrakis**  
*The Trinitarian Basis of the Human Person in St Irenaeus of Lyons*  
**Dr Lydia Gore**  
*Irenaeus and Jewish Apocalyptic Traditions*
- 1.40pm Conference Papers Session 7  
**Dr Mario Baghos**  
*Apologetics of Ecclesial Art within the Byzantine Empire*  
**Sr Dr Virginia Hutchinson**  
*Little by Little or Quick Fix*
- 2.20pm Closing Remarks
- 2.30pm End of Conference