

Passionist Institute...June 19th-21st, 2026



It is several years since we have held a live-in Passionist Institute and we have had many requests to offer this again, in 2026. We will livestream the sessions and save the recordings for those unable to attend.

We decided to look at contemporary ways of living and proclaiming our Passionist charism, and to do that we are looking mostly to a new generation of Passionists to present at this year's Institute.

Attached is the timetable for the eight sessions. Sessions are 35 minutes, followed by small group sharing (25-30 minutes), except after sessions 1 and 6.

A more detailed timetable will be provided for those attending in person, or on line.

In establishing a suitable timetable, we have to consider that New Zealand is 2 hours ahead of Melbourne time, Adelaide is 30 minutes behind Melbourne, and Vietnam is 3 hours behind Melbourne time. PNG has the same time as Melbourne.

The eight sessions can be seen in the time zones below.

Session No	NZ	AEST/PNG	Adelaide	Vietnam	
1	9.55pm	7.55pm	7.25pm	4.55pm	Friday
2	11.00am	9.00am	8.30am	8.00am	Saturday
3	12.50pm	10.50pm	10.20am	9.50am	Saturday
4	3.30pm	1.30pm	1.00pm	10.30am	Saturday
5	5.20pm	3.20pm	2.50pm	12.20pm	Saturday
5a	6.40pm	4.40pm	4.10pm	1.40pm	Saturday
6	7.10pm	5.10pm	4.40pm	2.10pm	Saturday
7	1.50pm	11.50am	11.20pm	8.50am	Sunday

A warm welcome is extended to anyone connected with the Passionists. We hope that you may better understand and appreciate our charism, and assist us in living and promoting it.

Details of the sessions which cover major aspects of our charism, follow this page.

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Holy Cross, Templestowe

Friday 19th

7.30pm Gathering

7.55pm Session 1: New wine, new wineskins
(Brian Traynor CP)

Communication, including forms of prayer has entered a new era away from passive listening to visual – including videos, Zooms, Webinars and other forms of social media. People have an ever-diminishing attention span and audiences are multi-cultural. The Passion remains truly the greatest and most overwhelming work of God's love but with a changing emphasis from the theology of atonement. The way we communicate our message has to adapt to these and other realities of our era.

Saturday 20th

8.45am: Prayer

9.00am Session 2: Community - how?

(Erick Niyiragira CP and Gerard Daly)

The culture we live in has become increasingly individualistic, and the balance between community (home-life) and ministry and their interplay is challenging for Passionist laity and religious. What do we need in order to create healthy communities and spiritual homes?

10.50am Session 3: Proclaiming – how? (Luke Bulley CP)

Paul of Cross did not specify any particular apostolate for Passionists, but he did encourage us to use *every means possible* in helping others to experience the profound love of God through the Passion of Jesus and the cross – the greatest sign of that love. What are some ways we can communicate an old message in a new way?

1.30pm Session 4: AI and the Charism

(Karen Englebretsen CP & Cao Van Tri CP)

AI is changing so much about how we live, how we gather information and how we express ourselves. How can AI help us to live and promote our charism? What are some ethical issues we must consider?

3.20pm Session 5: The message of the cross today (Chris Monaghan CP)

Atonement theology is one explanation of the cross. How can we best proclaim in our times, the message of God's love (central to our charism) shown through abandonment, torture, mockery and trauma, to a world experiencing this same pain?

4.40pm 5a. General sharing (with Chris CP)

5.10pm: Session 6: Ritual

Brigid Murphy CP & Karen Englebretsen CP)

A ritual allows us to move from head to heart, from knowledge to mystery. In the light of the sessions we have shared, how can new learning move to our hearts?

Sunday 21st

11.50pm: Session 7: Solitude – how?

Brigid Murphy CP & Lien Thai

We are living in a world of incessant noise and obsessive mobile phone usage, of staying indoors instead of being overcome with the wonder of trees and flowers. What is the best way to respond to this vital aspect of our charism so that we do not lose the gift of contemplation?

12.50 pm Final prayer & Lunch