

## Spirituality with Thomas Merton One-Day Retreats

"In one sense, we are always traveling, and traveling as if we did not know where we were going. In another sense we have already arrived. (...) But oh! How far have I to go to find You in Whom I have already arrived!"

Thomas Merton, The Seven Storey Mountain

New Norcia is pleased to be hosting a series of one-day retreats in 2023 conducted by Sylvia Grevel, a theologian, writer and researcher on Christian spirituality. The retreats days will be based on the writings of Thomas Merton. Merton was a Trappist monk, who wrote countless books and articles on the spiritual journey within the context of our Christian traditions. He also engaged deeply and fruitfully with other religious systems and the creative arts.

The topics for the various retreat days are:

- 29 Oct 2022 Called to Freedom Conjunctures of a Guilty Bystander
- 10 Dec 2022 Called to Silence Thoughts in Solitude
- 18 Feb 2023 Called to be True New Seeds of Contemplation
- 15 Apr 2023 Called to Relationship The Climate of Monastic Prayer
- 10 Jun 2023 Answering in Creativity A Hidden Wholeness
- 22 Jul 2023 Answering in Wisdom Hagia Sophia
- 30 Aug 2023 Answering in Inclusivity Interreligious Dialogue
- TBA Call and Answer Prayer

The retreats will each be on a Saturday, from 9.30am - 3.30pm, with morning and afternoon tea and lunch included. The reading texts for each day will be provided. The cost is \$60 per day, with numbers limited to 20. To enrol, please email to info@sylviagrevel.com.

