

Dear colleagues, students, and friends

The Western Civilisation Program, Australian Catholic University
invites you to attend the October event of the
Aletheia Speaker Series for 2024

with special guest speaker

Ms Judith Beveridge

“How Poetry Summons Us into the Sacred”

Tuesday, 22 October 2024, at 5.30 pm for 6.00 pm start
ACU Ramsay Lounge
Level 11, 33 Berry Street, North Sydney

Judith Beveridge is the author of eight collections of poetry including
Sun Music: New and Selected Poems (Giramondo, 2018)
which won the 2019 Prime Minister’s Prize for Poetry.

She taught poetry at the University of Sydney (2003–2018)
and served as poetry editor of *Meanjin* (2005–2016).

She is a recipient of the Philip Hodgins Memorial Medal
and the Christopher Brennan Award for lifetime achievement.

In 2023 Ms Beveridge’s poem ‘Two Houses’ won the ACU Prize for Poetry.

Her latest collection is *Tintinnabulum* (Giramondo, 2024).

This talk will explore how poetry, through its use of imagery and sound,
uniquely uncovers connections and interrelationships, how it opens up sacred spaces,
and reverberates into and animates our consciousness.

A good poem pays close attention to the world.

The poet Edward Hirsch said, ‘Attentiveness is the natural prayer of the soul’.
Wallace Stevens said, ‘Reality is a cliché from which we escape by metaphor.’
Ms Beveridge will read and discuss poems which relate to these specific statements.

The evening will be informal, with a Q & A and light refreshments following
Ms Beveridge’s presentation.

For catering purposes please RSVP by 18 October to
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