

Francis Webb: God's Fool

A Survey of this Australian Catholic poet's work by his biographer.



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Following *The Poetry of Grace*, which featured Judith Wright, Les Murray and Judith Beveridge, we are looking forward again to welcome Michael to Aquinas Academy. With his characteristic capacity to engage and draw forth the best from the participants Michael will unveil the depth and insights of Francis Webb – the subject of his Doctorate. Webb has been acclaimed by Sir Herbert Read as being “*One of the greatest poets of our time ... one of the must unjustly neglected poets of the century.*”

Michael is Associate Professor in Literature at Australian Catholic University, has a special interest in the relationship between the Sacred in Literature and the Arts, has co-curated a number of recent conferences: *Writing the Sacred* (2102), *Addressing the Sacred* (2013) and *Grounding the Sacred* (2015). On July 6.7 2017 at the ACU Strathfield campus Michael is hosting an event: *Awakening the Sacred* with Fr Lawrence Freeman, Rachael Kohn and Professors David Tacey and Sasha Grishin. He has edited several volumes of Religion, Literature and the Arts conference proceedings including a special Australian Issue of Oxford University's *Literature and Theology*. His critical biography of Francis Webb, *God's Fool: The Life and Poetry of Francis Webb* (Angus & Robinson, 1991), uncovers a journey of courage and beauty. It has been updated (2012) and is available on Kindle.

**WHEN: One 2 hour seminar each week for 4 Weeks on Tuesday Feb7, 14, 21,
& Friday Feb 24th, 2017**
from 10am – 12 noon

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