



**“Only connect the prose and the passion ...
Live in fragments no longer.”**

In a time of ever-widening divisions and escalating polarisation, these words from E.M. Forster’s *Howards End* seem even more urgent than when they were first published in 1910. Our world needs peacemakers.

ANSD Quiet Day

Saturday 30 May 2026

9:30am to 3pm

Dr Frances Mackay

Perhaps, however, we need to connect with our own unreconciled places, our own fragmentation, before we can be the reconciling presence we would like to be in the world. This Quiet Day, coinciding with the Season of Pentecost, is an invitation to explore how different poets and writers have sought to uncover “the prose and the passion” within the fragments of their own narratives. The hope is to help us re-discover the passion and calling hidden within our own sacred story, the song that is ours to sing.

Presenter Dr Frances MacKay, now retired from a career of teaching and counselling in a range of contexts, continues to offer spiritual direction, pastoral supervision and retreat facilitation. She is interested in the ways literature – particularly poetry – provides life-giving insights into core themes of the human journey.

Please RSVP by Friday 22 May to ansdact@gmail.com

Venue: The Chambers Pavilion, Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture, 15 Blackall St, Barton, ACT (off Kings Ave, accessible parking).

Cost: \$30 via electronic transfer to “Australian Network for Spiritual Direction” / BSB 032-719 / Account 301 994 / Reference: SurnameQD. Cash option available on the day. Morning tea provided.

Please BYO lunch, journal and outdoor gear/warm layers, if you would like to enjoy the beautiful grounds overlooking the Lake.

Artwork: *The Creation of Adam*, by Michelangelo

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