



THE OPEN CIRCLE
MARY WARD SYMPOSIUM

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We often speak of God's love and justice, but what of God and humour? Christianity is a faith best held lightly, lest we tend toward self-righteousness. Mary Ward urged mirth and felicity. In the scriptures, we are exhorted to 'rejoice with unspeakable joy.'

Beverley Dunn is one of Australia's best known and experienced actors. She has played in hundreds of radio plays, both in Australia and for the BBC in London. Theatrical and television credits include *Little Murders*, *A Happy and Holy Occasion* (Green Room Award), *Bellbird* (Mary Emerson) and *The Flying Doctors* (Clare Bryant). Film appearances include *Brilliant Lies*, and Beryl Alcott in *Shine*. In 2000, Beverley performed the role of Miss Prism in the celebrated production of *The Importance of Being Ernest*, with Patricia Routledge. Beverley is currently performing in a national tour of *Hotel Sorrento*.



Michael McGirr is a well known writer and presenter. He is the author of a travel comedy, *Things You Get For Free*, as well as a quirky biography of the Hume Highway called *Bypass*. He is a regular guest on ABC radio in Canberra, a weekly book reviewer for the *Sydney Morning Herald* and a columnist for On Line Catholics. Michael and his family live in Gunning, a small town on the southern tablelands of NSW.



The humour of God

Guests

Beverley Dunn (actor) &
Michael McGirr (author)

Chair

Rod Quantock

Venue: St Mary's College,
University of Melbourne
Frewin Library
Enter via main entrance on
Swanston St

Tuesday 8 August

6-7.30pm
Refreshments served from 5.45pm

Parking is available at the University of Melbourne at \$4, enter via Tin Alley. Child minding is also available. If required please contact Janet Dennis at St Mary's on 9349 9555 or jdennis@stmarys.unimelb.edu.au

\$5 per person or donation welcome. Bookings are not required.

