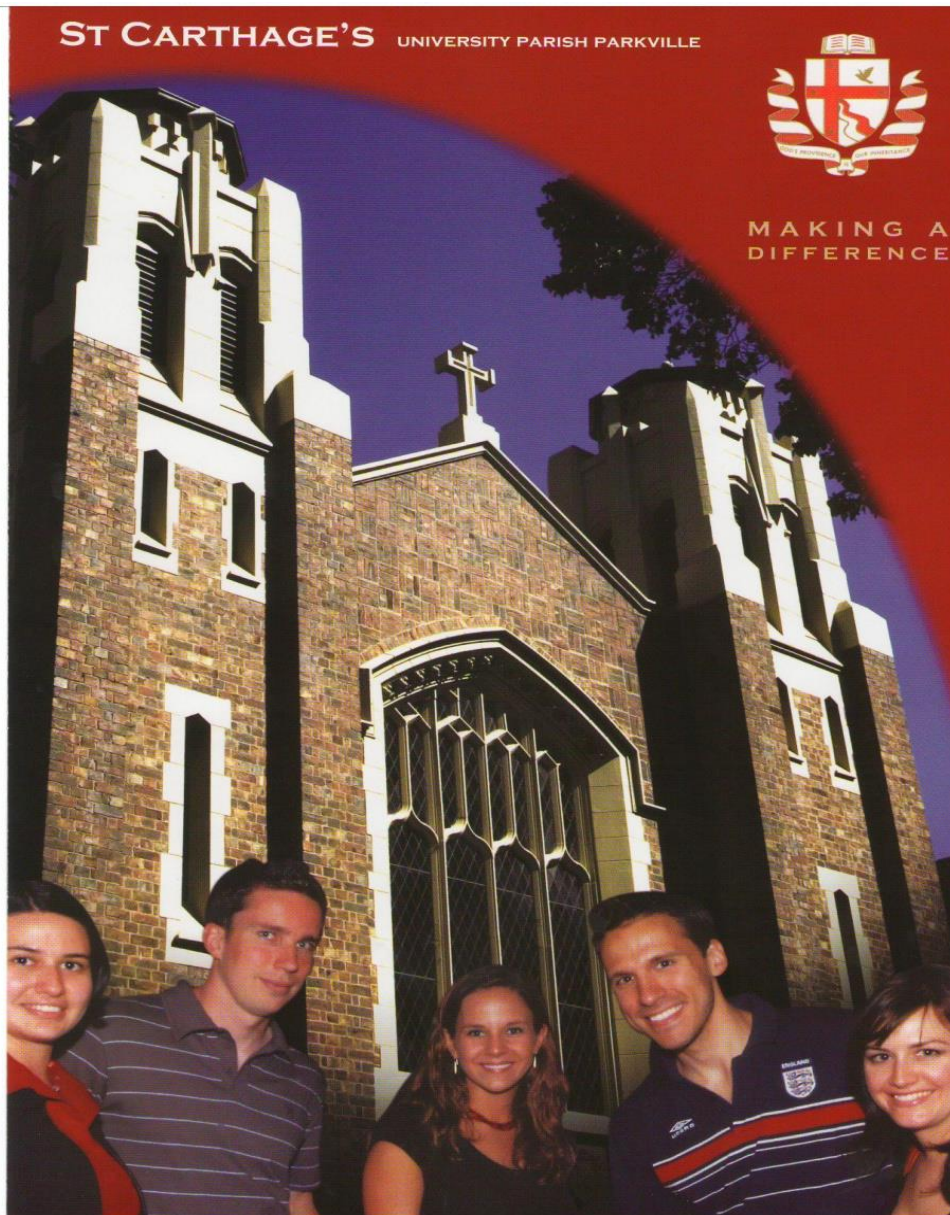




**MASS TIMES**  
Saturday, Vigil Mass 6:00 pm  
Sunday, Family Mass 10:00 am  
Student's Mass 5:00 pm  
01<sup>st</sup> July 2018

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# Music at St Carthage's

**This Sunday Evening 01<sup>st</sup> July:**

*\* We welcome back to the St Carthage's Visiting Artists Programme The Legends of Brass. We are happy to note that they will be with us on a Sunday in July, August and September.*



**Next Sunday Evening 08<sup>th</sup> July:**

*\* Mary Anderson, formerly harpist with Orchestra Victoria will provide music at the 5pm Student Mass.*



**On Sunday Evening 15<sup>th</sup> July:**

*\* The St Carthage's Music Group will lead the singing at the 5pm Student Mass.*



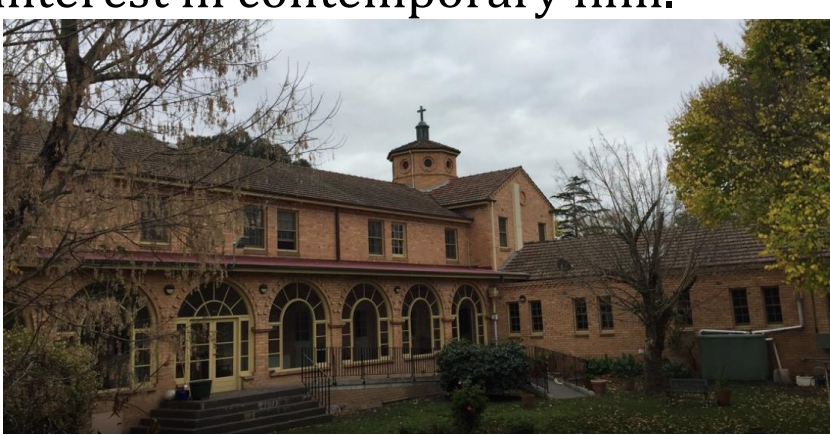


# Visiting Priests at St Carthage's this weekend

**Saturday 6pm Vigil Mass & Sunday 10am Mass**

Fr Peter Malone MSC

Peter lectures at Yarra Theological College and has a great interest in contemporary film.



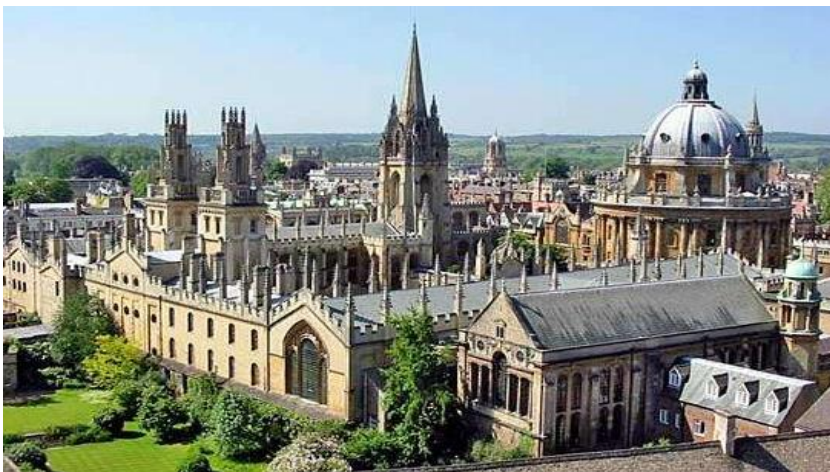
**Sunday 5pm Mass**

We welcome back Fr Andrew Hamilton S.J.

Andy holds a Doctorate from Oxford University.

He has lectured in systematic theology for many years.

He is currently editor of "Eureka Street".



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# St Carthage's Mens Reading group

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> July 7:30pm

**Venue to be arranged**

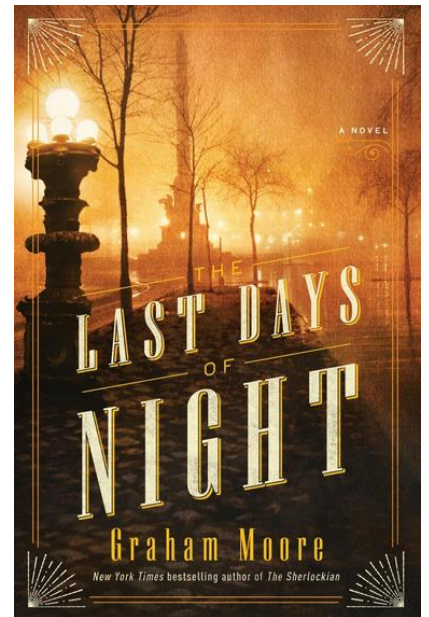
**Author:** Graham Moore

**Book:**

The Last Days of Night

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# St Carthage's Women's Morning Reading Group

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> July 10:00am

**Venue to be arranged**

**Author:** Louis de Bernieres

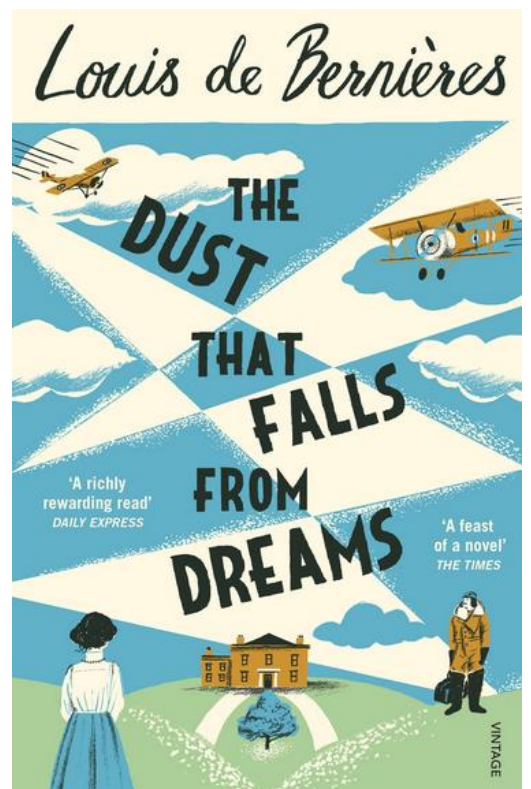
**Book:**

The Dust That Falls From Dreams.

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**Spirituality in the Pub**  
**8 pm Wed 1 August 2018**

**THE PUMPHOUSE HOTEL**  
**128 NICHOLSON STREET FITZROY**

(opp. Carlton Gardens)  
*Street parking available*



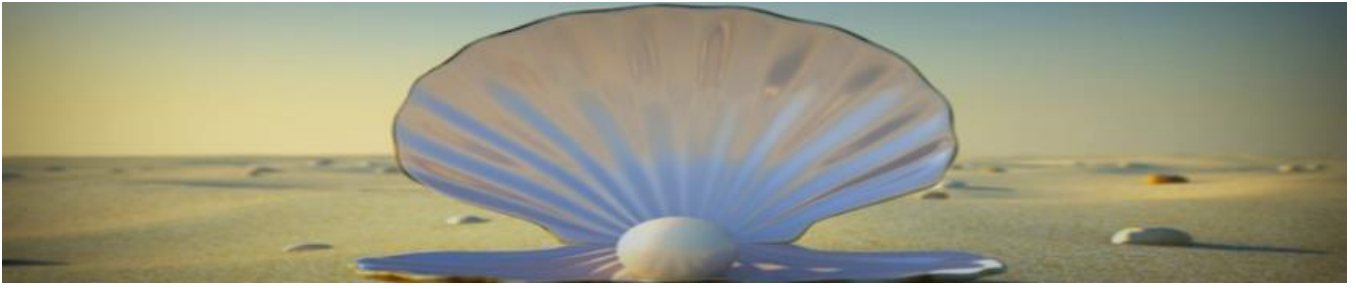
## The Royal Commission – an Appraisal of its Findings and the Aftermath

Most recent discussions following the Royal Commission into the scandalous revelations of child sexual abuse have concentrated on the Catholic Church in Australia. However, there is a much bigger picture when both a much longer historical context and results from inquiries in many other countries around the world are taken into account as well.

**Professor Des Cahill, OAM**, is Emeritus Professor of Urban and Intercultural Studies at RMIT University, and Chair of Religions for Peace, Australia. He is also deputy moderator of Religions for Peace, Asia and a foundation member of the Victoria Police Multi-Faith Council. With Dr Peter Wilkinson, he co-authored the major RMIT report, *Child Sexual Abuse in the Catholic Church: An interpretive Review of the Literature and Public Inquiry Reports*, which was released in September 2017. He was a senior consultant on the Catholic Church to the Royal Commission.

The PUMPHOUSE HOTEL provides a spacious and comfortable atmosphere. Meals available from 6.00pm –7.30pm. Remember: Support the Pub that supports SIP – Dine at the Pumphouse!





## **JOANNE McCARTHY. Australia's bishops still don't get it – things have changed (SMH 13/6/2018)**

*Everything changed on December 15, 2017 when the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse presented its final report and recommendations to the Australian public. It's a shame Australia's Catholic bishops missed the memo.*

The royal commission exposed in sickening, staggering detail the church's crimes against thousands of children in Australia alone, and its culpability as an organisation that protected criminals and facilitated those crimes.

But the bishops, in response, are acting as if nothing has happened. Sure, they've promised change. They've released pious statements. They've even used the words "humility" and "humbled" in the right context.

But with every move they make, with every step they don't take, Australia's bishops show they don't understand that their relationship with Australians has changed. Has had to change.

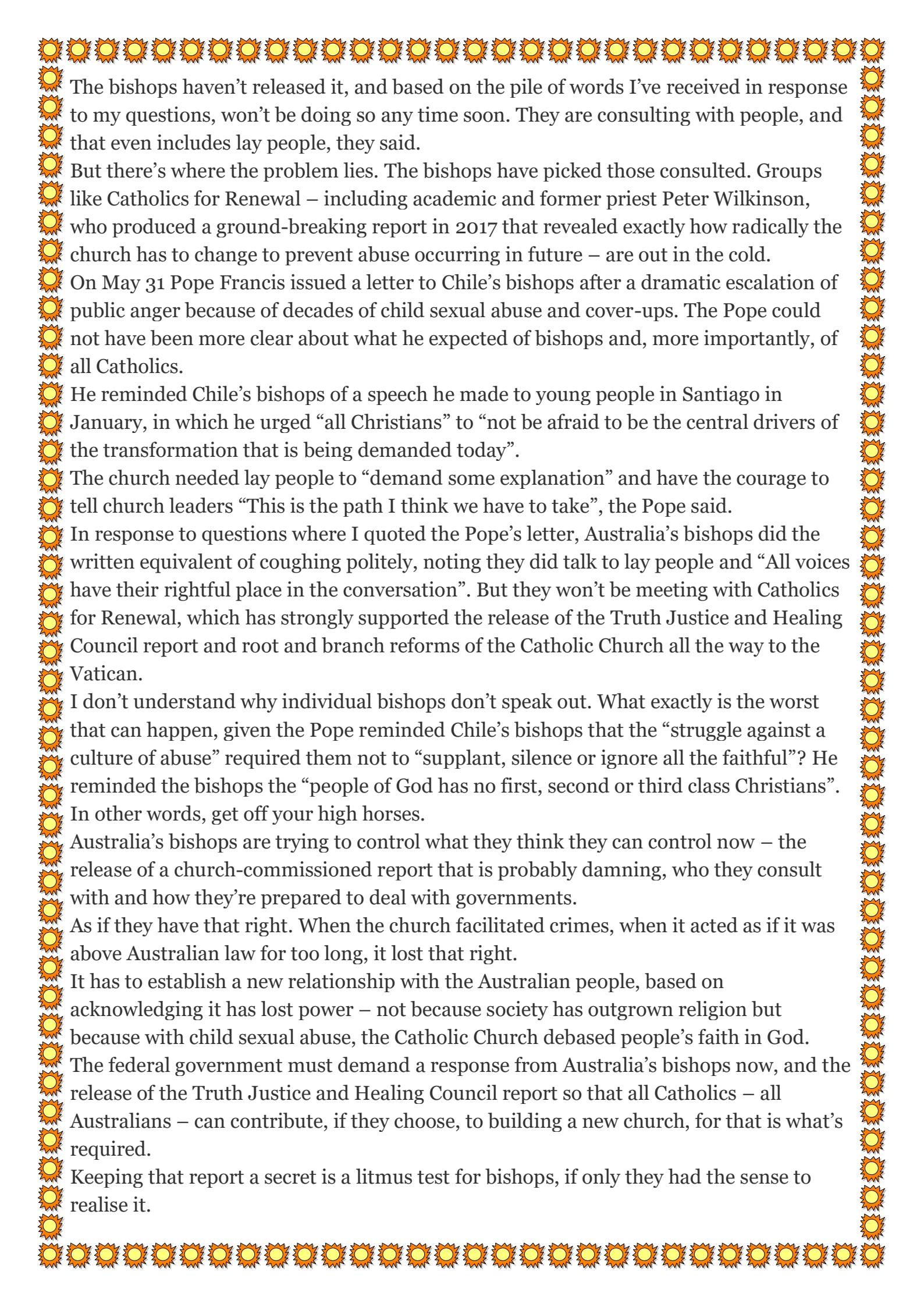
In the words of Hunter abuse survivor Bob O'Toole, "They don't seem to get that they don't call the shots anymore."

The church kept its crimes and its criminals secret for decades because it didn't want the scandal that would damage its authority and power. It wasn't naivety or innocence – as too many senior churchmen argued over the years – but a clinical, systemic, cold-blooded process designed to protect the "brand", informed by centuries of "calling the shots" on how other people should live their lives.

All swept away. The secrets aren't secret anymore. The powerless reclaimed some power by speaking out. And that requires the church and its bishops to cede power, which is where they're failing now.

In the past week I've put questions to the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference about if and when it is going to release a report completed by its Truth, Justice and Healing Council three months ago in response to the royal commission's report and recommendations.

I'm not the only one who thinks the council might have gone much further than the bishops expected in supporting the royal commission's recommendations for historic change in the church – on governance, canon law, reporting to secular authorities, celibacy, women in leadership positions and the iconic issue of breaching the "sanctity" of the confessional.



The bishops haven't released it, and based on the pile of words I've received in response to my questions, won't be doing so any time soon. They are consulting with people, and that even includes lay people, they said.

But there's where the problem lies. The bishops have picked those consulted. Groups like Catholics for Renewal – including academic and former priest Peter Wilkinson, who produced a ground-breaking report in 2017 that revealed exactly how radically the church has to change to prevent abuse occurring in future – are out in the cold.

On May 31 Pope Francis issued a letter to Chile's bishops after a dramatic escalation of public anger because of decades of child sexual abuse and cover-ups. The Pope could not have been more clear about what he expected of bishops and, more importantly, of all Catholics.

He reminded Chile's bishops of a speech he made to young people in Santiago in January, in which he urged "all Christians" to "not be afraid to be the central drivers of the transformation that is being demanded today".

The church needed lay people to "demand some explanation" and have the courage to tell church leaders "This is the path I think we have to take", the Pope said.

In response to questions where I quoted the Pope's letter, Australia's bishops did the written equivalent of coughing politely, noting they did talk to lay people and "All voices have their rightful place in the conversation". But they won't be meeting with Catholics for Renewal, which has strongly supported the release of the Truth Justice and Healing Council report and root and branch reforms of the Catholic Church all the way to the Vatican.

I don't understand why individual bishops don't speak out. What exactly is the worst that can happen, given the Pope reminded Chile's bishops that the "struggle against a culture of abuse" required them not to "supplant, silence or ignore all the faithful"? He reminded the bishops the "people of God has no first, second or third class Christians". In other words, get off your high horses.

Australia's bishops are trying to control what they think they can control now – the release of a church-commissioned report that is probably damning, who they consult with and how they're prepared to deal with governments.

As if they have that right. When the church facilitated crimes, when it acted as if it was above Australian law for too long, it lost that right.

It has to establish a new relationship with the Australian people, based on acknowledging it has lost power – not because society has outgrown religion but because with child sexual abuse, the Catholic Church debased people's faith in God.

The federal government must demand a response from Australia's bishops now, and the release of the Truth Justice and Healing Council report so that all Catholics – all Australians – can contribute, if they choose, to building a new church, for that is what's required.

Keeping that report a secret is a litmus test for bishops, if only they had the sense to realise it.





## Travel with the Australian Chamber Choir on their “Friends Tour of Europe 2019!

We invite our friends at St. Carthages to join us as we tour Europe in 2019.

Back by popular demand, following successful Friends tours in 2015 and 2017, the “Friends Tour of Europe 2019” will travel alongside the ACC for the first 16 days of it’s European Tour. The Friends tour offers a safe, comfortable, well-planned, relaxed way of experiencing some of the best sights, sounds and tastes on offer in Europe, in the company of like-minded music / history lovers, who will soon become your friends.

The tour begins in Hamburg on 30th June 2019, continues via Ribe (the oldest town in Denmark), Copenhagen, Schwerin, Berlin, Hannover, Bruges (nicknamed 'the Venice of the North') and finishes with Bastille Day celebrations in Paris. (You would be excused for thinking that the fabulous fireworks at the Eiffel Tower are staged especially for us!).



We have three nights each in Berlin, Bruges and Paris and two nights each in Ribe and Copenhagen. We have included at least four evening meals with the choir and have planned some fantastic sight-seeing. Participants are given as much flexibility as possible to choose to take part in as much or as little of the organised sight-seeing as they like.

For more information please visit our website, [www.AusChoir.org/friendstour2019](http://www.AusChoir.org/friendstour2019)  
Or call Trudi on 0452 531 750.