

Rahamim Ecology Centre presents...

# **LEAVING SPACE FOR MERCY...IN THE FACE OF EARTH'S DISTRESS**

**with Veronica Lawson rsm**



**Join us for an ecological  
gospel exploration,  
grounded in the wonders  
of the universe and the  
distress of the Earth.**

Veronica Lawson studied Scripture at the Ecole Biblique in Jerusalem and at Trinity College, Dublin and has been lecturer at the Australian Catholic University and leader of her congregation. Her reflections and workshops are delivered across Australia and throughout the world. In 2015 she launched her book *The Blessing of Mercy: Bible Perspectives and Ecological Challenges*, which will be the foundational reading material for this retreat.

**When:** Sunday September 25th to  
Friday 30th September

**Where:** Rahamim Ecology Centre

34 Busby St, South Bathurst  
NSW 2795

**Time:** 5.30pm Sunday until  
1.30pm Friday

**Price:** SPECIAL EARLY BIRD PRICE  
\$500 for week long retreat  
inclusive of meals,  
accommodation and  
workshops. Price will increase  
to \$550 after 3rd September.

**Spaces limited!**



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**The week includes accommodation, inspired organic paddock-to-plate meals from the Rahamim gardens and local wines of the Bathurst region.**

**Accommodation** at Rahamim Ecology Centre adheres to a principle of voluntary simplicity. Voluntary simplicity, or simple living, is a way of life that rejects high-consumption, materialistic lifestyles of consumer cultures and affirms what is often called “the simple life”. Our rooms are comfortable and have been recently refurbished using up-cycled, recycled and sustainably sourced material. We offer basic shared bathrooms, communal living areas and shared meals.

**Heritage:** The Logan Brae residence was built in the 1870’s by John Busby for his wife Harriett and his ten children. The property has been in constant use as a convent residence, administration and education centre for the Sisters of Mercy for over 100 years.

**Food:** The food offered through retreats and events at Rahamim is sourced from our own vegetable gardens, the Wholefood Co-op, direct from farmers and

from family-owned supermarkets. We follow the principles of local, organic and seasonal to create a menu where the focus is on nurturing and healthy choices. We cater to most dietary requirements.

**Bathurst:** Rahamim Ecology Centre is located in regional NSW. Bathurst is the oldest inland settlement in Australia and its unique collection of buildings and architecture reflect this long history. Bathurst sits alongside the Macquarie river and has four beautiful, distinct seasons.

***“The pain of Earth informs a contemporary theology of mercy and impels us to action, since mercy in the biblical tradition is always action-oriented. The distress of our planet invites us to live mercy and to view Earth’s diverse elements as potential agents of the blessing of mercy.” Veronica Lawson, The Blessing of Mercy: Bible Perspectives and Ecological Challenges, 2015, p16.***

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