

## CHURCHES TOGETHER IN LOCAL ECUMENISM PRESENTS:

## Gospel of Mark The Quest for home: The Household in Mark's Gospel

by Rev Dr Michael Trainor





Rev Dr Michael Trainor will lead us through an exploration and conversation as we enter into the Lectionary year of Mark (Year B).

In this changing time, community leaders continue in their roles in this new way of leading church, sharing in theology and teaching the Gospel truths.

Finding Home, Household and belonging is a deep longing for many at the moment with all the other community and personal disruptions. Father Michael's insight into finding Home and the practical and accessible theological reflections, will assist people to hear and understand Mark in a new and refreshing way.

## About Rev Dr Michael Trainor:

Michael Trainor is a Catholic priest of the Archdiocese of Adelaide, South Australia, and parish priest of Lockleys in the western suburbs of Adelaide. He was born in Tailem Bend. After attending Catholic primary and secondary schools, he entered St Francis Xavier's Seminary, Rostrevor and was ordained by Archbishop Gleeson in 1974.



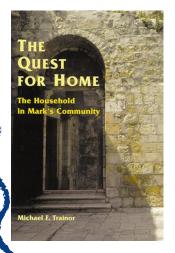
A few years of pastoral ministry in parishes led him to undertake post-graduate study in USA (Chicago, and later Boston), Israel and Melbourne, completing a Masters of Arts (in biblical literature and languages), Master of Education and a Doctorate in Theology.

On returning to Adelaide, Michael taught at the Seminary, coordinated adult education for the Archdiocese and taught in the faculty of theology at Flinders University in biblical studies with the Adelaide College of Divinity.

Currently, he teaches with the Australian Catholic University and is engaged in inter-faith and inter-religious dialogue. He is an executive board member of the International Council of Christians and Jews (www.iccj.org) and chairs the Australian Council of Christians and Jews.

Within Adelaide, he co-chairs the SA Council of Christians and Jews and the Uniting Church-Roman Catholic Dialogue. Michael has authored several books on theology, education and the Bible. And for a hobby, he regularly flies a glider out of Gawler. This helps him come to a realistic perspective about himself and his world.

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## The Quest for Home: The Household in Mark's Community

In The Quest for Home, Michael F. Trainor unfolds how one Christian community addressed the desire for home. He offers a way of reading Mark's Gospel from the perspective of house and household. This perspective provides both the architecture and theological context for a fresh reading of the Gospel. The wisdom gleaned from Mark's Gospel community encourages us in our struggle to develop authentic Christian communities today.