


 **The 3rd Annual**
 **John Byrne**
 **Memorial**
Lecture

The organising committee of the John Byrne Memorial invite you to the third annual John Byrne Memorial Lecture

Guest Speaker

Fr Peter Hansen

 **Memories of an Execution:
the Death of Nguyen Tuong Van**

Peter Hansen is the Parish Priest of Our Lady's Parish, Craigieburn, and Lecturer in the History of the Church in Asia at the Catholic Theological College, Fitzroy. From 2000 until 2003, he was the Inaugural Director of the Mary of the Cross Centre (now a division of Centacare Australia), which assisted families affected by problems relating to substance abuse. John Byrne was working with Peter and the Mary of the Cross Centre as the industry partner in the production of his doctoral thesis at the time of his death. Peter was a friend of John's for many years, and celebrated his funeral.

In 2006, Peter was a part of the team which sought a reprieve for the death penalty for Nguyen Tuong Van, a young Vietnamese-Australian man convicted in Singapore of importing heroin. After these apopeals were ignored by the government of Singapore, Peter celebrated Van's funeral at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne.

Proceeds from this lecture will go towards the **John Byrne Memorial**, set up to provide support to disadvantaged refugee and asylum seeker young people and their families, with a priority focus on young people pursuing educational opportunities.

For more information about the John Byrne Memorial or to make a tax deductible donation to the State Trustees Australia Foundation - the John Byrne Memorial, contact John's sister, Annette Byrne-Phillips, annpet@iprimus.com.au.

Wednesday 2nd July 2008

5.30 pm

Mercy Lecture Theatre
Australian Catholic University
115 Victoria Parade, Fitzroy

Entrance to the theatre via Young Street

Carparking is available on Young Street

Melway reference 44 A6

Entry: \$10 donation (optional)

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