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This edition of *The Vine* is packed with adult faith opportunities; please promote these conferences, seminars and resources through your newsletter and networks.

Please send information on diocesan, parish and deanery events by September 15th 2017 for the next edition of *The Vine* to Rob or Donna at: ebadmin@bne.catholic.net.au

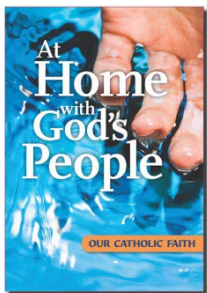
miniCALENDAR (August-September 2017)

DATE	TIME	EVENT/TOPIC	LOCATION	PRESENTER/FURTHER INFORMATION
Jul 25	7:00-8:30pm	Theology in the City: <i>Catholic Approaches to Dialogue: From Vatican II to Receptive Ecumenism</i>	Hanly Room, Francis Rush Centre, 249 Elizabeth St, Brisbane	Dr Antonia Pizzey - ACU Brisbane facebook.com/TheologyintheCity
Jul 26	9:00am-4:30pm	Orientation to Mental Health Pastoral Care	Chermside Kedron Community Church, 590 Gympie Rd, Chermside	website
Aug 7, 14, 21 & 28	6:00-8:00pm	ACU Short Course: <i>Learning to Think Theologically: Pope Francis' Witness and Teaching</i>	ACU Leadership Centre, Level 3, 229 Elizabeth Street, Brisbane	website
Aug 7-11, 14-15, 17-18	9:30am-12:30pm	A Morning with John's Gospel	Holy Spirit Seminary, 487 Earnshaw Rd, Banyo	Assoc. Professor Mary L Coloe
Aug 10	10:30am-2:45pm	BBI E-Conference: <i>Gospel Leadership in Times of Chaos: the Hope of Pope Francis</i>	Streamed Live	website
Aug 12	9:00am-4:30pm	CCR Brisbane AGM & CCR Golden Jubilee celebration	CCR Brisbane Centre, 688 Nudgee Rd, Northgate	Guest speaker and Mass celebrant: Fr Jack Soulsby
Aug 13	5pm-9pm	Ignite Live (Mass, dinner and rally)	17 Graham St, South Brisbane	https://igniteyouth.com/live
Aug 19	9:00am-4:30pm	RCIA Elective	Darra Jindalee Parish Hall, 111 Yallambie Rd, Jindalee	Sue Thomas, Rob Cosgrove
Aug 25-27	RSVP by 14 Aug	Women of the Way Annual Retreat: <i>Live Alive – No Longer a Slave to Fear</i>	Watson Park, Old Gympie Rd, Dakabin	Presenters: David & Natalie Tensen (contact wowqld@gmail.com)
Aug 29	7:00-8:30pm	Theology in the City: 'The future of ecumenism and inter-religious relations'	Hanly Room, Francis Rush Centre, 277 Elizabeth St, Brisbane	facebook.com/TheologyintheCity
Sep 2	8:30am-3pm	<i>Arts, Spirituality and Care of Our Common Home: A workshop on the Care of Creation</i>	Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, 267 Wellington St, Ormiston	Peter Hunter (artist in residence) See article
Sep 4-7	6:30pm Mon – 1:00pm Thu	National Pastoral Leaders and Planners Conference	Rydges on Swanston, 701 Swanston St, Carlton (Melbourne)	See article
Sep 5	7:30pm	Annual Women's Night of Spirituality St Ignatius Parish, Toowong	Stuartholme School Chapel	Check the parish website for details closer to the date
Sep 9	9:30am-3:30pm	Musician's Advent Workshop with Liturgy Brisbane	Xavier Hall, Holy Spirit Seminary, 487 Earnshaw Rd, Banyo	Sr Ursula O'Rourke with Michael Fitzpatrick and Lin Johnstone
Sep 15-16	4:00pm Fri-3:00pm Sat	Overnight Parish Retreat	Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, 267 Wellington St, Ormiston	Evangelisation Brisbane brochure
Sep 21-24	5:00pm Thu – 3:00pm Sun	Ignite Conference	Mueller College, Rothwell	website

miniCALENDAR (October – December 2017)

*Date Claimer (more information in future issues)

Oct 5-7	9:00am Thu – 5:00pm Sat	Aust. Pastoral Musicians Network – National Conference: <i>Sing with Joy!</i>	Rendezvous Hotel, Perth	David Haas, Prof. Clare Johnson
Oct 8	2pm-4pm	Bishop Michael Putney Memorial Lecture: <i>What we can learn from the Reformation...</i>	Xavier Hall, Holy Spirit Seminary, 487 Earnshaw Road, Banyo	Pastor James Winderlich and Sr Elizabeth Delaney sgs,
Oct 9	9:00am-4:15pm	Conference: <i>From Conflict to Communion: Educating for a Whole Church</i>	ACU, Level 3, Cathedral House, 229 Elizabeth St, Brisbane	Rev James Winderlich, Sr Elizabeth Delaney. website
Nov 1	7pm – 9pm (supper at 9pm)	Catholics and Lutherans Commemoration of 500 Years of Reformation	St Peter's Lutheran College, 66 Harts Road, Indooroopilly	Download invitation
Nov 11-12		Australian Christian Meditation Community Qld Retreat Weekend: <i>Stillness of Spirit</i>	Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, 267 Wellington St, Ormiston	See article
*Nov 25	9:30am-1pm	CCR Brisbane end of year celebration	CCR Brisbane Centre, Northgate	
Dec 2	9am-noon	Parish Reflection Day: Advent	Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, 267 Wellington St, Ormiston	Evangelisation Brisbane
Dec 7-9		Australian Catholic Youth Festival	Sydney Olympic Park	website
*(2018) Jul 12-14		Proclaim 2018: <i>"Make your home in me..." (John 15:4)</i>	ERPAC, St Laurence's College 82 Stephens Rd, South Brisbane:	Save the date – more to follow

At Home with God's People • revised website

www.ahwgp.com

Last year we published a new version of the book *At Home with God's People – our Catholic Faith*. The new edition has been very popular around Australia and overseas with over 3,000 copies distributed to date. (For a [preview and to order](#).)

For many years there has been a complementary website. Donna Longland has just completed a massive job to revise the 'old' website to complement the new edition of the book. This website provides extra material for catechists and catechumens in the RCIA. If you click on the 'Resources' tab you will see the list of 25 topics from the book. If you then click on the first topic, 'In Search of God', you will see a range of resources for the topic: websites, books and audiovisual resources.

Associate Professor Mary Coloe PBVM

www.marycoloe.org.au

Associate Professor Mary Coloe PBVM is a Presentation Sister and a Scripture scholar and teacher of international repute. Mary has been an educator in different capacities, here and overseas. She is currently Associate Professor Yarra Theological Union and Head of the Department Biblical Studies, University of Divinity (Melbourne).

In the interests of adult education in Scripture Mary has developed a one page website that gives details on her books and articles.

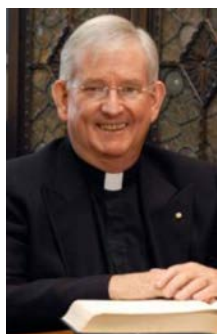
The website includes links to the content of many articles and chapters she has written. There are also links to seven videos of short presentations she gave at the Ecce Homo Biblical Program in Jerusalem, 2012:

- [Introduction](#) - Prologue and John 2. (11 mins)
- [The Feast of Tabernacles](#) - John 7 (11 mins)
- [Final Discourse](#) - John 14. (12 mins)
- [In My Father's House](#) - John 13. (11 mins)
- [Jesus - The Temple](#) (13 mins)
- [Jesus the Nazarene](#) (7 mins)
- [Building the New Temple](#) (13 mins)

There is also an excellent series of videos from five presentations she gave for teachers at the Diocese of Wagga Wagga:

- [General foundation in Scripture/Catholics and the bible](#). 1 hour.
- [Interpretation of the Bible/Context and Literary Form \(The Creation narratives\)](#). 1 hr 16 mins
- [Understanding the New Testament](#). 49 mins.
- [Creation in John's Gospel](#). 1 hr 26 mins
- [The Infancy Narratives](#) (Matthew & Luke) 1hr 17min

Mary is coming to the Holy Spirit Seminary at Banyo, in Brisbane in August to teach some classes on Johannine literature. See details in [Seminars](#) below.

Fr Francis Moloney SDB

Francis J. Moloney, SDB (DPhil, University of Oxford), is Senior Professorial Fellow at Catholic Theological College, University of Divinity, in Melbourne, Australia. He is the former Provincial Superior of the Salesians of Don Bosco for Australia and the Pacific region and formerly taught at Australian Catholic University and the Catholic University of America. Father Moloney is a Fellow of the Australian Academy of the Humanities, a Member of the Order of Australia, and the author of more than forty books.

In 2014 he gave a series of presentations with Dr Mary Coloe PBVM for the Broken Bay institute.

- Session 1: [The World of the Gospel of John](#) - Fr Francis Moloney
- Session 2: [The Prologue and John's use of the Old Testament](#) - Sr Mary Coloe,
- Session 3: [A Journey of Faith - Cana to Cana](#) – Fr. Francis Moloney

- Session 4: [Temple, Nicodemus, and John the Baptist](#) - Sr Mary Coloe
- Session 5: [Another Journey of Faith - The Samaritan Woman](#) - Sr Mary Coloe
- Session 6: [Celebrating Jewish Feasts](#) - Fr Francis Moloney
- Session 7: [Receiving the Bread of Life](#) - Sr Mary Coloe
- Session 8: [Jesus, the Light of the world](#): The Man Born Blind - Fr. Francis Moloney
- Session 9: [John 13-17: The Glory of Love](#) - Fr Francis Moloney
- Session 10: [The Passion - Becoming Children of God](#) - Sr Mary Coloe
- Session 11: [The Risen Jesus Among Us](#) - Fr Francis Moloney

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A new webpage to assist parishes in the transition to the new OneLicense copyright licence.

The website has general information about copyright for Brisbane Parishes. All the resources are provided free via <http://copyrightbne.weebly.com/>.

Eucharist Videos • Archbishop Mark Coleridge



This three minute video is a 'taster' for the new series on the Eucharist that will commence on August 2nd. In this introduction Archbishop Mark explains the meaning and origin of the word *mass* from the Latin, 'Ite, Missa est', 'Go the Mass has ended'.

<https://youtu.be/oCDzi7KZUS8>

SEMINARS

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults • 1 Day Team Training



Foundations for Lay Pastoral Ministry is a course designed to provide theological and practical lay ministry formation in the Archdiocese of Brisbane. It comprises five core modules plus practical ministry elective streams. One elective will cover the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults.

The RCIA elective will be held on:

- Date: Saturday 19th August (9:00am – 4:30pm)
- Venue: Darra Jindalee Parish Hall, 111 Yallambie Rd, Jindalee
- Presenters: Sue Thomas (Chairperson, Archdiocesan Catechumenate Committee)
Rob Cosgrove (Evangelisation Brisbane)

As well as the students in the Foundations for Lay Pastoral Ministry program parishioners may register to participate in the RCIA elective without having completed the five core modules. For example a parishioner may have practical experience of other ministry areas and seek specialist knowledge in the RCIA. There will be a \$50 fee for the one day. Participants will receive a 'certificate of attendance'.

To register for this course (and for further information about Foundations for Lay Pastoral Ministry) contact IFE: Ph 3336 9167, email: ife@bne.catholic.net.au the [completed form](#).

A Morning with John's Gospel



Assoc. Professor Mary L Coloe is coming to the Holy Spirit Seminary at Banyo, in Brisbane to teach some classes on Johannine literature. She would love others to be able to access these classes.

Mary currently lectures within the University of Divinity, Box Hill. She has been appointed by the Pontifical Council for Christian Unity to an international dialogue between the Catholic Church and the Church of Christ. She is the author of numerous books, essays and articles.

See her home page: <http://www.marycoloe.org.au/homepage/>

- Dates: Monday to Friday (9:30am – 12.30pm) August 7th – August 18th (excluding Public Holiday Wed 16th)
- Venue: Holy Spirit Seminary, 487 Earnshaw Rd, Banyo
- Cost: \$25 per morning. Please be sure to bring a bible to each session.

To enroll, contact: Dr. Maeve Heaney maeve.heaney@acu.edu.au

Musician's Advent Workshop with Liturgy Brisbane



This event is an opportunity for musicians and liturgists to come together to meet and network. The focus of the workshop is on new music for Advent using Catholic Worship Book II. A great day of fun, networking and useful information.

Depending on numbers, we anticipate a number of workshops will be offered in the afternoon session. Ticket holders will be advised two weeks prior to the workshop.

The event will include a band and concert pianist.

- Date: 9th September (9.30am to 3.30pm)
- Venue: Xavier Hall, Holy Spirit Seminary, 487 Earnshaw Rd, Banyo
- Presenters: Sr Ursula O'Rourke with Michael Fitzpatrick and Lin Johnstone.
- Cost: \$15 per person (BYO lunch)

Participants from other dioceses are most welcome.

For more information about our presenters and the format of the day or to purchase tickets, please visit our new [Liturgy Brisbane musician's website](#).

Bishop Michael Putney Memorial Lecture



You are invited to this annual lecture in honour of the late Bishop of Townsville, Michael Putney, who was so well known and respected across Christian Churches.

- Date: Sunday 8 October from 2pm (concludes with afternoon tea at 4pm)
- Venue: Xavier Hall, Holy Spirit Seminary, 487 Earnshaw Road, Banyo
- Keynotes: Pastor James Winderlich (Principal of the Lutheran Theological College in Adelaide)
Sr Elizabeth Delaney sgs (General Secretary of the National Council of Churches in Australia)

In this year when we commemorate the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation the focus will be on what the Churches can learn from the Reformation and what it means for our ecumenical journey.

Further details in the next issue.

Arts, Spirituality and Care of our Common Home



The Santa Teresa Ormiston Art Group invites you to 'come away to a quiet place' for three sessions of art, storytelling and biblical reflection. The theme will be *Care of Our Common Home*, with *God and Creation*, *Wisdom and Creation*, and *Love and Creation* providing the foci for the sessions.

Through the use of iconic paintings by Redlands artist and storyteller, Peter Hunter (Master's degree in theology) and the biblical knowledge of Douglas Jones (Lecturer for 9yrs on Old Testament at the Brisbane College of Theology), participants will have the opportunity to contemplate iconic art, listen to stories, reflect on Scripture and the Social Doctrine of the Church and pray in service of care of our common home, the earth.

The workshop will provide teachers and others involved in education with biblical and theological foundations, consistent with *Laudato Si'*, for developing strategies and activities that foster Care of our Common Home in their classrooms and wider teaching contexts.

A range of Peter's paintings will be displayed for further contemplation and reflection.

- Date: Saturday 2nd September (8:30am—3pm)
- Venue: Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, 267 Wellington Street, Ormiston
- RSVP: by Friday 25th August 2017 (Please advise special dietary needs)
to: Peter Hunter at peterandhelen190@hotmail.com or phone 3286 1494
- Cost: \$120.00 per person for the day (all inclusive)

[Download flyer](#) for full program details including direct deposit details for registration

These 3 sessions have been approved by Brisbane Catholic Education as 5 hours PD Accreditation to teach Religious Education in a Catholic School.

Orientation to Mental Health Pastoral Care



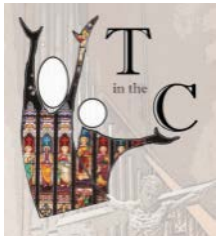
This workshop, organised by a cross-denominational committee (A Place to Belong), is for people who assist or advocate for others and who are interested in learning more about Mental Health and Pastoral Care.

What is the state of play in mental wellness and un-wellness in Australia and what are the trends and social forces that are making it such a huge issue? How come we have so much but are still so fragile? How can we respond? What might pastoral care look like in this context? How can we engage with people's resilience and their strengths?

- Date: Wednesday, 26th July 2017 (9:00am to 4:30pm)
- Venue: Chermside Kedron Community Church, 590 Gympie Road, Chermside
- Keynote: Peter Janetski
- Cost: \$50 (\$40 concession)
- Register: [Download Registration form](#)

Visit the [Website](#) for *A Place to Belong* for further information

Theology in the City • Lecture Series 2017 • Culture of encounter: seeking common ground



Topic 4: (Tue 25 July) Catholic Approaches to Dialogue: From Vatican II to Receptive Ecumenism

Speaker: Dr Antonia Pizzey - ACU Brisbane

A brief discussion about *Lumen Gentium* (the change to, subsists in, the shift from church as perfect society to pilgrim church, which opens the door to ecumenism), touching on *Gaudium et Spes* in the way the church opened itself to dialogue with the world, and John Paul II's *Ut Unum Sint* where he discusses the imperative of dialogue with Christians and ecumenism as an exchange of gifts, then finally finishing on Receptive Ecumenism, which focuses on encounter as a process of humble ecclesial learning.

Topic 5: (Tue 29 Aug) In Conversation with... 'The future of ecumenism & inter-religious relations'

- Time: 7.00pm-8.30pm (refreshments provided from 6.30pm)
- Venue: Hanly Room, Francis Rush Centre, 277 Elizabeth Street, Brisbane (enter carpark via Charlotte St, the carpark is open from 6pm)
- Cost: \$5/person
- Each lecture is worth 1.5 hours Accreditation to Teach Religion in a Catholic School.
- Enquiries: pblom@bne.catholic.edu.au, [Facebook](#)



CONFERENCES / COURSES

ACU Short Course • Learning to Think Theologically: Pope Francis' Witness and Teaching



Australian Catholic University will run a 4 week Short Course in Theology which will be held on Monday evenings in August, 2017.



The topic is *Learning to Think Theologically: Pope Francis' Witness and Teaching* and will provide an opportunity to reflect on the skills and insights that Pope Francis is offering:

- How can we think theologically with Pope Francis?
- How are Pope Francis' actions and teaching formed by his theological way of thinking?
- In what way do Pope Francis's spirituality and background form his theology?
- Time: 6-8 pm (Refreshments from 6 pm, lecture starts at 6.30 pm)
- Venue: ACU Leadership Centre, Level 3, 229 Elizabeth Street, Brisbane
- Topics and speakers for each week:
 - **7 Aug:** *The Ignatian Spirituality of a Jesuit Pope* (Assoc Prof Jamie Calder SJ - ACU)
 - **14 Aug:** *Papal authority and Francis as Interpreter* (Rev Prof Orm Rush - ACU)
 - **21 Aug:** *Unpacking Francis' metaphors: accompaniment and discernment* (Rev Dr Anthony Mellor - ACU/Holy Spirit Seminary)
 - **28 Aug:** *The Global South as influencer or context* (Dr Sandie Cornish - Diocese of Broken Bay)
- Fees: \$100 for those requiring a Certificate of Attendance* or \$50 attendance only
Free for current ACU students (not requiring a Cert of Attendance for accreditation purposes)

* This Course has been approved for 6 hours towards 'Accreditation to Teach in a Catholic School'.

Registration is essential.

For more information, please visit: <http://www.acu.edu.au/theology/shortcourses>

Conference • From Conflict to Communion: Educating for a Whole Church



2017 offers a unique moment of common reflection for Catholics and Lutherans as we mark 500 years since the Reformation. Where have we come in our journey? Where are we going in our traditions and where are we going together? The conference provides an opportunity to reflect on what it means to educate for the whole community and for a whole Church.

This conference is designed for Catholic and Lutheran principals and educators, including school senior leadership staff, those responsible for curriculum and staff formation, teachers, priests, pastors, chaplains, diocesan and parish staff involved in education and interested parishioners.

- Date: Monday 9 October (9am-4.15pm)
NB: Registration from 8.30am; Post conference drinks and canapés from 4.15pm
- Venue: ACU Leadership Centre, Level 3, Cathedral House, 229 Elizabeth St, Brisbane
- Keynotes: - *Luther as educator: His vision of teaching and learning in a contemporary western context.* (Rev James Winderlich, Principal, Australian Lutheran College)
- *From Conflict to Communion – Educating for a whole church.* (Sr Elizabeth Delaney, General Secretary NCCA)
- Presenters: Archbishop Mark Coleridge; workshops by Rev James Winderlich, Sr Elizabeth Delaney, Jodie Hoff, Br Damien Price, Dr Jill Gowdie, Anne Dohnt, Dominique Jacqueline, Dr Leigh Stower, Dr Nora Amath, Dr Meg Noack, Dr Doug Ashleigh and Derek Bartels.
- Cost: Earlybird \$85 + GST (Register and pay by the end of August)
Full Fee \$100 + GST (Registrations received from Sept 1)
Post-conference drinks and canapés is an additional \$15 + GST.

Register on-line at <http://ife.qld.edu.au/conference/> or download the registration form and post, fax or email it to the IFE (address details are provided on the form). If you have any questions about the registration process, please phone us on 07 3336 9167.

BBI e-Conference • Gospel Leadership in Times of Chaos: the Hope of Pope Francis



Broken Bay Institute's 13th Annual National eConference will be held on Thursday 10 August 2017.

Pope Francis represents the hope of many people in these times of uncertainty: his message talks about belonging, dialogue, social justice, and mercy in a way that is both a challenge and inspiration for the world and the church.

At this year's eConference, prominent international and national speakers and panellists will reflect upon these turbulent times and discuss them in the context of Pope Francis' unique style of leadership.

- Streamed Live – Free
- Thursday 10 August from 10:30am-2:45pm (AEST)
- For more information and to register visit:
<http://www.bbi.catholic.edu.au/short-courses/eConference-2017>

Topics/Speakers:

- Panel Facilitator - Noel Debien (ABC Religion Presenter)
 - ***The State of the Catholic Communion Today***
Professor Massimo Faggioli (Historical Theology, University of Villanova, Philadelphia)
 - ***The Crisis of the West: the Failure to unite Faith and Reason***
Mr Paul Kelly (Editor at Large, The Australian)
 - ***The Responsibility to Protect: Peace and Security in Challenging Times***
Professor The Hon Bob Carr (International Relations, University of Technology Sydney, former NSW Premier and Foreign Minister of Australia)
 - ***The Simplicity of the Gospel cuts through the Rhetoric***
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Sr Clare Condon SGS (Congregational Leader of the Sisters of the Good Samaritan)

- **Leading in Chaotic Times: The Example of Pope Francis**
Rev Dr Gerald A. Arbuckle SM (Internationally respected theologian and anthropologist)
- Panellists: Ms Elizabeth Proust AO (Chairman of the Aust. Institute of Company Directors and Member of the Truth Justice and Healing Council); Sr Ruth Durick OSU (the Australian Provincial of the Ursulines of the Roman Union and the President of Catholic Religious Australia).

Leading the New Evangelisation • Grad. Cert. in Education or Professional Learning Program



The faith formation and leadership development of teachers and ministry leaders in realising the aspirations of the New Evangelisation for Catholic schools and ministries.

This new course will be launched through ACU La Salle Academy (Canberra) in Semester 2. First unit will be from 1 to 3 Sep (face to face).

[Download the Overview](#) for further information

Ignite Conference 17 • Come



The Ignite Conference is a national contemporary Catholic youth conference held annually in Brisbane. Join with 1500 young people, ministry leaders, teachers, parents, priests and religious. The conference includes live bands and some of Australia's leading Catholic speakers with sessions on topics such as leadership, justice, mission, culture and prayer.

Keynote speakers include Bishop Anthony Randazzo, Chika Anyanwu (Life Teen USA), Rebecca Crouch (Ireland), Brendan Malone (NZ), Fr Dan Serratore MGL, Robert Haddad, Byron & Francine Pirola, Patrick Keady, NET Ministries and more, plus music led by emmanuelworship.

- Dates: 21-24 September
- Venue: Mueller Performing Arts Centre, 75 Morris Rd, Rothwell

Full information, videos and registration online at www.igniteconference.com.au

Sing with Joy! • Australian Pastoral Musicians Network National Conference



For all Parish Musicians, Cantors, Choir Members, Conductors, Clergy, Music and RE Teachers, Catechists and all who love sung prayer.

Featuring national and international speakers and workshop presenters the third APMN Conference is an event not to be missed!

- Dates: 5-7 October
- Venue: Rendezvous Hotel, Perth
- Keynotes: David Haas (Pre-eminent contemporary composer of Liturgical Music)
Prof. Clare Johnson (National Liturgical Music Board; Director, ACU Centre for Liturgy)
- Cost: Full Conference Registration \$440 (earlybird \$390 if registered by 30 June).
Single day registrations \$160
- Register: by 31 August

[Website](#) for further information

National Pastoral Leaders & Planners Conference • Vine & Branches: Yearning to Belong



This conference will be an opportunity for clergy, pastoral associates and pastoral planners to reflect upon the signs of the time and move forward with hope. Our keynote speakers and workshop presenters will enable us to: consider the church in Australia's secular context, wherein we encounter belief, unbelief, belonging, abandonment, rejection and credibility; grapple with the church's tradition in light of our identity and within this secular culture; imagine how we might respond anew and with integrity within these challenging times.

Keynote addresses by Dr. Maeve Heaney (theologian, composer and musician); Hugh Mackay AO (sociologist and author); Professor Richard Gaillardetz (USA - theologian); Geraldine Doogue AO (Australian journalist); and Archbishop Mark Coleridge (Archdiocese of Brisbane).

- Dates: 4-7 September
- Venue: Rydges on Swanston (701 Swanston St, Carlton)
- Cost: \$420 (includes conference dinner; accommodation not included)

The four days will be jam-packed with exciting keynote addresses and a large number of workshops covering many other topics around the theme of 'belonging'.

For the full list of workshops on offer and to register, visit <https://nplpconference.wordpress.com/>
[Download Flyer](#)

Australian Catholic Youth Festival



The Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF) is a national gathering of Catholic young people established by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference (ACBC). ACYF is aiming to gather over 15,000 young people from around Australia and will launch the Year of Youth and take up its theme: *Open new horizons of spreading joy—Young people, faith and vocational discernment.*

- Dates: Thu 7 Dec to Sat 9 December
- Venue: Sydney Olympic Park

Young people from year 9 (in 2017) to young adults 25 years of age are invited to the event (NB: young people under the age of 18 must be accompanied and supervised by an adult). In order to ensure a safe and secure setting for our target audience some restrictions apply.

Visit the [website](#) for more information.

EVENTS / RETREATS / PRAYER / REFLECTION

Catholics and Lutherans Commemorate the Reformation



Archbishop Mark Coleridge, Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Brisbane and Bishop Paul Smith, Lutheran Church of Australia, Queensland District invite you to a Commemoration of 500 Years of Reformation.

- Date: Wednesday 1 November (7pm, concluding with supper at 9pm)
- Venue: Performing Arts Centre Auditorium, St Peter's Lutheran College, 66 Harts Rd, Indooroopilly
- Program: 7:00pm - Display in the foyer relating to the history of the Reformation
7:30pm - Storytelling; A Time of Prayer; Commissioning of young people for Ecumenical Youth Project
9:00pm - Supper served in the amphitheatre

[Download invitation](#)

RSVP by 23 October to Margaret Naylor Email: naylonm@bne.catholic.net.au or Phone 3324 3453

Australian Christian Meditation Community Qld • Retreat Weekend



Join us for a weekend retreat with talks, periods of meditation and time for quiet reflection, or come for the day on Saturday. Opportunities also exist to stay on Friday night and unwind before the retreat commences. New and experienced meditators are welcome.

- Theme: Stillness of Spirit
- Date: Retreat Weekend 11 – 12 November (Quiet Day 11 November)
- Venue: Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre 267 Wellington St, Ormiston

The way of meditation is very simple....it gives us the space that our spirit needs to breathe. It gives each one of us the space to be ourselves...all you need to do is accept from the hands of God the gift of your own being... (John Main)

More details including costs and how to register will be available in the coming weeks.

For any queries and to register your interest contact:

Gabby Nelson Email: toga@bigpond.net.au Phone: 07 3711 4227 / 0488 592 770

Bringing in the Harvest • CCR Brisbane AGM & Golden Jubilee Celebrations



Join Catholic Charismatic Renewal Brisbane for time with the Lord in Praise and Worship, followed by our AGM, talk and Mass with Fr Jack Soulsby, a shared lunch, more Praise and Worship then our Golden Jubilee celebration—reflections on Rome. Everyone welcome.

- Date: Saturday 12 August 2017
- Time: 9.00am – 4.30pm
- Venue: CCR Brisbane Centre, 688 Nudgee Rd, Northgate
- Guest speaker and Mass celebrant: Fr Jack Soulsby
- Contact: secretary@ccrbrisbane.org.au or 3103 2400

Website: www.ccrbrisbane.org.au Jn 4:34-38

Parish Reflection at Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre • Overnight Retreat



Overnight cost \$150 per person (includes accommodation, Friday evening meal, breakfast, morning tea and lunch on Saturday)

- Date: Friday-Saturday 15th/16th September
- Time: 4pm Fri – 3pm Sat
- Venue: Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, 267 Wellington St, Ormiston
- Contact: Mary-Anne cullenm@bne.catholic.net.au or ph: 3324 3443

[A5 brochure](#)

The Archer Mountain Community Calendar 2017



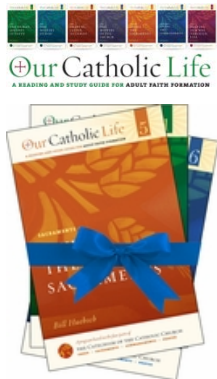
Archer Mountain Community (68 Myleema Road, Villeneuve) provides 9 retreat spaces for individuals or groups to come for spiritual direction, private or directed retreats or for quiet time in the solitude of the Sacred Land of this place. Groups may also wish to use our facilities for meeting and community experience.

Contact Tony Hemenstall on 07 5496 3537, 0417736696 or email: aehemenstall@edmundrice.org

[Download 2017 Calendar](#) for full details (costs, accom. etc) and a full list of retreats for the year.

RESOURCES

Our Catholic Life • A reading and study guide for adult faith formation



A reading and study guide for adult faith formation. This new series of books for personal reflection and/or group discussion are published by Twenty-third Publications and written/compiled by Bill Huebsch. Each session includes a suggestion for opening prayer, a scripture reading, sections to read that are 'plain English' summaries of key paragraphs in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*.

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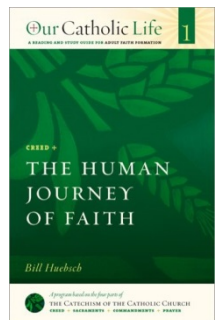
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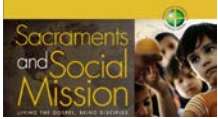
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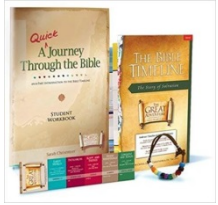
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INSPIRATION FOR THE ROAD AHEAD ...



Perhaps one of the most well-known opening sentences of a book are these from *A Tale of Two Cities* by Charles Dickens:

It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness, it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity, it was the season of Light, it was the season of Darkness, it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair, we had everything before us, we had nothing before us ...

Very similar comments could be made about the Church in Australia today as we await the recommendations of the Royal Commission and begin planning for the Plenary Council in 2020.

Perhaps these words from Pope Francis, on a similar theme, may inspire us and keep our direction firm and resolute, humble and compassionate:

We do well to keep in mind the early Christians and our many brothers and sisters throughout history who were filled with joy, unflagging courage and zeal in proclaiming the Gospel. Some people nowadays console themselves by saying that things are not as easy as they used to be, yet we know that the Roman empire was not conducive to the Gospel message, the struggle for justice, or the defence of human dignity. Every period of history is marked by the presence of human weakness, self-absorption, complacency and selfishness ... These things are ever present under one guise or another; they are due to our human limits rather than particular situations. Let us not say, then, that things are harder today; they are simply different. But let us learn also from the saints who have gone before us, who confronted the difficulties of their own day.

(The Joy of the Gospel #263)

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