

Welcome to our last edition of *The Vine* for 2017. We've included the latest information about Advent resources.

Many parishes and groups are looking ahead and planning ahead for the new year. Ash Wednesday is early in 2018 – 14th February – so it definitely helps to have your adult faith formation planning in place.

The various 'pieces' of the Lenten program, *Blessed + Broken*, are coming together (see '[Resources](#)' for more information or our website: www.lentprogram.com).

For the first time the Archdiocese of Brisbane will be hosting the PROCLAIM conference from 12-14 July, 2018. This conference is the major Australian Catholic conference focused on evangelisation and is held every two years. Registration and early-bird rates are now available (see '[Conferences](#)' for more information or the website: www.proclaimconference.com.au).

Please send information on diocesan, parish and deanery events by 19 January 2018 for the next edition of *The Vine* to Rob or Donna at: ebadmin@bne.catholic.net.au.

miniCALENDAR (December 2017)

DATE	TIME	EVENT/TOPIC	LOCATION	PRESENTER/FURTHER INFORMATION
Nov 23	6:30 for 7pm	Public Lecture: Being Catholic in Today's Australia	Holy Spirit Church, Harriett St, Auchenflower (Toowong Parish)	Fr Frank Brennan sj
Nov 25	9:30am-1pm	CCR Brisbane end of year celebration	CCR Brisbane Centre, Northgate	contact CCR Brisbane 3103 2400 or secretary@ccbrisbane.org.au
Nov 25-26	8:30am-5pm	Vocation Brisbane - Women's Discernment Weekend	TBA	www.vocationbrisbane.com
Nov 28	7:00pm	Christianity in the Middle East: 'Will you answer the Call?'	Hanly Room, Francis Rush Centre, Cathedral Precinct, Brisbane	Benjamin Blanchard (SOS Chrétiens d'Orient) See article
Dec 2	9am-4pm	Parish Reflection Day: Advent	Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, 267 Wellington St, Ormiston	Evangelisation Brisbane
Dec 3	2:45-5:15pm	Brisbane Sings Messiah	Brisbane City Hall	See article
Dec 4	10:30am-2:30pm	Open Day – Multifaith Academy for Chaplaincy & Community Ministries	Academy House, 54 Marquis St, Greenslopes	chaplaincyacademy@gmail.com
Dec 7-9		Australian Catholic Youth Festival	Sydney Olympic Park	website
Dec 8-10	6pm (Fri) – 3pm (Sun)	Landscapes of Prayer: Women's Retreat	Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, 267 Wellington St, Ormiston	Dragonfly Ministries (See article)
Dec 8-10		Life and Love Encounter	Marian Valley Retreat Centre	Verbum Dei (See article)

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*Feb 10	9:30am-1pm	CCR Brisbane: Ecumenical National Day of Prayer and Healing	CCR Brisbane Centre, Northgate	Catholic Charismatic Renewal secretary@ccbrisbane.org.au
Feb 14		ASH WEDNESDAY		
Mar 3	9:30am-3:30pm	Parish Leadership Development Day	Dominic Centre, Carina	Archbishop Mark Coleridge
Mar 9 (2018)	10:30am-2:30pm	Open Day – Multifaith Academy for Chaplaincy & Community Ministries	Academy House, 54 Marquis St, Greenslopes	chaplaincyacademy@gmail.com
Mar 9-10		Youth & Youth Ministry Research Seminar	ACU Leadership Centre, Brisbane CBD	Download date claimer
*Mar 17	9:30am-4:30pm	CCR - National Day of Prayer Rally/Discipleship Day	CCR Brisbane Centre, Northgate	Catholic Charismatic Renewal secretary@ccbrisbane.org.au
Jul 12-14		Proclaim 2018: "Make your home in me..." (John 15:4)	ERPAC, St Laurence's College 82 Stephens Rd, South Brisbane:	www.proclaimconference.com.au
*Jul 21	9:30am-4:30pm	CCR - Discipleship Day	CCR Brisbane Centre, Northgate	Catholic Charismatic Renewal
*Aug 11	9:30am-1pm	CCR – Brisbane AGM	CCR Brisbane Centre, Northgate	Catholic Charismatic Renewal
*Sep 20-22		Australian Catholic Youth Ministry Convention	Parramatta	ACBC Office for Youth website (Aust. Catholics Bishops Conference)
*Sep 27-30		Ignite Conference	Mueller Performing Arts Centre, Rothwell	Ignite Youth www.igniteyouth.com
*Oct 11-14		National RCIA Conference	Catholic Leadership Centre, Melbourne	www.cianetwork.net
*Nov 24	9:30am-1pm	CCR - Brisbane end of year celebration	CCR Brisbane Centre, Northgate	Catholic Charismatic Renewal

ADVENT

Advent - Christmas Calendar • Spreading Joy



Free resource from Evangelisation Brisbane for the seasons of Advent and Christmas (2017). Excellent resource for families to share their faith and prayer.

Simple and basic information: 'What is Advent? What is Christmas?' Information about the Advent Wreath, Jesse Tree and the Nativity Scene.

[Download the PDF](#) and print as many copies as you want. 4 pages (A4).

Archbishop's Office for Evangelisation Melbourne

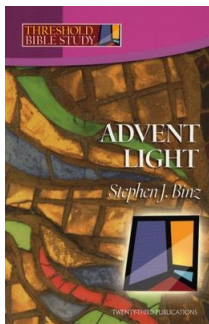


Wonderful range of downloadable resources: Christmas templates, Christmas Pull-up Banners, Giving Tree Tags/Cards, Weekly Reflection Sheets.

There are also links to addresses by international Scripture scholar Rev Prof Frank Moloney SDB on the advent Readings for Year B and The Shape of mark's Story: Introduction to the Gospel of Mark.

[Click here](#)

Advent Light



By Stephen J. Binz, Advent Light is a small group discussion resource (or individual reflection) for six sessions: Scripture reading, Scripture commentary by Stephen Binz, questions for discussion and discussion, prayer.

Stephen J. Binz is a biblical scholar and an award-winning author of over 50 books. Following graduate degrees at the Gregorian University, the Pontifical Biblical Institute in Rome, and Hebrew University in Jerusalem, he has worked in Catholic publishing and has offered numerous study trips and pilgrimages to biblical lands.

Threshold Bible Study Series. Published by Twenty-Third Publications, 2004 (113 pages)

Chosen • Advent & Christmas Daily Reflections



The Catholic Diocese of Wollongong are now taking orders for Chosen – Daily Advent and Christmas Reflections 2017 with bulk pricing for GST Free Catholic Religious Groups starting from only \$3.00 per book.

Continuing the tradition from past years, Chosen is a 72 page pocket-size book containing short daily reflections from the beginning of Advent (3 December 2017) through to the Baptism of the Lord (8 January 2018) primarily for personal use, but also appropriate for group use such as parish, Church agency, religious community and school staff/class prayer.

Many customers buy bulk copies of the book for family, friends and work colleagues as an alternative to Christmas cards and gifts. We have included a page in the book for you to write your gift message.

These spiritually rich, yet accessible, daily reflections have been written by 14 contributors from the Diocese of Wollongong including: Bishop Peter Ingham DD (Bishop of Wollongong), Jude Hennessy (Director of the Office of Renewal and Evangelisation) and Sr Hilda Scott OSB (Vocations Director, Benedictine Abbey Jamberoo).

[Download sample](#) and [order copies](#)

If you have any questions, or if you would like to place a phone or email order, please contact (02) 4222 2400 or email orders@dow.org.au

Advent 2017 • Caritas



This Advent, Caritas invites individuals, schools, and parishes to journey with them to learn, act and pray for a more just and fair world - a world full of hope, peace, joy, and love.

Visit <http://www.caritas.org.au/advent> to download resources.

WEBSITES

Year of Youth



<http://youth.catholic.org.au/>

<http://catholiccollective.org.au/yearofyouth2018/>

The Australian Catholic Bishops Council have invited all of us to join them in celebrating a year of youth from the end of 2017 until the end of 2018!

‘As Bishops we invite you, the youth of Australia, to open your hearts to Christ. You are deeply loved by Jesus and the Church. We appreciate your gifts and contributions, and we want to journey with you.’

The theme for the Year of Youth is –

Open New Horizons for Spreading Joy: Young People, Faith and Vocational Discernment

Watch the promo video on the Catholic Collective [website](#) and read more about how you can get involved at a local level.

Vine and Branches Conference • Yearning to Belong



Presentations are available from the Vine and Branches Conference, *Yearning to Belong*, held in September. You can view the recordings of the conference keynote speeches on YouTube via the following links.

- Maeve Louise Heaney – [Beauty and belonging: Making space\(s\) for our yearnings](#)
- Hugh Mackay – [How should the Church respond to a society like ours at a time like this?](#)
- Richard Gaillardetz – [Wrestling with the faith in times of scandal](#)
- Richard Gaillardetz – [Pope Francis and the Church of tomorrow](#)
- Geraldine Doogue – [Living though the ‘Holy Saturday’ of our Australian Church experience](#)
- Archbishop Coleridge – Plenary 2020 and the future of the Catholic Church in Australia
[Part 1](#); [Part 2](#); [Part 3](#)

Shalom TV • Interview with Archbishop Mark Coleridge



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oneR_3A35lo

Michael Crutcher, manager Catholic Communications Office, Archdiocese of Brisbane, conducts this 30 minute wide-ranging interview with Archbishop Mark. It covers studies, the beginning of a vocational call at university, seminary, working in parishes, studying scripture in Rome, roles in the Archdiocese of Melbourne and the Vatican, followed by his appointment as auxiliary bishop in the Archdiocese of Melbourne, archbishop of Canberra-Goulburn and archbishop of Brisbane. Archbishop Mark answers Michael’s questions about his life and mission with integrity, earnestness and warmth. (Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP speaks for 1:30 at the beginning about Shalom TV.)

SEMINARS

Parish Leadership Development Day



Evangelisation Brisbane invites members of Pastoral Councils, Clergy, Lay Pastoral Ministers and Parish Leadership teams to a Parish Leadership Development Day.

Input from Archbishop Mark Coleridge

- Date: Saturday 3rd March 2018
- Time: 9.30am—3.30pm (commencing with Mass at 8.30am)
- Venue: Dominic Centre, Mayfield Rd, Carina

Please mark this date in your calendar.

For more information email: cullenm@bne.catholic.net.au Phone: (07) 3324 3443

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Being Catholic in Today's Australia



St Ignatius Catholic Parish, Toowong, invites you to a lecture by Fr Frank Brennan sj, on *Being Catholic in Today's Australia*. Frank is a famous Queenslander, Jesuit Priest and present CEO of Catholic Social Services Australia.

- Date: Thursday 23 November (6:30pm for 7:00pm start)
- Venue: Holy Spirit Church, Harriett St, Auchenflower (Parking available opposite)
- Cost: Gold coin entry (for Jesuit Mission) includes light supper

Christianity in the Middle East: 'Will you answer the Call?'



SOS Chrétiens d'Orient (SOS Christians of the East) is a young French non-profit organisation, the aim of which is to help the Christians in the Middle-East in war-torn countries. They brought four tons of toys, clothes and material to the Christian refugees of Syria, displaced by the civil war.

After the success of this first operation, the association decided to go to Iraq bring toys and clothes to the country's poor. Since 2013, 800 volunteers left their country to help Christians in the East. They've built or rebuilt nine medical centres, helped 10,000 families, built or rebuilt eight schools. They gave 35 tons of medical supplies and 30 tons of food, hygiene packs, clothes and toys.

Benjamin Blanchard, co-founder of SOS Chrétiens d'Orient, will be visiting Australia later this year. He will speak about the important and life-changing work of this NGO and invite young Australian Catholics to volunteer on a mission SOS Chrétiens d'Orient in the middle East.

- Date: Tuesday 28 November (7pm)
- Venue: Hanly Room, Francis Rush Centre, 277 Elizabeth St, Brisbane

[website](#) [Download Flyer](#)

CONFERENCES / COURSES

Proclaim 2018 • 'Make your home in me'



For the first time, the Brisbane Archdiocese will host the national Proclaim Conference. PROCLAIM 2018 will focus on inspiring, equipping and encouraging parishes and Catholic communities to engage in Evangelisation and Renewal. PROCLAIM 2018 will engage parishes in an ongoing conversation focusing on Leadership, Culture Change, Young People, Belonging and Evangelisation.

The theme of the Conference is "Make your home in me" (John 15:4).

- Date: 12-14 July 2018
- Venue: Edmund Rice Performing Arts Centre, St Laurence's College, South Brisbane
- Keynotes: Cardinal John Dew (NZ); Ron Huntley (Divine Renovation - Canada); Lana Turvey-Collins (Plenary Council 2020 Facilitator) and Archbishop Mark Coleridge (Archdiocese of Brisbane - Host of Proclaim 2018)

Registration is [now open](#) with fantastic Early Bird rates available!

For more information and to register your interest visit www.proclaimconference.com

[Download Flyer](#)

Open Days • Multifaith Academy for Chaplaincy and Community Ministries Inc.



Prospective students intending to study at Academy in 2018 are invited to attend our Open Days:

- Dates: Monday 4th December 2017 & Friday 9th March 2018
- Time: 10.30am-2.30 pm
- Venue: Academy House, 54 Marquis Street Greenslopes

Since beginning this particular career entails considerable planning and logistics, aspiring students are strongly advised to attend one or both to discuss plans, expectations and requirements. Trainers and staff will be on hand.

Register at chaplaincyacademy@gmail.com

Parish Reflection Day • Advent



- Date: Saturday 2nd December (9am–4pm)
- Venue: Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, 267 Wellington St, Ormiston
- Cost: \$30 per person (includes lunch box and baked morning tea)

Contact Mary-Anne cullenm@bne.catholic.net.au or phone (07) 3324 3443

Bookings essential

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Brisbane Sings Messiah • The Queensland Choir



The Queensland Choir's biennial performance of Handel's great masterpiece in which community choristers join the choir to perform the work in Brisbane's magnificent City Hall.

- Date: Sunday 3rd December (2:45-5:15pm)
- Venue: Brisbane City Hall, King George Square, Brisbane
- Cost: A Reserve \$55 (concessions) \$50; B Reserve \$50 (concessions) \$45; Full Time Students and Children \$15

[Book online](#) through 4MBS Classic FM or phone (07) 3847 1717

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Landscapes of Prayer • Women's Retreat



A time of silence, gentle reflection, prayer and deep connection with creation. Just as there are many seasons in life, so too, we journey through many different landscapes – the lush garden, the desert, the beach, the mountain...

This weekend retreat experience for women of all ages is an invitation to explore the landscapes of life and the many ways we are able to find God through prayer in the midst of these and other differing landscapes. An initiative of Dragonfly Ministries and facilitated by Grace Harwood and Sue Thomas.

- Date: Friday 8 December 6pm – Sunday 10 December 3pm
- Venue: Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Wellington Street Ormiston
- Cost: \$350 (\$320 pensioners and full-time students).
Individual, ensuited rooms. All linen, meals and resources supplied.

To Register or Enquire: Contact Grace on 0409 524 283 or grace@dragonflyministries.net.au

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Life and Love Encounter



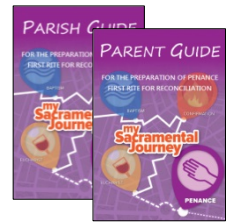
Whoever finds me finds life (Proverbs 8:35)

- Dates: 8-10 December
- Venue: Marian Valley Retreat Centre
- Cost: \$140

RSVP by 1 December to Verbum Dei Missionaries: ph (07) 3495 7105

verbumdeibrisbane.weebly.com

my Sacramental Journey



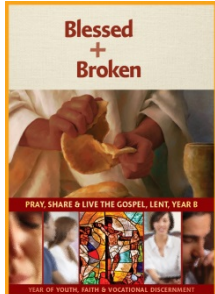
Evangelisation Brisbane is very excited to share with you our final three resources in the *my Sacramental Journey* series:

- **From Eucharist to Penance:** a journal which encourages children to live a Eucharistic life in their families, parish, school and community.
- **my Sacramental Journey – Penance:** supports the parish sacramental program for the Sacrament of Penance - First Rite for Reconciliation. We have chosen a workshop process to cater for the children's age and interests. There are three parts to the resource:
 - **Children's Passport:** An activity book to guide children using scripture, prayer, and journaling, and offers a call to action as they develop their understanding of forgiveness.
 - **Parish Guide:** free PDF download designed for parish sacramental teams to guide children through four sessions in preparation for the Sacrament of Penance – First Rite for Reconciliation. (Available online in December).
 - **Parent Guide:** free PDF download designed to invite parents into conversation with their children as they prepare for the Sacrament of Penance – First Rite for Reconciliation. There are suggestions for what parents can do at home to support their children, and suggested family sharing time. (Available online in December).
- **a Sacramental journey poster:** produced in response to parishes looking for a resource to show families and parishioners the Sacramental Policy of the Archdiocese of Brisbane.

[Download Poster](#)

From *Confirmation to Eucharist* journal and *my Sacramental Journey Penance* passport, along with resources for Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist are available from the Evangelisation Brisbane [online store](#) at the cost of \$2.50/book, ex.GST.

Blessed + Broken • Lenten Program 2018 (Archdiocese of Brisbane)



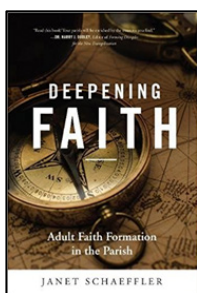
Blessed + Broken: Pray, Share and Live the Gospel – Lent Year B

While they were **eating**, Jesus **took** a loaf of bread, and after **blessing** it he **broke** it, **gave** it to them, and said, 'Take; this is my body.' (Mark 14:22). These words from the Gospel for Passion Sunday for 2108 provided the inspiration for the 2018 Lenten program. Gospel Reflections by Dr Antonia Pizzey (ACU), Fr Dom Orih (Sunnybank), Bishop Tony Randazzo (Archdiocese of Sydney) and Fr Rob Galea (Diocese of Sandhurst).

- Books: 1-9 copies – \$8.00 each (ex GST); 10-49 copies – \$7.00 each (ex GST); 50-99 copies – \$6.50 each (ex GST); 100+ copies – \$6.00 each (ex GST)
- Box set of DVD and 2 audio CDs: \$16 (ex GST)
- Prayer Cards: \$49.50 (for pack of 300 cards)
- Poster: 55c

[Online Store](#) – Pre-order now for distribution in mid-January. Orders received by 31 December will receive a 15% discount. www.lentenprogram.com

Deepening Faith: Adult Faith Formation in the Parish Paperback • Janet Schaeffler OP

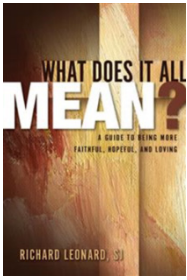


Since the ending of Vatican II, the church has officially published no fewer than eight major documents calling for adults to be the centre of the Church's educational mission. And the Catholic faithful are calling on the Church to quench their thirst for a deepening of their lived faith. They realize that the catechesis they received as children simply isn't enough to continue in the faith as adults in the Church and world; they desire a deepened faith.

In *Deepening Faith*, Janet Schaeffler, OP, offers a practical guide and source of encouragement to parish and diocesan committees, catechists, and adult faith formation teams. She outlines the essential foundations, methods and strategies that can support this journey for today's adults of all ages and generations.

Available from [Amazon](#) and bookshops.

What Does it All Mean? A Guide to Being More Faithful, Hopeful and Loving • Richard Leonard SJ

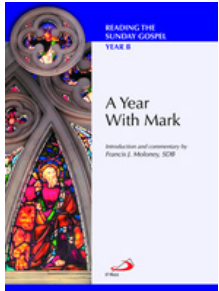


Brings together into one volume three previous works on belief and its challenges: *Where the Hell Is God?*, *Why Bother Praying?*, and *What Are We Doing on Earth for Christ's Sake?*

This work revises, restructures, edits, augments, and develops the early works into a single coherent case for belief. It does not shy away from the biggest challenges to faith inside and outside of the Church, but outlines a contemporary and accessible response to the issues that confront and sometimes confound believers today. It has an index for easy and quick reference.

Available from bookshops everywhere.

A Year with Mark



This introduction and commentary by Fr Francis Moloney SDB is a wonderful resource for readers or anyone in the parish who wants to prepare for the year of Mark – Year B. While Mark is the shortest of the four Gospels it is often not as well understood as the other three. Throughout the liturgical year (starting at Advent this year) the lectionary has texts also from the other three gospels. This may mean people in the pews don't 'get Mark'. Many scholars also argue that Mark needs to be read as a whole.

This handy resource (110 pages), published by St Pauls, has a great introduction to the Gospel followed by the text of the Gospel in clear easy to read type (the Sunday readings are in bold type). At the bottom of every page Fr Moloney has added his instructive and informative comments. Also included at the back of the book are passages (with commentary) from the Gospels of Matthew, Luke and John that are proclaimed in Year B.

Available from [St Pauls Book Centre](#) for \$14.95

The Mind & Message of Mark • Free download



Great overview and introduction of the shortest and first Good News of Jesus Christ: the Gospel of Mark. Renowned scripture scholar Fr Bill O'Shea wrote this text many years ago, but the words are just as vibrant and informative today.

This book would be a great resource for readers, especially for Year B. It provides a wonderful overview of the origin, structure, literary style and themes of the Gospel.

[Download PDF](#) (40 pages)

INSPIRATION FOR THE ROAD AHEAD ...

Advent is all about watching and waiting. It is an opportunity to focus on the attitude that is so essential to the Christian life – expectancy.

This is a time to set our sights on the promise, reflect on the significance of that promise, and long for its realisation. Our waiting is not a passive whiling the time away, but rather a time for being on tiptoes with anticipation.

What is the promise for which we watch and wait? The word 'advent' comes from the Latin *adventus*, which means 'coming' or 'arrival'. It is the Advent of Christ, the coming of our Messiah, the arrival of the world's Saviour.



But hasn't Christ already come? Hasn't the promise of the Messiah's arrival already been fulfilled? Yes and no. Does the world look like it is experiencing its messianic age? Do our lives feel like our Saviour has arrived? To the degree that we have not yet experienced the fullness of salvation that God wills for us, then Christ has not yet come fully into our world and into our lives.

Excerpt from *Advent Light* by Stephen J. Binz