



December 2018	Advent	Websites	Events	Seminars	Conferences	Resources	Inspiration
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*The Vine* provides information and websites on adult faith formation – for discipleship in the life and teachings of Jesus Christ, and God’s mission of mercy, peace, compassion and justice.

Please send information on diocesan, parish and deanery events by 18 January 2019 for the next edition of *The Vine* to: [ebadmin@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:ebadmin@bne.catholic.net.au)

miniCALENDAR (December 2018)				
DATE	TIME	EVENT/TOPIC	LOCATION	PRESENTER/FURTHER INFORMATION
Dec 1	9am-4pm	Parish Reflection Day	Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Ormiston	<a href="#">website (see article)</a>
2019				
DATE / TIME	EVENT/TOPIC	LOCATION	PRESENTER/FURTHER INFORMATION	
Mar 6	Ash Wednesday	Final day for online submissions for Plenary Council 2020		
Mar 10	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent	<b>2019 LENTEN PROGRAM:</b> <i>Compassion – Reflecting, Sharing, and Living the Good News, Lent Year C</i>		Gospel Reflections written by Fr John Chalmers ( <a href="#">see article</a> )
Apr 27	Parish Leadership Day	Venue to be confirmed		Evangelisation Brisbane
May 13-15	<i>Mission: One Heart, Many Voices</i> Conference	SMC Conference & Function Centre 66 Goulburn St, Sydney		<a href="http://www.mohmv.com.au">www.mohmv.com.au</a>

## ADVENT

### Saviour - Advent Program



It's still not too late to order your copies of Saviour—Daily Advent and Christmas Reflections 2018 with bulk pricing for [GST Free Catholic Religious Groups](#) starting from only \$3.00 per book.

*Saviour* is a 76 page pocket-size book containing short spiritually rich, yet accessible, daily reflections from the beginning of Advent (2 December 2018) through to the Baptism of the Lord (13 January 2019). Primarily for personal use, *Saviour* is appropriate for group use such as parish, Church agency, religious community and school staff/class prayer.

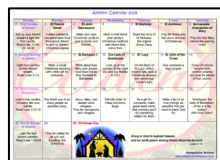
*Saviour* also features beautiful religious artworks from the Masters such as Giotto, Lodi, Messina, Veronese, Zurbarán, Coppel and Bouguereau with enlightening “Artwork Spotlight” reflections written by Monsignor Graham Schmitzer.

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



### Advent & Christmas Calendars



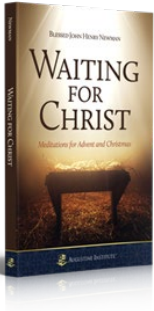
With an activity for each day these simple, one page resources allow families to share their faith and prayer in the seasons of Advent and Christmas. Includes feast days and Sunday Gospel readings.

[Download the PDFs](#) and print as many copies as you want:

Permission is given for parishes, schools, families and individuals to print copies.

Produced by Evangelisation Brisbane.

## Waiting for Christ • Meditations for Advent and Christmas



Blessed John Henry Newman was one of the most beloved and well-known preachers of his time. Originally an Anglican priest, Newman converted to Catholicism and became a Catholic priest and cardinal. Known for his beautiful prose and exultant preaching, Newman has long been a source of inspiration for those in the Church.

In this new and compact compilation of his sermons, you can journey with Bl. John Henry Newman through Advent into Christmas and Epiphany, meditating on the coming of Christ and the Christian life. Newman's masterful knowledge of the lives of the saints, Catholic doctrine, and Sacred Scripture, will help you immerse yourself in these liturgical seasons of waiting, wondering, and joy.

[Order online](#) from the Augustine Institute

## Meet me in the Silence • xt3 Advent Calendar App



Prepare peacefully for the coming of Jesus this season with the 2018 Advent Calendar App. The first feature will be available on the First Sunday of Advent, 2 December 2018.

A joint project of Xt3 and Sydney Catholic Youth, the Advent App features original content produced in collaboration with Sydney locals, including youth, Catholic artists, priests, religious, bishops and Sydney's Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP. Gospel reflections by youth ministers, Saint facts and animated meditation are just some of the new video content featured in this year's Calendar.

With a new feature every day, the 2018 Advent Calendar helps you slow down amidst the busyness of Christmas and meet the long-expected Jesus in the silence.

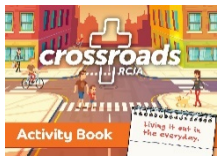
The App is free and available on your iPhone, iPad and Android devices. Search for "Xt3 Advent" in the Google Play store or the App store, or visit [www.sydneycatholic.org/xt3advent](http://www.sydneycatholic.org/xt3advent).

## WEBSITES

### Crossroads RCIA 9-16



In October, the Archdiocese of Brisbane launched a new resource *CrossroadsRCIA*, to support 9 -16 year olds on their RCIA journey. This resource adapts the principles of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults to be age-appropriate for young people.



The session materials and access to the *CrossroadsRCIA* web site and will be available in early 2019.

The Activity Book for 9-12 years is available now for purchase via the Evangelisation Brisbane [Online Store](#). The Activity book accompanies the session plans for the Inquiry, Catechumenate, Purification and Enlightenment periods.

### Plenary 2020 • Listening and Dialogue Stage



Shane Dwyer (Director of the National Centre for Evangelisation) wrote an article for Catholic Voice titled "*Get over yourself: the only way to prepare for the Plenary Council*". This is an interesting article for those preparing to run Listening and Dialogue sessions.

[Download Catholic Voice Article](#)

## EVENTS / RETREATS / PRAYER / REFLECTION

### Parish Reflection Day



The theme for the final Parish Reflection Day this year is '*Encountering Jesus*' - *Exploring the Gospels through Imagery*.

- Venue: Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, 267 Wellington St, Ormiston
- Date: Saturday 1 December (9am – 4pm)
- Cost: \$30 per person (includes lunch box and baked morning tea)

Please register at: <https://ebab.weebly.com/>  
(booking and payment essential 7 days prior to the day)

### Catholic Women Speak: Leadership in the Church



To celebrate the launch of the second Catholic Women Speak book, *Visions and Vocations*, the Xavier Centre for Theological Formation is delighted to invite you to *Catholic Women Speak: Leadership in the Church*. This evening will open a space for a theologically informed conversation about women in leadership in ecclesial communities and organisations.

Bringing together a diverse range of voices (including from the audience), the following question will be posed: *How can we support the presence and formation of women for leadership roles in the Church?*

Panellists include:

- Ms Andrea Dean: Director, Office for the Participation of Women and Director, Lay Pastoral Ministry, Australian Catholic Bishops Conference
- Professor Jim Nyland: Associate Vice-Chancellor (Queensland), Australian Catholic University
- Ms Jenny Parker: Partner EY, Oceania Health and Life Sciences Leader
- Dr Maeve Louise Heaney: Director, Xavier Centre for Theological Formation

Essential Information:

- Date: Wednesday 12 December (5.30pm for 6pm start)
- Location: ACU Leadership Centre, Level 3, Cathedral House, 229 Elizabeth Street, Brisbane
- Cost: \$70 (includes light meal and drinks)
- Registration: Please register by Friday 7 December 2018. [Online registration](#) is essential.

More information and to register: Please visit the [website](#)

[Download Brochure](#)

## CONFERENCES / COURSES

### Catholic Mission



Organised by Catholic Mission and Catholic Religious Australia, *Mission: one heart many voices* 2019 is a conference for those who are inspired to strive creatively for justice, peace, reconciliation and God's mission of love. As we journey together towards Plenary Council 2020, the conference is a unique opportunity to listen, converse and experience the many and diverse voices that are an expression of the one heart of mission. The conference will explore the complexity and issues surrounding leadership, formation, theology and the practice of mission.

Over three days Mission: one heart many voices 2019 will be home to some of the many voices of mission with the hope to empower participants with a vision of mission that is scriptural and theological, enabling, encouraging and inspiring us all to take up the challenges the Gospel and Pope Francis lay before us.

For all those passionate about mission and in leadership roles in parishes, communities, organisations and agencies.

- Date: Mon 13 to Wed 15 May, 2019
- Venue: SMC Conference & Function Centre, 66 Goulburn St, Sydney
- Cost: Earlybird \$495 (\$545 after April 30, 2019);  
Concession: \$385 (Pensioners and Students); Day: \$195

Visit the [website](#) for full details and to register



The Faculty of Theology and Philosophy at Australian Catholic University is delighted to announce the dates of their next short course in theology on the topic of Catholic Social Teaching.

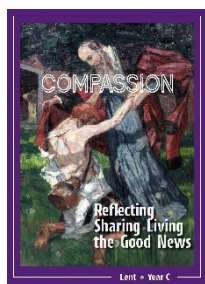
- Dates: Wednesday 27 February and 13, 20 and 27 March 2019.

Participants will explore one of the most interesting and influential areas of church teaching – on the social, economic and political life of human societies. This short course will examine the biblical and theological foundations of Catholic Social Teaching, and break-open some of its most important ideas with relation to contemporary issues.

More information: To stay up to date with details as they are announced, please visit our website: [www.acu.edu.au/short-courses-brisbane](http://www.acu.edu.au/short-courses-brisbane). Alternatively, you may [register your interest](#) and we'll notify you as soon as more information and registration becomes available.

## RESOURCES

### Lenten Program • Compassion - Reflecting, Sharing, and Living the Good News, Lent Year C—



The Lenten program is a six session resource for groups or individuals that provides a process for reflection and discussion on the Sunday Scriptures during Lent.

The program consists of a participant's book, DVD/audio CDs, prayer cards and posters and will be available from Evangelisation Brisbane and bookstores around Australia in mid-January 2019.

[Order online](#) by 31 December 2018 to receive a 15% discount

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### National RCIA Conference • Videos

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The national RCIA conference – Christian Initiation Australia Network – was held in Melbourne from the 11<sup>th</sup> to the 13<sup>th</sup> November. Over 100 people attended from around Australia and New Zealand. Before the conference, an excellent series of videos of personal testimonials was produced by Max Norden (Exec. member). These were shown at the conference before each session.

These five videos are now available on the Christian Initiation Australia Network website:

<https://www.cianetwork.net/testimonials>

They are one way to promote, and provide information about, the Catechumenate in your parish. Suzanne Madden's story is a great example of how Alpha can be a wonderful 'pre-catechumenate' process.

The CIAN website has a range of other resources of interest to anyone involved in the RCIA.

<https://www.cianetwork.net/>

### Lessons from the Long Paddock 2018 • Online Faith Formation

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The Diocese of Wilcannia-Forbes is very excited to have a wonderful Adult Faith resource to offer the wider Church. This year *Lessons from the Long Paddock* includes 4 amazing short film documentaries based on characters from the Diocese, that point to the incredible courage and resilience of so many of the people of faith in rural and remote NSW.

You can either watch the mini documentary stories as a part of a pre-recorded faith formation workshop and also hear from Fr Richard Leonard SJ, Sr Michele Connolly RSJ and Bishop Columba Macbeth-Green OPPSE, DD as they reflect on the stories, or you can simply watch the stories on their own as a stand-alone experience. An excellent resource designed to support conversations about some of the things that matter at the heart of our Catholic tradition.

[Download Flyer](#)

View the Resource on the Wilcannia-Forbes Diocesan website: [www.wf.catholic.org.au](http://www.wf.catholic.org.au)



The Journey is a weekly program developed by the Catholic Diocese of Wollongong and is the only Catholic radio program in Australia aired on general Christian radio.

The Journey includes a variety of weekly inputs including Wisdom from the Abbey with Sr Hilda Scott, Bruce Downes (the Catholic Guy) inspires you to Dream, and Byron and Francine Pirola from SMARTloving give great tips for vibrant marriages. Sam Clear from walk4one shares his passion for Christian unity and there are brilliant stories from Fr Dave Callaghan from the Missionaries of God's Love. The show also has inputs on Healthy Christian Living from Trish McCarthy, Pete Gilmore encourages us to Live the Gospel and Marilyn Rodriguez shares her secrets on parenting.

Each week, there is a reflection on the Sunday Gospel reading, great music and interviews with people doing amazing things right around the globe. The Journey is produced and hosted by Jude Hennessy in partnership with Pulse 94.1FM.

Visit [www.jcr.org.au](http://www.jcr.org.au) or [www.itunes.jcr.org.au](http://www.itunes.jcr.org.au) to listen anytime or subscribe to weekly shows.

## INSPIRATION FOR THE ROAD AHEAD ...



*How do we wait for God? We wait with patience. But patience does not mean passivity. Waiting patiently is not like waiting for the bus to come, the rain to stop, or the sun to rise. It is an active waiting in which we live the present moment to the full in order to find there the signs of the One we are waiting for.*

*The word patience comes from the Latin verb patior which means "to suffer." Waiting patiently is suffering through the present moment, tasting it to the full, and letting the seeds that are sown in the ground on which we stand grow into strong plants. Waiting patiently always means paying attention to what is happening right before our eyes and seeing there the first rays of God's glorious coming.*

*Henri Nouwen*



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