

February 2016	Lent	Year of Mercy	Websites	Seminars	Events	Resources	Inspiration
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*The Vine* is the E-news for Evangelisation Brisbane. Our goal is to provide information on adult faith formation opportunities in many different forms – seminars, courses, websites.

While the Jubilee of Mercy commenced on December the 8th, the reality is that after the heat and holidays of summer, many parishes and schools are just focusing on the Jubilee Year now. In this edition of *The Vine* we focus on new resources for the Jubilee of Mercy.

Ash Wednesday is now just over a week away. In this edition we outline a number of Lenten programs that will enable participants to prepare for Easter attuned to the grace and mercy of God.

Our next edition of *The Vine* will be for April/May 2016. Please send information on diocesan, parish and deanery events by March 16th. Contact Rob or Donna at: [eb@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:eb@bne.catholic.net.au)

### miniCALENDAR 2016 (Feb-Mar)

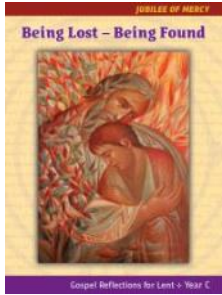
DATE	TIME	EVENT/TOPIC	LOCATION	PRESENTER/FURTHER INFORMATION
Feb 3, 6, 13, 15	Various	Information Sessions: Christian Initiation for Children	Various	See <a href="#">article below</a> for details or <a href="#">Download flyer</a>
Feb 4	7-9pm	Forming Liturgical Ministers of Gospel Joy (South Coast Deanery) – Session 1	St Monica's Centre, 485 Golden Four Drive, Tugun	Formation provided by Evangelisation Brisbane and Liturgy Brisbane
Feb 10		<b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b>		Commence Lenten groups
Feb 11	7-9pm	Forming Liturgical Ministers of Gospel Joy (South Coast Deanery) – Session 2	St Monica's Centre, 485 Golden Four Drive, Tugun	Formation provided by Evangelisation Brisbane and Liturgy Brisbane
Feb 11	11am-3pm	Beats by the Beach	245 Hedges Ave, Broadbeach	<a href="http://www.venireyouth.com">www.venireyouth.com</a>
Feb 11	7pm-8.30pm	Brisbane South Deanery: Pilgrimage through Lent (Mercy in God)	St Agnes Church, Mt Gravatt	Fr John Chalmers <a href="http://www.parishes.bne.catholic.net.au/south/">www.parishes.bne.catholic.net.au/south/</a>
Feb 18	7pm-8.30pm	Brisbane South Deanery: Pilgrimage through Lent (Mercy in Luke)	Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Sunnybank	Archbishop Mark Coleridge <a href="http://www.parishes.bne.catholic.net.au/south/">www.parishes.bne.catholic.net.au/south/</a>
Feb 20	9.30am – 3pm	Forming Liturgical Ministers of Gospel Joy (Central Deanery) – Sessions 1 and 2	Francis Rush Centre, 277 Elizabeth Street, Brisbane	Formation provided by Evangelisation Brisbane and Liturgy Brisbane
Feb 20	9.30am – 2.30pm	Aspects of Christian Meditation	Holy Spirit Hall, 36 Villiers Street, New Farm	Gabby Nelson (Coordinator – Qld Christian Meditation Community)
Feb 22, 29 Mar 7, 14	6-8pm	Short Course on Mercy	ACU Leadership Centre, Level 3, 229 Elizabeth Street, Brisbane	<a href="http://www.acu.edu.au/theology/shortcourses">www.acu.edu.au/theology/shortcourses</a>
Feb 25	7pm-8.30pm	Brisbane South Deanery: Pilgrimage through Lent (Mercy in Family Life)	Marymac Community Centre, Annerley	Gail Godfrey <a href="http://www.parishes.bne.catholic.net.au/south/">www.parishes.bne.catholic.net.au/south/</a>
Feb 27	8:30am-3:30pm	Parish Leadership Development Day	Dominic Centre, Carina	<a href="#">Flyer</a>
Mar 3	7pm-8.30pm	Brisbane South Deanery: Pilgrimage through Lent (Mercy in Prayer)	St Bernard's Church, Upper Mt Gravatt	Sr Mary Franzmann pbvm and Sr Ursula O'Rourke osu <a href="http://www.parishes.bne.catholic.net.au/south/">www.parishes.bne.catholic.net.au/south/</a>
Mar 5	9.30am – 12.30pm	Catholic Charismatic Renewal (CCR) Brisbane Opening Event	CCR Brisbane Centre, 688 Nudgee Rd, Northgate	Guest speaker and Mass celebrant: Fr Francis Onwunali. <a href="http://www.ccrbrisbane.org.au">www.ccrbrisbane.org.au</a>
Mar 9	9:30am-4:00pm	Year of Mercy Pilgrim Days	Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, 267 Wellington St, Ormiston	<a href="#">Download Flyer</a> <a href="mailto:ebadmin@bne.catholic.net.au">ebadmin@bne.catholic.net.au</a>
Mar 10	7pm-8.30pm	Brisbane South Deanery: Pilgrimage through Lent (Mercy in Community)	St Pius X Hall, Salisbury	Rick Sheehan and guest speakers <a href="http://www.parishes.bne.catholic.net.au/south/">www.parishes.bne.catholic.net.au/south/</a>
Mar 13	9:30am-4:00pm	Year of Mercy Pilgrim Days	Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, 267 Wellington St, Ormiston	<a href="#">Download Flyer</a> <a href="mailto:ebadmin@bne.catholic.net.au">ebadmin@bne.catholic.net.au</a>

**miniCALENDAR 2016 (Apr-Dec)**

DATE	TIME	EVENT/TOPIC	LOCATION	PRESENTER/FURTHER INFORMATION
Mar 16	7:00pm	Chrism Mass	St Stephen's Cathedral, 249 Elizabeth Street, Brisbane	
Mar 19 and 25	7:30pm	The Iona Passion Play	Iona College (outdoors), North Rd, Wynnum West	<a href="http://www.passionplay.org.au">www.passionplay.org.au</a>
Mar 25		<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>		
Mar 28 – Apr 1	6pm (Mon) – 10am (Fri)	Women's Retreat - God the Weaver: Creating Life's Tapestry Together	Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, 267 Wellington St, Ormiston	Grace Harwood and Sue Thomas
Mar 29 – Apr 2		Movers and Shakers	James Byrne Centre, Highfields (Toowoomba)	<a href="http://www.moversandshakers.org.au">www.moversandshakers.org.au</a>
Apr 1-3	Fri evening – Sun a/noon	Sacred Ground - A Celebration of Creativity and Spirituality	Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, 267 Wellington St, Ormiston	Santa Teresa Ormiston Arts Committee
Apr 7-8		Year of Mercy: Illuminating Life	Townsville Entertainment and Convention Centre	Fr Daniel O'Leary, Stephen Bevans SVD
Apr 14	7-9pm	Forming Liturgical Ministers of Gospel Joy – Session 1	Inala Parish (Brisbane West Deanery)	Formation provided by Evangelisation Brisbane and Liturgy Brisbane
Apr 19	9:30am- 4:00pm	Year of Mercy Pilgrim Days	Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, 267 Wellington St, Ormiston	<a href="#">Download Flyer</a> <a href="mailto:ebadmin@bne.catholic.net.au">ebadmin@bne.catholic.net.au</a>
Apr 20	7pm-8:30pm	Living Biblically in a Secular World	St Stephen's Cathedral, 249 Elizabeth Street, Brisbane	Archbishop Mark Coleridge
Apr 21	7-9pm	Forming Liturgical Ministers of Gospel Joy – Session 2	Inala Parish (Brisbane West Deanery)	Formation provided by Evangelisation Brisbane and Liturgy Brisbane
Apr 30	9am-1pm	Mission and Mercy. Parish Workshop	TBA	Stephen Bevans SVD
May 21	9:30am- 4:00pm	Year of Mercy Pilgrim Days	Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, 267 Wellington St, Ormiston	<a href="#">Download Flyer</a>
May 22	2:30pm	Pastoral Council Commissioning Mass	St Stephen's Cathedral, 249 Elizabeth Street, Brisbane	
Jul 1-2		Bible Institute (Evangelisation Resources Down Under)	ACU, 1100 Nudgee Road, Banyo	Presenter: Christopher Monaghan CP Contact ERDU – 3285 6233 or 1300 729 671
Jun 8	9:30am- 4:00pm	Year of Mercy Pilgrim Days	Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, 267 Wellington St, Ormiston	
Jun 15	7pm-8:30pm	Living Biblically in a Secular World	St Stephen's Cathedral, 249 Elizabeth Street, Brisbane	Archbishop Mark Coleridge
Jul 1-3	9:30am Fri – 5:00pm Sun	Signs and Wonders. CCR National Conference (Catholic Charismatic Renewal)	St Leo's College, University of Qld, College Rd, St Lucia	<a href="http://www.ccrbrisbane.org.au">www.ccrbrisbane.org.au</a>
Jul 15-17		Max16: National Catholic Event for Men	St Leo's College, University of Qld, College Rd, St Lucia	<a href="http://www.menalive.org.au">www.menalive.org.au</a> <a href="#">Download dateclaimer</a>
Aug 6	9.00am – 12.30pm	CCR Brisbane AGM (Catholic Charismatic Renewal)	CCR Brisbane Centre, 688 Nudgee Rd, Northgate	
Aug 9	9:30am- 4:00pm	Year of Mercy Pilgrim Days	Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, 267 Wellington St, Ormiston	<a href="#">Download Flyer</a> <a href="mailto:ebadmin@bne.catholic.net.au">ebadmin@bne.catholic.net.au</a>
Aug 24	7pm-8:30pm	Living Biblically in a Secular World	St Stephen's Cathedral, 249 Elizabeth Street, Brisbane	Archbishop Mark Coleridge
Oct 6-9		RCIA National Conference, <i>Journey to the Source</i>	Perth	Nick Wagner (USA), Fr Tony Chiera (Bunbury)
Oct 19	7pm-8:30pm	Living Biblically in a Secular World	St Stephen's Cathedral, 249 Elizabeth Street, Brisbane	Archbishop Mark Coleridge
Oct 22	9:30am- 4:00pm	Year of Mercy Pilgrim Days	Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, 267 Wellington St, Ormiston	<a href="#">Download Flyer</a> <a href="mailto:ebadmin@bne.catholic.net.au">ebadmin@bne.catholic.net.au</a>
Oct 27,28		RCIA seminars in Brisbane	TBA	Nick Wagner from Team RCIA
Nov 19	9.00am – 4.00pm	Author of <i>Divine Renovation: From A Maintenance To A Missional Parish</i>	TBA	Fr James Mallon
Nov 26	9.30am – 1.00pm	CCR Brisbane End of Year Celebration (Catholic Charismatic Renewal)	CCR Brisbane Centre, 688 Nudgee Rd, Northgate	

## LENTEN RESOURCES

### *Jubilee of Mercy • Being Lost ... Being Found ... • Archdiocese of Brisbane*



Archdiocese of Brisbane: Being Lost ... Being Found – Gospel Reflections for Lent +Jubilee of Mercy.

- 72 page book for individuals and groups
- DVD with 12 videos – Gospel Reflections and Acts of Mercy (6 personal stories of mercy received and given)
- 2 audio CDs – hymns, Gospels, meditations, reflections and Acts of Mercy
- Prayer Cards – 50 of each week and 100 of Easter (artwork from the book and a prayer and quote from The Face of Mercy)
- Poster (A4, free)

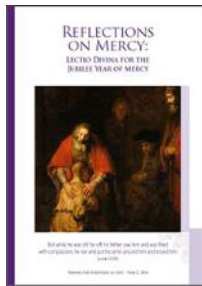
We are very grateful to the seven artists who gave us permission to use their artworks, especially Charalambos Epaminonda from Cyprus for the cover image.

Samples of all the materials can be viewed on our website: [www.lentprogram.com](http://www.lentprogram.com)

The six videos for the 'Acts of Mercy' (personal stories) can be viewed on the website [click here](#)

Please [order online](#) for priority, confirmation and credit card payment. [www.lentprogram.com](http://www.lentprogram.com)

### *Lectio Divina • Diocese of Broken Bay*



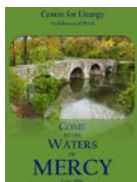
The diocese continues the wonderful tradition started by Bishop Walker. The diocese has generously provided a PDF of the book (and PDF of sections) for individuals and groups (68 pages). Reflections this year were written by Very Rev Dr David Ransom VG, Deacon David McKenzie, Pina Bernard and Rev Dr John Frauenfelder. Fr Ransom's reflection for Holy Thursday is very powerful. He writes about the famous 20th century anthropologist Margaret Mead:

*Mead was once asked what sign we had about when civilisation began. The expectation was that her reply would concern the discovery of some ancient artefact such as a tool, or a weapon, or a segment of art. Instead, she simply replied, 'a healed femur'. Why did Mead claim this? She claimed this because for the first time we had an indication that a community had cared for someone. Previously, there would be no evidence of a healed femur, for the person who had experienced a broken femur would be left to die. There comes a point in human history, however, when someone with a broken femur is cared for. Since a broken femur takes many months to heal, the person whose healed bone was discovered would have been cared for consistently for a good length of time. Their every need would have required attention.*

The author then makes a profound connection to the Jubilee of Mercy.

[Click here](#)

### *Come to the Waters of Mercy • Archdiocese of Perth*



Centre for Liturgy, Archdiocese of Perth: *Come to the Waters of Mercy*

Free download, brief reflections on all the Sunday readings, prayers and reflection/discussion questions.

[Click here](#)

### *Mercy • Diocese of Wollongong*



Books and discs are now sold out.

Written by Fr Ken Barker MGL and Sr Hilda Scott OSB.

An electronic copy of the book and discs can be purchased online.

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## Merciful Like the Father • Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn



Gospel reflections by Archbishop Christopher Prowse.

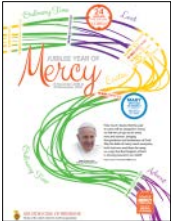
The six videos are now available on the diocesan website:

<http://cgatholic.org.au/the-year-of-mercy/lenten-resource>

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## YEAR OF MERCY

### Parish Kit



Before the Jubilee of Mercy commenced the Archdiocese of Brisbane produced a folder of resources for parishes. Every parish and school has been sent a kit. A copy of most of the resources are available on our website: [www.evangelisationbrisbane.org.au/parishes/year-of-mercy/](http://www.evangelisationbrisbane.org.au/parishes/year-of-mercy/)

For one page of simple practical suggestions for your parish [click here](#)

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### Year of Mercy Bulletin Inserts



To help keep the Year of Mercy in front of your community, Evangelisation Brisbane will provide weekly newsletter inserts from a variety of sources including Pope Francis, the Scriptures, and a range of writers from throughout the ages.

These are available on the Year of Mercy page of the Evangelisation Brisbane website:

<http://evangelisationbrisbane.org.au/parishes/year-of-mercy/>

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### Living Biblically in a Secular World



The *Living Biblically in a Secular World* formation series with Archbishop Mark Coleridge will continue throughout the year with a focus on the Year of Mercy.

The Scriptures, though written 2000 years ago, offer insight and wisdom into the contemporary issues we experience today. Drawing on his biblical scholarship, Archbishop Mark demonstrates the capacity of God's word to speak into such issues and its power to transform our lives.

- Dates: 20 April, 15 June, 24 August and 19 October
- Time: 7:00pm to 8:30pm
- Venue: Cathedral of St Stephen, Brisbane

[website](#)

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### Year of Mercy Pilgrim Days



All members of the Archdiocese are welcome as an individual pilgrim or as a pilgrim group to come and spend a day as a pilgrim at the beautiful Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Ormiston.

- Dates: Wed 9 Mar; Sun 13 Mar; Tue 19 Apr; Sat 21 May; Wed 8 Jun; Tue 9 Aug; Sat 22 Oct
- Time: 9:30am-4:00pm
- Cost: Free (includes boxed lunch + tea and coffee)
- Venue: Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, 267 Wellington St, Ormiston
- Bookings: Bookings are essential. (max. 60 pilgrims each day). Email your name(s), contact details and medical dietary needs to [ebadmin@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:ebadmin@bne.catholic.net.au) at least 7 days before your chosen pilgrim day.

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## WEBSITES

### Evangelisation Brisbane



<http://evangelisationbrisbane.org.au>

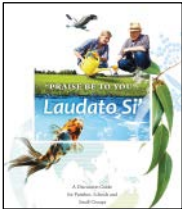
Our website was completely re-designed in 2015. Donna Longland did a fantastic job adding new content, photos and a fresh look. Photographs of our team will help you put a face to the person on the other end of the phone. Right now our great admin team are answering calls from right across Australia to send over 13,000 Lenten books to every state, NZ, USA, Ireland and other parts of the globe.

The 'parishes' tab provides materials for parish Councils, RCIA, families, Joy of the Gospel, youth Evangelisation and many other areas. The last tab, '[Online Shop](#)' provides a portal to our online store where you will find many specialised resources and also many free downloads.

Last year Archbishop Mark Coleridge gave seven presentations that gave an overview of the Bible. The seven videos of the series, *Living Biblically in a Secular World*, are available on the [website](#).

Archbishop Mark draws on his biblical scholarship and his deep passion for the scriptures to give us seven highly engaging and informative presentations.

### Praise Be to You: Laudato Si' • reflection/discussion guide



The Archbishop's Office for Evangelisation (Diocese of Broken Bay) has published a very user-friendly and attractive booklet on the Pope's Encyclical *On Care of Our Common Home (Laudato Si)*.

[A PDF is available](#) free of charge on the diocesan website. Written by Bishop Peter Comensoli, Daniel Ang, David Patterson and Jennifer Skelly, this 44 page book provides an overview of the sections of the encyclical, pertinent quotes, reflection/discussion questions and spaces for writing and journaling.

My advice is to print the pages as A4 – not A5 as designed. We're all getting older (OK maybe that's just me) and small print is getting harder to read.

### World Youth Day • Krakow 2016



Please pray for our WYD pilgrims as they begin their [formation sessions](#) in February towards World Youth Day in Krakow. If you would like more information about World Youth Day or available resources please check out the following websites:

- Archdiocesan: [www.wydbrisbane.org.au](http://www.wydbrisbane.org.au)
- National: [www.wyd.org.au](http://www.wyd.org.au)
- Official WYD Krakow site: [www.krakow2016.com/en/](http://www.krakow2016.com/en/)

### Morning and Evening Prayer



The Sisters of Mercy of the Americas are very generous to provide the whole text (970 pages) of their Morning and Evening Prayer online.

Can be read on screen, printed and/or downloaded as a PDF (3.24 MG).

[Download](#)

Blessed are you, O God, compassionate and merciful in all your ways.

Teach us patience and make our hearts strong.

May we be ready when you come to us in word or sacrament  
or in the need of our neighbour.

We make this prayer in the spirit of the prophets of old:

Come, Lord Jesus!

Amen. (p58)



## SEMINARS

### *Forming Liturgical Ministers of Gospel Joy*



*Forming Liturgical Ministers of Gospel Joy* are Liturgical Ministry workshops being run across the archdiocese by Liturgy Brisbane and Evangelisation Brisbane and promise to be an excellent education and formation for Liturgical Ministry. Anyone involved or interested in Liturgical Ministries, in particular readers and special ministers of communion are invited to attend the workshops.

Three sets of workshops (2 sessions each) are scheduled for the first half of the year:

- **Saturday 20th February** (9.30am to 3pm) at the Francis Rush Centre (hosted by St. Stephen's Cathedral) Parking is available (entrance in Charlotte St). Please bring a shared lunch. RSVP by 17<sup>th</sup> February to [eb@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:eb@bne.catholic.net.au) or 3324 3452
- **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> February** (7-9pm) at St Monica's Centre, Coolangatta/Tugun Parish.
- **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> April** (7-9pm) at Inala Parish

For more information contact [eb@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:eb@bne.catholic.net.au), 3324 3452

### *Information Sessions • Christian Initiation of Children*



Clergy, Pastoral Associates, Sacramental teams, APREs and interested parishioners are invited to Information Sessions covering policy, processes, preparation and resources for the Christian Initiation of Children. Upcoming dates:

- Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February (10:00am-11:30am)  
Daley Centre, Grovely Parish, 67 Dawson Parade, Keperra
- Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February (7:00pm-8:30pm)  
Corinda/Graceville Parish Centre, 19 Randolph Street, Graceville
- Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> February (10:00am-11:30am)  
Francis Rush Centre, 277 Elizabeth St, Brisbane
- Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> February (2:00pm-3:00pm)  
All Saints Parish Centre, 4 Faheys Road East, Albany Creek
- Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February (10:00am-11:30am)  
St Mary MacKillop Parish Centre, 12 Hardy Road, Birkdale
- Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February (7:00pm-8:30pm)  
St Peter's Parish Centre, 955 Rochedale Road, Rochedale

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For more information, contact Evangelisation Brisbane [eb@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:eb@bne.catholic.net.au), ph: 07 3324 3440.  
[www.flameoffaith.org.au](http://www.flameoffaith.org.au)

### *ACU • Short Course on Mercy*



This short course aims to explore the biblical, theological and ethical meaning of mercy as part of the Year of Mercy announced by Pope Francis. The planned structure of the Course is:

- Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February: Pope Francis' Theology of Mercy (Assoc. Prof. Orm Rush)
  - Monday 29<sup>th</sup> February: Biblical Understanding of Mercy (Dr. Ian Elmer)
  - Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March: Creation and Sin (Assoc. Prof. Robyn Horner)
  - Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March: The log in your eye: Mercy and Ethics (Dr. David Kirchhoffer)
  - Cost: \$80 for those requiring a Certificate of Attendance\* / \$40 attendance only
- \* These courses are registered with Brisbane Catholic Education for hours towards Accreditation to Teach in a Catholic School and Accreditation to Teach Religion in a Catholic School.

For more information, please visit the [Short Course website](#) and click on the Brisbane page or [Click here to register](#). If you cannot register online, or wish to register a group (by invoice), please contact [shortcourses.ftp@acu.edu.au](mailto:shortcourses.ftp@acu.edu.au). Registration is essential and closes Thursday 18 February.

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## Movers and Shakers



Movers and Shakers (for young people aged 16-19) has been running for over 20 years and in that time it has developed into a key strategy in the development of young leaders within the Catholic Church in Queensland and beyond.

- Dates: 29th March – 2nd April
- Venue: James Byrne Centre, Highfields (Toowoomba Diocese)
- Cost: Normal registration \$395 (Early Bird Registration \$370 closes 26/2/16)

Applications close 11th March 2016

[www.moversandshakers.org.au](http://www.moversandshakers.org.au)

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## Foundations for Lay Pastoral Ministry



Are you involved in a sacramental preparation team or RCIA ministries? Is your parish team seeking formation for implementing the new Archdiocese of Brisbane Sacramental Policy guidelines? Are you interested in strategies for ministering with families in the 21st century? Then this course is for you! This course is designed for people who are involved, or have been invited to be involved, in baptismal preparation, family sacramental preparation, and/or the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults ministries.

It comprises six modules offered in a series of interactive and practical full day workshops. These focus on personal formation, developing skills and practical application in a parish or ministry context. Course participants select one practical ministry stream from Formation for RCIA ministries, Baptismal Preparation, or Family Sacramental Preparation.

2016 groups start in Tugun (February), Gympie (April) and Brisbane Central (June)  
See [website](#) for more details on locations and dates of workshops.

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## Liturgy Brisbane • Education Services



Liturgy Brisbane aims to encourage the full, conscious and active participation of all people in liturgical rites that are noble in their simplicity yet powerful in their expression of the sacred mysteries. Its efforts are directed to *EDUCATION* and *CONSULTING* for the parishes of the archdiocese, and *PUBLISHING* liturgical resources for the Australian Church.

Liturgy Brisbane is available to present workshops at the request of parishes, parish clusters or deaneries at times and venues to suit participants. Possible topics include:

- Exploring liturgy
- Understanding the Mass
- Forming/reviving a parish liturgy committee
- LabOra Worship resource hands-on training
- Formation for various liturgical ministries
- Preparing school liturgies
- Music in liturgy
- Celebrating the RCIA
- Liturgy preparation for Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter
- The Order of Christian Funerals

Other topics can be arranged by negotiation. Because Liturgy Brisbane is a self-funding agency, we need to pay our staff and cover costs. Hence a charge is made of \$70/hr of presentation time plus a set \$35 travelling fee to present workshops. Organisers are asked to make every effort to ensure a sufficient level of participation to make the time and effort of presenters worthwhile and to allow for small group work and interaction between participants at the workshop.

- Further information: Contact the Education Officer, Elizabeth Harrington, on 3324 3322 or [harringtone@liturgybrisbane.net.au](mailto:harringtone@liturgybrisbane.net.au). [Download Flyer](#)
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## EVENTS • RETREATS • PRAYER • REFLECTION

### *Faith16: Merciful Like the Father*



Brisbane South Deanery. Pilgrimage through Lent:

- Week 1. Mercy in God  
Fr John Chalmers  
11 February (7.00-8.30pm) at St Agnes Church, Mt Gravatt
- Week 2. Mercy in Luke  
Archbishop Mark Coleridge  
18 February 2016 (7.00-8.30pm) at Our Lady Of Lourdes Church Sunnybank
- Week 3. Mercy in Family Life  
Gail Godfrey  
25 February 2016 (7.00-8.30pm) at Marymac Community Centre, Annerley
- Week 4. Mercy in Prayer  
Sr Mary Franzmann pbvm and Sr Ursula O'Rourke osu  
3 March 2016 (7.00-8.30pm) at St Bernard's Church Upper Mt Gravatt
- Week 5. Mercy in Community  
Rick Sheehan and guest speakers  
10 March 2016 (7.00-8.30pm) at St Pius X Hall Salisbury
- Week 6. Chrism Mass  
17 March 2016 (7.00pm) at Cathedral of St Stephen

For more information contact 0419642490 [www.parishes.bne.catholic.net.au/south/](http://www.parishes.bne.catholic.net.au/south/)  
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### *Parish Leadership Development Day*



The Development Day, hosted by Evangelisation Brisbane, is for members of Parish/Deanery Pastoral Councils, Clergy, Lay Pastoral Ministers and anyone in a leadership role in the parish. With input from Archbishop Mark and Natalie Lindner L'Huillier this is a great opportunity to listen and share with others involved in parish leadership across our Archdiocese.

- Date: Saturday 27th February 2016
- Time: 8.30am-3.30pm (Mass at 8.30am with Archbishop Mark)
- Where: Dominic Centre, 100 Mayfield Street, Carina
- Morning tea and lunch provided (please advise special dietary requirements)
- Bookings Essential: please RSVP by Friday, 19 February  
to Mary-Anne Cullen Email: ebadmin@bne.catholic.net.au, Ph: 3324 3443

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### *Catholic Charismatic Renewal • Events for 2016*



#### **CCR Brisbane Opening Event:**

Celebrating the start of the year with a talk on mercy followed by Mass and a shared lunch.

- Date: Saturday 5 March (9.30am – 12.30pm)
- Venue: CCR Brisbane Centre, 688 Nudgee Rd, Northgate.
- Contact: secretary@ccrbrisbane.org.au or 32026856. Website: [www.ccrbrisbane.org.au](http://www.ccrbrisbane.org.au)

Guest speaker and Mass celebrant: Fr Francis Onwunali. Everyone welcome.





## Signs and Wonders (CCR National Conference)

Featuring three international speakers Mary Healy (Associate Professor of Sacred Scripture, Sacred Heart Major Seminary, Detroit, USA), Mark Nimo (international evangelist and member of the CCR Archdiocesan Service Team in Chicago, USA), Katherine Ruonala (co-founder and Senior Pastor of Glory City Church, Brisbane, Australia), together with Archbishop Mark Coleridge who will celebrate the opening Mass. There will be a range of talks, night rallies, reflection and exposition, with Mass and praise and worship each day. Hosted by Catholic Charismatic Renewal Brisbane.

- Dates: Fri 1 July (9.30am–9.00pm), Sat 2 July (8.00am–9.00pm), Sun 3 July (8.00am–5.00pm)
- Venue: St Leo's College (within The University of Qld), College Rd, St Lucia
- Contact: [secretary@ccrbrisbane.org.au](mailto:secretary@ccrbrisbane.org.au) or 31032400

Flyer and registration forms available on website: [www.ccrbrisbane.org.au](http://www.ccrbrisbane.org.au)

## The Iona Passion Play



Now in its 58<sup>th</sup> year the Iona Passion Play is brought to you by a volunteer cast and crew, dedicated to bringing the meaning of Easter alive to communities throughout Australia. Rehearsals are now underway and new cast are always welcome. Email or call us if you are interested.

Performance Details (2 shows only):

- Dates: Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March and Good Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March - 7.30pm (Gates Open 7.00pm)
- Venue: Iona College (North Road, Wynnum West)
- Tickets: Adults \$20, Seniors/Students \$18, Children (6-14yrs) \$5, Children (5 and under) Free
- Earlybird (book by 5pm, 16<sup>th</sup> March) \$17 Adults, \$15 Seniors/Students
- Group Discount \$12 per person (10 or more if pre-booked by 5pm, 16<sup>th</sup> March)

Bookings: [www.passionplay.org.au](http://www.passionplay.org.au) Enquiries: [info@ipp.org.au](mailto:info@ipp.org.au) or (07) 3333 1993

## Beats by the Beach



Beats by the Beach is a family friendly social day held at Stella Maris Church grounds with live music, DIY carnival-style games, BBQ, face-painting, cool juice bar, expo lane and market stalls!

- Date: Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February (11:00am–3:00pm)
- Venue: 245 Hedges Ave, Broadbeach
- More information: Venire Youth: [www.venireyouth.com](http://www.venireyouth.com)

## Australian Christian Meditation Community



The Australian Christian Meditation Community Queensland invites you to a day of meditation, information, reflection and discussion on 'Aspects of Christian Meditation' based on the teachings of Fr Gerry Pierse (a meditator, a writer and teacher of meditation). The presenter for the day is Gabby Nelson, the coordinator for Queensland's Christian Meditation community.

The presentation will be a helpful introduction to Christian Meditation for those who are interested in finding out about meditation and an enjoyable refresher for practicing meditators.

- Date: Saturday, 20th February (9.30am – 2.30pm)
- Venue: Holy Spirit Hall, 36 Villiers Street, New Farm.
- Morning tea (9.30am). BYO lunch (Save our earth: Please bring a mug for your own use)
- Suggested donation: \$10 - \$15 (morning tea included)

For information contact Gabby Nelson [toga@bigpond.net.au](mailto:toga@bigpond.net.au), phone 3711 4227 or 0488 592 770 or Johanna Lawrence 0432 327 666. Resources will be available for sale during the day.

[Download Flyer](#)

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## 'Year of Mercy' Illuminating Life • Townsville Catholic Education Diocesan Gathering



The Townsville Catholic Education Diocesan Gathering for 2016 is an opportunity to come together to enjoy thought provoking, contemporary presenters who challenge our traditional ways of thinking and move us to new positions.

- Dates: 7-8<sup>th</sup> April
- Venue: Townsville Entertainment and Convention Centre

[website](#)

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### Sacred Ground • A Celebration of Creativity and Spirituality



Santa Teresa Ormiston Arts Committee offers an invitation to participants for a weekend for anyone who has an interest (not necessarily skill) in exploring spirituality through creative artistic mediums. Artisans will facilitate experiential workshops in their particular medium around the theme Sacred Ground, and share their story regarding how their art speaks to their spirituality and vice versa.

- Dates: 1-3 April
- Venue: Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, 267 Wellington St, Ormiston
- For more information contact: [stoac.sacredground@gmail.com](mailto:stoac.sacredground@gmail.com)

If you are 15 to 115 years of age and would like to open yourself to new ways of exploring and expressing your spirituality, come and join in.

There are a variety of ways to do this:

- a full live in weekend from Friday evening – Sunday afternoon;
  - one or two days from 8am – 5.30m;
  - a half day for a specific workshop;
  - dinner and arts show on Saturday evening.
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### God the Weaver: Creating Life's Tapestry Together



He is risen! Alleluia! Alleluia! Come join us on a post Easter, multigenerational women's retreat. Create your own tapestry as you take sacred time in prayer, community and walking the grounds of Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, celebrating the richness of God's presence in your life.

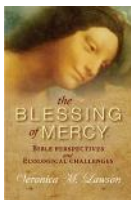
- Dates: 6pm Monday 28 March to Friday 1st April (finishing with 9am morning prayer)
- Facilitators: Grace Harwood and Sue Thomas
- Venue: Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, 267 Wellington St, Ormiston
- Optional add-ons:
  1. Stay a day longer and embed the retreat in a day of quiet and solitude on Friday 1st April 10am – 4pm.
  2. Take the opportunity to lengthen the retreat by experiencing the Sacred Ground weekend 5.30pm Friday 1st April to 5pm Sunday 3rd April.
- Costs: Retreat (including Accommodation, Meals and Materials) \$550  
Day of Solitude (Friday 1st - includes Morning Tea, Lunch and Afternoon Tea) \$30

For additional information or to register contact: Grace Harwood 0409 524 283 or [grace@dragonflyministries.net.au](mailto:grace@dragonflyministries.net.au)

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## RESOURCES/BOOKS

### The Blessing of Mercy

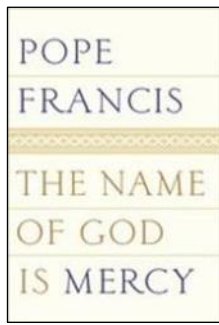


By Sr Veronica Lawson, rsm, one of Australia's leading Catholic biblical scholars. Veronica has generously distilled her scholarship into a real actively small book that is engaging and suitable for any reader in a parish. 86 pages. Published by Morning Star Publications \$19.95 Highly recommended. Also available as [Kindle eBook](#). You don't require a Kindle device as there is a free app for computers, iPads, tablets.

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## The Name of God is Mercy: A conversation with Andrea Torielli



Published January 2016. In bookshops and eBook version is available now.

[Kindle \(includes sample\)](#). Also available from the publishers [Pan Macmillan](#)

From the publisher's website:

*In a conversation with Vatican expert Andrea Torielli, Pope Francis discloses the core of his papacy and, in his own words, conveys the great message of the Holy Year of Mercy.*

*For the first time, Pope Francis addresses each woman and each man on Earth in a deep, simple and intimate dialogue. Through his own experience as a priest and shepherd, the pope talks about Mercy, a subject of central importance in his teaching and testimony. He explains the reasons for this extraordinary Holy Year, and in doing so he speaks to all the souls – inside and outside the Church – who are looking for a meaning in life, for a road to peace and reconciliation, for a healing to their physical and spiritual wounds. It is the summing up of his teachings and papacy.*

### INSPIRATION FOR THE ROAD AHEAD ...



Mercy is the very foundation of the Church's life. All of her pastoral activity should be caught up in the tenderness she makes present to believers; nothing in her preaching and in her witness to the world can be lacking in mercy ... The time has come for the Church to take up the joyful call to mercy once more. It is time to return to the

basics and to bear the weaknesses and struggles of our brothers and sisters. Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instils in us the courage to look to the future with hope!

*(The Face of Mercy #10)*

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