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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.

It is now just four weeks till the beginning of Lent. We have included information on a number of Lenten resources for use by groups or individuals. Some of these are free online resources – all of them can be previewed online. For our Lenten program, *Up from the Waters*, we asked six individuals to share their response to the question: 'What does my baptism mean to me?' or 'What is my baptismal call?'

I am very grateful to Isabelle, Joe, Peter, Malia, Rick and Sally for their genuine, honest and authentic insights and for sharing their life experiences. Their stories can be viewed online and are on the program DVD. We are very grateful to Fr Tony Chiera (Vicar General, Diocese of Bunbury) and Dr Jason McFarland (Assistant Director, ACU Centre for Liturgy) for the Gospel reflections.

Please send information on diocesan, parish and deanery events by March 10th 2017 for the next edition of *The Vine* to Rob or Donna at: eb@bne.catholic.net.au

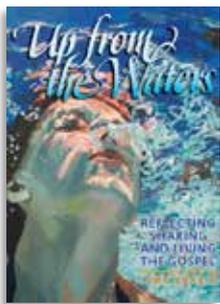
miniCALENDAR (February – March 2017)

DATE	TIME	EVENT/TOPIC	LOCATION	PRESENTER/FURTHER INFORMATION
Feb 3	9.30am-12.30pm	Sacramental Program Workshop	St Benedict's Church, 2 Wallaby Dve, Mudgeeraba	RSVP to Evangelisation Brisbane: email: ebadmin@bne.catholic.net.au
Feb 5	4.00-6.00pm	Theology on Tap Brisbane: Migration and the Migrant God	The Crown Hotel Lutwyche	https://www.facebook.com/events/244617219284105/
Feb 9	6:00-9:00pm	Sacramental Program Workshop	St Mary's Parish, Cnr Elizabeth St & Roseberry Pde, Ipswich	RSVP to Evangelisation Brisbane: email: ebadmin@bne.catholic.net.au
Feb 10	9:30am – 12:30pm	Sacramental Program Workshop	Holy Family Church, 37 Ward St, Indooroopilly	RSVP to Evangelisation Brisbane: email: ebadmin@bne.catholic.net.au
Feb 11	1:00pm – 4:00pm	Sacramental Program Workshop	St Mark's Church, Lilac and Eucalyptus Sts, Inala	RSVP to Evangelisation Brisbane: email: ebadmin@bne.catholic.net.au
Feb 11	9am-3.30pm	Youth Leader Training	O'Shea Centre, 19 Lovedale St, Wilston	https://www.facebook.com/events/1230885970326421/
Feb 11	2.30-4.30pm	March for Life	Queens Park, cnr William, Elizabeth & George Sts, Brisbane	http://www.marchforlife.com.au/
Feb 13	6:00–9:00pm	Sacramental Program Workshop	Our Lady of Dolours Church, Cnr Suez St & Samford Rd, Mitchelton	RSVP to Evangelisation Brisbane: email: ebadmin@bne.catholic.net.au
Feb 14	10:00am – 1:00pm	Sacramental Program Workshop	St Mary's Church, 24 King St, Buderim	RSVP to Evangelisation Brisbane: email: ebadmin@bne.catholic.net.au
Feb 18	1:00pm – 4:00pm	Sacramental Program Workshop	McKinlay Centre (Cleveland Parish), 53 Passage St, Cleveland	RSVP to Evangelisation Brisbane: email: ebadmin@bne.catholic.net.au
Feb 24	7:00pm	Friday Night Mercy Fellowship Gatherings	Our Lady of the Way Catholic Church, 38 Armstrong St, Petrie	Ph 3285 6759 for details
*Feb 28	7.00-8.30pm	Theology in the City	Hanly Room, Francis Rush Centre, 277 Elizabeth St, Brisbane	facebook.com/TheologyintheCity
Mar 8	7:00-8:30pm	Youth Alpha (hosted by Youth Evangelisation)	Lavalla Centre, Fernberg Rd, Paddington (downstairs hall)	Evangelisation Brisbane - 07 3324 3440 ebadmin@bne.catholic.net.au
Mar 9	6:00-9:00pm	Taste of Alpha (hosted by Noosa parish)	Tewantin Parish Hall, Morrindil St, Tewantin	Evangelisation Brisbane - 07 3324 3440 ebadmin@bne.catholic.net.au
Mar 11	9:00am-3:00pm	Alpha Workshop (hosted by Corinda Graceville parish)	School Hall, 18 Clewley St, Corinda	Evangelisation Brisbane - 07 3324 3440 ebadmin@bne.catholic.net.au
Mar 11	9.30am-12.30pm	Catholic Charismatic Renewal (CCR) Brisbane Opening event	CCR Brisbane Centre, 688 Nudgee Rd, Northgate	Mass celebrant: Archbishop Mark Coleridge
Mar 12		Agape (monthly reflection and ritual)	Archer Mountain Retreat Centre, 68 Myleema Road, Villeneuve	
Mar 17-18	9am Fri to 3pm Sat	Australian Catholic Youth & Youth Ministry Research Seminar	Catholic Leadership Centre, 576 Victoria Pde, East Melbourne	www.trybooking.com/205683
*Mar 28	7.00-8.30pm	Theology in the City	Hanly Room, Francis Rush Centre, 277 Elizabeth St, Brisbane	facebook.com/TheologyintheCity

Apr 1 & 2		Spirit of the Universe Workshop	Archer Mountain Retreat Centre, 68 Myleema Road, Villeneuve	
*Apr 8		Lord Mayor's Prayer Breakfast	Brisbane City Hall	Download flyer
Apr 9		Agape (monthly reflection and ritual)	Archer Mountain Retreat Centre, 68 Myleema Road, Villeneuve	
Apr 10-16		Come to the Quiet: Preparation for Easter		
Apr 16-23		Centering Prayer Intensive		
May 10	9am-noon	Making Place for the Laity Today: the challenge of <i>Amoris Laetitia</i>	O'Shea Centre, Wilston	Fr Timothy Radcliffe OP Evangelisation Brisbane
*May 27-28	8am-5pm daily	Kerygmatic Retreat (English)	Brisbane	the Latin-American Evangelising Team
*May 30	7.00-8.30pm	Theology in the City	Hanly Room, Francis Rush Centre, 277 Elizabeth St, Brisbane	facebook.com/TheologyintheCity
*Jul 25	7.00-8.30pm	Theology in the City		facebook.com/TheologyintheCity
*Aug 12	9.30am-4.30pm	CCR Brisbane AGM & CCR Golden Jubilee celebration	CCR Brisbane Centre, 688 Nudgee Rd, Northgate	
*Aug 29	7.00-8.30pm	Theology in the City	Hanly Room, Francis Rush Centre, 277 Elizabeth St, Brisbane	facebook.com/TheologyintheCity
*Nov 25	9.30am-1.00pm	CCR Brisbane end of year celebration	CCR Brisbane Centre, 688 Nudgee Rd, Northgate	
Dec 7-9		Australian Catholic Youth Festival	Sydney Olympic Park	http://youthfestival.catholic.org.au/

LENT

Up From the Waters - Resources for Lent 2017 (Archdiocese of Brisbane)

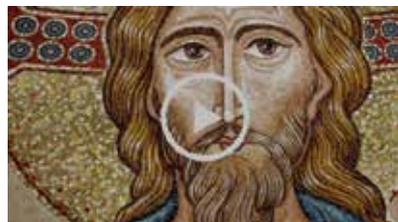


Up From the Waters: Reflecting, Sharing and Living the Gospel – Lent Year A

Books, DVD/CDs, prayer cards and posters are all available for distribution.

Order online at: www.lentprogram.com or purchase from your local bookshop.

[View a Sample](#) of the Book. Video samples of a Gospel reflection and personal story:



Gospel Reflection: Week 3



Good News People: Week 1



For each of the six weeks of Lent there is a Lenten Prayer Card (x50 copies) featuring artwork for each Sunday Gospel with a prayer on the reverse side. The set also includes an Easter Prayer Card (x100 copies). These can be used separately or in conjunction with the Lenten Program (Year A).

The poster includes a quote from the Gospel for the Third Sunday of Lent – the dialogue between Jesus and the Samaritan woman at the well: 'The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life'. (John 4:14)

Prices:

- Box set of DVD and 2 audio CDs: \$16 (ex GST)
- 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)
- Prayer Cards: \$49.50 (for pack of 400 cards)
- Poster: 55c

[Online Store](#)

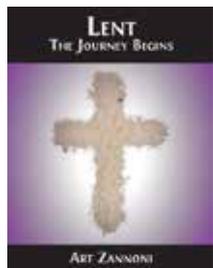
www.lentprogram.com



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We are very grateful for a number of composers and publishers who gave their permission to use their music in the resource, eg Willow Publishing. One song (Nettleton) however is in the common domain and we commissioned a [recording](#) with new lyrics by Marnie Barrell.

Lenten brochures: *Fasting in a Fast-Paced World* and *Lent The Journey Begins*



Reproducible two-page flyer for Lent. Written by Art Zannoni an award-winning freelance writer, scripture scholar, teacher, theologian, workshop leader and consultant in the areas of biblical studies and Christian-Jewish relations. Published by The Pastoral Centre, USA.

Previously these two eResources were \$5.00 each. They are now available to order and download for free. The licence allows a parish to print as many copies of the PDF files as required for bulletins or other purposes or to email the PDF to parishioners.

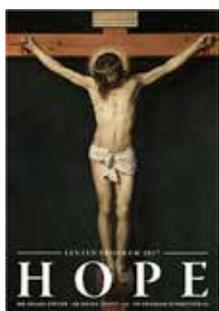
[Fasting in a Fast-Paced World \(eResource\)](#)

[Lent - The Journey Begins \(eResource\)](#) (NB there is one reference to abstinence rules in USA. For Australian rules see *Liturgy Lines* by Elizabeth Harrington: ['Days of Fast and Abstinence'](#)).

Also free is [Questions of the Week – Year A](#)

You can preview before ordering. After the order you will receive an email with a link to download the resource.

Hope - Lenten Program 2017



Continuing the tradition from past years, *Hope* is a weekly program, produced by the Diocese of Wollongong, primarily for group use, based on the Sunday Scripture readings during Lent (Year A).

The reflections for Lent are led by Mr Shane Dwyer (Director of the National Centre for Evangelisation for the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference) and Sr Hilda Scott OSB (Vocations Director, Jamberoo Abbey). *Hope* also features beautiful religious artworks from the Masters such as Duccio, Fra Angelico, El Greco and Velázquez, with enlightening 'Artwork Spotlight' reflections (for personal reading during the week) written by the ever-popular Fr Graham Schmitzer PP.

This year's program consists of book and triple CD.

[View a Sample](#)

[Buy now](#)



Welcoming Jesus in Lent



The Catholic Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn presents two faith resources for parish based groups, prayer companions, staff reflections, families and individuals.

Introducing Welcoming Jesus in Lent, the 2017 Lenten reflections, and Set Pools of Silence in this Thirsty Land (Christian Meditation in the Catholic Tradition)

Welcoming Jesus in Lent:

2017 Lenten Program from the Catholic Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn, featuring filmed Gospel reflections by Archbishop Christopher Prowse. The Weekly Lenten Program is a great resource for parish based groups, prayer companions, staff reflections, families and individuals.

\$5.50 (downloadable MP4 video) or \$10.00 (DVD)

[View Samples and Order Online](#)



Lectio Divina Lent 2017 Resource



Reading Scripture in a way that leads to prayer and transformation. The Broken Bay Diocese lectio divina Lent 2017 Resource includes contributions by Australian Bishops: Paul Bird, CSsR; Eugene Hurlay; Peter Ingham; Columba Macbeth-Green, OSPPE; Michael McCarthy; Greg O'Kelly, SJ; Anthony Randazzo.

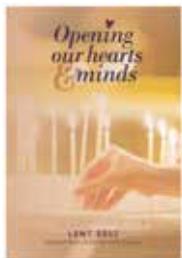
This resource can be accessed in two ways:

1. As a PDF booklet or individual weekly sessions for printing.
2. As an online weekly resource for Lent, which includes the video recording of the bishops' reflections.

[Download Resource](#)



Opening Our Hearts & Minds



An accessible Lenten resource from the Archdiocese of Melbourne for parish/school groups or for anyone seeking some personal reflection time.

Each weekly reflection follows three steps: Be Still; The Gospel; Respond. The reflections also come with music suggestions and short prayers to draw together the thoughts arising from the Gospel reflection.

[Download copy](#)



WEBSITES

Evangelisation Brisbane - Facebook Page



To keep up to date with Evangelisation Brisbane workshops and other offerings please like our new Facebook page.

<https://www.facebook.com/evangelisationbne/>

Vatican Youtube channel - Videos of addresses of Pope Francis



<https://www.youtube.com/user/vatican/videos>

Here we see and hear many constant themes from Francis: 'In the face of hardened hearts, rekindle charity', 'Embrace poor with missionary drive', 'What unities us is greater than what divides us', 'Encounter is seeing, hearing, and touching with the heart'.

Youtube channel for the Jesuit magazine in the USA - America



<https://www.youtube.com/user/americanmag>

Features talks and interviews by popular writer and editor Fr James Martin SJ. This site is a rich source of excellent material. For example Fr James presents a series called 'Saints in 60'. In 'Fragments' Fr James interviews renowned spiritual writer Sr Joyce Rupp OSM. The video 'Pro-life millennials speak out' (Oct 2016) is an extraordinary interview with seven millennial women about their hopes for the pro-life movement. 'Be kind' gives some practical suggestions for Lent.

SEMINARS

Sacramental Program Workshops



Clergy, pastoral associates, sacramental teams, APREs and interested parishioners are invited to attend any of the information sessions listed below.

- Friday 3rd February (9:30am – 12:30pm)
St Benedict's Church [Burleigh Heads Parish], 2 Wallaby Drive, Mudgeeraba
- Thursday 9th February (6:00pm – 9:00pm)
St Mary's Parish Centre [Ipswich Catholic Community], Cnr Elizabeth St & Roseberry Pde, Ipswich
- Friday 10th February (9:30am – 12:30pm)
Holy Family Church [Indooroopilly Parish], 37 Ward Street, Indooroopilly
- Saturday 11th February (1:00pm – 4:00pm)
St Mark's Church [Inala Parish], Lilac and Eucalyptus Sts, Inala
- Monday 13th February (6:00pm – 9:00pm)
Our Lady of Dolours Church [Mitchelton Parish], Cnr Suez St & Samford Rd, Mitchelton
- Tuesday 14th February (10:00am – 1:00pm)
St Mary's Church [Maroochydore Parish], 24 King Street, Buderim
- Saturday 18th February (1:00pm – 4:00pm)
McKinlay Centre [Cleveland Parish], 53 Passage Street, Cleveland (Carpark access - Longland St)

[Download Flyer](#)

To RSVP or for further enquires, contact Evangelisation Brisbane: (phone: 07 3324 3440), email: ebadmin@bne.catholic.net.au

Alpha Workshops



Last November Fr James Mallon, author of *Divine Renovation*, shared with us his vision and passion for growing missionary disciples in our parishes. An effective tool for this process is Alpha.

These workshops are for everyone who would like to discover the richness of Alpha:

- **Youth Alpha** - Wednesday 8th March (7:00pm-8:30pm) hosted by Youth Evangelisation
Venue: Lavalla Centre, Fernberg Rd, Paddington (downstairs hall)
- **Taste of Alpha** - Thursday 9th March (6:00pm-9:00pm) hosted by Noosa parish
Venue: Tewantin Parish Hall, Morrindil St, Tewantin
- **Alpha Workshop** - Saturday 11th March (9:00am-3:00pm) hosted by Corinda Graceville parish
Venue: School Hall, 18 Clewley St, Corinda

There is no charge for these workshops.

Please contact Evangelisation Brisbane to register for these workshops or for more information
ph: 07 3324 3440, email: ebadmin@bne.catholic.net.au

Youth Leader Training

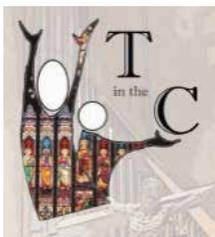


Essential training for all youth leaders in the Archdiocese of Brisbane.

One of the main things that will be covered is the new requirements around volunteering in the Archdiocese. If you work with volunteers or are a volunteer yourself, this training will be essential to your preparation for the year ahead. The second topic that will be covered is self-care in ministry. After lunch, we will be running Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults Training, which will have a specific focus on youth ministry. All volunteers and leaders in youth ministry need to attend this training every 2 years. Register for the morning, afternoon or the whole day.

- Date/Time: 11 February (9.00am -3:30 pm)
 - Where: O'Shea Centre, 19 Lovedale St, Wilston
 - Topics: Volunteering in the Archdiocese, Self-care in Ministry, Safeguarding children and vulnerable adults.
 - RSVP to: youthproject@bne.catholic.net.au or [Register Online](#) before February 6th
 - [More information on Facebook](#)
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Theology in the City · Lecture Series 2017



Theme: 'Culture of encounter: seeking common ground'

- Date Claimers for lectures: (More information in future issues)
 - ~ Tuesday 28 February
 - ~ Tuesday 28 March
 - ~ Tuesday 30 May
 - ~ Tuesday 25 July
 - ~ Tuesday 29 August
- 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](#)

Essential training for all youth leaders in the Archdiocese of Brisbane.

- [Brochure for Term 1](#)
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Theology on Tap Brisbane



Theology on Tap is about bringing theology into the public sphere. Each month a speaker unpacks a key theological concept, in light of its relevance to our lives and the issues of our time. Theology on Tap strives to be ecumenical, practical and explorative. We meet at 4pm on the first Sunday of each month at The Crown Hotel, Lutwyche.

- Date/Time: 5 February (4.00pm – 6.00pm)
- Where: The Crown Hotel, 446 Lutwyche Rd, Lutwyche
- Topic: Migration and the Migrant God
- Speaker: Dr Charles Ringma

Charles is a practitioner and a theologian. He has worked with urban youth and their addiction issues for nearly 20 years. He established Teen Challenge in Australia and has worked in theological education for over 25 years, teaching in Australia, Asia and Canada.

Topic rationale: The challenge facing all Christians is not only to believe the gospel, but to attempt to live it. Each of us lives the Christian life in a specific way and with its themes and challenges and are challenged to intersect one's life with major themes in the biblical narrative. One big theme in my life has been migration and relocation, a theme that is prominent in scripture. My talk attempts to trace the highlights and challenges of this and to draw implications for life and faith and service.

More information: [Theology on Tap Facebook Page](#) and [website](#).

Australian Catholic Youth & Youth Ministry Research Seminar



An initiative of the ACBC Office for Youth and the Australian Catholic Youth Council, this is a two day seminar to inform ongoing youth evangelisation. The seminar will gather researchers, sociologists, theologians, teachers, clergy and youth ministry practitioners from across the country to inform the practice of youth ministry with recent research and analysis.

- Date: 17-18 March
- Topic: Research and Analysis in Youth Ministry
- Keynote Presenters:
 - ~ Prof Richard Rymarz - Broken Bay Institute
 - ~ Dr Philip Hughes - Christian Research Association
 - ~ Dr Maeve Heaney - Australian Catholic University
 - ~ Stephen Reid - ACBC Pastoral Research Office
 - ~ Kelly Paget - Diocese of Broken Bay
 - ~ Fr Chris Ryan MGL - Missionaries of God's Love
 - ~ Malcolm Hart - ACBC Office for Youth
- Venue: Catholic Leadership Centre, 576 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne
- Registration Costs: Full Registration (\$195), Friday Only (\$130), Saturday Only (\$80)
- Contact Details:
 - ~ Conference queries: youthministry@catholic.org.au
 - ~ Registration Queries: Archdiocesan Office for Youth, Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne aoy@cam.org.au

[Register Online](#) [Download Flyer](#) for Program

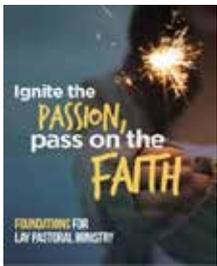
CONFERENCES / COURSES

Foundations for Lay Pastoral Ministry



A course offered by the Institute of Faith Education (IFE) in partnership with Evangelisation Brisbane.

This course involves a series of interactive and practical full day workshops which provide formation for lay pastoral ministries and foundational knowledge in sacraments and liturgy, Scripture, theology, mission, evangelisation and ministry. Small groups, mentors with extensive ministry experience and a team of facilitators will support your learning. Join us either at the Francis Rush Centre, St Stephen's Cathedral Brisbane, or at Darra Jindalee Parish, starting at the



end of April and concluding in November. Download the flyer for more information and workshop dates. You can also visit our Facebook page for photos from last year's course.

[Download Flyer](#)

Questions? We'd love to talk to you.

Contact the IFE by phone 07 3336 9167 or email ife@bne.catholic.net.au or visit us on the web at www.ife.qld.edu.au; www.facebook.com/IFEBrisbane/

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). It exists to provide young people with opportunities to deepen their relationship with Jesus, be empowered to be disciples in the world today and encounter and celebrate the vitality of the Church in Australia. 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*

The theme draws inspiration from Pope Francis' address to young people at the Vigil at WYD Krakow 2016, along with the theme chosen for the next General Synod to be held in Rome during 2018. Pope Francis continues to challenge the young people of the world to boldly engage with their faith, their relationship with Jesus and the world.

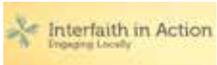
- Dates: Thursday December 7th to Saturday December 9th
- Venue: Sydney Olympic Park

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

Interfaith Essay/Video Competition



The contemporary global Interfaith movement encourages people from all religious persuasions to develop respectful and constructive interpersonal relationships at local, national and international levels. This competition run by The North Brisbane Interfaith Group provides several ways in which people who are concerned to promote interreligious harmony and goodwill, can express their ideas about living in a multifaith society and/or promoting interfaith relations.

- Categories: (A) Secondary School and (B) Open (all ages)
- Theme: Interfaith: Why and How
- Formats: - Essay on the theme (Category A - 500-1000 words; Category B - 1500-2000 words)
- 3-5 minute YouTube clip on the theme
- Prizes: \$1000 for each format in each category
- Register: by 28th February 2017 to garththread@ecn.net.au.
Final submissions due by 30th April 2017

[Download flyer](#) for more information

CCR Brisbane Opening Event - Celebrating the CCR Golden Jubilee



Catholic Charismatic Renewal Brisbane will celebrate the start of the CCR Golden Jubilee year with praise and worship followed by Mass, celebrated by Archbishop Mark Coleridge, and a shared lunch. Everyone welcome.

- Date: Saturday 11 March 2017
- Time: 10.00am – 1.30pm (refreshments provided from 9.30am)
- Venue: CCR Brisbane Centre, 688 Nudgee Rd, Northgate
- Contact: secretary@ccrbrisbane.org.au or phone 3202 6856
- Website: www.ccrbrisbane.org.au

Friday Night Mercy Fellowship Gatherings - Petrie Parish



Petrie Catholic Parish is continuing to offer monthly Friday Night Mercy Fellowship Gatherings. These evenings will occur on the last Friday of each month from February through to November, and include Praise and Worship, breaking open the Word, Silent Adoration and Prayer Ministry. The evenings conclude with supper and fellowship. Free child care is also available.

Sessions begin at 7:00 pm in Our Lady of the Way Church, Petrie. The first session for 2017 will be on Friday 24th February.

For further details, phone 3285 6759

The Archer Mountain Community Calendar 2017



Archer Mountain Community provides 9 retreat spaces and these are available for private and group retreats and spiritual direction is available on request. All private and some directed retreats are self-catering and all spaces contain cooking facilities and fridges.

The Archer Mountain Community remains open for individuals to come for spiritual direction, private or directed retreats or for some 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.

Upcoming Reflections/Retreats:

- **March 12 Agape** – Gathering of The Archer Mountain Community Monthly reflection & ritual.
- **April 1 & 2 Spirit of the Universe workshop**
A collaborative process for exploring the implications of the New Universe Story of Science and its impact for the spirituality in the unfolding story of our earth community. Please apply by email or phone. Residential option available.
Cost: Full Accommodation, catering and input: \$110/day; Accommodation, self-catering and input: \$80/day; Day only attendance, self-catering and input: \$60/day.
- **April 9 Agape**
- **April 10-16 Come to the Quiet: A Preparation for Easter**
You are invited to join in the contemplative prayer of The Archer Mountain Community as part of the Holy Week experience. Please apply by email or phone for one day or more. Residential option available. Cost: Full accommodation, catering and input: \$110/day; accommodation, self-catering and input: \$80/day; Day only attendance, self-catering and input: \$60/day.
- **April 16-23 Centering Prayer Intensive**
A quiet space for entering into the heart of centering prayer meditation using the insights and methods of Thomas Keating. Please apply by email or phone for one day or more. Residential option available. Cost: Full Accommodation, catering and input: \$110/day; Accommodation, self-catering and input: \$80/day; Day only attendance, self-catering and input: \$60/day

Contact: Tony Hempenstall: (07) 5496 3537, Mobile: 0417 736 696

or email: ahempenstall@edmundrice.org

RESOURCES

Family Centred Sacramental Preparation Resources



Our preparation for the sacraments of Confirmation, First Communion and Penance is parish-based, family-centred, school-supported.

OUR FAMILY PREPARES booklets (Confirmation, Communion, Penance) are designed to be used in a family setting with the child and parents working together. (The Penance booklet is in production and due for release in April.)

They are presented as workbooks which will enable the parish to view the record of the journey and receive the parents' discernment of readiness.

Celebrating the sacraments is a process of spiritual growth extending throughout the years of childhood.

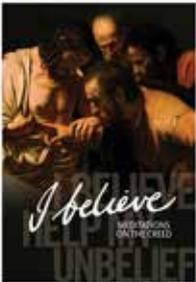
OUR FAMILY PRAYS provides rites for home and parish to support the celebration of the sacraments. There are many simple ideas for prayer in the home. It is a companion book for the OUR FAMILY PREPARES series.

The MEDALS for Confirmation and First Communion, together with the family workbooks, will provide children with a keepsake of a special time in family life.

OUR FAMILY PREPARES - CONFIRMATION	Each \$7 +gst	25 copies or more: Each \$5 +gst
OUR FAMILY PREPARES - COMMUNION	Each \$7 +gst	25 copies or more: Each \$5 +gst
OUR FAMILY PREPARES - PENANCE	Each \$7 +gst	25 copies or more: Each \$5 +gst
OUR FAMILY PRAYS (RRP \$9 +gst)	Each \$8 +gst	25 copies or more: Each \$6.50 +gst
MEDAL (with pin) - CONFIRMATION	Each \$5.50 +gst	25 units or more: Each \$4.50 +gst
MEDAL (with pin) - COMMUNION	Each \$5.50 +gst	25 units or more: Each \$4.50 +gst

Order Now at www.liturgybrisbane.net.au or phone (07) 3324 3314. [Brochure](#).

I Believe ... Help My Unbelief - Meditations on the Creed



This new resource provides an opportunity to reflect on the words in our Creed – the summary of our Catholic beliefs – in the context of the contemporary world. Each of the 22 articles is followed by questions for personal or group enrichment.

We live in an age of doubt, when many people seem to thrive on conflict and negativity. It can get you down. ... Often we simply miss seeing the 'miracles' of faith, grace and kindness that are happening all around us! But if we open our eyes to the Spirit we can indeed affirm, like Thomas the Apostle, 'I believe'.

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Book Review - A Quest For A Fair Go: A History of the Knights of the Southern Cross Qld 1921-2015



A Quest For A Fair Go: A History of the Knights of the Southern Cross Queensland 1921-2015, by Dr Neville Buch and Mrs Beryl Roberts was recently launched by Archbishop Mark Coleridge.

The following review has been written by Fr Tom Ryan SM.

'In the early morning light, at 8.00am on Saturday 7 December 1963, St Stephen's Cathedral saw the first Public Mass of the Order of the Knights of the Southern Cross in Queensland. It was the sacred ritual that marked a new dawn in the history of the Order' (p.100).

This passage guides this review: the 'before' and 'after' of the Knights of the South Cross (KSC) Queensland's story since its inception in 1921.

The KSC Queensland Order (and elsewhere) originated in a sectarian period in Australia's history. The 1920s was a time when 'Catholics need not apply' for certain jobs and when membership of the Masonic lodge was an advantage professionally.

The Order aimed, principally, at addressing discrimination towards Catholics, specifically men, in employment in its various forms. It blended Catholic Action (for the Bishop), a men's social/ spiritual support group and a service organisation. Hierarchical in structure, the Order required secrecy (about activities, even, its existence).

The mid-1950s, with the Movement, the Split etc., involved the Knights in negative media exposure. The 1960s found greater access to employment and the professions and, with Vatican II, a more developed theology for Laity. It was time the Order left the shadows (symbolised in the opening quote). There was renewed reflection on KSC identity and mission – the 'after' of this book.

In this second period, the Order's clearer view of its mission is illustrated in three areas: advocacy in all forms of Catholic education; increasing commitment to Aged Care, cf., Southern Cross Care Queensland; involvement in social needs (migrants, Indigenous) and

moral/legal issues, e.g., divorce and abortion reform.

Overtaken by the Australia-wide 1991 financial collapse of the KSC Pan Australian Credits (PAC), the Order again took stock strategically and theologically. A sharper focus on formation and evangelisation gave KSC Queensland a new lease of life as it moved into the twenty-first century.

The authors use the (well-preserved) KSC sources candidly (yet carefully) while being sure-footed in the ecclesial and theological areas. They present a very human (and Catholic) story where faith, commitment and integrity interweave with conflict, human foibles, failures and, at times, suffering. This study is a testimony to survival and hope but also to the historians' craft of ushering readers toward deeper insight and understanding. In this, the authors are to be commended.

The KSC Queensland Order should be congratulated for commissioning this very fine (and engaging) piece of historical research.

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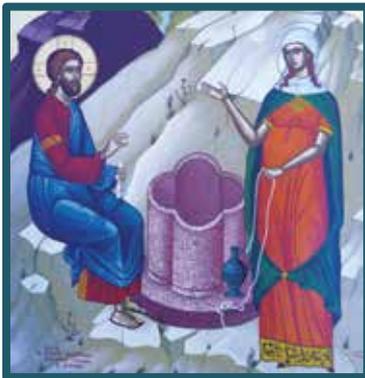
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INSPIRATION FOR THE ROAD AHEAD . . .

Alive in Christ

Below is an excerpt from Archbishop Mark Coleridge's foreword to *Up from the Waters – Reflecting, Sharing and Living the Gospel*.



This Lent we immerse ourselves in the words and actions of Christ who is *the living water* (John 4:10), *the light of the world* (John 9:5) and *the resurrection and the life* (John 11:25).

In Baptism we are claimed for Christ and anointed with Christ as 'priest prophet and king'. All the

baptised are called to be 'priest'; one who sanctifies the world, whether they be a parent, a politician or a plumber. All the baptised are called to be 'prophet'; one who names evil in all its manifestations, brings light to injustice, peace in the face of violence, and truth where there is deceit and treachery. And all the baptised are called to be 'king': one who acts justly, loves tenderly, and walks humbly with the Lord (Micah 6:8); one who rules as a servant of love, compassion and mercy.

In Matthew's Gospel we hear in the last words of Jesus to the disciples: Go therefore and make disciples of all nations ... (Matthew 28:19). For Pope Francis this Great Commission is critical for the reign of God in our world. He writes in *The Joy of the Gospel* (paragraph 120):

In virtue of their baptism, all the members of the People of God have become missionary disciples ... If we are not convinced, let us look at those first disciples, who, immediately after encountering the gaze of Jesus, went forth to proclaim him joyfully: 'We have found the Messiah!' (John 1:41). The Samaritan woman became a missionary immediately after speaking with Jesus and many Samaritans came to believe in him 'because of the woman's testimony' (John 4:39).

As you walk with our catechumens to the waters of Baptism at Easter, may you be refreshed and rejuvenated by the Living Water that only Jesus can provide. Then, like the Samaritan woman running towards the town with the Good News about the Messiah, I pray and hope that you will bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to all you love and serve.

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