



On the 15th and 16th January, Evangelisation Brisbane spent two days (and one night) praying, reflecting, sharing and discussing the vision, mission and values of Evangelisation Brisbane – and strategies for achieving these over the next five years. We look forward to sharing this with you in the near future - Watch this space!

It's only January and there is already a lot happening! If I can draw your attention specifically to two things: Firstly, members of Evangelisation Brisbane have been assisting parishes with the Listening and Discernment phase of the Plenary Council. All submissions need to be sent through the [Plenary website](#) by Ash Wednesday, March 6th. So if you haven't yet produced a submission, let us know if we can help!

Secondly, all the resources for the 2020 Lenten program, *Be Opened – A journey to new life* Reflections for Sunday Gospels are now available, except the app. See the [Lent 2020](#) section for more information.

For the next edition of *The Vine* please send information on diocesan, parish and deanery events by 20 March to: ebadmin@bne.catholic.net.au

We need your help to ensure the information in The Vine is relevant and useful. Perhaps just send us an email with a word or two of feedback, eg 'good job'; hopefully not this remark from a student's report card (New York School Board): 'The gates are down, the lights are flashing, but the train isn't coming'.

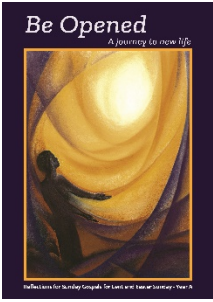
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DATE / TIME	EVENT/TOPIC	LOCATION	PRESENTER/FURTHER INFO
6-15 February	Pilgrimage of the Relics of St Thérèse of Lisieux	Various locations and times	See article
11 February (6-9pm)	Liturgy Brisbane - Parish Workshop: Celebrating Triduum and Easter:	Fr Denis Power Centre, 333 Given Terrace, Paddington, Qld	Elizabeth Harrington and Trish Stapleton - See article
Feb 15 (7am-1pm)	menConnect: The Radical Heroes of Jesus - Portraits of the Beatitudes	Brookfield Friary, 139 Brookfield Rd, Kenmore Hills	See article
Feb 15 (9am-1:15pm)	Forum: Care for Our Common World Living Laudato Si - Think Globally, Act Locally	Our Lady Queen of Apostles, 70 Appleby Rd, Stafford	See article
Feb 15 (9:30am-6:30pm)	Strength in Weakness Conference	400-406 City Rd, Southbank (Melbourne)	See article
Feb 15 (9am-12 noon)	Liturgy Brisbane - Parish Workshop: Celebrating Triduum and Easter	Aspinall Centre, 4 Klumpp Road, Upper Mount Gravatt	Elizabeth Harrington and Trish Stapleton - See article
Feb 19 (10am-12noon)	Workshop on the Emmaus Online Video Prayer and Meditation Library	St Bernard's Parish, Aspinall Centre, 4 Klumpp Rd, Upper Mt Gravatt	
Feb 21 (10am-12noon)	Workshop on the Emmaus Online Video Prayer and Meditation Library	Mary Mother of Mercy Church, 3 Sunlight Dve, Burleigh Waters	
Feb 22 (9:30am-5pm)	Opening Event / National Day of Prayer Rally	CCR Brisbane Centre, Northgate	CCR Brisbane - email
Feb 26	Ash Wednesday		
Feb 27 (10am-12noon)	Workshop on the Emmaus Online Video Prayer and Meditation Library	Kevin Castles Conference Centre, 52 West St, Allenstown, Rockhampton	
Feb 29 (9am-5pm)	Prayer training Level 1, Session 1	CCR Brisbane Centre, Northgate	See article
Mar 1 (3pm)	RCIA: Rite of Election	Cathedral of St Stephen	
Mar 4 (6-8pm)	ACU Short Course in Theology: <i>Open to Conversion, Renewal and Reform</i>	Brisbane Leadership Centre, Level 3, Cathedral House, 229 Elizabeth St, Brisbane	Bishop Ken Howell See article
Mar 6 (5.30-7.30 pm)	Seminar: How Sacraments Work (Fr Paul Turner)	Hanly Room, Francis Rush Centre, 249 Elizabeth St, Brisbane	See article
Mar 7 (9.30am-12 noon)	Seminar: How Sacraments Work (Fr Paul Turner)	Stella Maris Church, Church St, Maroochydore	See article
Mar 7	Amplify Conference	Mueller College, Rothwell	See article

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Mar 9 (9am-1pm)	Responding to Domestic and Family Violence	Anglican Church, 46 Upper Gay Tce, Kings Beach, Caloundra	See article
Mar 11 (6-8pm)	ACU Short Course in Theology: <i>Humble, Healing and Merciful</i>	Brisbane Leadership Centre, Level 3, Cathedral House, 229 Elizabeth St, Brisbane	Assoc. Professor Robyn Horner - See article
Mar 12-14	National Biennial Liturgy Conference	Parramatta	See article
Mar 18 (6-8pm)	ACU Short Course in Theology: <i>Inclusive, Participatory and Synodal</i>	Brisbane Leadership Centre, Level 3, Cathedral House, 229 Elizabeth St, Brisbane	Associate Professor Orm Rush - See article
Mar 20 (9:30am-4:45pm)	Global Leadership Network - GLS Plus 2020 Leadership Seminars	Humeridge Church of Christ, 461-467 Hume St, Kearneys Spring (Toowoomba)	See article
Mar 20-22	Sisterhood National Catholic Women's Conference	The Tops Conference Centre, 51 Bendena Garden Rd, Stanwell Tops NSW	See article
Mar 23	Global Leadership Network - GLS Plus 2020 Leadership Seminars	Gateway Baptist Church, 1052 Mt Gravatt Capalaba Rd, Mackenzie (Brisbane)	See article
Mar 25	Global Leadership Network - GLS Plus 2020 Leadership Seminars	Seeds Uniting Church, 42 Sunnymede Dve, Aberfoyle Park (Adelaide)	See article
Mar 25 (6-8pm)	ACU Short Course in Theology: <i>Missionary and Evangelising</i>	Brisbane Leadership Centre, Level 3, Cathedral House, 229 Elizabeth St, Brisbane	Dr Maeve Louise Heaney VDMF - See article
Mar 26 (9:30am-4:45pm)	Global Leadership Network - GLS Plus 2020 Leadership Seminars	Kardinia Church, 1-11 Kardinia St, Bell Post Hill (Geelong)	See article
* Mar 28 (8:30am-4pm)	Parish Leadership Development Day	Dominic Centre, Mayfield Rd, Carina	Contact Evangelisation Brisbane for further info.
Mar 28 (9am-5pm)	Prayer training Level 1, Session 2	CCR Brisbane Centre, Northgate	See article
Mar 31 (9:30am-4:45pm)	Global Leadership Network - GLS Plus 2020 Leadership Seminars	Venue TBC	See article
Apr 1 (9:30am-4:45pm)	Global Leadership Network - GLS Plus 2020 Leadership Seminars	The Grainery Church, 11 Murray Dwyer Crct, Mayfield West (Newcastle)	See article
Apr 18 (9am-5pm)	Prayer training Level 1, Session 3	CCR Brisbane Centre, Northgate	See article
May 9 (9am-1.30pm)	Responding to Domestic and Family Violence	Ipswich City Uniting Church, 75 Limestone St, Ipswich	See article
May 23 (9am-5pm)	Prayer training Level 2, Session 1	CCR Brisbane Centre, Northgate	CCR Brisbane - email
* May 29 (7am for 7:30am)	Lord Mayor's Prayer Breakfast	Brisbane City Hall	
May 31 Day/night	Pentecost celebration - 50yrs of Charismatic Renewal	St Mary Magdalene's Church, Bardon	Len Airey - 0421977849
Jun 7-10	Laudato Si Conference	Seville Mercy Conference Centre, Cairns	See article
* Jun 19-21	Women's Retreat	Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, 267 Wellington St, Ormiston	Grace Harwood (Dragonfly Ministries)
Jun 27 (9am-5pm)	Prayer training Level 2, Session 2	CCR Brisbane Centre, Northgate	CCR Brisbane - email
Jul 9-11	National Pastoral Ministry Conference: <i>Alive in the Spirit</i>	St Mary Star of the Sea College, Wollongong	See article
Jul 14 (6-9pm)	Liturgy Brisbane – Parish Workshop: Training for Liturgical Ministers	Aspinall Centre, 4 Klumpp Road, Upper Mount Gravatt	Elizabeth Harrington and Trish Stapleton - See article
Jul 18 (6-9pm)	Liturgy Brisbane – Parish Workshop: Training for Liturgical Ministers	Fr Denis Power Centre, 333 Given Terrace, Paddington Qld	Elizabeth Harrington and Trish Stapleton - See article
July 25 (9am-5pm)	Prayer training Level 2, Session 3	CCR Brisbane Centre, Northgate	CCR Brisbane - email
Aug 15 (9.30am-1pm)	CCR Brisbane AGM	CCR Brisbane Centre, Northgate	CCR Brisbane - email
* Aug 23-25	Gather 2020: Encounter the Way	Royal International Convention Centre, Bowen Hills	Brisbane Catholic Education – download date claimer
Aug 28-30	Women of the Way Retreat	Watson Park Convention Centre, Dakabin	CCR Brisbane - email
Sep 5-20	Dragonfly Ministries Women's Pilgrimage: <i>In the Hearts of Francis and Clare</i>	Assisi, Italy	See article
Sep 7 (9am-12.30pm)	Responding to Domestic and Family Violence	Southport Church of Christ, Cnr Olsen Ave and Griffith Way, Southport	See article
Nov 28 (9.30am-1pm)	End of Year Celebration	CCR Brisbane Centre, Northgate	CCR Brisbane - email
* Dec 11-13	Women's Retreat	Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, 267 Wellington St, Ormiston	Grace Harwood (Dragonfly Ministries)

New Resources from the Archdiocese of Brisbane for Lent and Easter Sunday 2020



Over 4,000 copies of the new resource, *Be Opened: A journey to new life*, have been dispatched to parishes around Australia and overseas.

The website now has PowerPoint slides for each week (7), suggestions for promoting the program and samples of the resources.

New resources include:

- 16 gig USB as an alternative to the DVD and CDs
- An app for personal use on phones and tablets
- Staff Prayer Pack provides all the resources necessary for 7 meetings for 10 people. The individual sheets will provide a simple prayer (10-15 minutes) for each of the 7 sessions or meetings. The prayers are based on the texts in *Be Opened – A journey to new life*.

The Gospel Reflections have been written by Dr Michele Connolly RSJ (Catholic Institute of Sydney) and Dr Ian Elmer (Australian Catholic University). For a sample click here for the [Gospel Reflection for Week 1](#).

For a sample of one of the personal stories, 'Be Opened to a Personal Encounter' [click here](#).

Further information at www.lentprogram.com

To order the resources [click here](#).

Contact Evangelisation Brisbane: Ph: 07 3324 3440, email: eb@bne.catholic.net.au. Samples on our [online store](#)



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Lent Calendar

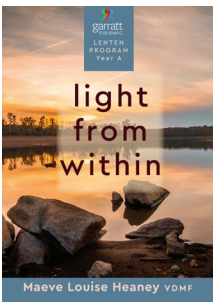


Lent is a time of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. During Lent do random acts of good and loving deeds to God, family, friends, strangers, and yourself. Produced by Evangelisation Brisbane, this simple to use Lent Calendar is designed for families and children.

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

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Light from Within



Garratt Publishing is delighted to announce their Lenten Program for 2020, *Light from Within* by Maeve Louise Heaney VDMF.

Every Christian's journey forward is always also a journey within. The foundations of our growth in faith depend on the quality of our inner life and faith.

This resource weaves together two different aspects of this time of the liturgical year.

One aspect is the personal pathway each one of us is called to walk, in reflection, prayer, and response to the voice of the Spirit. Intended for personal use, it aims to initiate an individual journey in preparation to coming and walking together. The other aspect is the shared ecclesial space in weekly groups. Conversion is personal and communitarian.

Each week, a theme and focus for prayer is offered not only for the weekly meetings, but also as a means of personal, ongoing prayer. While the leader of each group will orientate the week and guide the sharing, there is the space for individuals to use the materials given in their own time. Guidelines are offered for both forms of prayer, where appropriate.

[View a sample](#)

An accompanying CD is also available to purchase to enrich your Lenten journey with four new songs by Maeve Louise Heaney VDMF that beautifully support each week's study.

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Produced by the Diocese of Wollongong, *Grace* is a 76-page full colour book containing short daily reflections (from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday) in addition to the longer-form Sunday Gospel reflections, spiritual direction, Gospel readings, responsorial psalms, prayers and reflection questions that are traditionally part of the Lenten program for groups.

Fr Christopher G Sarkis (parish priest at Our Lady Help of Christians Parish in Rosemeadow, NSW) provides the Sunday Gospel reflections and Sr Anastasia Reeves OP (St Cecilia Dominican Sister born and raised on the South Coast of NSW and now living in Nashville, USA) provides the spiritual direction.

The shorter daily reflections have been written by 16 clergy, religious and lay contributors from around the world including Fr Sean Cullen, Sr Susanna Edmunds OP, Fr Damian Ference, Peter Gilmore, Michael “Gomer” Gormley, Sr Mary Helen Hill OP, Fr Antony Jukes OFM, Sr Elena Marie Piteo OP, Sr Magdalen Mather OSB, Darren McDowell, Trish McCarthy, Matthew Ockinga, Fr Chris Pietraszko, Mother Hilda Scott OSB, Dr Eleonore Stump and Michelle Vass.

Grace also features beautiful religious artworks from the Masters such as Le Sueur, Morelli, Bellini, Luti, Ouwater, and Fra Angelico which Monsignor Graham Schmitzer expertly breaks open as part of his popular artwork reflections.

Grace is accompanied by a Triple CD Resource that includes six beautiful responsorial psalms recorded especially for the Lenten program—written by acclaimed Catholic composer, Paul Mason, and performed by Seth Harsh, and sung by Michaela Rose and Fiesta Mataele. The CD resource also includes audio narrations of the readings by Bishop Brian Mascord and Jude Hennessy, and audio narrations of the Sunday Gospel reflections narrated by Fr Christopher and spiritual direction by Sr Anastasia.



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WEBSITES

careynieuwhof.com



Carey Nieuwhof is a former lawyer and founding pastor of Connexus Church (Ontario, Canada). He's the author of several best-selling books, including his latest, *Didn't See It Coming*, and speaks to leaders around the world about leadership, change and personal growth.

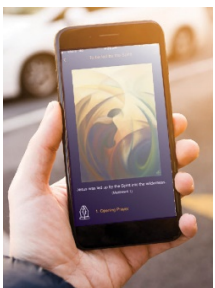
Pastor Nieuwhof is an insightful writer and speaker. He has a wealth of experience examining cultural trends and what it means to be leader in a highly 'disruptive' world. His article [6 Disruptive Church Trends that Will Rule 2020](#) is a prime example. He is writing out of his experience as a pastor of a large evangelical church, however there are many insights that are just as applicable to a Catholic parish.

He is coming to Australia as keynote speaker for the Global Leadership Leadership Seminars. See [seminars section](#) for more information on these seminars around Australia.

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APPS

[Be Opened - A journey to new life • Lent and Easter 2020](#)



After extensive testing the 2020 Lenten Program app is now ready for publication.

The app can be used on iPhone, iPad, Samsung phones and tablets and all Android devices.

- Includes: prayers; Gospels (text and audio) and reflections (text and video); Personal Stories (text and video).
- Does not include: group discussion material; 'Be Opened to Reflection and Action'; hymns and rituals for prayer.

Available to Install from the Apple App Store and Google Play Store from late February 2020 for \$2.99.



Community of the Risen Lord • Strength in Weakness Conference



At times, living according to the Gospel can seem to be challenging, fearful and downright impossible! Yet, throughout our salvation history – we see a pattern where God raises up people who are weak and broken to be a light to the world.

We invite you to join us for a day of prayer and renewal as we come together to experience His love, grace and strength. The day will include inspiring talks from an amazing line-up of speakers, praise, worship, adoration, Holy Mass and more!

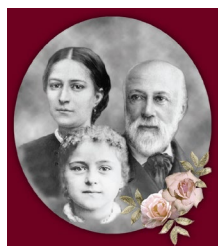
- Date: Saturday, 15 February (9:30am-6:30pm)
- Venue: Community of the Risen Lord, 400-406 City Rd, Southbank (Melbourne)

Registration is free! [Book online](#)

Please contact info@strengthinweakness.com.au or 0411 468 571 for any enquiries.

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Pilgrimage of the Relics of St Thérèse of Lisieux and her parents, Sts Louis & Zélie Martin



For the first time in 18 years, the relics of St Thérèse of Lisieux, one of the most popular saints of modern times, are visiting Australia on a four-month pilgrimage with her parents, Saints Louis and Zélie Martin.

The relics will be in the Archdiocese of Brisbane from 6-15 February.

For a list of venues/dates [click here](#).

For further information and the full Australian itinerary please visit www.catholicmission.org.au/relics

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Dragonfly Ministries Women's Pilgrimage - In the Hearts of Francis and Clare



An opportunity for 'slow pilgrimage', taking time to explore and reflect upon the heart of Saints Francis and Clare of Assisi. Experience the places in which they lived, prayed and learned to love God more each day.

Over 10 days and nights, we will walk the streets and fields, sit in the caves and chapels of Assisi, the Rieti Valley sanctuaries and the mountain of La Verna where Francis received the stigmata.

Gathering in Rome on Saturday morning 5 September 2020 and dispersing from Rome on Tuesday morning 15 September.

Optional extension A: Adventures in Rome: 6 nights and 5 days pre-pilgrimage

Optional extension B: St Anthony of Padua from Venice: 3 nights and 3 days post-pilgrimage

Contact: Grace Harwood, Dragonfly Ministries: grace@dragonflyministries.net.au or 0409 524 283

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Hosted by the menCONNECT group at The Gap parish and open to any men from anywhere with open hearts (and hats; sunscreen will be supplied). A morning of fellowship, prayer, reflection and sharing in the beautiful environment of the Old Friary (Centre for Christian Spirituality). There will be three brief presentations focused on Henri Nouwen, Vincent van Gogh, Hans and Sophie Scholl and St Oscar Romero by Rob Cosgrove, Evangelisation Brisbane, followed by reflection and sharing.

- Theme: 'The Radical Heroes of Jesus: Portraits of the Beatitudes'
- Date: 15 February 2020 (7am – 1pm) Includes breakfast
- Venue: Brookfield Friary, 139 Brookfield Rd, Kenmore Hills ([About-the-Friary](#))

Register and further inquiries: Mike Hardy, email: justmichael@bigpond.com



Celebrating Triduum and Easter:

Presented by Elizabeth Harrington and Trish Stapleton, these workshops will offer a wealth of practical ideas for celebrating the liturgies of the Triduum and Easter season.

Two sessions will be offered:

- Tuesday 11 February (6-9pm) at Fr Denis Power Centre, 333 Given Terrace, Paddington
- Saturday 15 February (9am-12 noon) at Aspinall Hall, 4 Klumpp Road, Upper Mount Gravatt

[Click here for more information](#)

Training for Liturgical Ministers:

Presented by Elizabeth Harrington and Trish Stapleton, these workshops will focus on training for liturgical ministers, in particular, readers and communion ministers.

Two sessions will be offered:

- Tuesday 14 July (6-9pm) at Aspinall Hall, 4 Klumpp Road, Upper Mount Gravatt
- Saturday 18 July (9am-12 noon) at Fr Denis Power Centre, 333 Given Terrace, Paddington

[Click here for more information](#)

Cost for these workshops is \$10 individual or \$40 parish or school group

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Care for Our Common World • Living Laudato Si - Think Globally, Act Locally



The earth is essentially a shared inheritance, whose fruits are meant to benefit everyone (Pope Francis, Laudato Si, Chapter 2). We are called to learn, to understand, to reflect and to act upon the wisdoms of Pope Francis as he challenges all people of good will to make an 'ecological conversion'.

You are invited to share in a community forum, to look at the message within Laudato Si, engage with guest speakers from government, non-government and Christian organisations, exchange ideas and grow in knowledge, so that we are better equipped to care for our Common Home.

- Date: Saturday 15 February (9am-1.45pm)
- Venue: Our Lady Queen of Apostles, 70 Appleby Rd, Stafford

Expressions of Interest: Contact Parish Office stafford@bne.catholic.net.au or call 07 3356 7155

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Short Courses in Theology • Envisioning the Church of the Future: Themes of the Plenary Council



These short courses in theology offer you the opportunity to explore Christian faith and world religions without committing to a full degree. If you're teaching religious education or working in a Catholic school, you'll gain hours towards your professional development accreditation.

- Dates: Wednesdays - 4, 11, 18 & 25 March (6-8pm) refreshments from 6pm, lecture at 6.30pm
- Venue: Brisbane Leadership Centre, Level 3, Cathedral House, 229 Elizabeth Street, Brisbane
- Cost: \$60.00 (attendance), \$100 (attendance with a certificate of participation)

Topics and Speakers:

- Topic 1: Open to Conversion, Renewal and Reform - Bishop Ken Howell (Archdiocese of Brisbane)
- Topic 2: Humble, Healing and Merciful - Associate Professor Robyn Horner (ACU)
- Topic 3: Inclusive, Participatory and Synodal - Associate Professor Orm Rush (ACU)
- Topic 4: Missionary and Evangelising - Dr Maeve Louise Heaney VDMF (ACU)

Register online at <http://www.acu.edu.au/short-courses-brisbane> for updates.

For all Short Course enquiries please email shortcourses.ftp@acu.edu.au

'There's more to this than meets the eye' • How Sacraments Work



Fr Paul Turner is the pastor of the cathedral in Kansas City, Missouri and is known throughout the world for his writing and speaking on the Mass, the sacraments and the liturgical seasons. Check out his website: www.paulturner.org. Paul will be in Brisbane in March and will hold two public lectures exploring how sacraments connect us to saving grace. We can see, taste, feel the sacramental signs of water, bread and wine, oil and the human touch. But how do these sacramental signs open up for us the mysterious and powerful action of our loving God?

- Dates: Fri 6 Mar (5:30-7:30pm) in the Hanly Room, Francis Rush Centre, 249 Elizabeth St, Brisbane
Sat 7 March (9:30am-12:00 noon) at Stella Maris church, Church St, Maroochydore
- Cost: \$10 individual; \$40 parish or school group.
- Register: Online - [individual registration](#) or [parish or school group registration](#)

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Workshop on the Emmaus Online Video Prayer and Meditation Library



Come and see how this online resource of over 350 videos can draw you into an experience of the sacred. All are welcome to attend these complimentary workshops facilitated by Carmel Duffy.

- Wed 19 Feb (10am-12noon) at St Bernard's Parish, Aspinall Centre, 4 Klumpp Rd, Upper Mt Gravatt
- Fri 21 Feb (10am-12noon) at Mary Mother of Mercy Church, 3 Sunlight Dve, Burleigh Waters
- Thu 27 Feb (10am-12noon) at Kevin Castles Conference Centre, 52 West St, Allenstown, Rockhampton

No fee required but bookings are essential.

Contact Emmaus Productions: emmausaustralia@emmausproductions.com or phone (02) 9484 0252

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Responding to Domestic and Family Violence



Qld Churches Together are running a workshop for Clergy, faith leaders and lay people with an interest in domestic and family violence (DFV) prevention. Topics include: what forms DFV takes; the effects it can have on people; that DFV happens in every community; practical ways to offer assistance to both victims and perpetrators of DFV; and the importance of referral to specialist services.

- Date: Saturday 9th March (9am-1pm)
- Venue: Anglican Church, 46 Upper Gay Terrace, Kings Beach, Caloundra

Similar workshops will be held at other venues on the following dates:

- Thu 9 May (9am-1.30pm) at Ipswich City Uniting Church, 75 Limestone St, Ipswich
- Sat 7 Sep (9am-12.30pm) at Southport Church of Christ, Cnr Olsen Ave and Griffith Way, Southport

All enquiries to Jackie Fewtrell at admin@gct.org.au

GLS Plus 2020 • Leadership Seminars



GLS PLUS 2020 is a one day conference for anyone wanting to grow their leadership.

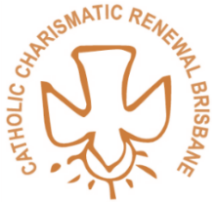
Speaker: Carey Nieuwhof is a Canadian Pastor, best-selling author, leadership expert, attorney and non-profit leader. His top-rated Leadership Podcast and widely-read leadership blogs are accessed over a million times a month by leaders all over the world. Carey will be presenting brand new content on: Thriving in leadership; How to prevent and overcome overwhelm and burnout; Insights on leading teams; Developing emerging leaders; Best practice organisational structure; and Latest thinking on future trends

Dates and Venues:

- Toowoomba: Mar 20 (9:30am-4:45pm), Humeridge Church of Christ, 461-467 Hume St, Kearneys Spring
- Brisbane: Mar 23 (9:30am-4:45pm), Gateway Baptist Church, 1052 Mt Gravatt Capalaba Rd, Mackenzie
- Adelaide: March 25 (9:30am-4:45pm), Seeds Uniting Church, 42 Sunnymead Dve, Aberfoyle Park
- Geelong: March 26 (9:30am-4:45pm), Kardinia Church, 1-11 Kardinia St, Bell Post Hill
- Sydney: March 31 (9:30am-4:45pm), Venue TBC
- Newcastle: April 01 (9:30am-4:45pm), The Grainery Church, 11 Murray Dwyer Circuit, Mayfield West

For prices and further information visit <https://globalleadership.org.au/carey-nieuwhof-gls-plus-2020/>

Christian Healing Ministries • Level 1 Prayer Training 2020



CCR (Catholic Charismatic Renewal) Brisbane Healing Prayer Centre will be offering training on Healing Prayer Level 1. This course will teach what we know about Jesus's Healing Ministry. Learn how to pray for physical, emotional and spiritual healing in a practical and effective way. You may recognise areas in your own life that need the healing touch of God and, with this understanding, seek to have personal prayer ministry at our healing prayer centres. This course may also be helpful when praying for the sick, in your families and with friends. Everyone is most welcome.

Sessions:

- Scriptural foundations for healing
- History of healing in the Church
- Baptism in the Holy Spirit
- Gifts of the Holy Spirit
- Healing our image of God
- Four types of healing
- Praying for physical healing
- Introduction to inner healing
- Healing power of forgiveness
- Becoming a Prayer Minister
- Developing Prayer Teams
- Conducting the initial interview
- Practicum on Prayer Ministry

Details:

- Dates: 29 February, 28 March, 18 April (attendance at all three training days required)
- Time: 9am-5pm
- Venue: CCR Brisbane Centre, 688 Nudgee Rd, Northgate
- Cost: \$50 registration + \$35 participant's manual
- Catering: BYO lunch; morning and afternoon tea provided
- Register: email secretary@ccrbrisbane.org.au

Registration essential by Saturday 15 February 2020. For further information contact: (07) 3202 6856

Amplify Conference



Amplify has been created to inspire, equip and resource leaders who serve in ministry with children and families, youth and RI in schools. Join with 1000+ like-minded people across Christian Churches in Queensland to benefit from great keynote speakers, more than 100 electives to choose from, along with separate keynote speakers across each category in children and families, youth and RI in schools.

Keynote Speaker: Jake Mulder (Director of Strategic Initiatives at the Fuller Youth Institute, USA and co-author of *Growing Young: 6 Essential Strategies to help young people discover and love your Church*)

- Date: Saturday 7 March 2020
- Venue: Mueller College, Rothwell – Brisbane
- Cost: Early Bird Registrations \$65 per person (\$75 after 17 February 2020) (Discounts for uni students and seniors).

For all the information and to register visit: <https://amplifyconference.com.au/>

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National Biennial Liturgy Conference • Liturgy: Forming a Prayerful and Eucharistic Church



The National Biennial Liturgy Conference is an Australian gathering of liturgy representatives, pastoral ministers, catechists, musicians, educators and all who are interested in liturgy. The conference will focus on fostering and forming the people of God at prayer.

- Keynote: Fr Paul Turner, Kansas City, Missouri, USA.
- Date: 12-14 March 2020
- Venue: Novotel Sydney Parramatta Hotel
- Cost: Early Bird Registration \$370 (Ex GST) before 1 February 2020
General Registration \$450 (Ex GST) after 1 February 2020

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Anointed • Sisterhood National Catholic Women's Conference



Sisterhood has now been operating for the past 14 years. Each year the conference draws between 200-300 Catholic women of all ages and from right across Australia for a weekend of prayer and formation on what it means to be a Catholic woman in the Church today.

Through keynote talks and workshops, Mass, adoration of the blessed sacrament, reconciliation and quality sisterhood with other women, women are given the opportunity to deepen their personal relationship with Jesus Christ and develop community with other women. The conference seeks to provide keynote inputs, which are both spiritually enriching but also practical to the lives of women of all ages and stages of life.

- Date: 20-22 March
- Venue: The Tops Conference Centre, 51 Bendena Garden Rd, Stanwell Tops NSW
- Cost: \$ 270.00 (full price); \$186 (student)

Email: info@sisterhood.org.au for further information or visit their [website](#)

[Book online](#)

National Pastoral Ministry Conference • Alive in the Spirit



Save the date for the National Pastoral Ministry Conference.

Featuring Leisa Anslinger from the United States as Keynote Speaker, the conference will offer a number of workshops and information stalls particularly focusing on the areas of:

- What gives life in the Spirit and renewal in our Church
- Ways to invigorate the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults within our parishes
- Our engagement with Plenary 2020

The Conference is supported by the Plenary Council team and is hosted by the NSW Association of Pastors, Pastoral Associates and Parish Workers (NAPPA) collaborating with the Christian Initiation Australia Network (CIAN), and the Oceania Mission Planners Network (OMPN). NAPPA has a liaison role with NSW Bishops.

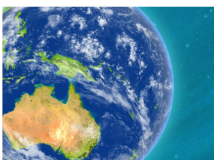
- Theme: Alive in the Spirit: Being the Community Christ Calls us to Be.
- Dates: Thursday 9 July to Saturday 11 July 2020
- Venue: St Mary Star of the Sea College, Wollongong

Registrations for the Alive in the Spirit Conference will open in February 2020.

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Conference • Laudato Si' +5: Blueprint for a Blue-Green Planet



To mark the five-year anniversary of *Laudato Si'* the Institute of the Sisters of Mercy of Australia and Papua New Guinea, in partnership with ACU is delighted to announce details of: *Laudato Si' +5: Blueprint for a Blue-Green Planet*.

This conference is framed by a process of appreciative enquiry facilitated by Margie Abbott RSM and invites participants to contribute towards outcomes that respond directly to the challenges posed by the environmental crisis. Presenters include Professor Celia Deane-Drummond, Archbishop Peter Loy Chong, Professor Brian Swimme, Dr Brenda Peddigrew RSM, Linh Do, Dr Gillian Ross. As well as Sisters of Mercy from Australia whose work has been significant in this area for several years.

- Dates: 7-10 June 2020
- Venue: Seville Mercy Conference Centre, Cairns

Subject to successful completion of specified assessment, participation in this event can be counted towards credit in the Master of Theological Studies, Master of Professional Studies in Theology or, Master of Religious Education courses with ACU. Credit for professional learning can also be sought for those who wish to pursue it.

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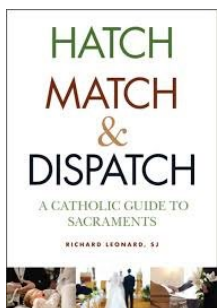
When the Second Vatican Council approved the restoration of the permanent diaconate, there seemed to be broad agreement about the nature of this function within the hierarchy of the Church.

Deacons Today challenges this assumption, arguing that such a restoration will only be effective if there is a deeper understanding of the nature of diaconate in the witness of the New Testament and the history and tradition of the ministry in the earliest centuries of the church's life.

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Hatch, Match and Dispatch



Hatch, Match and Dispatch by Richard Leonard, SJ is a good resource for anyone interested in the sacraments. For teachers or catechists preparing children for the sacraments, adults on a journey of coming into the life of the church, or for Catholics or Christians who want to explore why sacraments are essential in living a Christian life.

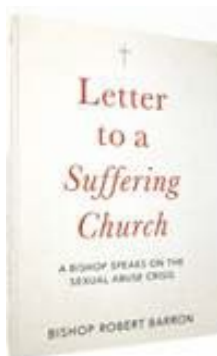
This book fosters the discovery that the sacraments when celebrated well are among our preeminent tools for evangelisation. Richard Leonard, SJ writes engagingly about the each sacrament, and explains the historical, ritual and theological aspects of the sacraments as well as arguing for the continued relevance of the sacraments in our lives of faith. He writes powerfully about Pope Francis' description of the Church being a Field Hospital and suggests that sacraments can help heal the wounds in the messiness of lives and family.

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Letter to a Suffering Church • A Bishop Speaks on the Sexual Abuse Crisis



Letter to a Suffering Church by Bishop Robert Barron.

We wrote briefly about this book last year. It is now available from bookshops for only \$3.95.

In my 40 years working for the Archdiocese this is perhaps one of the best books on this topic. It is accessible, authentic and deeply appreciative of the damage done to children through sexual abuse by church personnel. Bishop Barron writes: 'This book is a cry from the heart' (p i). The abuse 'has corroded Catholic credibility so completely that the Church's work on evangelisation, catechesis, preaching, outreach to the poor, recruitment of vocations, and education has been crippled. And most terribly, members of the Church, especially its most vulnerable, have been forced to live through a nightmare from which it seems impossible to wake' (p 3,4). While the data and references are from the US, (eg the Pennsylvania Attorney General Report 2018), there is much in Bishop Barron's writing that will assist the Australian Church as we continue to respond to the recommendations of the Royal Commission.

Highly recommended. Profits from the sale of this book will go to charities that support the victims of sexual abuse. (Rob Cosgrove)

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Climate change is a global problem with grave implications: environmental, social, economic, political and for the distribution of goods. It represents one of the principal challenges facing humanity in our day. Its worst impact will probably be felt by developing countries in coming decades. ... (25)

... Humanity is called to recognize the need for changes of lifestyle, production and consumption, in order to combat this warming or at least the human causes which produce or aggravate it. It is true that there are other factors (such as volcanic activity, variations in the earth's orbit and axis, the solar cycle), yet a number of scientific studies indicate that most global warming in recent decades is due to the great concentration of greenhouse gases (carbon dioxide, methane, nitrogen oxides and others) released mainly as a result of human activity. Concentrated in the atmosphere, these gases do not allow the warmth of the sun's rays reflected by the earth to be dispersed in space. The problem is

aggravated by a model of development based on the intensive use of fossil fuels, which is at the heart of the worldwide energy system. Another determining factor has been an increase in changed uses of the soil, principally deforestation for agricultural purposes. (23)

Many of those who possess more resources and economic or political power seem mostly to be concerned with masking the problems or concealing their symptoms, simply making efforts to reduce some of the negative impacts of climate change. However, many of these symptoms indicate that such effects will continue to worsen if we continue with current models of production and consumption. There is an urgent need to develop policies so that, in the next few years, the emission of carbon dioxide and other highly polluting gases can be drastically reduced, for example, substituting for fossil fuels and developing sources of renewable energy. ... (26)

Laudato Si' (On Care for our Common Home) – Pope Francis



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