

February 2019 Lent Websites Apps Events Seminars Conferences Resources Inspiration

Welcome to the first edition of *The Vine* for 2019. Page 2 of this issue outlines various Lenten resources available around Australia. The new resource, *Compassion: Reflecting Sharing Living the Good News*, marks 20 years of Lenten Resources based on the Scriptures published by the Archdiocese of Brisbane. However, Brisbane Archdiocese has had a long history of Lenten Resources; Peter Gagen published *Reconciliation* in 1975!

Throughout 2019 *The Vine* will bring you news about conferences, seminars and training, as well as reviews of websites, apps and new resources. It looks to be an exciting year with a range of excellent overseas speakers visiting our shores.

Please send information on diocesan, parish and deanery events by 15 March 2019 for the next edition of *The Vine* to: <a href="mailto:ebadmin@bne.catholic.net.au">ebadmin@bne.catholic.net.au</a>

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Feb 8 (7pm-9pm)	Alpha Come & See	Sacred Heart Parish Centre, 19 Cothill Rd, Booval	Lorraine McCarthy See article		
Feb 9 (9.30am-4.30pm)	Alpha Training: Team Training Day	Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, 121 Mains Rd, Sunnybank	Lorraine McCarthy See article		
Feb 10 (11am-4pm)	Alpha Training: Small Group & Prayer Ministry / Weekend Away	Parish Centre, Church St. Maroochydore	Lorraine McCarthy See article		
Feb 10 (11am)	World Marriage Day Mass	St Benedict's Church Wallaby Drive, Mudgeeraba	See article		
Feb 22-24	Colloquium: Stirring the Waters: Catholic Women responding to the Spirit	The Sage Hotel, Adelaide	The Council for Australian Catholic Women (CACW). See article		
Feb 23 (9:30am-5:00pm)	Training day on discernment	CCR Brisbane Centre, 688 Nudgee Rd, Northgate	Fr Ken Barker/ <u>See article</u>		
Feb 24 (3pm to 4.30pm)	Teams Gathering Day	St Flannan's Parish, 194 Handford Rd Zillmere	See article		
Feb 26 (9:30am)	NSW Pastoral Ministry Conference	Dooleys Catholic Club, Lidcombe	Keynote: Fr Frank Brennan SJ See article		
Feb 27 (6pm-8pm) Continues on March 13, 20 & 27	ACU: Short Course on Catholic Social Teaching	ACU Leadership Centre, Level 3, Cathedral House, 229 Elizabeth St, Brisbane	See article		
Mar 2 (9:30am-5:00pm)	CCR Brisbane opening event	CCR Brisbane Centre, 688 Nudgee Rd, Northgate	See article		
Mar 6	Ash Wednesday	Final day for online submissions for Plenary Counc	il 2020		
Mar 10	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent	2019 LENTEN PROGRAM: Compassion – Reflecting, Sharing, and Living the Good News	Gospel Reflections written by Fr John Chalmers (see article)		
Mar 21	Harmony Day				
Mar 23 (9am-3pm)	Parish Reflection Day	Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, 267 Wellington St, Ormiston	See article		
Mar 23 (9:30am-5:00pm)	Level 1 prayer training, session 1	CCR Brisbane Centre, 688 Nudgee Rd, Northgate	See article		
Mar 26 (6:30pm-8:30pm)	Theology in the City	Hanley Room, Francis Rush Centre, 249 Elizabeth St, Brisbane	<u>Facebook</u>		
Apr 27 (9:30am-5:00pm)	Level 1 prayer training, session 2	CCR Brisbane Centre, 688 Nudgee Rd, Northgate	See article		
May 13-15	Mission: One Heart, Many Voices Conference	SMC Conference & Function Centre 66 Goulburn St, Sydney	www.mohmv.com.au		
May 25 (9:30am-5:00pm)	Level 1 prayer training, session 3	CCR Brisbane Centre, 688 Nudgee Rd, Northgate	See article		
May 26 (10am-4pm)	Parish Reflection Day	Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, 267 Wellington St, Ormiston	See article		
* May 29	10 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Anglican Roman Catholic Covenant				
Jun 2-9	Week of Prayer for Christian Unity				
* Jun 7	Lord Mayor's Prayer Breakfast				
* Jun 8	Parish Leadership Day	Venue to be confirmed	Evangelisation Brisbane		
Jun 17-23	Refugee Week				
Jun 20	World Refugee Day				

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# Lenten Program • Compassion - Reflecting Sharing Living the Good News -



We are delighted that Fr John Chalmers has written and presented the Gospel reflections for *Compassion,* the 2019 Lenten resource. Fr John is Director of Mission and Formation Centacare Brisbane. He has extensive experience in parish ministry, hospital chaplaincy, teaching at a number of universities for over 20 years and giving presentations across Australia. Sophy Morley (Coordinator, Liturgy and Pastoral Ministry – Diocese of Sale) has written the beautiful opening and closing prayers.

In the production of the resource, six people were asked these questions: 'How have you experienced compassion? How have you been compassionate to others?' Their stories, 'Lives of Compassion', are on the DVD and CDs. For a sample of two of the stories click on these links: <u>Peter Arndt</u> and <u>Garry Everett</u>.

The program is available NOW from Evangelisation Brisbane and bookstores around Australia:

- participant's book
- DVD/audio CDs
- prayer cards and
- posters

Order online

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**Brochure** 



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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.

**Download Free PDF** 

## Discerning the Way of Jesus -



The Diocese of Broken Bay Lenten resource for 2019 *Discerning the Way of Jesus* will take you on a sixweek journey through Lent using the *lectio divina* practice of reading scripture, which is both prayerful and transformative.

An excerpt of the resource is located here.

Please contact Tania Rimac at <a href="mailto:faith.formation@bbcatholic.org.au">faith.formation@bbcatholic.org.au</a> or 8379 1629 to place your order.





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#### Trust • Lenten Program 2019 —



Trust includes 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 Sean Cullen (parish priest in Bowral and Mittagong) and Sr Hilda Scott OSB (Benedictine Abbey, Jamberoo) provide the Sunday Gospel reflections and spiritual direction. The shorter daily reflections have been written by 14 clergy, religious and lay contributors from around the world.

## **Download Sample**

The program is accompanied by a Triple CD resource (purchased <u>separately</u> or as a <u>box set</u>) that includes audio narrations of the Scripture readings and the Sunday Gospels.

**Website** 

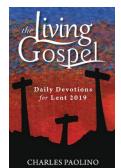
Garrett Publishing have several titles on offer for the Lenten period, including the following:



#### All I Have is Yours: Forty Days to Freedom

Author, Michael McGirr, asks us to consider that choosing what we do in our lives is really about choosing the kind of people we want to be. His selection of readings, gospel, prayers and personal reflections are underpinned by commentary that questions and prompts the reader, offering a Lenten program that will nourish and encourage important conversation.

Inspiring photography and design enhance the reflections and highlight key teaching points and question prompts.



## **Living Gospel: Daily Devotions for Lent 2019**

Daily Devotions for Lent 2019 offers soul-searching direction and challenges you to stay focused on the disciplines of Lent: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Popular columnist and preacher Deacon Charles Paolino, managing editor at RENEW International, will inspire you along the way with stories from his personal life and parish ministry.

Each day's two-page devotion begins with a simple call to prayer followed by a psalm verse and a brief scripture passage. Paolino's daily reflections help you connect your everyday life with the call to repentance and conversion we hear during Lent. His insights and guidance are reinforced with a focused spiritual exercise for the day and summed up with a brief prayer asking God's blessing, mercy, and courage.

Visit the Garrett Publishing Website for a full list of Lenten titles.

## **WEBSITES**

#### Crossroads RCIA-



RCIA Resource for 9-12 & 13-16 year olds developed by the Archdiocese of Brisbane - Now Available

*CrossroadsRCIA* has been designed to provide support to parishes and communities in journeying with young people (ages 9 to 16) who wish to explore and develop their faith with a view to receiving the Sacraments of Initiation. These resources accompany the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, however they are designed specifically for young people across two age groups: 9 to 12 years and 13 to 16 years, and adapt the principles of the RCIA to be age-appropriate for young people.

The sessions invite young people to enter into this journey of conversion and faith by developing a relationship with Christ, as the Spirit opens their minds and hearts.

Throughout this journey of faith and conversion, young people will pass through a number of phases, experiencing liturgical rites while focusing on developing a relationship with Christ and the parish community.

Download session outlines and resources for leaders for each stage: Inquiry, Catechumenate, Purification and Mystagogy: <a href="http://crossroadsrcia.org/">http://crossroadsrcia.org/</a>

# johnmckinnon.org



John McKinnon is a priest of the diocese of Ballarat, Western Victoria, who studied for six years in Rome where he was ordained in 1957. On reaching the age of 75 in 2008, he retired from official parish work and has made himself available for other ministries in the diocese. During his life as priest he has been parish priest, Diocesan chaplain of the Young Christian Workers Movement, lectured at the Institute of Catholic Education in Ballarat, and worked at a national level in the ongoing education of priests. He has given retreats to priests in most of the dioceses of Australia, as well as to religious and laity.

Fr John has generously made his Gospel commentaries (text) freely available on his <u>website</u>. There are also videos (akin to PowerPoint with excellent audio) of reflections for all Sunday and weekday Scriptures.

www.johnmckinnon.org

### Pray As You Go-



Published by the Jesuits in the UK. These daily reflections have been available on the UK Jesuit website for 13 years. After refining them they are now available as a standalone app for Apple and Android. Lasting between ten and 13 minutes, these reflections combine music, scripture and some questions for reflection. The app has been beautifully produced, and is a joy to use as an aid to daily prayer and spiritual enrichment. **Free to download** from the App Store to your iPhone or iPad or from GooglePlay for Android phone or tablet. Highly recommended.

https://pray-as-you-go.org/





# **EVENTS / RETREATS / PRAYER / REFLECTION**

## Parish Reflection Days



Evangelisation Brisbane and Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre are offering 5 Parish Reflection Days in 2009. The four listed below will be held at Santa Teresa (Ormiston) with the fifth being held in the North Country Deanery (date to be advised). The theme for the days is 'Call to Holiness' (Reflections on Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation: 'Rejoice and Be Glad').

Dates: Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2019 (9am-3pm), Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2019 (10am-4pm),

Saturday 31st August 2019 (9am-3pm), Saturday 30th November (9am-3pm)

Cost: \$30 per person (includes lunch box and baked morning tea)
 Register: Booking and payment essential 7 days prior to the day

Please register at: https://ebab.weebly.com

**Download Flyer** 

### World Marriage Day Mass -



Married couples from all Gold Coast Parishes are invited to a celebration of Eucharist to celebrate your marriage, whether married only last year or decades ago. Padre Morgan Batt will be our Celebrant. (PP. Burleigh Heads)

Invite the whole family to come along, particularly if 2019 is a significant milestone anniversary for you. A renewal of your Marriage Vows will be included during the Liturgy.

Date: Sunday 10 February at 11.00am

Venue: St Benedict's Church Wallaby Drive, Mudgeeraba

We invite couples to bring a plate and stay awhile, to chat with other like-minded couples, over a BYO lunch on the verandah, Tea and coffee provided. The World Marriage Day Mass is hosted by Burleigh Heads Parish, St Benedict's Community and 'Teams of Our Lady' Gold Coast.

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For further information and to RSVP contact: Sue and Bren on 07 5522 4880.

#### Teams Gathering Day -



Equipes Notre-Dame (Teams) Gathering Day on All couples and religious are welcome to attend.

• Date: Sunday 24th February (3pm to 4.30pm)

• Venue: St Flannans Parish, 194 Handford Rd Zillmere.

RSVP: To Susie & Tim Jones by Sunday 17th February, 2019

email: timsusie@optusnet.com.au or Ph: (07) 3359 8997

<u>Download flyer</u> for more information.



#### **Training day on discernment**

Presented by Fr Ken Barker. Topics will cover summary of the rules of discernment, making decisions in life, communal discernment.

Date: Saturday 23 February 2019

• Time: 9.30am – 5.00pm

Venue: CCR Brisbane Centre, 688 Nudgee Rd, Northgate

Cost: donation to cover expenses

Catering: BYO lunch; morning and afternoon tea provided

#### CCR Brisbane Opening Event—United as one

Catholic Charismatic Renewal Brisbane will celebrate the opening of the ministry year. Join us for praise and worship, Mass, shared lunch, talks, prophetic intercession, and prayer ministry. Everyone welcome.

Date: Saturday 2 March 2019

• Time: 10.00am – 5.00pm (refreshments provided from 9.30am)

Venue: CCR Brisbane Centre, 688 Nudgee Rd, Northgate

Mass celebrant: Fr Leonard Uzuegbu, CCR Brisbane Chaplain

Contact: secretary@ccrbrisbane.org.au or 31032400

Website: www.ccrbrisbane.org.au

## **SEMINARS**

Alpha -



Alpha is an easy-to-use tool for evangelisation which has been used by thousands of Catholic Parishes around the world. It presents the core of the Christian faith in a welcoming and friendly way.

Alpha Training — February 2019:

- 'Alpha Come & See' Friday 8 February 7pm-9pm Sacred Heart Parish Centre, 19 Cothill Rd, Booval
- 'Alpha Team Training Day' Saturday 9 February 9.30am-4.30pm
  Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, 121 Mains Rd, Sunnybank
- 'Alpha Small Group & Prayer Ministry/Weekend Away' Sunday 10 February 11am-4pm Parish Centre, Church St. Maroochydore

There is no cost for these training opportunities facilitated by Lorraine McCarthy, (Coordinator of Alpha in a Catholic Context)

Register for these workshops at: <a href="https://ebab.weebly.com/">https://ebab.weebly.com/</a>

**Download Flyer** for more information

There will be further Alpha training opportunities in May, August & November 2019

For more information, contact Evangelisation Brisbane Ph. 3324 3440 Email: <a href="mailto:ebadmin@bne.catholic.net.au">ebadmin@bne.catholic.net.au</a>

## Theology in the City -



Throughout the year, Theology in the City offer formation in the Christian faith through lectures, films and workshops. BCE approved PD accreditation.

Session 1: 26 March (6:30pm-8:30pm)

• Venue: Hanley Room, Francis Rush Centre, 249 Elizabeth St, Brisbane

https://www.facebook.com/TheologyintheCity/

## Christian Healing Ministries • Level 1 Prayer Training 2019



CCR Brisbane Healing Prayer Centre will be offering training on Healing Prayer Level 1.

Jesus came to set the captives free

This course will teach you what we know about Jesus's Healing Ministry. You will learn how to pray for physical, emotional and spiritual healing in a practical and effective way. This may be helpful when praying for the sick, in your families, and with friends. 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 thus allowing Jesus to heal you. Everyone is most welcome.

For where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom (2 Cor 3:17.18)

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

• Dates: 23 March, 27 April, 25 May (attendance at all three training days required)

• Time: 9.30am-5.00pm

Venue: CCR Brisbane Centre, 688 Nudgee Road, Northgate

(in the grounds of St John's Catholic Church)

Cost: \$50 registration + approx \$30 participant's manual
 Catering: BYO lunch; morning and afternoon tea provided

Registration: 0432 968 892, 0435 558 390, 07 3266 1220 or <u>prayercentre@ccrbrisbane.org.au</u> Registration essential by Saturday 9 March.

# **CONFERENCES / COURSES**

## Drawing & Giving Life • NSW Pastoral Ministry Conference 2019 -



You are invited to participate in the NSW Pastoral Ministry Conference. The theme of *Drawing and Giving Life* invites us to renew our pastoral life in the post Royal Commission Church. The conference features Father Frank Brennan SJ as Keynote Speaker and a number of other high profile presenters including Lana Turvey-Collins (National Plenary 2020 Facilitator) and Dr Patrick McInerney SSC (Director of Columban Mission Institute) as well as Sister Susan Connelly RSJ. The day also includes a variety of stalls and information about the next steps for Plenary 2020. It is a great opportunity for parish clergy, staff and volunteers including those in ministry and on pastoral councils to be inspired, network and share in some great ideas and resources.

Date: Tuesday, 26 February 2019 (9:30am)
 Venue: Dooleys Catholic Club, Lidcombe
 Cost: \$75 (includes morning tea and lunch)

This day is hosted by the NSW Association of Pastors, Pastoral Associates and Pastoral Workers (NAPPA). This network has a liaison role with the NSW Bishops.

For further information please visit our website <a href="www.nappa2019.wixsite.com/conference">www.nappa2019.wixsite.com/conference</a> or contact Tanya Quinn on 8838 3441. <a href="Download Brochure">Download Brochure</a>

## Stirring the Waters: Catholic Women responding to the Spirit -



The Council for Australian Catholic Women invite you to the 2019 Colloquium *Stirring the Waters: Catholic Women responding to the Spirit.* The colloquium will engage deeply with the underlying framework of the Plenary 2020 and explore how to create a Church that is: inclusive and synodal, missionary and merciful, prayerful and discerning.

Date: 22-24 February

• Venue: the Sage Hotel, Adelaide

• Cost: \$390. Single-day registrations are also available

Visit the website for full details and to register



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

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

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

• Date: Mon 13 to Wed 15 May, 2019

Venue: SMC Conference & Function Centre, 66 Goulburn St, Sydney

• Cost: Earlybird \$495 (\$545 after April 30, 2019);

Concession: \$385 (Pensioners and Students); Day: \$195

Visit the <u>website</u> for full details and to register

### 2019 Short Course on Catholic Social Teaching -



ACU's Faculty of Theology and Philosophy is running a short course in theology on the topic of Catholic Social Teaching at the ACU Leadership Centre, Brisbane, commencing in late February 2019.

This short course aims to provide a holistic understanding of the theological foundations and ethical principles of Catholic social teaching. This will help individuals, schools, hospitals, social service agencies and parishes to better understand Catholic social teaching, particularly as it impacts on their identity and mission.

ACU's short courses in theology are ideal for those who want to learn more about Christian faith and world religions in an educated and accessible way, without committing to a full degree. They are held twice a year at the ACU Leadership Centre, Brisbane, and are suitable for parishioners, teachers, youth groups, university staff, students, and the general public.

For religious education and Catholic school teachers seeking professional development accreditation, this short course is approved for six hours towards Accreditation to Teach Religion in Catholic Schools.

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

• Time: 6–8pm (refreshments from 6pm, lecture starts at 6.30pm)

• Venue: ACU Leadership Centre, Level 3, Cathedral House, 229 Elizabeth Street, Brisbane

• Register: Registration essential by Friday 22 February

For more information and to register: www.acu.edu.au/short-courses-brisbane

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### RESOURCES

### Gaudete et Exsultate • A discussion guide for small groups ·

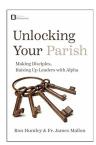


A wonderful resource from Catholic Life & Faith Formation, Diocese of Broken Bay. I have known one of the authors, Pina Bernard, for many years. Pina has done excellent work nurturing and providing formation and resources for small groups in her diocese.

The five sessions in the resource (22 pages) provides an engaging and prayerful introduction to the Pope's letter: The Call to Holiness in Today's World: Rejoice and Be Glad (Gaudete et Exsultate). For each session the resource includes: opening prayer; quotes from the document; commentary and reflections on the document; questions for reflection and sharing; questions for journaling; a reflection on a person whose life exemplified the call to holiness; and closing prayer.

This is free downloadable resource from the Diocese of Broken Bay website

## Unlocking Your Parish: Making Disciples, Raising Up Leaders with Alpha



Written by Ron Huntley and Fr James Mallon and published by Divine Renovation. Ron was a very popular speaker at Proclaim last year. We filmed Fr James' presentations when he was in Brisbane and these recordings are still very popular (over 1,000 views).

'This book is essential for any Catholic parish considering Alpha. As I read it I kept saying to myself, "I wish I had had this book five years ago when we started our Alpha journey!" ' (Anne Cook, parish coordinator of Adult Formation and Evangelisation)

'Using their own prayerful experience and passionate hearts, Fr Mallon and Ron ... share practical insights: pitfalls to avoid, along with simple steps to help plan, start, maintain, and grow Alpha as a tool to raise up leaders and create an outward-focused community intentional about making disciples.' (Rev Msgr Robert Jaskot PP)

Available from bookshops and as digital edition for tablets (Kindle \$13.78). Sample (Click on 'Look Inside')

miniCALENDAR 2019 (August-December)		* date claimer (more information in upcoming issues)	
DATE / TIME	EVENT/TOPIC	LOCATION	PRESENTER/FURTHER INFORMATION
* Aug 5	The 9th Annual Bishop Joe Grech Memorial Colloquium with 5:10pm Mass	Cathedral of St Stephen, Brisbane	
* Aug 6-7	National Conference on Pastoral Care of Migrants and Refugees	Rydges Southbank, Brisbane	
* Aug 16	Anglican Roman Catholic Clergy Day 2019		
* Aug 25 (2:30pm)	National Migrant and Refugee Sunday Archdiocesan Multicultural Mass		
Aug 31 (9am-3pm)	Parish Reflection Day	Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, 267 Wellington St, Ormiston	See article
* Sep 21 (9:30am-5:00pm)	Level 2 prayer training, session 1	CCR Brisbane Centre, 688 Nudgee Rd, Northgate	www.ccrbrisbane.org.au
* Sep 26-29	Ignite Conference	Brisbane	https://igniteyouth.com/info/
Sep 29	105th World Day of Migrants and Refugees		
* Oct 3-6	Ignite Conference	Sydney	https://igniteyouth.com/info/
* Oct 4-5	Brisbane Assembly 2019: towards Plenary Council 2020	Edmund Rice Performing Arts Complex, St Laurence's College, South Brisbane	<u>Date Claimer</u>
Oct 26 (9:30am-5:00pm)	Level 2 prayer training, session 2	CCR Brisbane Centre, 688 Nudgee Rd, Northgate	www.ccrbrisbane.org.au
Nov 23 (9:30am-5:00pm)	Level 2 prayer training, session 3	CCR Brisbane Centre, 688 Nudgee Rd, Northgate	www.ccrbrisbane.org.au
Nov 30 (9am-3pm)	Parish Reflection Day	Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, 267 Wellington St, Ormiston	See article
Nov 30 (9:30am-1:00pm)	CCR Brisbane end of year celebration	CCR Brisbane Centre, 688 Nudgee Rd, Northgate	See article
* Dec 8-10	ACYF (Australian Catholic Youth Festival)	Perth	<u>website</u>
Dec 18	International Migrants Day		

# INSPIRATION FOR THE ROAD AHEAD ...



The faithful ... must learn the deepest meaning and the value of all creation, as well as its role in the harmonious praise of God. They must assist each other to live holier lives even in their daily occupations. In this way the world may be permeated by the spirit of Christ and it may more effectively fulfill its purpose in justice, charity and peace. The laity have the principal role in the overall fulfillment of this duty. Therefore, by their competence in secular training and by their activity, elevated from within by the grace of Christ, let them vigorously contribute their effort, so that created goods may be perfected by human labour, technical skill and civic culture for the benefit of all ... according to the design of the Creator and the light of His Word. May the goods of this world be more equitably distributed among all ..., and may they in their own way be conducive to universal progress in human and Christian freedom. In this manner, through the members of the Church, will Christ progressively illumine the whole of human society with His saving light.

Dogmatic Constitution on the Church, para 36 (Lumen Gentium)



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