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*The Vine* is the E-news for Evangelisation Brisbane. It is sent six times a year and is received by over 1,300 recipients. Our goal is to provide information on adult faith formation opportunities in many different forms – seminars, courses, websites. The **MUST SEE** in this edition is the video presentation by Fr Richard Leonard SJ at St Bede the Venerable parish, Los Angeles.

We are very grateful for your emails: your feedback; your constructive criticism; and items to include in this issue. Our next edition will be for September/October 2015. Please send information on diocesan, parish and deanery events by July 16th. Contact Rob or Donna at: [eb@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:eb@bne.catholic.net.au)

**miniCALENDAR June-July 2015**

DATE	TIME	TOPIC/CONFERENCE	VENUE	SPEAKER/INFO
26-28 June	Fri 6pm - Sun 3pm	God's Deep Abiding Presence – Women's Retreat	Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, 267 Wellington St, Ormiston	Grace Harwood
26-30 June	Fri -Tues	Training for Missionary Disciples	ACU, 1100 Nudgee Rd, Banyo	Archbishop Mark Coleridge, Dr Maeve Heaney FMVD, Robert Falzon
28 June	7.00pm	<i>Raising the Standard</i>	Mary Immaculate Church, 616 Ipswich Rd, Annerley	Tim Staples
30 June	7.30-9.00pm	<i>The Power of Gospel Worldview – what's my worldview and what difference does it make?</i>	Good Samaritan Centre, Hawthorne	Sr Carol Zinn SJJ
1 July	5.30-6.30pm	<i>Justice, Peace and the Integrity of Creation: Where and For Whom?</i>	Good Samaritan Centre, Hawthorne	Sr Carol Zinn SJJ
1 July	7.30-8.30pm	<i>One God, One Earth, One People and One Living Community: Am I One with All?</i>	Good Samaritan Centre, Hawthorne	Sr Carol Zinn SJJ
1 July	7.30pm	<i>God Comes to Meet us in the Real World</i>	Community Centre, Our Lady of the Way Church, Petrie	Catherine Upchurch
3-4 July	Fri -Sat	<i>Bible Institute for Everyday Living</i>	ACU, 1100 Nudgee Rd, Banyo	Catherine Upchurch
6 July	7.30pm	<i>God Comes to Meet us in the Real World</i>	Aspinal Centre, 4 Klumpp Rd, Upper Mt Gravatt	Catherine Upchurch
9 July	6.30-9pm	<i>Truth and Charity: 'Justice, Unity and the Hidden Christ'</i>	Francis Rush Centre, 277 Elizabeth St, Brisbane	Dr Matthew Tan
11 July	8.30am-7pm	<i>Spirit in the City 2015</i>	P Block 413, QUT Gardens Point Campus, Brisbane	Archbishop Mark Coleridge, Fr Richard Leonard sj, Scott Stephens and Matthew Tan
11 Jul, 22 Aug, 12 Sep	9.30am-3pm	<i>Finding Your Story within God's Love Story (Series of 3 retreat days)</i>	Parish Centre, 955 Rochedale Rd, Rochedale	Carolyn Doherty
15 July	7.15-9.00pm	<i>Living Biblically in a Secular World</i>	St Stephen's Cathedral, 249 Elizabeth St, Brisbane	Archbishop Mark Coleridge
17 July	7.30pm	<i>Along the Camino</i>	Aspinal Centre, 4 Klumpp Rd, Upper Mt Gravatt	Peter Kearney
17-19 July	8pm Fri - 2pm Sun	<i>Max15 – A National Catholic Event for Men</i>	St Leo's College, UQ, St Lucia	<a href="http://www.menalive.org.au">www.menalive.org.au</a>
18 July	9.00am - 4.00pm	<i>Preventing sexual abuse and preserving wholesome relationship development in faith based organisations</i>	Robertson Gardens, 281 Kessels Rd, Nathan	Monica Applewhite
21 July	6:00pm - 9.30pm	<i>Preventing sexual abuse and preserving wholesome relationship development in faith based organisations</i>	Marymount College, 261–283 Reedy Creek Rd, Burleigh Heads	Monica Applewhite
22 July	9.00am - 4:00pm	<i>Mental Health Pastoral Care</i>	Chermside Kedron C'ty Church 590 Gympie Rd, Chermside	Prof Robert Bland
23 July	6:00pm - 9.30pm	<i>Preventing sexual abuse and preserving wholesome relationship development in faith based organisations</i>	St Catherine's Church, 58 Sippy Downs Dve, Sippy Downs	Monica Applewhite
25 July	9:00am-12:00pm	<i>Imagine Women's Retreat</i>	Francis Rush Centre, 277 Elizabeth St, Brisbane	The Imagine Team joined by Peter and Jo Gabauer
24-26 July		<i>Ignite Young Adult Weekend</i>	Mt Tamborine Convention Centre	
27 Jul, 3, 10 and 17 Aug	6-8pm	<i>ACU - Short Course on Christian Faith and Theology</i>	ACU, Level 3, 229 Elizabeth St, Brisbane	<a href="http://www.acu.edu.au/theology/">www.acu.edu.au/theology/</a>
28 July	7-9pm	<i>Truth and Charity: 'Mercy in Creation'</i>	Francis Rush Centre, 277 Elizabeth St, Brisbane	Dr Ian Elmer
30 July	5:45-7:30pm	<i>Men Alive in the City</i>	Francis Rush Centre, 277 Elizabeth St, Brisbane	<a href="http://www.menalive.org.au">www.menalive.org.au</a>
31 July	7.30-9.30pm	<i>Bishop Michael Putney Memorial Lecture</i>	St Colomb's Anglican Ministry Centre, 25 Victoria St, Clayfield	Rev Dr Ray Williamson OAM

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5 and 18 Aug	7.30pm	<i>Early Church</i>	Grovely Parish Daly Centre, 67 Dawson Parade, Keperra	Fr Chris Hanlon
7-9 Aug	4pm Fri to 2pm Sun	<i>The ABC of RCIA – State Conference</i>	Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, 267 Wellington St, Ormiston	Rob Cosgrove, Elizabeth Harrington, Sue Thomas, Sr Maree Byron OSU
22 Aug	9.30am-3pm	<i>Forming Liturgical Ministers of Gospel Joy –North Country Deanery</i>	Maryborough Parish	Sr Kari Hatherell OSU
22 and 29 Aug		<i>Foundations for Lay Pastoral Ministry – RCIA Elective</i>	Grovely Parish Daly Centre, 67 Dawson Parade, Keperra	Rob Cosgrove, Elizabeth Harrington
29 Aug	8.50am to 3.30pm	<i>Shine All Saints Arts Conference</i>	All Saints Parish Centre, 4 Faheys Road East, Albany Creek	Anita Hendrie, Anne Frawley-Mangan, Helen Bachman, Michael Mangan

## WEBSITES

**NEWS FLASH!!!** *New encyclical released in the early hours of 19<sup>th</sup> June!!*



[Laudato Si', Praise Be to You – On Care for Our Common Home](#)

The long-anticipated encyclical on the care for our common home, mother Earth, has reached a screen, tablet or smart phone near you! The link above will give you the full text on screen and a link to a PDF version. The PDF is 184 pages – however the page size is the traditional size for Vatican documents; 13 x 23 cm.

*Praise Be to You* is at times ironic and humorous, and at others deeply inspirational, moving and challenging.

You will never be the same after reading this 'revolutionary' letter to all the people of the Earth.

Statement by [Australian Catholic Bishop's Conference](#).

*Fr Richard Leonard: What Are We Doing On Earth For Christ's Sake?*



[www.bede.org/109](http://www.bede.org/109)

Yes our favourite movie buff and reviewer was filmed in the Hollywood hills as he led the 2015 parish mission! Click on Day 3 for his talk based on his new book: *What Are We Doing On Earth For Christ's Sake?* (see book review in 'Resources' section of *The Vine*). The presentation is engaging, inspirational and of vital interest to the Church today and the faith of individuals. Another highly recommended video from this series is [Nine Steps to Making Better Choices for My Life](#) – wonderful insights into the Ignatian 'discernment of spirits'.

*An online magazine for Spiritual seekers*



[www.bustedhalo.com](http://www.bustedhalo.com)

Under the direction of Fr. Dave Dwyer, CSP, Busted Halo® Ministries helps young adults explore their spirituality, listen to and encourage one another, discover (or re-discover) the rich depths of Catholic tradition, and connect to communities of faith where their unique gifts will be respected and used, and where they will find support on their journey towards God.

*Pope Francis Good News*



[www.popefrancisgoodnews.com](http://www.popefrancisgoodnews.com)

All of the featured articles in Pope Francis Good News have been summarised for your interest by Jesuit Communications Australia. Articles are sourced from around the world, and all have some relevance to the activities of Pope Francis. Sign up to their [weekly newsletter](#)

## COURSES

### Short Course on Christian Faith and Theology



Explore the heart of Christianity with experts from ACU: Dr. Maeve Louise Heaney VDMF, Dr. Joel Hodge, Rev. Assoc. Prof. Gerard Hall SM and Dr. David Kirchhoffer.

Dates: 27 July, 3, 10 and 17 August 2015 (6.00pm – 8.00pm)

- Cost: \$80\* or \$40.
- Venue: ACU Leadership Centre, Level 3, 229 Elizabeth St, Brisbane
- Registration essential by Wednesday 23 July.

\*This course is recognised by the Brisbane Catholic Education Office for 6 hours towards accreditation to teach in a Catholic school and accreditation to teach Religion in a Catholic school.

To register or for more information visit: [www.acu.edu.au/theology/shortcourses](http://www.acu.edu.au/theology/shortcourses)

### Course for RCIA Ministers



Foundations for Lay Pastoral Ministry is a course designed to provide theological and practical lay ministry formation in the Archdiocese of Brisbane. It comprises five core modules plus practical ministry elective streams. One elective will cover the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults.

The RCIA elective will be held at Grovely Parish Daly Centre, 67 Dawson Parade, Keperra on Saturday 22nd August and Saturday 29th August.

It is permissible to participate in the RCIA elective without having done the five core modules. There will be a \$100 fee for the two days. You will receive a 'certificate of attendance'.

For further course information, contact IFE: Ph 3336 9167, email: [ife@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:ife@bne.catholic.net.au)

## SEMINARS

### Living with Gratitude, Hope and Passion • Series by Dr Carol Zinn SSJ



Brisbane Series Schedule:

Session A: *The Power of Gospel Worldview: What's My Worldview and What Difference Does it Make?*

When: Tuesday, 30th June. 7.30-9.00pm

Session B: *Justice, Peace and the Integrity of Creation: Where and For Whom?*

When: Tuesday, 30th June. 7.30-9.00pm

Session C: *One God, One Earth, One People and One Living Community: Am I One with ALL?*

When: Tuesday, 30th June. 7.30-9.00pm

Cost \$20 per session or Special package price of \$50 for those attending all 3 Sessions

Venue: Good Samaritan Centre, Lourdes Hill College, 86 Hawthorne Road, Hawthorne

Payment and registration must be received by Monday 22 June, 2015. [Brisbane Registration Form](#)

Townsville Series – 3 sessions on 28 and 29 July [Townsville Information and Registration](#)

For more information contact CRAqld [office@craql.org.au](mailto:office@craql.org.au), Tel: 07 3267 9060

### God Comes to Meet us in the Real World!



Catherine Upchurch, Director and Author, Little Rock, Arkansas, USA returns to Brisbane! She will share wisdom and insights into the many ways 'God comes to meet us in the real world!'

This is an opportunity to pause and reflect on how our biblical tradition can help us recognize the footprints of God in the physical world where we go about our daily lives.

- Wednesday 1st July 7.30pm - Community Centre, Our Lady of the Way Church, Petrie
- Monday 6th July 7.30-9.00pm Aspinal Centre, 4 Klumpp Rd, Upper Mt Gravatt
- Gold coin donation

Phone: ERDU 3285 6233 for information

### Raising the Standard • Tim Staples



In this talk geared for men, Tim draws a parallel between the Marine Corps and the Church and how they similarly bring out the greatness in men as each 'raises a standard' that challenges them beyond anything they would even consider on their own. When good men are challenged to fight for a cause that transcends themselves and in union with other men with the same vision and purpose, there is no obstacle that can stand in their way! [Website](#) [Facebook](#)

- Sunday, June 28 (7:00pm) – Free Entry
- Mary Immaculate Catholic Church, 616 Ipswich Rd, Annerley

## *Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults*



The Archbishop has again invited Monica Applewhite to the Archdiocese to work with us. Monica will work with Clergy, lay staff and volunteers on the topic of: 'Preventing sexual abuse and preserving wholesome relationship development in faith based organisations'.

- Date: Saturday 18 July 2015
- Time: 9:00am – 4:00pm
- Venue: Robertson Gardens, 281 Kessels Road Nathan.

Alternatively, there will be abridged sessions at the Gold and Sunshine Coasts offered as follows:

- Tue 21 July (6:00–9.30pm), Marymount College, 261–283 Reedy Creek Rd, Burleigh Heads
- Thu 23 July (6:00–9.30pm), St Catherine's Church, 58 Sippy Downs Dve, Sippy Downs

RSVP to Marieanne Deutscher in the Clergy Office via email [deutscherm@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:deutscherm@bne.catholic.net.au) or call 3324 3365 by Friday 3 July 2015.

## *Orientation to Mental Health Pastoral Care*



- 22nd July 2015, 9.00 am – 4:00pm
- Chermside Kedron Community Church, 590 Gympie Road, Chermside
- Registrations and Café open from 8.30 am. Order lunch if needed and see resources tables
- Key Note Speaker — Prof Robert Bland, Engaging Well in Mental Health

**Optional Seminars:** 1. Schools, youth and mental health; 2. Boundaries for Carers; 3. Assisting People in Distress; 4. Supporting People Through Loss and Grief; 5. A Theology, Theory and Practice of Inclusion

- \$40 includes morning and afternoon tea
- Close of Registrations: Friday 17 July 2015

For more Information: Neil Barringham Ph. 0437 718 420 [neil@aplacetobelong.org.au](mailto:neil@aplacetobelong.org.au)  
[Brochure and registration form](#)

## *menALIVE in the City*



menALIVE in the City is an opportunity for men to get together and explore the things that matter:

- Next Session: Thurs July 30
- Other Sessions for 2015: Sep 24, Nov 26
- Time: 5:45 pm - 7:30 pm
- Where: Francis Rush Centre, 277 Elizabeth Street
- [www.menalive.org.au](http://www.menalive.org.au)

## *Living Biblically in a Secular World*



Sessions 1 to 4 are available online in video and audio. These recordings provide an excellent formation in understanding the Word of God. These presentations are suitable for individuals or groups and give wonderful inspiration for our day to day life. Please promote these links in your newsletter and/or parish website.

Session 1: [Video](#) – [Audio](#)                      Session 3: [Video](#) – [Audio](#)  
 Session 2: [Video](#) – [Audio](#)                      Session 4: [Video](#) – [Audio](#)

- The presentations are on the 3rd Wednesday of the month (7:15 - 9:00pm).
- Dates for the remainder of 2015: July 15, Aug 19 and Sept 16
- St Stephen's Cathedral, 249 Elizabeth St. Brisbane.  
 Cathedral car park open from 6pm. (entrance via Charlotte St.)
- Gold Coin Donation

Further [information](#)



## Forming Liturgical Ministers of Gospel Joy



Over 100 people recently participated in *Forming Liturgical Ministers of Gospel Joy* in South Country Deanery. Over the next three years Evangelisation Brisbane in partnership with Liturgy Brisbane is offering this formation for Liturgical Ministers. The formation consists of three sessions (approx 2hrs each) looking at theory, practical skills and local context. The first two sessions are provided at a deanery or regional level with the third session being facilitated in the local parish.

Future sessions are booked for North Country, South Coast and Central Deaneries. Upcoming dates will be included in *The Vine's* Calendar each issue. For more info or to register interest for your deanery contact Donna at Evangelisation Brisbane ph: 3324 3452 e: [longlandd@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:longlandd@bne.catholic.net.au)

## Truth and Charity • Formation in the Christian Faith



Throughout the year Truth and Charity offer formation in the Christian faith through lectures, films and workshops. These events hope to address the needs and concerns of the faithful in a way that explores, inspires and celebrates Christianity.

### Topic 3: 'Living with Gratitude, Hope and Passion - Celebrating Consecrated Life'

- Presenter: Sr Carol Zinn SJJ (Philadelphia) - Past President of the Leadership Conference of Women Religious (LCWR), North America and Senior Vice President, Mission Integration with Plante Moran Consulting Firm, working with religious congregations committed to future planning.
- Tuesday 30th June (7.00pm-9.00pm)
- Good Samaritan Centre, LHC - 86 Hawthorne Rd, Hawthorne

### Topic 4: 'Justice, Unity and the Hidden Christ'

- Dr Matthew Tan - Campion College, Sydney plus Book Launch by Most Rev Archbishop Mark Coleridge
- Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July (6.30pm-9.00pm)
- Hanly Room, Francis Rush Centre, 277 Elizabeth Street, Brisbane

### Topic 5: 'Mercy in Creation'

- Dr Ian Elmer - ACU, Brisbane
- Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> July (7.00pm-9.00pm)
- Hanly Room, Francis Rush Centre, 277 Elizabeth Street, Brisbane

Enquiries: [blome@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:blome@bne.catholic.net.au) [www.facebook.com/TruthCharity](http://www.facebook.com/TruthCharity) [2015 brochure](#)

Each lecture in the 2015 Truth and Charity Series Two has been approved by BCE as 1.5hours PD Accreditation to Teach RE in a Catholic School.

## Bishop Michael Putney Memorial Lecture



This year's speaker is Revd Dr Ray Williamson OAM - Secretary, Centre for Ecumenical Studies, Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture, Charles Sturt University

- Friday 31 July (7.30pm-9.30pm) at St Colomb's Anglican Ministry Centre, 25 Victoria St, Clayfield

[Date Claimer](#)

## Adult Faith Education • Western Hills



The Westerns Hills parishes of Grovely, Samford and Mitchelton offer Adult Faith Education sessions throughout the year. Upcoming events include:

- *Early Church* - Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> August (Daley Centre). Presented by Fr Chris Hanlon (Church Historian).
- *Pope Francis' Encyclical on the Environment* - Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> September (St Mary MacKillop Centre) - Fr. John Chalmers

[www.stwilliams-afe.com](http://www.stwilliams-afe.com) Contact: [patcondon@stwilliams-afe.com](mailto:patcondon@stwilliams-afe.com) or phone (07) 3351 1163

## CONFERENCES

### *Training for Missionary Disciples*



This *Training for Missionary Disciples* is targeting young adults (18-25 years) with a special focus on university students. Others are welcome to apply. Additional speakers will be confirmed on our website. 'In virtue of their baptism, all the members of the People of God have become missionary disciples' (*The Joy of the Gospel* 120).

- Date: 26th - 30th June, 2015
- Venue: Australian Catholic University, Banyo Campus, Brisbane
- Presenters include: Archbishop Mark Coleridge, Archbishop of Brisbane; Dr Maeve Heaney FMVD; Robert Falzon; Mark and Renee Doyle
- Contact NET Ministries: [events@netministries.com.au](mailto:events@netministries.com.au) (07) 3217 5299  
[www.netministries.com.au](http://www.netministries.com.au)

### *Bible Institute for Everyday Living • God is With Us ... and it doesn't get any better than that!*



The 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Institute will be presented by Catherine Upchurch, Director and Author, Little Rock Scripture Studies, Little Rock, Arkansas USA.

- Date: 3rd-4th July (Friday am to Saturday noon)
- Venue: Australian Catholic University, 1100 Nudgee Road, Banyo
- Contact ERDU: ph: 07 3285 6233 or 1300 729 671; Email: [office@erdu.com.au](mailto:office@erdu.com.au)

Five hours of Accreditation to Teach in a Catholic School recognised by Brisbane Catholic Education.

### *Spirit in the City 2015*

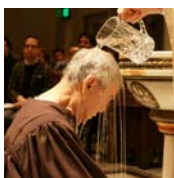


*Spirit in the City* Conference 2015, is being organised by QUT Chaplaincy concerning the challenges of understanding and applying the Catholic and Christian faith in the highly secularized cultural, political and other influential settings of contemporary Australian society.

Key Speakers include Archbishop Mark Coleridge, Fr Richard Leonard sj, Stephen Barr from New York via Skype, Scott Stephens from ABC's Radio National, and Matthew Tan from Campion College, Sydney.

- Saturday 11 July (8.30am- 7.00pm)
  - P Block 413, QUT Gardens Point Campus, Brisbane
  - Price: Student/Concession \$25, Adult \$50
- Registration details and more information: [www.spiritinthecity.net](http://www.spiritinthecity.net), ph: 07 3138 2700

### *The ABC of the RCIA • State Conference*



For pastors, pastoral ministers, RCIA teams, catechists and sponsors. The conference will follow the steps and phases of the journey of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA).

- Date: Friday evening 7th August (including dinner) to Sunday 9th August (concluding with lunch)
- Venue: Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, 267 Wellington St, Ormiston
- Contact Rob Cosgrove. email: [cosgrover@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:cosgrover@bne.catholic.net.au) ph: 07 3324 3442
- \$225 (includes evening meal and lunch Friday and Saturday and morning teas)

N.B. Places in the Conference are filling fast and the accommodation at Santa Teresa is fully booked

### *Shine • All Saints Arts Conference 2015*



Saturday 29 August, 8.50am to 3.30pm  
Registration from 8.15am

Venue: All Saints Parish Centre, 4 Faheys Road East, Albany Creek

Cost: \$65 per person or \$55 Early Bird Special Fully paid prior to 16 August 2015 (includes registration, arrival and morning refreshments, plus coffee/tea at lunch break)

[Register online](#)   [Brochure](#)

## Songs for the Journey - Australian Pastoral Musicians Network Conference



The second APMN Conference celebrates all aspects of liturgical and religious music in parishes, schools and beyond. Email for further info: [secretary@apmn.org.au](mailto:secretary@apmn.org.au) [Brochure](#)

- 1-3 October 2015 at St James College, Spring Hill (Brisbane)
- Keynote speakers: Composer Marty Haugen, Theology lecturer Dr Maeve Heaney VDMF, Faith and Culture lecturer Rev Dr Richard Leonard SJ

### EVENTS • RETREATS • PRAYER • REFLECTION

#### God's Deep Abiding Presence • Women's Retreat



A retreat weekend for women reflecting upon the words of Thomas Merton. Throughout the majority of the weekend we will hold silence for each other with specific times for engaging in community. Facilitated by Grace Harwood from Dragonfly Ministries.

- When: Friday 26 June (6pm) – Sunday 28 June (3pm)
- Where: Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Wellington Street, Ormiston.
- Cost: \$330 (\$300 pensioners and full-time students) (\$15 extra per day for special diets)
- Individual, ensuited rooms. All linen and meals supplied.

Enquiries: Contact Grace on 0409 524 283 or [grace@dragonflyministries.net.au](mailto:grace@dragonflyministries.net.au) [Brochure](#)

#### Finding Your Story within God's Love Story



A series of three retreat days, to explore who you within God's Love Story through meditation, reflection, movement, play and body awareness in prayer.

- Dates: Saturdays, 11 July, 22 August and 12 September (9.30am-3.00pm)
- Venue: St Peter's Catholic Parish Centre, 955 Rochedale Rd, Rochedale
- Cost: \$40 per day (\$25 concession) – BYO Lunch

Bookings are essential. Contact Carolyn Doherty 0416 268 316 or [carolyndoh@gmail.com](mailto:carolyndoh@gmail.com)

#### Along the Camino



An 80 minute audio-visual presentation by Peter Kearney about a 800 km walk through northern Spain along an ancient pilgrimage path to the burial place of St. James the Apostle. Photos, music and live commentary by Peter who has walked the Camino. Beautiful landscapes, medieval villages, useful information. QandA session at conclusion.

- Friday July 17th, 7.30pm. The Aspinall Centre, 4 Klumpp Road, Up Mt Gravatt.
- \$10/\$8 concession pp at door.
- Registration essential preferably via email to Peter Kearney: [camino@peterkearneysongs.com.au](mailto:camino@peterkearneysongs.com.au) Please specify event location 'Upper Mt Gravatt' and number of seats needed. Alternatively sms 0425 328 185 or contact Upper Mt Gravatt Wishart Parish Office: 07 3849 7158

#### Men Alive for Christ



menALIVE to the MAX — is a national Catholic men's event.

It's a great way to listen, learn and grow in what God might say to us. It builds on the parish-based weekends. The MAX experience offers an opportunity to deepen our understanding of God's call and challenge within our lives. With men travelling from all over Australia and New Zealand to attend.

- 17-19 July (8.00pm Friday -2.00pm Sunday)
- St Leo's Catholic College, University of Queensland Campus, Brisbane
- Costs: from \$245 to \$310 (Note: MAX15 is a residential event so no day attendance options are available)
- [Register online](#) [brochure](#)

#### Imagine Women's Retreat



The first Imagine retreat morning is an opportunity to gather as women with an expectation of being challenged to be more effective in who we are in this world for the sake of humanity. The imagine team will be joined by Peter and Jo Gabauer – an amazing couple passionate about people reaching their full potential.

- Saturday, July 25 (9:00am-12:00pm)
- Francis Rush Centre, Elizabeth St, Brisbane

[Facebook](#) For more information email [imagine.aus@gmail.com](mailto:imagine.aus@gmail.com)

## Ignite Youth • Young Adults weekend



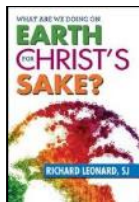
The YA weekend is the perfect break from a hectic life. A chilled out weekend of inspirational speakers, sacraments, prayer and a chance to connect with other young people.

- 24-26 July, Mt Tamborine Convention Centre
- Cost \$130 (Student), \$150 (Regular)

[Registration](#) Keep an eye out on our [Facebook](#) page for more details.

## RESOURCES

### *What are we Doing on Earth for Christ's Sake?*



Fr Richard Leonard SJ has scored a hatrick! His first 'catch' was his book *Where the Hell is God?*, his second with the next book, *Why Bother Praying?* – and now for his third book, *What are we Doing on Earth for Christ's Sake?*. The title of each book can be perceived as confrontational and flippant. However, in the introduction of each book Leonard recounts a story from his life when the 'title' was spoken to him in a significant conversation – the first by his mother, the second by a friend who had been a fellow student and the third by a fellow passenger on a flight across the US.

In so many ways this book is a delight to read – whether Leonard is writing about his first parish of St Canice's near Kings Cross, or responding to the attack on religion by modern-day atheists, or indeed the very question of 'what's the point of faith today for Christ's sake?'

Available now from bookshops. Also available as an [eBook](#) from Paulist Press.

## AT THE MOVIES

### *Walking the Camino • 6 Ways to Santiago*



An ambitious, independently produced documentary, *Walking the Camino* captures the trials and tribulations of six modern-day pilgrims as they cope with blisters, exhaustion, loneliness, and self-doubt to triumph over the fears and prejudices that have become roadblocks in their own lives. Equipped with only a backpack, a pair of boots, and an open mind, our six pilgrims set off on individual journeys but finish together as pilgrims-in-arms unhindered by age, nationality, religious backgrounds or life experience.

Find out why audiences everywhere are raving about the film that Martin Sheen, star of *The Way*, calls a 'brilliant documentary,' and find inspiration in the Camino and the people who brave it.

Now showing at the Regal Twin Cinema, Graceville

[Review from CathNews](#)

## INSPIRATION FOR THE ROAD AHEAD ... FROM PRAISE BE TO YOU (222, 223)

Christian spirituality proposes an alternative understanding of the quality of life, and encourages a prophetic and contemplative lifestyle, one capable of deep enjoyment free of the obsession with consumption. We need to take up an ancient lesson, found in different religious traditions and also in the Bible. It is the conviction that 'less is more'. A constant flood of new consumer goods can baffle the heart and prevent us from cherishing each thing and each moment.

To be serenely present to each reality, however small it may be, opens us to much greater horizons of understanding and personal fulfilment.

Christian spirituality proposes a growth marked by moderation and the capacity to be happy with little. It is a return to that simplicity which allows us to stop and appreciate the small things, to be grateful for the opportunities which life affords us, to be spiritually detached from what we possess, and not to succumb to sadness for what we lack. This implies avoiding the dynamic of dominion and the mere accumulation of pleasures.

Such sobriety, when lived freely and consciously, is liberating. It is not a lesser life or one lived with less intensity. On the contrary, it is a way of living life to the full.

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