

March 2017

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Thank you for the overwhelming support for our Lenten program, *Up from the Waters* – all items were sold out on Ash Wednesday. Please encourage parishioners to send us feedback, suggestions and comments. There is an evaluation form on our [Lenten program website](#).

Please also promote the website, www.lentenprogram.com, in the parish newsletter and websites (see page two).

The Vine is the E-news for Evangelisation Brisbane. Our goal is to provide information on adult faith formation opportunities in many different forms – seminars, courses, websites.

Please send information on diocesan, parish and deanery events by May 12th 2017 for the next edition of *The Vine* to Rob or Donna at: eb@bne.catholic.net.au

miniCALENDAR (April – May 2017)

DATE	TIME	EVENT/TOPIC	LOCATION	PRESENTER/FURTHER INFORMATION
Mar 17-18	9am Fri to 3pm Sat	Australian Catholic Youth & Youth Ministry Research Seminar	Catholic Leadership Centre, 576 Victoria Pde, East Melbourne	www.trybooking.com/205683
Mar 28	7:00-8:30pm	Theology in the City: <i>Dignitatis Humanae - Religious freedom in Catholic thought</i>	Hanly Room, Francis Rush Centre, 277 Elizabeth St, Brisbane	Dr David Kirchhoffer (ACU) facebook.com/TheologyintheCity
Apr 1 & 2		Spirit of the Universe Workshop	Archer Mountain Retreat Centre, 68 Myleema Road, Villeneuve	
Apr 6	9am-3pm	Passionist Youth Retreat Day	"The Fort", 219 Fort Rd, Oxley	Website
Apr 9-13		Movers & Shakers	James Byrne Centre, Toowoomba	www.moversandshakers.org.au
Apr 13-16		Light to the Nations: Easter Youth Pilgrimage	Chevalier College, Bowral NSW	website
Apr 10-16		<i>Come to the Quiet: Preparation for Easter</i>	Archer Mountain Retreat Centre, 68 Myleema Road, Villeneuve	
Apr 16-23		Centring Prayer Intensive		
April 21	Application Closing date	Catholic Psychiatric Pastoral Care Training course runs each Wed from 3 May-22 Nov	58 Morgan St, Fortitude Valley	See article
April 19	Enrolment Closing date	Foundations for Lay Pastoral Ministry	Francis Rush Centre, Brisbane or Darra Jindalee parish (2 venues)	Institute of Faith Education and Evangelisation Brisbane
May 4	7:30am	Lord Mayor's Prayer Breakfast	Brisbane City Hall	Pastor Andy Gourley (Red Frogs Aust.) Download flyer ; website
May 6	9am-4pm	Parish Reflection Day: Easter	Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, 267 Wellington St, Ormiston	Evangelisation Brisbane
May 6-7		Reflection: <i>Jesus as Person and Metaphor</i>	Archer Mountain Retreat Centre, 68 Myleema Road, Villeneuve	
May 10	9am-noon	<i>Making Place for the Laity Today: the challenge of Amoris Laetitia</i>	O'Shea Centre, Wilston	Fr Timothy Radcliffe OP Contact: Evangelisation Brisbane
May 21-28		Reflection: <i>Celtic Spirituality – Our Indigenous Roots of Western Spirituality</i>	Archer Mountain Retreat Centre, 68 Myleema Road, Villeneuve	
May 27	from 10am	Annual St Dymphna's Day Celebrations	58 Morgan St, Fortitude Valley	Catholic Psychiatric Pastoral Care
May 27-28	8am-5pm daily	Kerygmatic Retreat (English)	Brisbane	the Latin-American Evangelising Team
May 30	7:00-8:30pm	Theology in the City: <i>A Muslim Case Study of Dialogue</i>	Hanly Room, Francis Rush Centre, 277 Elizabeth St, Brisbane	Dr Nora Amath (Griffith Uni) facebook.com/TheologyintheCity

miniCALENDAR (July – December 2017)

*Date Claimer (more information in future issues)

Jul 1-2	8:30am Sat to 1:30pm Sun	Oceania Teams Conference 2017: <i>Marriage beyond the Wedding</i>	Marist College, Ashgrove	Fr Adrian Farrelly, Peter and Penny Cahalan, Shayne and Shanelle Bennett
July 7-8	4pm Fri - 3pm Sat	Parish Reflection Days: Overnight Retreat	Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, 267 Wellington St, Ormiston	Evangelisation Brisbane
Jul 25	7:00-8:30pm	Theology in the City: <i>Engaging the conversation of faith with the uninitiated</i>	Hanly Room, Francis Rush Centre, 277 Elizabeth St, Brisbane	Rev Dr Anthony Gooley (BBI) facebook.com/TheologyintheCity
*Aug 12	9:30am-4:30pm	CCR Brisbane AGM & CCR Golden Jubilee celebration	CCR Brisbane Centre, 688 Nudgee Rd, Northgate	
Aug 29	7:00-8:30pm	Theology in the City: 'The future of ecumenism and inter-religious relations'	Hanly Room, Francis Rush Centre, 277 Elizabeth St, Brisbane	facebook.com/TheologyintheCity
Sept 4-7		National Pastoral Leaders & Planners Conference	Rydges on Swanston, 701 Swanston St, Carlton (Melbourne)	See article
*Nov 25	9:30am-1pm	CCR Brisbane end of year celebration	CCR Brisbane Centre, Northgate	
Dec 2	9am-noon	Parish Reflection Day: Advent	Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre	Evangelisation Brisbane
Dec 7-9		Australian Catholic Youth Festival	Sydney Olympic Park	http://youthfestival.catholic.org.au/

www.lentprogram.com



We have sold out of books, DVDs/CDs, posters and prayer cards however there is plenty of material on the website that parishoners (or anyone else) can use.

Please promote the website through parish bulletins and social media. Under the 'Reflections' tab you will find the videos of the Gospel Reflections; under the 'Stories' tab you will find the six videos of the 'Good News People'; and under the 'PowerPoint' tab you will find the artwork (Sr Orsolya Fecske SSS) suitable for a PowerPoint slide for each Sunday. For information on Sr Orsolya and her remarkable community of sisters in Hungary look under the 'Art' tab.

For a whole variety of reasons probably less than 5% of parishioners will join a Lenten group. Through promoting the website potentially 90% of parishioners could receive formation in the Lenten scriptures at home (on computer, tablet, phone or even the new 'smart' TVs) or while commuting to work.

The 'Good News People' stories are not restricted to Lent but would make an excellent formation series on themes such as Christian mission, discipleship, vocation and ministry, eg Peter Duffy talking about his transition from surgeon to retirement; his engagement in parish ministries and his hope to be involved with Orange Sky Laundry.

[Good News People](#)

www.lentprogram.com

Fr Paul Turner



Paul Turner has given presentations around the world and published numerous books and articles. As well as being an excellent writer, scholar and presenter, Fr Paul must be one of the most organised priests on the planet.

And thank God for that! Why? Because he brings all that scholarship and organisation to bear on his excellent website. On this site he provides 100s of links to his [articles](#), eg [Lent: a feel-bad season in a feel-good society](#), the text of many of his [presentations](#), his highly engaging reflections on the Sunday scriptures (eg [Year A](#)) and links to publishers for all his [books](#). His seminal work on the history of the Catechumeante, *Halleluia Highway*, is now only US\$10!

paulturner.org

John Pridmore



An inspiring story for the Lenten journey. John visited Australia and spoke in Brisbane. In an [interview on EWTN](#) John shares his remarkable story. His life fell apart at the age of ten when his parents divorced. His fear of that emotional pain caused him to take a 'vow' to never love anyone again. This began a life of crime and violence. As an adult he was deeply enmeshed in the drug trade and gang world of London. What he regarded as an unremarkable day – a day in which he bashed someone within an inch of his life – began a slow, and often painful, journey to faith in Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church. Today he lives in a community in Ireland and gives presentations and formation around the world. John is deeply reflective and spiritual. He has a strong Marian piety which often seems incongruous with his strong East End gangland accent.

www.johnpridmore.yolasite.com

Archdiocese of Baltimore - Adult Faith Formation



Our Mission:

To assist parishes as they facilitate the process of creating a culture of mature adult discipleship that is a living, fruitful and explicit profession of faith. It is important to be mindful that formation toward discipleship is essential.

The site has a number of excellent resources, eg [Best Practices in Small Faith Sharing Groups](#), [Adult Faith Team Description](#) and [Disciples Called to Witness: The New Evangelization](#) (USCCB).

Liturgy Office of England and Wales



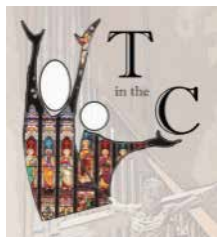
The Liturgy Office of England and Wales is an agency of the Bishops' Conference. Their site has a wealth of material to download for groups and for formation of liturgical ministers, eg [Sharing the Word – Lectionary based Catechesis](#). This 8 page booklet can be printed as a guide for Scripture groups.

The Spirituality Committee of the Department for Christian Life and Worship page has an excellent paper by Fr David O'Malley SDB: [Taking the Incarnation Seriously](#) (pdf)

www.liturgyoffice.org.uk

SEMINARS

Theology in the City • Lecture Series 2017 • Culture of encounter: seeking common ground



Topic 2: (Tue 28 March) *Dignitatis Humanae - Religious freedom in Catholic thought*

Speaker: Dr David Kirchhoffer - Lecturer in Theology, ACU and Catholic representative on the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity

Dr Kirchhoffer will talk about the development of Catholic thought around the human right of religious freedom. That is, the right of all persons to be free to either follow or not a particular religious tradition as a part of civil society. He will be doing this by particularly looking at the Vatican II document of *Dignitatis Humanae* promulgated in 1965 by Pope Paul VI.

Topic 3: (Tue 30 May) *A Muslim Case Study of Dialogue*

Speaker: Dr Nora Amath, Adjunct Lecturer in Humanities, Griffith Uni; Director - Crescent Foundation, Brisbane

Topic 4: (Tue 25 July) *Engaging the conversation of faith with the uninitiated*

Speaker: Rev Dr Anthony Gooley - Head of Theological Studies, Lecturer in Theology & Religious Education, BBI - The Australian Institute of Theological Education

Topic 5: (Tue 29 Aug) *In Conversation with... 'The future of ecumenism & inter-religious relations'*

- Time: 7.00pm-8.30pm (refreshments provided from 6.30pm)
- Venue: Hanly Room, Francis Rush Centre, 277 Elizabeth Street, Brisbane (enter carpark via Charlotte St, the carpark is open from 6pm)
- Cost: \$5/person
- Each lecture is worth 1.5 hours Accreditation to Teach Religion in a Catholic School.
- Enquiries: pblom@bne.catholic.edu.au, [Facebook](#)

[Download Flyer](#)

CONFERENCES / COURSES

Foundations for Lay Pastoral Ministry



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

This course involves a series of interactive and practical full day workshops which provide formation for lay pastoral ministries and foundational knowledge in sacraments and liturgy, Scripture, theology, mission, evangelisation and ministry. Small groups, mentors with extensive ministry experience and a team of facilitators will support your learning. Join us either at the Francis Rush Centre, St Stephen's Cathedral Brisbane, or at Darra Jindalee Parish, starting at the end of April and concluding in November. [Download the Flyer](#) for more information and workshop dates. You can also visit our Facebook page for photos from last year's course.

Questions? We'd love to talk to you. phone 07 3336 9167 or email ife@bne.catholic.net.au or visit us on the web at www.ife.qld.edu.au; www.facebook.com/IFEBrisbane/

Input by Kari Hatherell OSU, Dr Allie Ernst, Sue Thomas and Rob Cosgrove.

[Download Flyer](#) Closing date for enrolments: April 19



Movers & Shakers - Christian Leadership Training for Young People



Led by a team of Youth Ministry professionals, Movers and Shakers is facilitated by Dave Jorna from Project Hatch and is one of the longest running youth leadership training initiatives in Australia. Since its beginnings in 1991, over 2000 people have participated in the program.

Movers and Shakers provides young people (aged 16 to 25) from parishes, schools and youth movements' across Queensland and Australia high quality leadership training in a safe and fun environment. One of the strengths of the program is its ability to combine theory and practical leadership development with different activities to challenge participants.

- Dates: 9 to 13 April 2017
- Venue: James Byrne Centre, Toowoomba
- Cost: \$395 covers program, accommodation and meals. Travel costs will be extra.
- Register: [online](#) (closes 25 March 2017)

[website](#)

Catholic Psychiatric Pastoral Care Training Course



Catholic Psychiatric Pastoral Care is an organization (within the Archdiocese of Brisbane), that seeks to immediately, and sensitively, respond to people with a mental illness by giving them access to trained pastoral carers whose ministry is both spiritual and therapeutic.

We are looking for Volunteers to be trained for this Ministry.

- Dates: each Wednesday from 3rd May to 22nd November from 9.00am to 3.30pm.
- Venue: the Catholic Psychiatric Pastoral Care Centre, 58 Morgan St, Fortitude Valley
- Apply Now: Final date of applications is Friday 21st April 2017

Please apply now in writing to:

Fr Jim Smith, Catholic Psychiatric Pastoral Care, 58 Morgan St, Fortitude Valley QLD 4006
phone (07) 3252 5461 (Mon-Fri 8.30am-4pm), email: cppc@bne.catholic.net.au

We require a voluntary commitment of eight hours per week on completion and Graduation of the Course. The various ministries of Pastoral response are the Day Centre, Hospitals and Hostels.

[Website](#) [Flyer](#)

Oceania Teams Conference 2017 - Marriage beyond the Wedding



Teams is a lay movement within the Catholic Church that offers couples a chance to discover the Lord's presence in their marriage and to live in Christian fellowship with other couples as a way of giving thanks to God and bearing witness to Him in the world. The goal of the movement is to help couples live their lives with more strength, light and hope. [Download information about Teams](#)

Come and join us for our 2 day Conference: **Marriage beyond the Wedding – you're not alone on this journey.** The conference includes Keynote speakers, presentations and workshops.

The aim of the conference is that those who attend will: Be affirmed in their marriage; enjoy the company of other couples; recognise the contribution to society that their marriage makes; have the opportunity to spend time with their spouse; and pray as a community.

- Dates: 1-2 July, 2017 (begins 8.30am Saturday, finishes 1.30pm Sunday)
- Venue: Cyprian Pavilion, Marist College, 142 Frasers Rd, Ashgrove
- Keynote speakers: Fr Adrian Farrelly, Peter and Penny Cahalan, Shayne and Shanelle Bennett.
- Costs: - 2 Day Conference - Earlybird (ends May 31st) \$75/person, Regular Price \$95/person (includes morning/afternoon tea & lunch both days, doesn't include Conference Dinner)
 - Saturday Only - \$60/person (includes morning/afternoon tea and lunch)
 - Sunday Only - \$45/person (includes morning and afternoon tea and lunch)
 - Conference Dinner - \$30 per person (Saturday evening 6pm)
- Registrations [online](#)

For information visit www.teamsoceania.com.au or [download flyer](#).

For enquiries about registration - phone: 0407533048 or email qld-nthnsw@teamsoceania.com.au

Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation



The University of Dayton (Ohio, USA) has been developing their online program over a number of years. There are now 100s of online courses anyone can participate in – \$105 per course. Some Australian dioceses have ‘partnered’ with Dayton and so this has reduced fees to \$50 per course for individuals from those dioceses: Archdiocese of Adelaide and Diocese of Ballarat.

There are courses in Adult Faith Formation, Church History, Morality, Social Justice, Liturgy, Spirituality, Youth Ministry and many more topics.

Visit the [website](#) for more information.

National Pastoral Leaders & Planners Conference - Vine & Branches: Yearning to Belong



Save the date for the National Conference for Pastoral Leaders and Planners: *Vine and Branches - Yearning to Belong*. This conference will be an opportunity for clergy, pastoral associates and pastoral planners to reflect upon the signs of the time and move forward with hope.

- Dates: September 4th - 7th, 2017
- Venue: Rydges on Swanston (701 Swanston St, Carlton)

The four days will be jam-packed with exciting keynote addresses by Dr. Maeve Heaney from Brisbane ACU, sociologist and author Hugh Mackay AO, theologian, lecturer and author Professor Richard Gaillardetz from Boston College USA, Australian journalist and television and radio host Geraldine Doogue AO, and Archbishop Mark Coleridge from Brisbane who is spearheading the 2020 Plenary Council.

Added to this there will be a large number of workshops covering many other topics around the theme of ‘belonging’.

Bookings will open after Easter, and there will be more information about the speakers, workshops and Conference timetable available soon on our upcoming website.

More details in the next edition.

[Download Date Claimer](#)

Australian Catholic Youth Festival



The Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF) is a national gathering of Catholic young people established by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference (ACBC). ACYF is aiming to gather over 15,000 young people from around Australia and will launch the Year of Youth and take up its theme: *Open new horizons of spreading joy: Young people, faith and vocational discernment*

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

Young people from year 9 (in 2017) to young adults 25 years of age are invited to the event (NB: young people under the age of 18 must be accompanied and supervised by an adult). In order to ensure a safe and secure setting for our target audience some restrictions apply.

Visit the [website](#) for more information.

EVENTS / RETREATS / PRAYER / REFLECTION

Parish Reflection Days



Evangelisation Brisbane is providing these events in 2017 for spiritual formation: Saturday 6 May (see below); Friday-Saturday 7-8 July (4pm Fri–3pm Sat); and Saturday 2 December (9am–4pm).

- Date: Saturday 6th May (9am – 4pm)
 - Focus: Easter
 - Cost: \$30
 - Venue: Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, 267 Wellington St, Ormiston
 - Contact: Mary-Anne – cullenm@bne.catholic.net.au or ph: 3324 3443
 - Booking: booking and payment essential 10 days prior to the day
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Annual St Dympna's Day Celebrations



Catholic Psychiatric Pastoral Care invites you to their Annual St Dympna's Day Celebrations (their patron saint) and their 30th Anniversary celebration. The day will commence with a Healing Mass (Principal Celebrant is Archbishop Mark Coleridge) and will be followed by a free BBQ.

- Date: Saturday 27th May (from 10am)
- Venue: St Morgan's Church, 58 Morgan St, Fortitude Valley

See [Flyer](#) for more details.

The Archer Mountain Community Calendar 2017



Archer Mountain Community provides 9 retreat spaces for individuals or groups to come for spiritual direction, private or directed retreats or for quiet time in the solitude of the Sacred Land of this place. Groups may also wish to use our facilities for meeting and community experience.

Upcoming Reflections/Retreats:

- **April 1 & 2 - Spirit of the Universe workshop**
A collaborative process for exploring the implications of the New Universe Story of Science and its impact for the spirituality in the unfolding story of our earth community.
- **April 10-16 - Come to the Quiet: A Preparation for Easter**
You are invited to join in the contemplative prayer of The Archer Mountain Community as part of the Holy Week experience.
- **April 16-23 - Centering Prayer Intensive**
A quiet space for entering into the heart of centering prayer meditation using the insights and methods of Thomas Keating.
- **May 6-7 - Jesus as Person and Metaphor**
A time to explore the meaning and importance of the historical Jesus in context and his life's current relevance for the evolving spiritual journey. Open to all .
- **May 21-28 - Celtic Spirituality – Our Indigenous Roots of Western Spirituality**
A time to explore the spiritual tradition of the Celts in the tradition of John of the 4th Gospel and its relevance for today's spiritual search for meaning.

Contact Tony Hempenstall on 07 5496 3537, 0417736696 or email: ahempenstall@edmundrice.org

[Download 2017 Calendar](#) for full details (costs, accom. etc) and a full list of retreats for the year.

RESOURCES

Murri Ministry



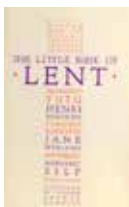
Murri Ministry: Aboriginal Catholic Ministry has an expansive collection of resources for borrowing.

- Books
- Articles
- CDs/ DVDs
- Posters
- Artefacts
- Reconciliation & RAP collection of formats, projects and resources

Come visit us at 84 Park Rd/5 Abingdon St, Woolloongabba. Phone: 07 3891 1931

Email: murriministry@bne.catholic.net.au

The Little Book of Lent



We're well into the season of Lent but this 'little' book is really a treasure at any time. Retired Anglican priest Canon Arthur Howells has compiled a wonderful collection of two page Reflections from a diverse range of authors such as Archbishop Desmond Tutu, Henri Nouwen, Margaret Silf, Timothy Radcliffe OP and Kathy Galloway. The reflection is complemented by a Scripture reading and very beautiful, short and inspiring prayers. It is not that 'little' at 166 pages, but does have a little price tag. \$12.



You are welcome to drop-in and browse (243 Gladstone Rd, Dutton Park) the great range of resources that can be borrowed and the great range of books that can be read on-site. The friendly staff have extensive experience of the resources and their use. While their main clientele is schools in the Brisbane Archdiocese since its very beginnings in Market St, Brisbane CBD in the mid-'70s the centre has also provided resources for parishes.



Preview the [extensive catalogue](#) of DVDs, music CDs and other resources. To borrow resources, parishes need to register an account.

Do You Love Me? A Practical Guide to Catholic Prayer and Spirituality



This is a very engaging and attractive full colour book – slightly larger than A5 size and 86 pages.

It was written by a working party of the Spirituality Committee of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales after many requests for a handbook on Christian spirituality. The six chapters cover the universal themes of: Searching, Recognising, Experiencing, Conversing, Following, Choosing.

This is not a dense theological work but as the title suggests it is a highly 'practical', hands-on text. The language is highly accessible and the 'Way-In' opening section gets the reader thinking about an experience or photos in the book to begin the chapter. Wonderful for an individual or a group. The 'All Together' section provides questions for reflection or group discussion. This is an ideal resource for RCIA and any parishioner seeking to deepen their prayer life and spirituality.

Published by the Catholic Truth Society. \$14.95. The Bishops have generously provided a link to [the full text](#) of *Do You Love Me? A Practical Guide to Catholic Prayer and Spirituality*.

INSPIRATION FOR THE ROAD AHEAD ...

*My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going.
I do not see the road ahead of me.
I cannot know for certain where it will end.
Nor do I really know myself,
and the fact that I think that I am following
your will does not mean that I am actually doing so.*

*But I believe that the desire to please you
does in fact please you.
And I hope that I have that desire
in all that I am doing.
I hope that I will never do anything
apart from that desire.
And I know that if I do this you will lead me
by the right road through I may know nothing about it.*

*Therefore I will trust you always
though I may seem to be lost
and in the shadow of death.
I will not fear, for you are ever with me,
and you will never leave me
to face my perils alone.*



Thoughts in Solitude
Thomas Merton

From the Little Book of Lent (compiled by Arthur Howells)