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Over the next few weeks Nick Wagner and Diana Macalintal, from the US, are giving seminars and presentations around Australia. In Brisbane there are two opportunities focusing on the RCIA at Banyo and Upper Mt Gravatt. To enable as many parishes as possible to send parishioners these two seminars are being offered free of charge. Please pass this information on to your parish and RCIA team. See the [‘Seminars’](#) section for more information.

In *The Vine* we have information on other faith formation opportunities, resources and websites. Check out the free copy of the sermons of St Oscar Romero and free back issues of St Anthony Messenger magazine. Back issues are available to read online or download.

For the next edition of *The Vine* please send information on diocesan, parish and deanery events by 15 November 2019 to: ebadmin@bne.catholic.net.au

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DATE / TIME	EVENT/TOPIC	LOCATION	PRESENTER/FURTHER INFORMATION
Sep 29	105th World Day of Migrants and Refugees		Website
Oct 1-3	Aust. Pastoral Musicians Network Conference: Listen to the Spirit and Sing!	Catholic Leadership Centre, Melbourne	website
Oct 3-6	Ignite Conference	Sydney	website
Oct 8 (6:30pm)	Nick Wagner Speaking Tour/RCIA	Xavier Centre, Holy Spirit Seminary, Banyo	See article
Oct 12 (9am-12pm)	Nick Wagner Speaking Tour/RCIA	Aspinal Centre, Upper Mt Gravatt	See article
Oct 19 (7am)	Season of Creation Walking Meditation	Enoggera Dam: Meet at The Gap ‘Park and Ride’, 1358 Waterworks Road, Enoggera Reservoir	See article
Oct 26 (9:30am-5pm)	Level 2 prayer training, session 2	CCR Brisbane Centre, 688 Nudgee Rd, Northgate	www.ccrbrisbane.org.au
Oct 31 – Nov 1	Lead the Way Towards Wellbeing Conference	Waterview Bicentennial Park, Homebush NSW	See article
Nov 11-15 (9:30am-4:30pm)	The Hidden Treasure Retreat (Relational Psycodynamic Retreat)	Faber Centre of Ignatian Spirituality, 111 Sir Samuel Griffith Drive, Bardon	See article
Nov 23 (9:30am-5pm)	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-1pm)	CCR Brisbane end of year celebration	CCR Brisbane Centre, 688 Nudgee Rd, Northgate	www.ccrbrisbane.org.au
Dec 8-10	ACYF (Australian Catholic Youth Festival)	Perth	website
Dec 18	International Migrants Day		

WEBSITES

Accompanying People Seeking Asylum • YouTube



<https://youtu.be/ZX21VfH1Cj8>

This video produced by the Archdiocese of Brisbane Catholic Justice and Peace Commission (CJPC) seeks to encourage Catholics to challenge the harshness and cruelty of current policies affecting people seeking asylum in Australia by replacing that cruelty with compassion and love in the spirit of the Gospel.

It is particularly focussed on the treatment of those who have lost income and accommodation support since October 2017 and are at risk of destitution because of this. There are approximately 300 people in SE Qld in this situation. The video offers information about the situation, some thoughts and insights on how Christians should respond to this situation and practical suggestions for action.

Likewise the CJPC's media release for World Refugee Day last June also offers some thoughts about this matter. It speaks about the direction the Commission is encouraging Catholics to take in response to this ongoing situation:

<https://cipcbrisbane.wordpress.com/2019/06/19/catholics-urged-to-show-hope-on-world-refugee-day/>

Franciscan Media



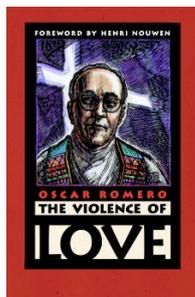
<https://info.franciscanmedia.org/>



Franciscan Media strive to embody St. Francis' teaching by encouraging Christians to grow in their faith and share it with others all in the spirit of St. Francis. There is information on their resources, Saint of the Day and Minute Meditations.

To prepare for the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi (4 October), Franciscan Media is offering a Novena to St. Francis. Sign up to participate in the novena and have reflections sent to your inbox daily from 26 September to 4 October.

St Oscar Romero



Oscar Romero was Archbishop of San Salvador. He was assassinated on Monday March 24th 1980 as he was celebrating Mass in the chapel of the Divine Providence cancer hospital where he lived. Thirty-five years later, he was declared a martyr of the Church, killed out of hatred of the faith, and was beatified on May 23rd 2015. On Sunday, 14 October 2018 he was officially recognised as St Oscar Romero.

Throughout his life Romero was deeply pious and prayerful – at times to the point of scrupulosity. While always concerned for the poor and disadvantaged it was not until he was appointed Bishop of Santiago de María, a small rural diocese in the coffee growing region, that he truly found his voice for social justice and action.

The Violence of Love (227 pages PDF) is a collection of inspiring extracts from Archbishop Romero's homilies and is available on the Archbishop Romero Trust (UK) [website](#) as a free download.

There are three quotes in the final section of *The Vine*: '[Inspiration for the Road Ahead](#)'.

Faber Centre of Ignatian Spirituality



<https://www.faberspirituality.org.au/>

Based at Mount Coot-tha, Brisbane, The Faber Centre of Ignatian Spirituality offers a variety of spiritual exercises, spiritual guidance, formation programs and different kinds of retreats. These include: Individual Spiritual Direction, Urban, Regional and Rural Outreach, Day Retreats, Weekend Retreats, Residential Retreats, Individually Directed Retreats, or the Full Spiritual Exercises, either in solitude (for 30 days) or in daily life (for 30 weeks).

Retreats being offered for the remainder of 2019 include:

- Season of Creation Walking Meditation - Cultivating Awe (19 October) – [See article](#)
- The Hidden Treasure Retreat - Relational Psychodynamic Retreat (11 – 15 November) – [See article](#)
- Contemplative Arts Retreats (5 Oct, 12 Oct, 2 Nov, 9 Nov, 7 Dec, 14 Dec)
- Two Hours of Quiet (28 Sep, 26 Oct, 30 Nov)
- Quiet Saturdays (5 Oct, 2 Nov, 7 Dec)

Visit their [website](#) for more details and the full range of retreats on offer.

APPS

St Anthony Messenger magazine



One of the most popular Catholic magazines in the world is now available as an app for iPhone and iPad, smart phones and tablets.

If you subscribe to the printed copy the electronic version is free. You can also simply subscribe to an electronic version (PDF) for the very reasonable price of US\$9.95 for 12 issues.

The magazine contracts a wide variety of writers who present many different perspectives. The magazine has generously made [back-issues](#) (2013-2019) available for free. These can be viewed online or downloaded (arrow top right) as PDF files. An example of the excellent range of articles can be previewed in the June 2019 issue: 'The Evangelization Challenge', 'Forgiving the Unforgivable' (interview with victim/survivor of clerical sexual abuse), 'A Priest Speaks Out about Clergy Sexual Abuse'.

In the lead-up to the Plenary Council it is worth quoting from this interview with Fr Stephan A. Isaac from Allentown Diocese, USA. In August 2018, a Pennsylvania grand jury released a report on clerical sexual abuse in six Catholic dioceses in the state including Allentown.

‘We need to take prudent, practical measures to strengthen transparency and accountability within the Church so that there can be no abuses of power and cover-ups of sexual abuse and misconduct. Catholics in the pews need to hold us clergy accountable, and that most especially includes bishops. Nobody is above the law, especially God’s divine law.’ He hopes the Church will ‘adopt practical, effective measures to hold bishops and other high-ranking prelates accountable to make sure that sexual abuse and misconduct are prevented and dealt with decisively’.

‘Thankfully, since 2002, the Church has taken strong measures of reform to ensure that our children are safe and that any sexual abuse of minors is reported immediately to law enforcement.’ Finally, he says, ‘Clergy, especially bishops and priests, must listen to the people in the pews, accompany them on the path to holiness and healing, and empower them to be an integral part of the solution and the ongoing reform and renewal within the Church. The bishops should step up and lead in this regard. ... We must discuss the [issue] openly and honestly with our people; listen to their concerns, ideas, feedback, and morally justified anger; and empower them to be a part of the solution. Open and honest dialogue and collaboration with our people must be at the core of the Church’s healing and ongoing renewal’ (page 23,24).



EVENTS / RETREATS / PRAYER / REFLECTION

Plenary Council 2020 • Listening and Discernment Experiences



Evangelisation Brisbane Project Officers are available to support parishes and communities with their initial Listening and Discernment Experience and/or to train people within parishes and communities to lead these sessions.

In addition to this support, Evangelisation Brisbane is offering to lead Listening and Discernment Experiences each month at the Cathedral Precinct. These sessions are open to parishes and communities, however numbers will be limited.

They should not be seen as a substitute for parishes and communities conducting their own session. They are in addition to sessions being provided in your own parish/community. You may wish to advertise these dates/time in conjunction with your own sessions.

Registration for these sessions is via www.ebab.weebly.com

Date	Session	Theme
31 st October	Option 1. 2:00 – 4:30 Option 2. 6:30 – 9:00	Inclusive, Participatory and Synodal
14 th November	Option 1. 2:00 – 4:30 Option 2. 6:30 – 9:00	Prayerful and Eucharistic
TBA in 2020	TBA in 2020	Open to Conversion, Renewal and Reform
TBA in 2020	TBA in 2020	Joyful, Hope-filled and Servant Community

If you have any questions or require more information, please don’t hesitate to contact Troy Tornabene, Assistant Director, Evangelisation Brisbane on tornabenet@bne.catholic.net.au or phone 3324 3437.

Season of Creation Walking Meditation • Cultivating Awe



Tap into a deeper sense of purpose and wellbeing, on a 'Walking Meditation – cultivating Awe' at the picturesque Enoggera Dam. Walk through the bushland in contemplative silence, to experience the 'awe and wonder' listening to the Presence that is God in Nature.

- Date: 19 October 2019 (Meet 7am)
- Venue: Meet at the Gap 'Park and Ride', 1358 Waterworks Rd, Enoggera Reservoir
- Cost: Suggested Donation \$20
- Bring: Hat, sunscreen, water and snacks. Wear good walking shoes and bring something light to sit on plus a journal and pen for reflective breaks.
- Register: [Online](#) or call 07 33682450

This is a fairly easy walk but there are a couple of relatively steep sections and it is therefore graded as Easy/Medium.

Contact administrator@faberspirituality.org.au or 07 33682450 for more information.

www.faberspirituality.org.au

The Hidden Treasure Retreat • Relational Psychodynamic Retreat



Find a pathway to your 'precious treasure,' your unique 'inner self,' so often obscured in the everyday clutter of life. Through the lens of Ignatian Spirituality and Relational Psychodynamics navigate a way through emotions and attitudes, often emerging from the past that hold you back, weigh you down, bend you backwards and become an obstacle to your flourishing as a human person.

Join us at the Faber Centre for a five-day retreat in daily life and discover a freedom that leads to a more abundant way of living! Presented by Mary Robson, Meredith Nicholls and Liz Kerr.

- Date: Monday to Friday 11 – 15 November 2019 (9.30am to 4.30pm)
- Venue: Faber Centre of Ignatian Spirituality, 111 Sir Samuel Griffith Drive, Bardon
- Cost: Suggested Donation \$250 (BYO lunch)
- Register: Online at www.faberspirituality.org.au

For more information contact: administrator@faberspirituality.org.au or 07 33682450.

[Download Flyer](#)

Parish Reflection Days



Evangelisation Brisbane and Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre has 1 Parish Reflection Day remaining this year. Theme: 'Call to Holiness' (Reflections on Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation: 'Rejoice and Be Glad').

- Dates: Saturday 30 November (9am-3pm)
- Venue: Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Wellington Street, Ormiston.
- 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](#)

Finding God in the Quiet Centre



A weekend opportunity for women to leave behind the chaos and clutter that can be a part of life and enter in to quiet in community. Come and experience a time of prayerful reflection in the beauty of God's good creation.

Facilitated by Grace Harwood (Dragonfly Ministries)

- Dates: Friday 13 December 6pm to Sunday 15 December 3pm
- Place: Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Wellington Street, Ormiston
- Cost: \$370 (\$340 for pensioners, f/t students and unemployed)
includes all accommodation, meals, resources and facilitation.
Santa Teresa requires an additional \$30 fee for those with special diets.

For more information contact Grace Harwood, Dragonfly Ministries: grace@dragonflyministries.net.au or 0409 524 283

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

For more information contact: Grace Harwood, Dragonfly Ministries: grace@dragonflyministries.net.au or 0409 524 283

SEMINARS

Seminars by Nick Wagner from TeamRCIA

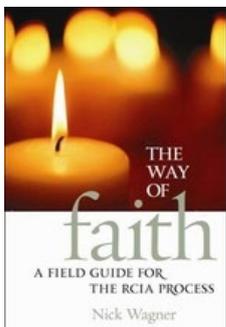


Nick Wagner has been a leader and trainer in catechumenate ministry for more than twenty-five years. Nick has written key texts for the RCIA such as *The Way of Faith: A Field Guide to the RCIA Process* and for the website [TeamRCIA](http://TeamRCIA.com).

These seminars (two options) are not to be missed to revitalise the RCIA in your parish. To enable as many participants to attend as possible the seminars are being offered at no cost. However we do ask for participants or groups to register to assist with catering: <https://ebab.weebly.com/nick-wagner.html>

- Tuesday **October 8** (6:30pm refreshments for 7:00pm-9:30pm)
- Topics: RCIA that works!; Seek the Living God: Five questions for conversion.
- Xavier Centre, Holy Spirit Seminary, 487 Earnshaw Rd, Banyo
- Saturday **October 12** (9:00am-noon)
- Topics: Your parish is the Curriculum: RCIA in the Midst of Assembly; RCIA that works!; Go. Heal the Wounds – Become a Field Hospital for Faith.
- Aspinall Centre, 4 Klumpp Rd, Upper Mt Gravatt

For further information contact: Lisa McKerr mckerrl@bne.catholic.net.au or Rob Cosgrove cosgrover@bne.catholic.net.au



Broken Bay Bible Conference 2019 • The Holy Spirit Through the Pages of Scripture



From the very first pages of Scripture, through to the life of Jesus, the Early Church, and into our own times, the Holy Spirit is active, boldly empowering and gifting God's people. Journey with us as we discover who the Holy Spirit is, and witness how the Spirit guides, enlivens and encourages our lives and the Church today.

Presented by Dr Debra Snoddy, lecturer at the Catholic Institute of Sydney, and Rev Assoc Prof Ormond Rush, one of Australia's leading theologians and lecturer at Australian Catholic University.

- Date: 11 – 12 October 2019
- Venue: Caroline Chisholm Centre, Pennant Hills, NSW
- Register: Online at www.trybooking.com/BCKBE

Enquiries: faith.formation@bbcatholic.org.au or (02) 8379 1629

Stirring the Imagination Catholic Creative Arts Conference



The 2019 Creative Arts Conference for Catholic Schools aims to provide a fresh and engaging look at youth spirituality, music, the arts and technology. This conference is for Religious Education leaders, liturgy/ministry coordinators, music/creative arts teachers, singers and musicians and Year 10 and 11 students involved in liturgy preparation teams. It is facilitated by the [GPBS Mission & Ministry team](#) with live youth band, creative artists, storytellers, ritual makers, proclaimers and dreamers.

- Date: Monday 28 and Tuesday 29 October
- Venue: The Catholic Leadership Centre, Melbourne
- Price: Staff \$450; Students \$400
- Register: Registration and payment due by Friday 4 October

Visit the [website](#) for registration form and further information.

Lead the Way Towards Wellbeing Conference



Now more than ever, children, young people, families and professionals navigate unprecedented change and significant life events including, loss and trauma. Learn from experts about recent research and evidence-based strategies that can be integrated into organisation & education wellbeing practice.

Interactive workshops led by specialist practitioners will provide an opportunity to support professional wellbeing approaches and programs that build safe environments to empower children, young people and families to heal from their experience.

- Date: 31 October – 1 November, 2019
- Venue: Waterview Bicentennial Park, Homebush NSW
- Price: Early Bird Rate \$600 - 2 Days (includes Networking Function)

Visit the [website](#) for further information. [Download Flyer](#) [Download Speaker Bios](#)

Australian Catholic Youth Festival • Listen to what the Spirit is saying



The Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF) is a national gathering of Catholic young people established by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference (ACBC). It exists to provide young people with opportunities to deepen their relationship with Jesus, be empowered to be disciples in the world today and encounter and celebrate the vitality of the Church in Australia

- Dates: 8-10 December 2019 (approximately 9.30am – 8.30pm each day)
- Venue: Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre, 21 Mounts Bay Road, Perth, WA
- Register: [Online](#)

Young people from year 9 (in 2019) to young adults 30 years of age are invited to the event. (NB: Young people under the age of 18 must be accompanied and supervised by an adult).

Further details available at www.youthfestival.catholic.org.au

The Way • Daily Advent and Christmas Reflections 2019



The Catholic Diocese of Wollongong are now taking orders for *The Way—Daily Advent and Christmas Reflections 2019* including discount pricing for bulk orders starting from just \$3.00 per copy!

Inspired by our Blessed Mother and John the Baptist who pointed the Way to Jesus, this year's reflection book, *The Way*, provides a wonderful opportunity for us to take a quiet daily walk with our Lord and listen to him guide us on the Way to holiness through his Son.

The Way is an 84-page pocket-size book containing short, spiritually rich daily reflections from the beginning of Advent (1 December 2019) through to the Baptism of the Lord (12 January 2020) primarily for personal use, but also appropriate for group use such as parish, Church agency, religious community and school staff/class prayer.

[Order Online](#)

The WEDDING by LITURGIA • New electronic resource



New release – now available for couples preparing a wedding liturgy.

The WEDDING by LITURGIA has been designed for couples who are preparing their wedding liturgy. This new-release electronic resource contains all the readings and prayers from the new revised Order of Celebrating Matrimony as well as music suggestions and lyrics of hymns.

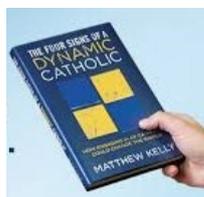
It also includes the new rites of Blessing an Engaged Couple and Blessing a Married Couple on their Anniversary.

Couples can purchase the program online for \$35 at [The WEDDING by LITURGIA](#).

The program is also available with the accompanying workbook [When We Marry](#).

Parishes are welcome to purchase copies to pass on to couples.

The Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic • by Matthew Kelly



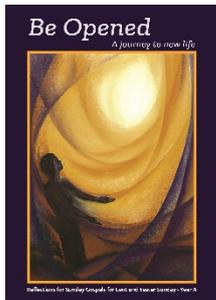
Review by Carole Danby (Evangelisation Brisbane)

What is the difference between highly engaged Catholics and disengaged Catholics? That is the question posed by Australian Matthew Kelly, a *New York Times* best-selling author of sixteen books, internationally acclaimed speaker and a business consultant to some of the world's largest corporations. Kelly also states that answering this question is essential to the future of the Catholic Church.

On a recent visit to Blackwater I was handed this book by Sr Colleen who gave it a glowing recommendation. I began reading and could not put the book down, so 'engaging' did I find it. In this time in our church history, this book is a must-read for all parish leadership teams. Whilst the research behind the book relates to the Church in the United States, it resonates very strongly with our Australian situation and offers simple ways for parishes to engage the disengaged.

Whether you are ready to let God take your spiritual life to the next level or want to help reinvigorate your parish, this book takes you on a journey that will help you live out the genius of Catholicism in your everyday life. The central idea in this book should change the way we live our faith and the way we teach our faith. This book is a game-changer!

Published by DynamicCatholic.com. 217 pages. Hard cover, paperback and [Kindle](#) (with sample).



A brochure for the 2020 resource based on the Gospels of Lent and Easter Sunday – *Be Opened: A Journey to New Life* – will be sent to all parishes in the next few weeks. (Ash Wednesday in 2020 is February 26th).

The seven session program will have a fresh look and design.

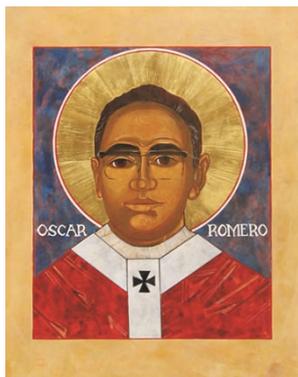
- Original artwork from Sr. Mary Stephen CRSS
- Using up-to-date technology: USB card or DVD and CDs
- An app for personal use on phones and tablets
- New Staff Prayer Pack for 7 meetings

Dr Michele Connolly RSJ (Catholic Institute of Sydney) and Dr Ian Elmer (Australian Catholic University) have written the Gospel Reflections and discussion questions for the resource. The prayers and ritual actions have been prepared by Maree Byron OSU and Erica Marshall.

Look for samples on our [online store](#) in mid-October.

NB Due to new procedures with our accounts department, all orders will be required to be paid by either credit card or EFT prior to resources being despatched. For further information please contact Evangelisation Brisbane: Ph: 07 3324 3440, email: eb@catholic.net.au.

INSPIRATION FOR THE ROAD AHEAD ...



St Oscar Romero, *The Violence of Love*, Orbis Books.

Each of us has an individual greatness. God would not be our author if we were something worthless. You and I and all of us are worth very much, because we are creatures of God, and God has ... given his wonderful gifts to every person. And so the

Church values human beings and contends for their rights, for their freedom, for their dignity. That is an authentic Church endeavour. While human rights are violated, while there are arbitrary arrests, while there are tortures, the Church considers itself persecuted, it feels troubled, because the Church values human beings and cannot tolerate that an image of God be trampled by persons that become brutalized by trampling on others. The Church wants to make that image beautiful. (Sept 4, 1977, p 19)

How beautiful will be the day when all the baptised understand that their work and their job is priestly work. Just as I celebrate Mass at this altar, so each carpenter celebrates Mass at his workbench ... cabdrivers ... you are a priest at the wheel, my friend, if you work with honesty, consecrating that taxi of yours to God and bearing a message of peace and love to the passengers who ride in your cab. (20th November 1977)

You know that the air and water are being polluted, as is everything we touch and live with, and we go on corrupting the nature that we need. We don't realize we have a commitment to God to take care of nature. To cut down a tree, to waste water when there is so much lack of it, to let buses poison our atmosphere with those noxious fumes from their exhausts, to burn rubbish haphazardly – all that concerns our alliance with God. (March 11, 1979 p 139)

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