

Four years ago Archbishop Mark established (and named) a new department in the Archdiocese of Brisbane: *Evangelisation Brisbane*. For more than forty years, with the publication of *Evangelisation in the Modern World (Evangelii nuntiandi)* by Paul VI, the Church has explored, discussed, prayed about, developed programs about and struggled with, this word, *Evangelisation*.

In late 2013 Pope Francis came to the rescue with *The Joy of the Gospel (Evangelii Gaudium)* – his, straight talking, straight to the heart of things *Proclamation of the Gospel in the Modern World*.

The simplest translation of *evangelos* (evangelisation) is *good news*. In the pages (and links) of *The Vine* over the last four years we have attempted to share the *good news* of excellent formation courses, presentations, seminars, retreats, workshops, books, videos and websites with you.

We hope these resources help you as you spread the Good News of Jesus Christ. In this edition of *The Vine* we share good news about *Proclaim 2018* (to be hosted in Brisbane 12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> July), parish groups that have used *Alpha*, advance information on the 2018 Lenten program, *Blessed + Broken*, and reviews on resources such as *Surprise the World! – The Five Habits of Highly Missional People*

To continue the dialogue about this *good news* please send us information on: diocesan, parish and deanery events; books and resources you have found helpful; and websites that have deepened the faith of your community and encouraged and formed parishioners to be ‘missionary disciples’ by 10 November 2017 for the next edition of *The Vine* ([ebadmin@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:ebadmin@bne.catholic.net.au)).

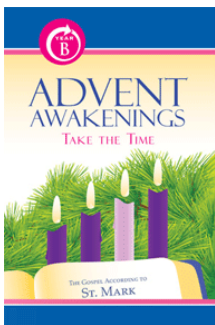
### miniCALENDAR (September-November 2017)

DATE	TIME	EVENT/TOPIC	LOCATION	PRESENTER/FURTHER INFORMATION
Oct 7	8:30am-5pm	Spirit in the City Conference	QUT Garden's Point, George St, Brisbane	<a href="http://www.spiritinthecity.com.au">www.spiritinthecity.com.au</a>
Oct 8	2pm-4pm	Bishop Michael Putney Memorial Lecture: <i>What we can learn from the Reformation...</i>	Xavier Hall, Holy Spirit Seminary, 487 Earnshaw Road, Banyo	Pastor James Winderlich and Sr Elizabeth Delaney sgs,
Oct 9	9:00am-4:15pm	Conference: <i>From Conflict to Communion: Educating for a Whole Church</i>	ACU, Level 3, Cathedral House, 229 Elizabeth St, Brisbane	Rev James Winderlich, Sr Elizabeth Delaney. <a href="#">website</a>
Oct 10	7pm-9pm	Parish workshop - Exploring Models of Parish Leadership	Community Centre, St Bernard's Church 4 Klumpp Rd, Upper Mt Gravatt	<a href="#">Evangelisation Brisbane</a>
Oct 12	7pm-9pm	Parish workshop - Exploring Models of Parish Leadership	Parish Hall, Mother of Mercy Parish 25 Bowman Street, Hendra	<a href="#">Evangelisation Brisbane</a>
Oct 14	9am-11am	Parish workshop - Exploring Models of Parish Leadership	Hanly Room, Francis Rush Centre, Cathedral Precinct, Brisbane	<a href="#">Evangelisation Brisbane</a>
Oct 13-15		Young Men of God Conference	The Tops Conference Centre , 51 Bendena Garden, Stanwell Tops, Sydney	<a href="#">See article</a>
Oct 21-22		Awakening to a New Consciousness	Archer Mountain Community, Villeneuve	<a href="#">See article</a>
Nov 1	7pm-9pm (supper at 9pm)	Catholics and Lutherans Commemoration of 500 Years of Reformation	St Peter's Lutheran College, 66 Harts Road, Indooroopilly	<a href="#">Download invitation</a>
Nov 11-12		Australian Christian Meditation Community Qld Retreat Weekend: <i>Stillness of Spirit</i>	Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, 267 Wellington St, Ormiston	<a href="#">See article</a>
Nov 25	9:30am-1pm	CCR Brisbane end of year celebration	CCR Brisbane, 688 Nudgee Rd, Northgate	<a href="http://www.ccrbrisbane.org.au">www.ccrbrisbane.org.au</a>
Nov 25-26	8:30am-5pm	Women's Discernment Weekend	TBA	<a href="http://www.vocationbrisbane.com">www.vocationbrisbane.com</a>
Nov 28	6:30-8:30pm	Christianity in the Middle East: 'Will you answer the Call?'	Hanly Room, Francis Rush Centre, Cathedral Precinct, Brisbane	Benjamin Blanchard (SOS Chrétiens d'Orient) <a href="#">See article</a>

Dec 2	9am-4pm	Parish Reflection Day: Advent	Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, 267 Wellington St, Ormiston	Evangelisation Brisbane
Dec 4	10:30am-2:30pm	Open Day – Multifaith Academy for Chaplaincy and Community Ministries	Academy House, 54 Marquis St, Greenslopes	<a href="#">See article</a>
Dec 7-9		Australian Catholic Youth Festival	Sydney Olympic Park	<a href="#">website</a>
* (2018) Mar 3	9:30am-3:30pm	Parish Leadership Development Day	tbc	<a href="#">Date claimer</a>
(2018) Mar 9	10:30am-2:30pm	Open Day – Multifaith Academy for Chaplaincy and Community Ministries	Academy House, 54 Marquis St, Greenslopes	<a href="#">See article</a>
*(2018) Jul 12-14		Proclaim 2018: "Make your home in me ..." (John 15:4)	ERPAC, St Laurence's College 82 Stephens Rd, South Brisbane:	<a href="http://www.proclaimconference.com.au">www.proclaimconference.com.au</a>
*(2018) Oct 11-14		Conference: Ignite the Spark – Evangelisation and RCIA	Melbourne	<a href="http://www.cianetwork.net">www.cianetwork.net</a>

## ADVENT

### Advent Awakenings



Focus on the significance of this holy season with *Advent Awakenings*, a four-session faith-sharing experience grounded in the Sunday Gospel readings.

Advent is a time to anticipate both our celebration of the birth of Jesus and the day when the risen Jesus will come again. Real-life vignettes and plain-language reflections stir in you an excitement for what Christians truly await.

The *Advent Awakenings* series is based on the three-year cycle of the Lectionary. Each book contains four sessions corresponding with the Gospels of the four Sundays of Advent. Each session includes reflections, prayers, action responses, and song suggestions, plus seasonal devotions that families can use at home to enrich their Advent experience.

Visit the **Renew International** [website](#) for full details and to order.

Amazon Kindle version [available](#).

### Chosen • Advent & Christmas Daily Reflections



The **Catholic Diocese of Wollongong** are now taking orders for *Chosen – Daily Advent and Christmas Reflections 2017* with bulk pricing for GST Free Catholic Religious Groups starting from only \$3.00 per book.

Continuing the tradition from past years, *Chosen* is a 72 page pocket-size book containing short daily reflections from the beginning of Advent (3 December 2017) through to the Baptism of the Lord (8 January 2018) primarily for personal use, but also appropriate for group use such as parish, Church agency, religious community and school staff/class prayer.

Many customers buy bulk copies of the book for family, friends and work colleagues as an alternative to Christmas cards and gifts. We have included a page in the book for you to write your gift message.

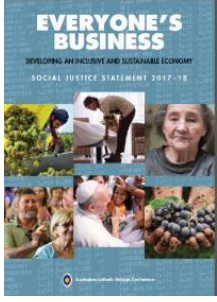
These spiritually rich, yet accessible, daily reflections have been written by 14 contributors from the Diocese of Wollongong including: Bishop Peter Ingham DD (Bishop of Wollongong), Jude Hennessy (Director of the Office of Renewal and Evangelisation) and Sr Hilda Scott OSB (Vocations Director, Benedictine Abbey Jamberoo).

[Download sample](#) and [order copies](#)

If you have any questions, or if you would like to place a phone or email order, please contact (02) 4222 2400 or email [orders@dow.org.au](mailto:orders@dow.org.au)

Delivery of the books is expected to commence mid October 2017.

### Everyone's Business • Developing an inclusive and sustainable economy



In his opening letter to the 2017-8 Social Justice Statement Bishop Long gives us these simple, but profound, words: 'This Statement is inspired by the teachings of Jesus and by the unswerving vision of Pope Francis: that the most vulnerable and excluded are the ones who need to take first place in our hearts and in our actions as individuals and as a society'.

Of course all the Social Justice Statements from the Australia Catholic Bishops Conference are worthy and important; however this document is of vital importance for every one of the 7.5 billion citizens of the Earth.

The Gospel inspiration for this 'call to action' is the paradoxical parable of the workers in the vineyard (Matthew 20:1-7). All included, not on merit or justification, but on the dignity and intrinsic worth of each individual – as a person made in *imago dei* ('in the image and likeness of God' Genesis 1:27).

Printed material:

- *Social Justice Statement 2017–18: Everyone's Business – Developing an Inclusive and Sustainable Economy* (20 pp A4)
- *Ten steps towards an inclusive, sustainable economy* (A4 folded in three brochure )
- *Prayer card*

Documents may be printed from the [Australian Catholic Social Justice Council](http://www.austlii.edu.au/au/other/dfat/sjcc/) website.

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### Summit Online



The Summit Online builds on over 40 years of service to liturgy teams across Australia (and internationally), by providing insightful commentaries on the seasons, ministries and pastoral celebration of the Church's liturgy; as well as liturgical notes for homilists, music suggestions and videos, and weekly reflections on the Sunday gospels.

For many years this material was published as a supplement of the printed magazine *Summit* (Office for Worship, Archdiocese of Melbourne).

For each Sunday the Gospel text is followed by: 'Points of Interest' (points of Scripture or Catholic teaching; 'Exploring the Word' (brief commentary); 'Making Connections' (4-5 discussion questions); 'Sharing the Tradition' (eg comments on feast day); and 'Living the Word' (practical suggestions to be missionary disciples of Christ).

Each Sunday is a page (or two). Easy to print for RCIA. [Current edition PDF](#) covers 10th September to Feast of Christ the King (November 19th).

For general information about [The Summit Online](http://www.summitonline.org/).

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### Word on Fire • Digital



HOLD the press! This news has just come in. Word on Fire resources are now available as digital downloads – to rent or buy.

Over the last ten years Fr, now Bishop, Robert Barron has been one of the finest communicators – in person, video, books and websites – of the Catholic Faith and Christian discipleship in the modern world.

His *Catholicism* series has been watched by tens of thousands of people across the globe. Now this program, and many others, including *Priest*, *Prophet*, *King* (see review at the end of this edition of *The Vine*) is available on your computer, iPad or phone.

There are several different options:

- A monthly subscription gives access to all the videos. US\$19.95 per month.
- Purchase a series to download, eg *Catholicism 10* videos US\$49.95.
- Rent a video or series, eg an episode of *Catholicism* for US\$4.95 for three days.

[www.wofdigital.org](http://www.wofdigital.org)

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## Fuel • New App by Ignite Youth



Fuel is the essential daily companion to following Jesus and growing in your Catholic faith. Seamlessly designed and refreshingly simple, gain insights from reflections on the daily readings, explore the complete Catholic Bible, watch inspiring talks, or journey through one of the faith series.

**Daily Readings** — Every day the global Church reads from a curated selection of Bible readings that are thematically linked. Fuel provides a simple way to read and pray with these readings, every day. In addition, Fuel provides a relevant reflection alongside the readings to help bring meaning and life to the Word.

**Grow** — Fuel gives you access to faith series that are designed for both those brand new to faith, and leaders looking for something more. Journey through sessions that include question and answers, reflections and practical resources for discipleship and leadership. Perfect to do individually, as a group, or for entire classes.

**Catholic Bible** — Fuel hosts the entire bible in the New Living Translation: Catholic Edition. The NLT:CE is an acclaimed translation with vibrant language that is faithful to original texts - it was granted imprimatur for personal study in 2015.

**Video** — Easily access the latest teachings and talks from insightful speakers, breaking open real-world faith and practical discipleship.

You can find out more about it here: <https://igniteyouth.com/fuel>

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## Proclaim 2018



For the first time, the Brisbane Archdiocese will host the national Proclaim Conference. PROCLAIM 2018 will focus on inspiring, equipping and encouraging parishes and Catholic communities to engage in Evangelisation and Renewal. Early Bird registration opens in October 2017.

- Date: 12-14 July 2018
- Venue: Edmund Rice Performing Arts Centre, St Laurence's College, South Brisbane
- Keynotes: include Chris Stefancik (USA) and Cardinal John Dew (NZ)

For more information and to register your interest visit [www.proclaimconference.com.au](http://www.proclaimconference.com.au)

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## Julian Treasure • How to Speak so that People Want to Listen



This 'treasure' is part of my preparation for every presentation or workshop I give – usually in the car on the way to the parish! It clearly has been compulsory viewing/watching for many others too; 21 million views since 2013 on the TED website.

Julian Treasure is a voice coach in the UK but he is also deeply interested in listening skills. You may be wondering, 'What's this doing in *The Vine*?' Here's a clue. He starts the presentation with his 'seven deadly sins of speaking': gossip; judging; negativity; complaining; 'blamethrowing'; embroidery and exaggeration (or straight out lying); and the confusion of facts with opinions.

And his positive virtues of speaking? Well it spells HAIL: Honesty, Authenticity, Integrity, Love. He provides wonderful examples of 'sins and virtues' with humour and grace. All of this before his brilliant tips for 'speaking so that people want to listen'. Highly recommended. [Click here](#).

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## Liturgy Brisbane • Resources for 2018 and LITed fortnightly enews

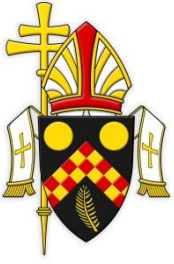


The 2018 resources, eg *Break Open the Word 2018*, *The Order of the Mass*, *We Pray As One 2018*, are now available to be ordered online: [www.liturgybrisbane.net.au](http://www.liturgybrisbane.net.au)

*LITed* is the new eNews about all things liturgical. Check this website for new edition and archives: [www.litedliturgybrisbane.weebly.com](http://www.litedliturgybrisbane.weebly.com)

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### Exploring Models of Parish Leadership • Parish Workshops



Evangelisation Brisbane are offering all Clergy, Lay Pastoral Ministers, Parish Pastoral Council and other leadership group members and all interested parishioners three opportunities to attend a workshop on Exploring Models of Parish Leadership.

This workshop will outline five existing parish leadership models and identify the circumstances in which they best contribute to the life and mission of the parish.

- **Upper Mt Gravatt - Tuesday 10th October (7pm-9pm)** RSVP by: Friday 6th October  
Venue: Community Centre, St Bernard's Church 4 Klumpp Rd, Upper Mt Gravatt.
- **Hendra - Thursday 12th October (7pm-9pm)** RSVP by: Monday 9th October  
Venue: Parish Hall, Mother of Mercy Parish 25 Bowman Street, Hendra.
- **Brisbane City - Saturday 14th October (9am-11am)** RSVP by: Tuesday 10th October  
Venue: Hanly Room, Francis Rush Centre, Cathedral Precinct, Brisbane.

For RSVP's and enquiries please contact Mary-Anne: P: 3324 3443 E: [ebadmin@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:ebadmin@bne.catholic.net.au)

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### Bishop Michael Putney Memorial Lecture



You are invited to this annual lecture in honour of the late Bishop of Townsville, Michael Putney, who was so well known and respected across Christian Churches.

- Date: Sunday 8 October from 2pm (concludes with afternoon tea at 4pm)
- Venue: Xavier Hall, Holy Spirit Seminary, 487 Earnshaw Road, Banyo
- Keynotes: Pastor James Winderlich (Principal of the Lutheran Theological College in Adelaide)  
Sr Elizabeth Delaney sgs (General Secretary of the National Council of Churches in Australia)
- Cost: \$10 payable at the door (includes afternoon tea)

In this year when we commemorate the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation the focus will be on what the Churches can learn from the Reformation and what it means for our ecumenical journey.

RSVP by Friday 29 September 2017 to (07) 3369 6792 or [admin@qct.org.au](mailto:admin@qct.org.au)

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### Christianity in the Middle East: 'Will you answer the Call?'



Created in October 2013, SOS Chrétiens d'Orient (SOS Christians of the East) is a young French non-profit organisation, the aim of which is to help the Christians in the Middle-East in war-torn countries. SOS Chrétiens d'Orient managed to bring four tons of toys, clothes and material to the Christian refugees of Syria, displaced by the civil war.

After the success of this first operation, the founders of the association decided to go to Iraq to celebrate Easter and bring toys and clothes to the country's poorest people. Since 2013, 800 volunteers left their country to help Christians in the East. They have built or rebuilt nine medical centres, helped 10,000 families (some 80,000 people), built or rebuilt eight schools. They gave 35 tons of medical supplies and 30 tons of food, hygiene packs, clothes and toys.

Benjamin Blanchard, co-founder of SOS Chrétiens d'Orient, will be visiting Australia later this year. He will speak about the important and life-changing work of this NGO and invite young Australian Catholics to volunteer on a mission SOS Chrétiens d'Orient in the middle East.

- Date : Tuesday 28 November (6:30-8:30pm)
- Venue: Hanly Room, Francis Rush Centre, 277 Elizabeth St, Brisbane

[website](#)

### *Spirit in the City Conference*



For the third year the Spirit in the City Conference, directed towards young adults, is being held at QUT's Gardens Point campus.

The conference raises the question of whether faith simply is matter of the heart. Is it little more than private opinion with no bearing on the real-world? Is the notion of 'right' and 'wrong' an oxymoron, giving way to 'perspectives' as so many movies, books, the media, politicians hold? Does science or government or other hold sway for answers to all of life's questions? Could our churches do a better job of equipping believers to bring faith to a world that fights it? Will the Christian faith survive unprecedented times of secular hostility?

We have managed to secure Fr Douglas Bazi, Iraqi priest who was shot and imprisoned by ISIS and has now become the international face of the Iraqi genocide. Other speakers/features will include: Archbishop Mark Coleridge, Ryan Messmore, Australian Sacred Music Association - and for a panel discussing revitalisation of parishes: Fr Adrian Sharp (liturgy), Fr Lam Vu (spirituality), Jan Heath (evangelisation), Teresa McGrath (youth), Ora Duffley (mission with an emphasis on Iraq), and Fr Bazi. David McGovern (Catholic Mission) is the MC.

- Date: Saturday, 7 October (8.30am to 5.00pm)
- Venue: QUT's Gardens Point Campus, George St Brisbane
- Cost: Prices start from \$25 (including lunch)

For further information and to register: [www.spiritinthecity.com.au](http://www.spiritinthecity.com.au)

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### *From Conflict to Communion: Educating for a Whole Church*



2017 offers a unique moment of common reflection for Catholics and Lutherans as we mark 500 years since the Reformation. Where have we come in our journey? Where are we going in our traditions and where are we going together? The conference provides an opportunity to reflect on what it means to educate for the whole community and for a whole Church.

This conference is designed for Catholic and Lutheran principals and educators, including school senior leadership staff, those responsible for curriculum and staff formation, teachers, priests, pastors, chaplains, diocesan and parish staff involved in education and interested parishioners.

- Date: Monday 9 October (9am-4.15pm)  
NB: Registration from 8.30am; Post conference drinks and canapés from 4.15pm
- Venue: ACU Leadership Centre, Level 3, Cathedral House, 229 Elizabeth St, Brisbane
- Keynotes: - *Luther as educator: His vision of teaching and learning in a contemporary western context.* (Rev James Winderlich, Principal, Australian Lutheran College)  
- *From Conflict to Communion – Educating for a whole church.* (Sr Elizabeth Delaney, General Secretary NCCA)
- Presenters: Archbishop Mark Coleridge; workshops by Rev James Winderlich, Sr Elizabeth Delaney, Jodie Hoff, Br Damien Price, Dr Jill Gowdie, Anne Dohnt, Dominique Jacqueline, Dr Leigh Stower, Dr Nora Amath, Dr Meg Noack, Dr Doug Ashleigh and Derek Bartels.
- Cost: Full Fee \$100 + GST  
Post-conference drinks and canapés is an additional \$15 + GST.

Register on-line at <http://ife.qld.edu.au/conference/> or download the registration form and post, fax or email it to the IFE (address details are provided on the form). If you have any questions about the registration process, please phone us on 07 3336 9167.

## The Global Leadership Summit 2017



Organised by Willow Creek the GLS is being held at over 25 locations across Australia throughout October and November.

GLS events are held via videocast, presenting some of the most up-to-date, high-impact leadership teaching available anywhere in the world. Every year the GLS inspires and equips leaders with an incredible range of speakers who are leadership practitioners.

This year's themes include: Assembling an outstanding team, developing personal grit, creative problem solving, developing talent, and exercising fearlessness in your leadership.

Don't delay, register yourself and your team today!

Visit the [website](#) for full details (venues, dates, prices) and to register.

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## Young Men of God Conference



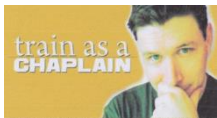
Young men from throughout Australia are invited to gather in Sydney to encounter God, experience brotherhood, be empowered to live lives of influence and to be equipped to go back home better sons, brothers, husbands and fathers. Confirmed speakers are Bishop Richard Umbers, Karen Doyle, Sam Clear, Chris Lee, Fr Ken Barker and Fr Dan Serratore.

- Dates: 13-15 October
- Venue: The Tops Conference Centre (51 Bendena Garden, Stanwell Tops), Sydney

For more information and to register visit: <http://ymgmovement.org/>

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## Open Days • Multifaith Academy for Chaplaincy and Community Ministries Inc.



Prospective students intending to study at Academy in 2018 are invited to attend our Open Days:

- Dates: Monday 4th December 2017 and Friday 9th March 2018
- Time: 10.30am-2.30pm
- Venue: Academy House, 54 Marquis Street Greenslopes

Since beginning this particular career entails considerable planning and logistics, aspiring students are strongly advised to attend one or both to discuss plans, expectations and requirements.

Trainers and staff will be on hand.

Register at [chaplaincyacademy@gmail.com](mailto:chaplaincyacademy@gmail.com)

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## 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: Thu 7 Dec to Sat 9 December
- 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.

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### *Catholics and Lutherans Commemorate the Reformation*



Archbishop Mark Coleridge, Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Brisbane and Bishop Paul Smith, Lutheran Church of Australia, Queensland District invite you to a Commemoration of 500 Years of Reformation.

- Date: Wednesday 1 November (7pm, concluding with supper at 9pm)
- Venue: Performing Arts Centre Auditorium, St Peter's Lutheran College, 66 Harts Rd, Indooroopilly
- Program: 7:00pm - Display in the foyer relating to the history of the Reformation  
7:30pm - Storytelling; A Time of Prayer; Commissioning of young people for Ecumenical Youth Project  
9:00pm - Supper served in the amphitheatre

[Download invitation](#)

RSVP by 23 October to Margaret Naylor Email: [naylonm@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:naylonm@bne.catholic.net.au) or Phone 3324 3453

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### *Australian Christian Meditation Community Qld • Retreat Weekend*



Join us for a weekend retreat with talks, periods of meditation and time for quiet reflection, or come for the day on Saturday. Opportunities also exist to stay on Friday night and unwind before the retreat commences. New and experienced meditators are welcome.

- Theme: Stillness of Spirit
- Date: Retreat Weekend 11-12 November (Quiet Day 11 November)
- Venue: Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, 267 Wellington St, Ormiston

*The way of meditation is very simple...it gives us the space that our spirit needs to breathe. It gives each one of us the space to be ourselves...all you need to do is accept from the hands of God the gift of your own being... (John Main)*

More details including costs and how to register are available in the [brochure](#).

For any queries and to register your interest contact:

Gabby Nelson Email: [toga@bigpond.net.au](mailto:toga@bigpond.net.au) Phone: 07 3711 4227 / 0488 592 770

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### *The Archer Mountain Community Calendar 2017*



Archer Mountain Community (68 Myleema Rd, Villeneuve) 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 use our facilities for meeting and community experience.

- **Awakening to a New Consciousness (October 21-22):** Creating a space to explore the dimensions of the emerging field of consciousness and looking at implications for a more integrated and healthy way of living. Open to all. Please apply by email or phone for one day or more. Residential option available. Cost: Full Accommodation, catering and input: \$110/day; Accommodation, self-catering and input: \$80/day; Day only attendance, self-catering and input: \$60/day.

Contact Tony Hempenstall on 07 5496 3537, 0417736696 or email: [aehempenstall@edmundrice.org](mailto:aehempenstall@edmundrice.org)

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

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## At Home with God's People • Selected Chapters



These 2 booklets include several chapters each direct from *At Home with God's People – Our Catholic Faith*. At \$1.00 each (exc GST) the 32 page booklets (soft self-cover) are a low cost simple resource for adult faith formation, RCIA and sacramental preparation.

**Booklet 1:** Three chapters from the book *At Home with God's People - Our Catholic Faith*:

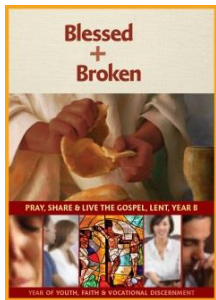
- The Sacraments of the Church
- The Sacraments of Initiation – Baptism and Confirmation
- The Sacraments of Initiation – Eucharist

**Booklet 2:** Four chapters from the book *At Home with God's People - Our Catholic Faith*:

- The Structure of the Mass
- Sin and Forgiveness
- Anointing of the Sick and
- Marriage

[Order online](#) from Evangelisation Brisbane.

## ADVANCE NOTICE Lenten program 2018 • Blessed + Broken – Pray, Share & Live the Gospel

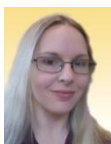


As baptised Christians, beloved sons and daughters of our loving God, we are blessed day by day. However, every day, we are also conscious of our brokenness. Through our wounds – and the wounds of the Body of Christ – we are constantly reminded of our need for God's tender mercy, forgiveness and healing.

In Australia we have seen and heard this during the testimonies given before the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse, the statistics for alcohol and drug addiction, the rate of physical, emotional and sexual abuse in families and the alarming percentage of Australians who end their lives by suicide.

Lent is the season of penance and lament. It is also the season when our elect – on their life-saving journey to the waters of Baptism at Easter – undertake a process of purification and enlightenment. This Lenten resource, *Blessed + Broken*, will encourage, enlighten and strengthen the faith of all parishioners as they journey to the Cross of Calvary, and the glory of the Resurrection beyond.

The Gospel Reflections are being written by:



- **Dr Antonia Pizze**  
weeks 1, 3 and 5  
(Australian Catholic University)



- **Rev Dom Orih**  
week 2  
(Archdiocese of Brisbane)



- **Bishop Anthony Randazzo**  
week 4  
(Archdiocese of Sydney)

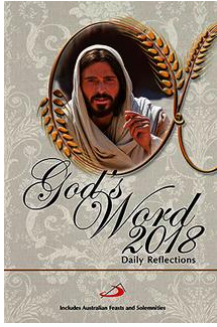


- **Fr Rob Galea**  
week 6  
(Diocese of Sandhurst)

All Lenten orders received before the 31st of December 2017 will automatically receive a 15% discount. Lenten orders will be dispatched in mid-January, 2018.

For more information on the book, DVD and CDs, Prayer Cards and poster please visit our website: [www.lentenprogram.com](http://www.lentenprogram.com)

## God's Word 2018: Daily Reflections



Designed to help you to keep the Word of God close to your heart in your daily life.

A companion on the journey to pray, to share, to grow in God's love and be nourished by the Word of God. Includes the Bible readings set down for each day, with a reflection.

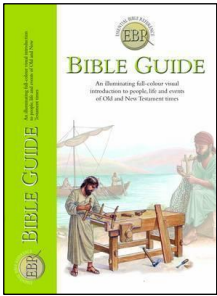
*God's Word 2018: Daily Reflections* brings you:

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- Inspiring reflection of the Gospel of the day by eminent homilists
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- Space to note down important events and reflections of the day
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Order from [St Pauls](#) (available in October) \$15.95

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## Bible Guide • Essential Bible Reference



This is one booklet in the Essential Bible Reference series. The series provides a wonderful overview of all things biblical for catechumens and/or anyone wanting basic information in an attractive and concise manner.

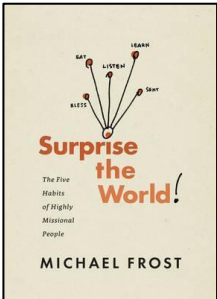
This title provides a valuable introduction to the Bible as a whole, explaining key elements, such as why there are two Testaments, how people lived in Jesus' time, and the importance of the Dead Sea Scrolls. Contents include time charts, colour maps and diagrams, and a brief list of who's who.

32 pp. [LionHudson](#).

Available from bookshops for only \$4.00.

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## Surprise the World • The Five Habits of Highly Missional People



Pope Francis asks us to be 'missionary disciples' but for many Catholics that is an incongruous phrase. Perhaps it is fitting then that I should be reviewing a book from an incongruous source – the world of evangelical publishing; in this case NavPress.

Michael Frost is a leading voice in the international missional church movement. He is a brilliant communicator, his writing style is as 'crisp and clean' as a good South Aussie rosé.

His premise is simple but radical for an evangelical: *We are not all called to be evangelists. But we are all called to live generous, hospitable, Spirit-led, Christlike lives as missionaries in our neighbourhood.* (page 1)

We do this by growing a simple weekly habit: blessing three people; eating with three people; listening for the Spirit's voice; 'learning Christ'; and journaling/recording where we have been witnesses and activists for the Reign of God in daily life.

Frost has compiled a practical 'how to' for any Jack or Jill in the pew. He quotes, or refers to, the writings of Catholic spiritual writers such as Thérèse of Lisieux, Thomas Merton and Dorothy Day.

He writes briskly, with wit and some humour. In his comments about 1 Peter 3:15-16 ('Always be prepared to give and answer to everyone who asks you ...') he concludes the chapter with this frank and earnest statement:

*If people revile us because of Christ, even though we've conducted ourselves towards them with humility, gentleness and generosity, then so be it. Jesus promised it, after all. But if people revile us because we are manipulative jerks, that's on us.*

125 pp. from [NavPress](#) or [Amazon Kindle version](#)

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## Alpha • Reaching hearts and minds across the country



Since the visit of Fr James Mallon from Canada last year many dioceses and parishes have run Alpha as a way of renewing and growing the faith of their communities. Alpha allows anyone to explore life, faith and God in a friendly, open and informal environment. In each session there's food, a short videoed talk and robust discussion in small groups. Participants are lead on a journey that enables people to ask their questions, share ideas and build friendships.

Mt Carmel parish at Coorparoo in Brisbane has almost completed *Alpha* with, on average, 45 participants. One of the organisers of the program, Kathy Asnicar, is full of praise for the professionally produced videos which form part of the Alpha process. She has witnessed participants eager to return each week for the sense of community, inspiring teaching and discussions which encourage participants to share their doubts and questions.

The new *Alpha* film series has a number of presenters including Bear Grylls and hip hop dancer Propaganda as well as prominent Catholics Cardinal Schönborn (Austria), Fr Luigi Gioia (Rome), Father Raniero Cantalamessa (preacher to the papal household) and a clip of Pope Francis on Christian unity.

At the beginning of the program some participants at Coorparoo voiced their concern: 'When would the content get to the Catholic stuff'. As the program progressed the same people commented: 'right from the first session, with questions about who Jesus Christ is, who we are, and what we're called to be, right there was the foundation of our faith'.

- Where do I get resources? Once you register videos, training and resources are available for free download online: <http://run.alpha.org.au/#/> or you can purchase them from Koorong Bookshop.
- Who can provide advice to get us started? Mike or Rob from Evangelisation Brisbane: [eb@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:eb@bne.catholic.net.au) or the Alpha in a Catholic Context Coordinator [lorraine.mccarthy@alpha.org.au](mailto:lorraine.mccarthy@alpha.org.au)

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## Priest, Prophet, King



This new video series provides a 'deep, biblical look at Jesus Christ' by Bishop Robert Barron.

In *Priest, Prophet, King*, you'll discover Jesus as the Anointed One – the ultimate priest, prophet, and king foreshadowed throughout the Hebrew Scriptures. Using biblical insights and engaging stories, Bishop Barron affirms that we see Jesus most clearly through the lens of the Old Testament.

Through this program, Bishop Barron promises that 'you will better understand Jesus, become more familiar with Scripture, and realize your own priestly, prophetic, and kingly mission, received when you are baptized "into Christ"'.

For group study, you can present the program in seven 90-minute sessions. Each session includes DVD viewing and small group discussion of Study Guide questions. Participants read the commentary in the study guide and prepare the questions before the small group discussion.

The Leader's Kit provides essential resources for group discussion leaders, including the DVD, lessons, facilitator guide, answer key and prayer cards. In addition, leaders can access free, downloadable promotional materials and other tools using the 'Support Materials'.

For samples of the [video, PDFs click here](#).

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## PLANNING FOR 2018?

### Evangelisation Brisbane • We're here to help



Our team at Evangelisation Brisbane is available to facilitate, lead and present a range of topics for formation and mission. Some examples are listed below:

- preparation for sacraments
- implementing the RCIA
- 'what in God's name is evangelisation?'
- 'Good News! What? Where?' How? Answers from Pope Francis: *The Joy of the Gospel (Evangelii Gaudium)*
- 'Caring for our Common Home (*Laudato Si*)'
- Training for Parish Pastoral Council members: 'Purpose-driven meetings'; 'The Long View: Strategic Planning'; 'Sharing the Wisdom'; 'Consensus Way'; discernment for new members.

Please also mark in your diary:

- Saturday 3rd March 2018
- Parish Leadership Development Day at Dominic Centre, Carina - [Date claimer](#)
- for Members of Pastoral Councils, Clergy, Lay Pastoral Ministers and Parish Leadership teams
- Input from Archbishop Mark Coleridge

Contact Evangelisation Brisbane for options, possibilities and plans for 2018.

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## INSPIRATION ...



**Julian**  
(Roman Emperor 361-363)

As an adult Julian had rejected his baptism at birth. He rejected Christianity which he claimed was just fables and irrational dogmas.

Below is a quote from a letter by the Emperor to a priest of the Roman Gods.

The *Galilaeans* he refers to were in fact the Christians.

While written almost 1,700 years ago the words provide a great backdrop to the 2017-18 Social Justice Statement: *Everyone's Business – Developing an Inclusive and Sustainable Economy*. He is writing about the lack of ardour amongst Roman citizens in their worship of the gods:

We must pay especial attention to this point and by this means effect a cure. For when it came about that the poor were neglected and overlooked by the priests, then I think the impious *Galilaeans* observed this fact and devoted themselves to philanthropy. And they have gained ascendancy in the worst of their deeds through the credit they win for such practices.

... and to emphasise his point he later writes to Arsacius, High-priest of Galatia (362):

Why ... do we not observe that it is their [*the Christians*] benevolence to strangers, their care for the graves of the dead and the pretended holiness of their lives that have done most to increase atheism? I believe that we ought really and truly to practise every one of these virtues. ... For it is disgraceful that when ... the impious *Galilaeans* support not only their own poor but ours as well, all men see that our people lack aid from us.

Quoted in *Surprise the World – The Five Habits of Highly Missional People* (reviewed in 'Resources' above).