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As the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic continues to be felt around Australia (and the world) there has been a dramatic effect on the financial, physical and mental health of individuals, families, parishes and our communities. Church agencies – hospitals, St Vincent de Paul, Care and Concern parish groups, Centacare, [Catholic Psychiatric Pastoral Care](#) – and parishes have done an amazing job over the last four months providing tangible support and services.

Providentially the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has addressed the serious issue of mental health in the 2020 Social Justice Statement. This topic is relevant to every person in our pews, but for this document to be more than words on paper parishes are invited to address this issue through communication and adult formation in newsletters, posters, prayers of the faithful and in homilies. Please see further information in this edition of *The Vine*.

One of the most common requests we receive at Evangelisation Brisbane is for adult faith formation resources on Scripture. This could be for Readers, catechumens, parents or an individual or a group.

Along with the Social Justice Statement, this edition will focus on Scripture resources (new and old). In the new category Archbishop Mark Coleridge has commenced a [podcast series on Paul](#) (see Apps/Podcasts below and check out his excellent podcast series on the [parables](#) produced last year). In the ‘old category’ there is a free download of an excellent text by Fr Bill O’Shea on the Gospel of John. (PDF of Scripture resources [download here](#).)

For the next edition of *The Vine* please send information on adult faith formation resources and opportunities to [ebadmin@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:ebadmin@bne.catholic.net.au) by 18 September.

miniCALENDAR		* date claimer (more information in upcoming issues)	
Every effort has been made to check details of these events; however, we suggest you check that they are still running closer to the date.			
DATE / TIME	EVENT/TOPIC	LOCATION	PRESENTER/FURTHER INFO
28 July	St Ignatius Parish’s Annual Women’s Night of Spirituality	Online: <a href="http://www.stignatiustooowong.org.au">www.stignatiustooowong.org.au</a>	Sr Angela Mary Doyle RSM AO and Dr Sr Maeve Louise Heaney VDMF
Aug 1 (8:30am-10:30am)	Contemplative Arts Mini-Retreat	Faber Centre of Ignatian Spirituality	Lynne Head-Weir
Aug 5 (6:30pm-9pm)	Encounter Songwriting Sessions Continues 1 <sup>st</sup> Wed of the month until Dec	Hanly Room, Francis Rush Centre, 279 Elizabeth St, Brisbane	<a href="#">See article</a>
Aug 15	Australian Catholic Men’s Gathering 2020 <i>Brothers, what must we do?</i>	<a href="#">Online</a>	Daniel Ang, Peter Pellicaan, Peter Shakhovskoy, Jude Hennessy, Steve Lawrence, Robert Falzon. <a href="#">See article</a>
Aug 15 (7:00am-11:00am)	Walking Meditation – Awakening to Awe	Gold Creek Reservoir, Brookfield	Faber Centre of Ignatian Spirituality
Aug 19 (7:30pm)	Launch: Social Justice Statement: To Live Life to the Full: Mental health in Australia today	Launch St James Parish Hall, 92 Kirkland Av, Coorparoo	Archbishop Mark Coleridge
Aug 21-23	Quo Vadis Weekend	Holy Spirit Seminary, Banyo	<a href="#">Register interest online</a>
Aug 29 (7:00am-9:00am)	Two Hours of Quiet – Ignatian Acceptance	Faber Centre of Ignatian Spirituality	Maria Shelley
Aug 30	Social Justice Sunday: To Live Life to the Full: Mental health in Australia today		
Sept 6	Season of Creation	Every Sunday in September	
Sept 11	PMA Gathering Day	Hanley Room, Cathedral of St Stephen	Michael Mangan
Sept 26 (7:00am-9:00am)	Two Hours of Quiet – Ignatian Acceptance	Faber Centre of Ignatian Spirituality	Maria Shelley
Sept 27 (2:30pm)	<a href="#">World Day of Migrants and Refugees:</a> <i>Forced like Jesus Christ to flee</i>	<a href="#">Archdiocesan Multicultural Mass</a> Cathedral of St Stephen	<a href="#">Live web cast link</a>
Oct 3 (9:30am-3:15pm)	<a href="#">Quiet Saturday – Praying with the Earth</a> *	Faber Centre of Ignatian Spirituality	Catherine Hefferan rsm
Oct 16-18	Contemplative Bushwalking Retreat	Lamington NPark or Mt Tamborine	<a href="#">See article</a> in Events
Oct 17 (7:00am-11:00am)	<a href="#">Walking Meditation – Cultivating Awe</a> *	TBA	Faber Centre of Ignatian Spirituality
Oct 31 (7:00-9:00am)	<a href="#">Two Hours of Quiet – Ignatian Sharing</a>	Faber Centre of Ignatian Spirituality	Christine Webb
Nov 28 (9.30am-1pm)	End of Year Celebration*	CCR Brisbane Centre, Northgate	CCR Brisbane - <a href="#">email</a>
Nov 28 (7:00-9:00am)	<a href="#">Two Hours of Quiet – Ignatian Healing</a> *	Faber Centre of Ignatian Spirituality	Sr Angela Botti fmde
Dec 11-13	Women’s Retreat*	Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, 267 Wellington St, Ormiston	Grace Harwood (Dragonfly Ministries)

## *Do Not Be Afraid • Mental Illness and Outreach: Guidelines for Parishes*



The Bishops Commission for Social Justice, Mission and Service Secretariat of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference is to be highly commended for this helpful, practical and comprehensive website. The site contains resources for parishes for ministry to people with mental illness and their families. Menus on the site cover areas such as: educational resources, infographics, sample articles, contacts in case of a crisis, and much more. Many of these resources are also compiled in a 59-page, hardcopy book. See the [Resources section](#) of *The Vine*.

[www.catholic.org.au/donotbeafraid](http://www.catholic.org.au/donotbeafraid)

## *Mental Health Ministries*



US inter-faith organisation aimed at helping communities around issues of mental health. From the home page: 'Our mission is to help faith communities be caring congregations for people living with a mental illness and those who love and care for them based on the 'Caring Congregations' five step model of education, commitment, welcome, support and advocacy. Mental Health Ministries has created a wide variety of user friendly downloadable print and DVD resources with many of the print resources available in Spanish. This website also has training curriculums and other resources developed by denominations and national groups working in the area of spirituality/faith and mental illness. Our Inspiration section that includes Devotions, Prayers and Quotations.'

[www.mentalhealthministries.net](http://www.mentalhealthministries.net)

## *Mental Illness Ministries*



Published by Archdiocese of Chicago, Commission on Mental Illness. The purpose of the Commission is to resource parishes on the spiritual and supportive needs of people with serious mental illnesses and their families. Excellent resources and links to further resources.

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

## *Mental Health Stories • YouTube • Saddleback Church*



Saddleback Church is one of the largest evangelical churches in the world. Founded in 1979 by pastor Rick Warren it had grown to 22,000 people in 2017.

The Warren's youngest son, Matthew, died from suicide on April 6, 2013, after 10 years of struggling with mental illness and depression. Since then Rick and Kay Warren have launched a ministry to educate the church on its role to help people struggling with mental illness.

This video is one practical example of their ministry that could be used in any parish setting to raise awareness and motivate advocacy and social change. [Mental Health Stories](#) provides vignettes into the lives of six people; their struggles and challenges, and how faith and prayer has given them hope and strength.

## *Preaching the Cross of Christ • Sr Barbara Reid OP*



Sr Barbara is Professor of New Testament Studies at Catholic Theological Union, Chicago. She has given presentations in México, Bolivia, Perú, Uruguay, Brazil, Guatemala, and Santo Domingo. She has also lectured in Ireland, New Zealand, Australia, Canada, the Philippines, Thailand, and Rome.

In this [60 min video](#) she examines the theology of atonement and provides other metaphors primarily from the Gospel of John. Reid is a consummate communicator and eminent Scripture scholar.

## *Forced Like Jesus to Flee*



Monthly communication campaign from the Vatican's Migrants and Refugees Section leading to the celebration of the 106th World Day of Migrants and Refugees on 27 September 2020.

[www.migrants-refugees.va/world-day-of-migrants-refugees](http://www.migrants-refugees.va/world-day-of-migrants-refugees)



Fr Just has had a variety of teaching roles at Yale, Santa Clara University, University of San Francisco, Jesuit School of Theology (Berkeley) and among others and was Director of Biblical Ministries at the Loyola Institute of Spirituality, Orange, CA, USA from 2007 to 2018 and has presented seminars and workshops across the US.

He generously maintains a large internationally-acclaimed website with a wide variety of biblical and liturgical materials:

[www.catholic-resources.org](http://www.catholic-resources.org)

## APPS, PODCASTS

### St Paul • *The Birth of the Church: Why the Loser Won*



St Paul is the central figure in a fascinating new podcast by Archbishop Mark Coleridge. *The Birth of the Church: why the loser won* is a seven-part series exploring the earliest days of Christianity. Each episode (30mins) can be listened to [online](#), [downloaded](#) or subscribed to on your favourite podcast app (Apple or Android).

Here are some comments about the series by Archbishop Mark: 'Now this is a time in this change of era when the Church in a sense needs to be reborn, losing nothing of our great past, but entering into new territory in new ways in a kind of rebirth. And it's precisely at that point and for that reason that St Paul, the figure and his story, can be a real resource for us as we seek to blaze a trail into new territory and to live as the Church in a new way.' At the start of episode one, Archbishop Coleridge said St Paul was in everyone's DNA. 'We mightn't know it, but you can't be a Christian without having St Paul in your DNA,' he said. 'So, in that sense, the question I'm asking is "Who do you think you are?"' (*The Catholic Leader*).

## AT THE MOVIES (AT HOME)

### Harriet



In recent editions of *The Vine* we have reviewed films of two men of faith: Franz Jägerstätter and Fred Rogers. In this edition we review a new film about a woman of small physical stature – she was less than 5 foot tall (1.5m) but was great in fearless courage, deep and abiding faith and an intense prayer life.

Harriet Tubman was born into slavery on a farm in Maryland, USA, in 1822.

The film commences when she escapes slavery and walks, mostly at night, over 160 kilometres to freedom in Philadelphia. There she joins the 'underground railroad' as the only female 'conductor' eventually assisting 70 slaves to freedom.

The 'underground railroad' was a practical and dangerous endeavour of those who sought to abolish slavery. This network of assistance and safe houses for runaway slaves was maintained and financed by evangelical Christians, Quakers and Methodists.

The film faithfully recounts the words and deeds of Harriet (with some minor rearrangements of events) with alacrity, intense drama and fast-paced action. What is surprising though is how much of the film is also devoted to Harriet's prayer-life and trust in Divine Providence.

Early in life, she suffered a traumatic head wound when she 'intercepted' a heavy metal weight thrown by an irate overseer intending to hit another slave. Throughout her life the injury resulted in seizures and trance-like dream states. It was in these moments that she experienced vivid visions which she recounted as prophetic messages and directions from God.

These events must have been unnerving for the runaway slaves. The film records one such occasion that perhaps gave her the epithet of 'Moses'. In the middle of the night she was leading a group in one direction when she was warned not to continue on that route but instead to swim across a river. Only problem was that some of the slaves were elderly and some couldn't swim. She decided to wade across. When the water reached her neck she prayed: 'Heavenly Father, River of Living Water flow through me. Lord, help me cross, lead me through!'

The British actor and singer who plays Harriet, Cynthia Erivo, has won Tony and Grammy Awards, and has been nominated for two Academy Awards. She brings conviction and authenticity to the role of 'Moses'.

In an interview she recalled how she would pray before scenes. 'My faith got stronger' she said. 'The idea that faith really can bring you through something. That was an intense "oh I get it now. I understand".'

At times the film can feel like a musical. However these events are anchored in fact: Tubman would sing spirituals in code to hiding slaves or to tell her mother when she was escaping.

Apart from one brief scene there are no overt depictions of violence that often occur in films about slavery.

Available now on Apple and Android as a new release. [Trailer](#).

## RESOURCES

### *Social Justice Statement • To Live Life to the Full: Mental health in Australia today*



From ACBC website: The COVID-19 pandemic has had a dramatic impact on the mental health of many members of our parishes, schools and communities. In fact, most of us will experience a mental health problem at some point over the course of our lives. Understanding mental health will help us to be aware of those who need our support. Our parishes, organisations and communities can be places of acceptance, care and healing, not places of rejection, judgment or stigma.

In the Social Justice Statement *To Live Life to the Full: Mental health in Australia today*, the bishops welcome the deinstitutionalisation of mental health care in Australia. However, without adequately funded community mental health services, there is a gap in the system through which people continue to fall. Social determinants including poverty, living conditions, and personal security are significant contributors to mental ill-health. The Statement highlights the experience of First Nations people and communities, asylum seekers and refugees, people who are homeless and those who are in prison.

The bishops observe that 'our society tends to draw away from, or to push away, those who confront us with our frailties and limitations' which is 'completely at odds with the story of Jesus' who 'takes on the frailty of the human condition' and 'draws near to those who are sick or who have disabilities, those who are marginalized or despised'. People living with mental ill-health are part of the Body of Christ – 'us' and not 'them' – and share equally in Jesus' promise of the fullness of life (Jn 10:10).

The bishops invite us all to reject stigmatisation, to work for the transformation of social determinants of mental ill-health, and to call for policies and service provision that meets the needs of the poorest and most marginalised members of our community.

See launch details in ['Events'](#).

### *Do Not Be Afraid • Mental Illness and Outreach: Guidelines for Parishes*



This practical 'how-to' resource was published by the Disability Projects Office, Secretariat for Social Justice, ACBC, in 2019. The text was adapted (with permission) from material by Deacon Tom Lambert and Rita Lambert (Archdiocese of Chicago). Listed below is just a few of the sections in the resource:

#### **Education: What We Need to Know**

- Do We Have People With Mental Illness in our Parish? The Facts about Mental Illness
- How Do I Talk About Mental Illness?

#### **Mental Health Services**

#### **Resources: Articles and Factsheets**

- Week 4: Dual diagnosis of mental illness and substance abuse
- Week 5: Stigma and mental illness
- Week 6: Deinstitutionalisation
- Week 7: Homelessness and mental illness
- Week 8: Prisons and mental illness

#### **'Do Not be Afraid' Ministry**

- How do we start?
- How to run a workshop
- Launching and sustaining the ministry
- Examples of liturgies, prayer and mediation

66 pp, spiral bound. [Purchase online](#) \$5.00 (incl GST) plus postage or [free download](#).

## Healing Wounds and Warming Hearts • Supporting people with mental illness in your parish



Excellent colour pamphlet for parish councils, Care and Concern groups, St Vincent de Paul and parishioners. A4 sheet folded to A5. Practical tips and suggestions.

Published by the Disability Projects Office, Secretariat for Social Justice, ACBC.

[Download PDF.](#)

## Finding Hope in Depression • A Catholic Approach



Your guide, Sr. Kathryn J. Hermes FSP, struggled with depression for many years and shares in these presentations a holistic approach to finding peace in the darkness and hope for a new dawn. A best-selling author, Sr. Hermes is an expert on spirituality and depression.

*Finding Hope in Depression: A Catholic Approach* explores the link between struggling with depression and faith. The treasures of the Catholic tradition can be among the most powerful means to wellbeing and wholeness for those suffering depression or finding themselves discouraged and disillusioned, anxious and uncertain.

Through these 9 engaging talks, and the free accompanying study guide, you will find:

- a holistic perspective on depression: spiritual, psychological, medical and practical self-care
- hopeful stories by others who have gone through depression
- helpful tips for friends and family members
- suggestions for prayer and reflection
- guidance and insight for those experiencing depression as well as friends and family members
- powerful resource for care providers and pastoral counsellors

This series is available as MP4 audio files to download from the [www.learn25.com](http://www.learn25.com) website – formerly [www.nowyouknowmedia.com](http://www.nowyouknowmedia.com). 3 hrs and 34 min. Discount price US\$39.95.

Sr Hermes covers similar material in her book *Surviving Depression: A Catholic Approach*.

Published by Pauline Books and Media (2019) [Kindle sample](#), 178 pages.

## The Gospel of John



This 26 A4 page PDF provides an excellent overview of the Gospel of John and its key themes. This Gospel takes a different perspective to the synoptic gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke. Fr O'Shea writes that 'in Church tradition' the author of the Gospel of John 'has come to be designated as THE theologian, and his work has been called the "spiritual gospel"'.

'In contrast with the multiplicity of miracles reported in the other gospels, John chooses only seven. And a study of his treatment of them reveals that for the most part he sees the miraculous acts of Jesus as symbols of deeper truths. This symbolic aspect of miracles is also to be found in some miracles described in the other gospels, but for John, this becomes the dominant aspect. The miracles of Jesus serve as springboards, launching pads for lengthy speeches or discourses in which the true significance of the miracle is spelt out.'

'One could say that John is interested not so much in the miracles for their own sake, but for what they reveal about the person of Jesus and his saving work.'

To download [click here](#).

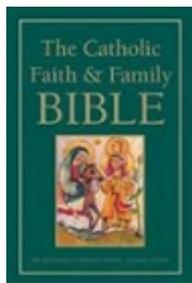
## Listen to Him! Living the Christian Adventure



Dr Br Brian Grenier CFC has had wide experience as college principal and teacher at all levels from primary to tertiary. He has written articles and book reviews for *The Catholic Leader* and overseas journals. This is Brian's 15<sup>th</sup> book and is a delight to read. The book is mainly a collection of short articles written by Brian over a number of years for *The Catholic Leader* in his inimitable style: often witty and humorous; learned without being pretentious; deeply concerned with the issues and challenges of our contemporary world while being focused on listening to Jesus Christ.

109 pp, \$15 (incl postage). All proceeds donated to 'Wheelchairs for Kids'. [Order form](#).

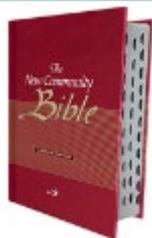
## The Catholic Faith and Family Bible and The New Community Bible



If you are looking for a 'study Bible' then here are two excellent options.

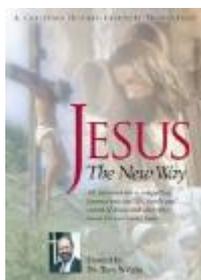
*The Catholic Faith and Family Bible* is a New Revised Standard Version Catholic Edition and is published by HarperCollins.

The text is brought to life through notes and articles such as: Act On It; Make the Connection; Meet the People; Pray the Word; Take It to Heart. The type is particularly clear and easy to read. In the Appendices there are: Index of articles by theme, Reading Plans around topics such as 'courage', Tables with Sunday readings for Years A, B and C, and maps of Jerusalem, Palestine and Paul's journeys. The only downside is the soft cover. 1,630 pages \$48.00.



*The New Community Bible* (NCB) is published by St Pauls Publications and is the revised edition of the popular Christian Community Bible translated by late Bernardo Hurault, a French priest and biblical scholar, from original languages to Spanish in 1971. Since then it has been translated into many languages and millions of copies have been distributed. There are excellent background articles before each book. Hard cover, 2,304 pages, \$23.95.

## Jesus the New Way • DVD, MP4 and PDF • Bishop Tom Wright



Many locals attended the excellent presentations by Tom Wright back in 2006 on Jesus and mission. (We still have CDs available of that series at a discount price \$16.50 for 8 CDs.)

*Jesus the New Way*, presented by Bishop Tom Wright, was published by Christian History Institute in 1998 as a DVD with 16-page participant's workbook and a 96-page leader's guide with background information, discussion questions, and program scripts.

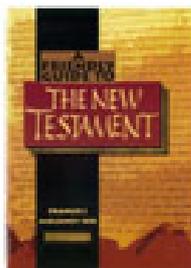
The kit can be borrowed by parishes from TheLibrary at Brisbane Catholic Education – formerly known as ResourceLink and before that the Multimedia Centre. For more information please email [thelibrary@bne.catholic.edu.au](mailto:thelibrary@bne.catholic.edu.au) or ph: 30337405.

The videos are also available as [MP4 downloads](#) and the price has been slashed to US \$4.99 for a running time of 2 hrs 48 min.

Remarkably the full script is available as [PDF download](#). This alone is an invaluable tool for studying the Bible. In fact it is one of the most insightful, understandable and readable texts on Jesus I have ever read. Wright gives an overview of the history, religion and culture in Palestine at the time of Jesus. Perhaps mirroring our own time, Wright argues that the Jewish people were at a 'pivot point'. Different groups were attempting to negotiate and influence where the pivot would turn: Herod's court, Pharisees, Sadducees, revolutionaries who would become known as the Sicarii, the Essenes, the followers of John the Baptist. (Rob Cosgrove)

Wright writes: 'Jesus was doing things and saying things which plugged right in to what his contemporaries were waiting for – but in a way which constantly stood their expectations on their heads. When he told stories, which we call 'parables', he was regularly telling the story of Israel, in coded language, in such a way as to say: Your story is reaching its climax, here and now, through what I'm doing. This is what the kingdom looks like.'

## Friendly Guide to ... the New Testament ... the Old Testament ... Paul ... Mark, Luke, Matthew



Garratt Publishing continues to contract top Australian writers for this series such as Rev Francis J. Moloney SBD, Fr Chris Monaghan OP, Dr Mary L. Coloe PBVM and Revd Canon Professor Dorothy Lee.

The books are written in a 'friendly manner' to engage the reader who may be just starting to delve into the Scriptures. Each book is supplemented with attractive photographs, illustrations and maps.

Titles on the series on Scripture: *Friendly Guide to Jesus; ... to New Testament; ... to Matthew's Gospel; ... to Mark's Gospel; ... to Luke's Gospel; ... to John's Gospel; ... to Paul; ... to Old Testament; ... to the Prophets; ... to the Resurrection of Jesus; ... to Women in the New Testament: ... to the Birth of Jesus*

\$29.95. 48 pages.

[Website.](#)

## Migrant and Refugee Kit



A resource produced by the Australian Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office to assist schools, parishes and communities in the observance of the 106th World Day of Migrants and Refugees on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2020.

Resource available online 14<sup>th</sup> September. [www.acmro.catholic.org.au](http://www.acmro.catholic.org.au)

## COURSES / TRAINING

### Pastoral Ministers Association Gathering Day



**When:** Sept 11 (9:17am-2:30pm)  
**Where:** Hanley Room, Cathedral of St Stephen, 277 Elizabeth Street, Brisbane  
**Input:** Michael Mangan  
**RSVP:** Friday 4th September, 2020 (please advise special diet needs)  
**Enquiries:** [ebadmin@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:ebadmin@bne.catholic.net.au)  
phone 3324 3440 or contact any member of the Executive

Executive of the Association: Christopher Voigt (Chair), Teresa Gittins (Sec), Allison King (Treasurer), Gerry Crooks, Christy Gracias, Joy Lalor, Lisa McKerr and Lorraine Wynne (ex-officio).

### Adult Faith Online • Scripture 'mini-courses'



There are a number of Scripture 'mini-courses' in the series called Adult Faith Online and run by BBI-The Australian Institute of Theological Education. This is an approved Catholic Institute based in the Diocese of Broken Bay (Sydney).

The Word of the Lord: Introducing the Scriptures (AFO0004)  
Introduction to the Old Testament (AFO0003)  
The Gospel of Mark (AFO0006)

Flexible, affordable (\$55) online courses; take 6 to 8 hours to complete. [Website](#).

### Open Yale Courses • Introduction to the Hebrew Bible



Open Yale Courses provides free and open access to a selection of introductory courses taught by distinguished teachers and scholars at Yale University.

Professor Christine Hayes is one of the leading scholars in the Hebrew Scriptures and is a specialist in talmudic-midrashic studies. 24 lectures available as video online, audio and video download (low and high res) and HTML transcript. Prof Hayes is an excellent communicator, however it is important to understand that these courses are not presented specifically for the nourishment of Christian faith, but to give anyone a deeper understanding of the historical, cultural and religious background to the Hebrew Scriptures.

[Introduction to the Hebrew Bible](#). Also available: [Introduction to the New Testament History and Literature](#) by Professor Dale B. Martin (26 lectures).

### Encounter Songwriting Sessions



**When:** First Wednesday of the month from August to December (6:30pm-9pm)  
(5 August, 2 September, 7 October, 4 November, 2 December)  
**Where:** Hanly Room, Francis Rush Centre, 279 Elizabeth St, Brisbane  
**RSVP:** [Register online](#)  
**Contact:** Emma Fradd (Encounter Youth) [fradde@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:fradde@bne.catholic.net.au)

Encounter Songwriting Sessions seek to regularly bring together a team of local songwriters to create original, good and beautiful Catholic music to be used in prayer, liturgy and youth group. Each night will involve co-writing, creative worship music sessions, and of course all the cups of tea you can handle. Please note that this event is for 16-35 year olds.

## St Ignatius Parish's Annual Women's Night of Spirituality



St Ignatius Parish (Toowong) is offering a unique experience for the 14th Annual Women's Night of Spirituality. The evening will be hosted by Robyn Emerson, who will unpack the stories of two exceptional women: Sr Angela Mary Doyle RSM AO and Dr Sr Maeve Heaney VDMF. Sr Angela Mary will share her journey from nurse to hospital administrator. Maeve has worked in Spain, England, Ireland, Italy and Australia leading schools of evangelization, spiritual exercises and teaching theology.



This year, you can view the event from Tuesday 28th July in the comfort of your own home by watching the YouTube recording which will be found on the St Ignatius Parish Toowong website. Why not share this experience with a few friends over a meal at home!

[www.stignatiustoowong.org.au](http://www.stignatiustoowong.org.au)

## Faber Centre of Ignatian Spirituality



For many years, Jesuit priests and laypersons in Brisbane have offered Ignatian spirituality, in the form of shorter and longer retreats, spiritual direction and conversation throughout Queensland and beyond, in person and online through Skype and now Zoom. Founded in 2006, Brisbane's Faber Centre of Ignatian Spirituality is located at the foot of Mt Coot-tha in Brisbane. On the 1st July, the Faber Centre of Ignatian Spirituality (Faber CIS) enters into an exciting relationship with our Jesuit and lay partners around Australia, becoming part of a national network, 'Jesuit and Ignatian Spirituality Australia,' JISA. Faber CIS will become 'JISA – Faber,' and while continuing spiritual offerings in the Centre at Bardon, will also embrace a more agile model, with mobile teams to bring Ignatian spirituality and Mission Formation to those who seek it, where they seek it.

The 26-member Faber team, led by Director Mary Robson, has a variety of life experience and Ignatian Spiritual Exercises backgrounds. The Team offers one-on-one conversation, shorter First Spiritual Exercises retreats and longer Full Spiritual Exercises in Daily Life retreats, where a person meets a spiritual director in person or online weekly over thirty weeks. Spiritual direction is available in flexible formats. Also available is membership of the Christian Life Communities: 'ordinary people leading ordinary lives inspired by the Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius of Loyola'.

The Faber website gives an insight into the range of services and opportunities available, with a reopening of some onsite opportunities at the home of Faber at the foot of Mt Coot-tha in Brisbane, which include Contemplative Walks and Meditation opportunities. Taking advantage of the at-home limitations recently in place, members of the Faber team participated in a 30-day retreat 'Ascending With Ignatius' offered by US Jesuit Mark Thibodeaux on You Tube and, true to their desire for spiritual conversation and sharing, met online for five Mondays to share the ways they had been drawn to closer relationships with the Risen Jesus, with the Father and with the Holy Spirit. Ignatius of Loyola may have lived over 450 years ago but the dynamics of his Spiritual Exercises continue to bring gratitude, spiritual guidance, interior freedom and meaning to many people desiring to allow God to find them in their everyday lives.

This section (below) of *The Vine* has details of a number of events that have been organised by the Faber Centre for August and September. The mini-Calendar (p 1) has dates for events until December.

**Where:** Faber Centre of Ignatian Spirituality, 111 Sir Samuel Griffith Dr, Bardon

**Ph:** 07 3368 2450, Personal Assistant to the Director, Sharyn Price

**Email:** [faber@jisa.org.au](mailto:faber@jisa.org.au)

**Website:** [www.faberspirituality.org.au](http://www.faberspirituality.org.au)

## Contemplative Arts Mini-Retreat



photo:www.piqsels.com

**When:** August 1 (8:30am-10:30am)  
**Where:** Faber Centre of Ignatian Spirituality, 111 Sir Samuel Griffith Dr, Bardon  
**Cost:** \$35 suggested donation  
**Host:** Lynne Head-Weir

### Seeing Forgiveness

In a guided retreat, the group will: explore Gospel themes, meditation, imagination, prayer, modes of creative arts and engage in spiritual conversations; notice God's graces in creative prayer experiences; and make time for spiritual and creative freedom.

[Further information and to register.](#)

## ACBC National Catholic Men's Gathering • Brothers, what must we do?



The ACBC National Catholic Men's Gathering for 2020 is being offered as a free event for registered participants. This modified program will be delivered in four pre-recorded sessions of approximately 1 hour in length, available from Saturday 15th August 2020.

Registration will be free.

Each session will offer input from a variety of speakers and musicians, along with a response and questions for group discussion or individual reflection. The program offers flexibility so that you may participate individually or gather with others from your parish/diocese or men's ministry group.

Speakers include: Daniel Ang, Peter Pellican, Peter Shakhovskoy, Jude Hennessy, Steve Lawrence, Robert Falzon.

For the program, background on presenters and registration [click here](#).

## Walking Meditation • Awakening to Awe



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**When:** August 15 (7:00am-11:00am)  
**Where:** Gold Creek Reservoir, Brookfield  
**Cost:** \$20 suggested donation

This is an opportunity for you to spend some reflective time walking in silence within nature. Setting out in silence on a contemplative walk gives us the opportunity to be open and attentive to the sights, sounds, touch and fragrances of the woodlands around us. Distractions recede and the present moment is wonderful – enabling us to reflect and just simply 'be'.

[Further information and to register.](#)

## 2020 Social Justice Statement Launch



**When:** Wednesday, August 19 (7:30pm)  
**Where:** St James' Hall, 92 Kirkland Avenue, Coorparoo  
**RSVP:** Monday 17th August 2020  
**Register:** [Register online](#) or email: [osastjames@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:osastjames@bne.catholic.net.au)

## Quo Vadis Weekend



**When:** Friday, 21 August to Sunday, 23 August  
**Where:** Holy Spirit Seminary, Banyo

A retreat for young men discerning the call to the priesthood.

Register your interest [online](#).

## Two Hours of Quiet • Ignatian Acceptance



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**When:** August 29 (7:00am-9:00am)  
**Where:** Faber Centre of Ignatian Spirituality  
**Cost:** \$10  
**Host:** Liz Kerr

Each month we explore an Ignatian theme from the First Spiritual Exercises.

In today's Spiritual Exercise we direct our whole self to the Jesus who accepts the burdened. We invite you to join us for these two hours to take time out to refresh and restore yourself.

[Further information and to register.](#)

## Season of Creation • Spirituality & Ecology Webinar



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**When:** September 11 (9:00am-11:00am)  
**Where:** Online  
**Cost:** No charge  
**Presenters:** Archbishop Mark Coleridge and Rev Daniel P. Horan OFM

This is the first in a series of webinars for the Season of Creation.

Daniel Patrick Horan OFM is an American Franciscan friar, Roman Catholic priest, theologian, and author. He is currently assistant professor of systematic theology and spirituality at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago. He is a columnist for *National Catholic Reporter*. To view his excellent online video series [click here](#).

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## World Day of Migrants and Refugees: Forced like Jesus Christ to flee



Sunday, September 27

The Vatican has released Pope Francis's Message for the World Day of Migrants and Refugees: *Like Jesus Christ, forced to flee*.

This four page document follows the 'flowing stream' of clarity, conviction and compassion we have seen throughout the Pope's letters, messages, encyclical and exhortations. He refers back to a document of Pope Pius XII, *Émigré (Exiled) Family (Exsul Familia)* written soon after World War II: 'Almost every day the television and papers carry news of refugees fleeing from hunger, war and other grave dangers, in search of security and a dignified life for themselves and for their families'. This was written in response to the over 60 million displaced people and refugees in the wake of the war. Around the world today the number stands at over 70 million.

While the document needs to be read in its entirety (four pages) we have outlined below six key themes from the text.

1. *You have to know in order to understand.*  
... it is not about statistics, it is about real people! If we encounter them, we will get to know more about them. And knowing their stories, we will be able to understand them.
2. *It is necessary to be close in order to serve.*  
Fears and prejudices – all too many prejudices – keep us distant from others and often prevent us from 'becoming neighbours' to them and serving them with love.
3. *In order to be reconciled, we need to listen.*  
A love that reconciles and saves begins with listening. In today's world, messages multiply but the practice of listening is being lost.
4. *In order to grow, it is necessary to share.*  
The pandemic has reminded us how we are all in the same boat. Realizing that we have the same concerns and fears has shown us once more that no one can be saved alone.

5. *We need to be involved in order to promote.*  
The pandemic has reminded us of how essential coresponsibility is, and that only with the contribution of everyone – even of those groups so often underestimated – can we face this crisis.
6. *It is necessary to cooperate in order to build.*  
We must commit ourselves to ensuring international cooperation, global solidarity and local commitment, leaving no one excluded.

[PDF available to download now.](#)

## Sole to Soul 2020 Men's Contemplative Bushwalking Retreat



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**When:** Friday afternoon 16th to Sunday afternoon the 18th October  
**Venue:** Lamington National Park, Binna Burra, Beechmont or Mt Tamborine (TBC)  
**Cost:** TBC (approx. \$155) includes accommodation (BYO food and bedding)

The Sole to Soul team is delighted to once again offer you the blessings of another weekend away with a group of men who want to walk the male spiritual journey together, and to take the brave but blessed step of walking this pilgrimage in the deep and longstanding contemplative tradition and practice of the Christian community.

Please mark you diaries send in your expression of interest ASAP to [jeffrlawrence@optusnet.com.au](mailto:jeffrlawrence@optusnet.com.au)

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## INSPIRATION FOR THE ROAD AHEAD ...



Jesus did not establish a 'school', as the Greek philosophers did, to continue exploring the ultimate truth of reality. Neither was he thinking about an institution designed to establish the true religion in the world. Jesus launched a movement of 'followers' to proclaim and promote his plan

for the 'reign of God'. That is how the Church of Jesus began. For this reason, nothing is more important for us than to reactivate a faithful following of Jesus in the Church, again and again. Following Jesus is the only thing that makes us Christians.

... That is the first choice that a Christian must make: to follow Jesus. That decision changes everything. It is like starting all over again to live faith, life, and everyday reality in a different way. It means finding – at last – the centre, the truth, the reason, the way of life. It gives real meaning to faith in Jesus: believing in what he believed, living what he lived, giving importance to what was important to him, caring about what mattered to him, treating people as he treated them, seeing life as he saw it, praying as he prayed, sharing hope with others as he shared it.

Following Jesus means focusing our attention and our heart on the poor. Seeing through the eyes of those who suffer. Making their suffering and their aspirations our own. Taking sides with them. Following Jesus means living with compassion. Shaking off our indifference. Not living by theoretical abstractions and principles, but coming near to people in their concrete situation. Following Jesus requires us to develop acceptance. ... To emulate Jesus' inclusive, integrating way of doing things. To break down walls and build bridges. To eliminate discrimination.

Following Jesus means accepting crucifixion for God's reign. Not refusing to take sides out of fear that it might get us into trouble. Carrying the weight of the 'anti-kingdom', and taking up the cross of daily life in communion with Jesus and the crucified people. Following Jesus means trusting the Father of all, calling on his holy name, praying for the coming of his reign, and sowing Jesus' hope against hope.

From *Jesus: An Historical Approximation*,  
Rev Jose Antonio Pagola, Convivium Press, 2009, pp 448,449

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