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DECEMBER

AUSTRALIAN NATIVITY SCENE: ST ELIZABETH'S, DANDENONG NORTH

Monday 11 December to Friday 12 January

St Elizabeth's parish, 107 Baker Road, Dandenong North

Local artist Wilson Fernandez has been creating his stunning nativity scenes for the past thirteen years. This is regarded as one of Australia's best nativity displays and is months in the making each year. It has steadily grown into the largest of its kind in Australia. Wilson artistically creates the village and township with handmade huts, stables, buildings, bridges, palaces, houses and temples surrounded by mountains, rocks, lakes and rivers. Each week the nativity scenes change to reflect the story of the birth of Christ. It features scenes starting with Mary and Joseph looking for a place to stay, finding only a stable free, the birth of Jesus, visits from the shepherds, the three kings and ends with the holy family fleeing to Egypt. This event is open to everyone (children to be accompanied by parent or guardian).

Cost: Free and open to all age groups

Viewing times: After Mass and any other time by appointment

Details: Wilson on 0428 927 110 or parish office on 9795 6217

Website: <http://www.australiannativityscene.org/>

DOWNLOAD SCENE PHOTO AT THIS LINK:

<http://www.cam.org.au/portals/0/2017/ParishUpdateFlyers/PU46/AustralianNativityScene.JPG>

ANNUAL NOVENA OF DAWN MASSES IN HOPPERS CROSSING

Saturday 16 December to Sunday 24 December, 5am

St Peter Apostle Mission Parish, 38 Guinane Avenue, Hoppers Crossing

One and all are invited yet again for the 22nd year of the St Peter's Dawn Mass, celebrated each morning at 5am right through until Christmas Eve, with nine different celebrants and nine different choirs accompanying. Come and experience the spiritual joy of preparing for Christmas with this unique nine-day Novena of Holy Masses. Each morning, breakfast follows the Mass in the church hall, at around 6am. All welcome.

Details: Josephine Thomas 9734 9882 or Emily Alinea 9748 7471

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<http://www.cam.org.au/portals/0/2017/ParishUpdateFlyers/PU46/DawnMassNovena.pdf>

ADVENT ORGAN CONCERTS AT THE BASILICA

Sunday 17 December, 4pm

Our Lady of Victories Basilica, 548 Burke Road, Camberwell

Camberwell's iconic Our Lady of Victories Basilica has been hosting a series of Advent organ concerts showcasing the Basilica's impressive 3-manual 1920 T W Magahy organ. Come along for this final opportunity to hear music of the season performed by another of this city's leading organists. The basilica, located at Camberwell Junction, is truly one of Melbourne's ecclesiastical and architectural gems and is easily accessible by tram and car.

Sunday 17 December: Christopher Trikilis (Basilica Organist, Our Lady of Victories, Camberwell)

Cost: Free

Details: 9816 9291 or www.cam.org.au/camberwell



DECEMBER VESPERS AND BENEDICTION, WEST PRESTON

Sunday 17 December, 6pm

St Raphael's, 17 Hardy Street, West Preston

Solemn Vespers and Benediction of the Church have been celebrated at St Raphael's over the three Sunday evenings of Advent. Fr Benneth Osuagwu is celebrant. The Church's Evening Prayer of Advent commences the liturgy (with psalm chanted to the organ, played by Raffealle Rossi). Exposition of the Eucharist precedes the Vespers and is followed by Benediction. All welcome for the final time this Advent season.

Details: 9470 2586

CHRISTMAS CAROLS AND TWILIGHT MARKET

Sunday 17 December, 6pm

Sts Peter and Paul's, 377 Dorcas Street, South Melbourne

The Christmas Carols and Twilight Market at Sts Peter and Paul's South Melbourne is back for 2017. Held in the grounds of the church, singers and musicians from around Melbourne will lead the carols, and there will be lots of fascinating market stalls and scrumptious food available throughout the evening. Don't miss this wonderful event for all the family, as we prepare for Christmas.

COURSE ON CATHOLIC DOCTRINE: UNDERSTANDING THE FAITH

Every first and third Tuesday, ongoing, 6.15–7.15pm. Next and final 2017 session Tuesday 19 December, resuming 2018 Caroline Chisholm Library, 358 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne (near Elizabeth Street)

Having concluded his recent 20-week philosophy course, John Young now presents this course on Catholic doctrine, 'Understanding the Catholic faith'. This course is being conducted each first and third Tuesday for the remainder of 2017 and into next year. It began 5 September, but participants are welcome to join the course at any time. Highly recommended for non-Catholics with an interest in the Catholic faith, and for all Catholics seeking to renew and refresh their understanding of the Church's teachings. Those taking part will need a copy of Fr John Hardon SJ's book *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, a book which discusses all the main doctrines and moral teachings of the Catholic Church. John Young holds a Bachelor of Theology from the Aquinas Academy in Sydney, has taught philosophy in four seminaries, and is author of three books.

Cost: Donation

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<http://www.cam.org.au/portals/0/2017/ParishUpdateFlyers/PU46/CourseOnCatholicDoctrine.pdf>

A LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS: THE PROMISE OF ADVENT

Tuesday 19 December, 7.30–9pm

St Ignatius Church, 326 Church Street, Richmond

Advent is a time of invitation, an opportunity God gives us to re-centre ourselves and have our souls fed. But in the midst of shopping, parties, planning holidays and the day's news, it can be hard to see beyond the next ten minutes. In this evening of talk and prayer, Fr Jim McDermott SJ will offer a chance to take a break from the busyness and to rest in the gentle invitation of Advent. Fr Jim is a screen and magazine writer based in Los Angeles. He first came to Melbourne in 2008 as part of his formation as a Jesuit and has since come back many times to give talks and visit friends (and watch footy at the MCG!).

Details: 8420 6789



ADVENT MORNING PRAYER, ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL

Wednesday 20 December, 8.40–9am

St Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Cathedral Place, Melbourne

You are warmly invited to join the archdiocese for twenty minutes of Advent prayer on this remaining Wednesday morning before Christmas. The devotions take place in the Sacred Heart chapel at the right of the main altar. Everyone welcome.

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<http://www.cam.org.au/portals/0/2017/ParishUpdateFlyers/PU46/AdventMorningPrayer.pdf>

ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL CHRISTMAS ORGAN RECITAL BY THOMAS HEYWOOD

Friday 22 December, 6.30–7.30pm

St Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Cathedral Place, East Melbourne

World renowned concert organist Thomas Heywood presents a sublime concert of Christmas music from the keyboard of St Pat's magnificent cathedral. In this one-off concert, Thomas will play music from the 17th to the 20th centuries, showcasing Christmas, the magnificent organ in St Patrick's and the superlative acoustic of the cathedral itself. Virtuoso and acknowledged master, Thomas enjoys an outstanding reputation as one of the world's finest concert organists. Since 1994, he has travelled over 1.2 million kilometres to perform solo concerts on the most celebrated pipe organs across the globe. Thomas has also performed more concerts in Australia than any other organist—to date, more than 1700 concerts to over 600,000 people.

– *What a stunning player Thomas Heywood is. His flawless technique is just the platform from which truly artistic and memorable performances flow.* (Editor's Choice, *Organists' Review*, UK)

– *The most compelling music making of any kind I've heard in ages.* (*The Dallas Morning News*, USA)

Cost: \$20 at the door. Children under 15 free.

Details: 9926 5753 or paul.taylor@cam.org.au

DOWNLOAD CONCERT PROGRAM AND FLYER AT THIS LINK:

<http://www.cam.org.au/portals/0/2017/ParishUpdateFlyers/PU46/CathedralConcertThomasHeywood.pdf>

JANUARY

VINCENTIAN CENTRE JANUARY RETREATS

Saturday 6 January, 9am–4.30pm; Saturdays 20 January and 27 January, 9.30am–1.30pm

Salesian College Chapel, 10 Bosco Street, Chadstone

The Vincentian Retreat Centre offers three January retreats in 2018, a full day on the 6th, and two half days on the 20th and 27th. At all three, Rosary, praise and worship, talks, Holy Mass and Eucharistic adoration, along with healing and deliverance prayers, offer retreatants time for enriching Catholic worship and renewal. All welcome.

Details: Ramesh and Bernie on 0433 549 167 or vincentianretreatmelbourne@gmail.com

Web: www.vrcm.org.au



NATIONAL CHARISMATIC RETREAT FOR PRIESTS, DEACONS, RELIGIOUS, ASSOCIATES

Sunday 7 January to Friday 12 or Saturday 13 January 2018

Newman College, 887 Swanston Street, Carlton

This residential retreat is held annually each January. In 2018, the retreat's director will be Fr Francis Innocent Otobo, from the Diocese of Sale, currently parish priest of St Michael's Parish Traralgon. Fr Francis has preached at numerous retreats, conducted prayer days and celebrated healing Masses for many different prayer groups within Victoria. Ideally, this retreat is for archbishops, bishops, priests, seminarians, deacons, religious brothers and sisters, lay members of religious orders (associates), lay religious (tertiaries or third order members) of religious orders, chaplains, or indeed all who have previously attended these charismatic retreats. A five-day retreat is one option, concluding on the Friday, or a six-day retreat, which ends on the Saturday with a closing Eucharist before lunch.

Cost: Five days \$530. Six days \$630.

Details: Sr Loreto Lynch on 9458 3077 or 0457 644 757

Bookings: See attached flyer or email Dot Buckland at debuckland@hotmail.com

DOWNLOAD FLYER AT THIS LINK:

<http://www.cam.org.au/portals/0/2017/ParishUpdateFlyers/PU46/NationalCharismaticRetreatForPriests2018.pdf>

SUMMER SCHOOL, 2018

Sunday 7 January to Sunday 14 January 2018

Lady Northcote Recreation Camp, 1273 Glenmore Road, Glenmore

The annual summer school organised by the Disciples of Jesus Covenant Community is here again in January. Summer school is a youth camp with talks, seminars, live music, sacraments, prayer, praise and guest speakers, and is for those aged 16 to 35. Join other young people for a powerful week in the context of a fun and vibrant community away from the noise and distractions of the city. With speakers including Fr Rob Galea, Dr Brendan Triffett, Fr Max Vodola, Leeanne Grima, Sr Katherine Stone and Fr Dan Serratore, this is a Summer School not to be missed. Registrations are now open. Register in a group of four (with at least three new participants) and receive a group discount of \$100.

Cost: \$425. Registrations close Tuesday 26 December.

Details: 0467 092 091 or melbourne@summerschool.org.au

Web and bookings: <http://summerschool.org.au/>

DON BOSCO SUMMER CAMPS 2018

8 to 11 January, 15 to 18 January and 22 to 25 January 2018

56-62 Dromana Parade, Safety Beach

Don Bosco Camps annual summer holiday camps offer a fun and exciting holiday for all young people, regardless of financial circumstances, in a safe and supportive environment. This summer there will be two camps for juniors aged 9 to 13 (8-11 January and 22-25 January) and another camp for seniors aged 13 to 16 (15-18 January). The camps are run completely by volunteer youth leaders. Transportation to Safety Beach is available from Sunbury, Essendon and Chadstone.

Cost: \$160

Bookings: www.donboscocamp.org.au

Details: 5987 2692 or dbc@donboscocamp.org.au

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<http://www.cam.org.au/portals/0/2017/ParishUpdateFlyers/PU46/DonBocsoSummerCamps.pdf>



CAMPION COLLEGE, SYDNEY: SUMMER PROGRAM

Monday 8 January to Friday 12 January 2018

Campion College campus, Toongabbie, NSW

Do you have a Year 11 or 12 student unsure about what to do next year? Here's a great opportunity for him or her to experience campus life at Campion College, Sydney for the annual (and very popular) five-day Summer School in January. Dive into literature, history, theology, philosophy, hiking, sports, coastal walks and swims and many other activities. Campion College provides degrees in the Liberal Arts and Classical Languages or a Diploma in the Liberal Arts. This is an exciting summer intensive that whets the appetite for life!

Cost: \$390 (financial assistance available)

Registration: www.campion.edu.au/summer

Details: study@campion.edu.au

DOWNLOAD FLYER AT THIS LINK:

<http://www.cam.org.au/portals/0/2017/ParishUpdateFlyers/PU46/CampionSydneySummerPrograms.pdf>

HEALING MASS: OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Thursday 11 January 2018, 7.45pm (praise and worship begins 7pm)

Newman College Chapel, 887 Swanston Street, Carlton

The National Charismatic Retreat for priests, deacons, religious and associates invites you to this special Healing Mass, being celebrated by Fr Francis Innocent Otopo (Diocese of Sale) and concelebrated by all of the priests attending the retreat. Following the Eucharist, all of the clergy participating in the retreat will be available to pray with visitors afterwards.

Details: Dot Buckland on 0411 021 946

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<http://www.cam.org.au/portals/0/2017/ParishUpdateFlyers/PU46/PublicMassAtCharismaticRetreat.pdf>

FEAST OF HOLY INFANT JESUS OF PRAGUE

Sunday 14 January 2018, 1.50pm

Church of the Good Shepherd, 88 South Circular Road, Gladstone Park

The 15th annual Feast of the Holy Infant Jesus of Prague will be conducted at the Church of the Good Shepherd once again this January, with principal celebrant Most Reverend Michael McKenna, Bishop of Bathurst, assisted by parish priest Fr Dishan Candappa, Fr Anh Nguyen and Deacon Pou'Kesi Vaka'uta. Rosary, novena prayers and the Chaplet of Mercy will be followed by Mass at 2.40pm. After Mass, a procession carrying the statue of the Infant Jesus will take place in the church grounds, followed by exposition and Solemn Benediction. Light refreshments will follow. All welcome.

Details: Dalrene and Gary Pompeus on 9335 4742 or 0404 009 326

INFORMATION SESSION: CTC 2018 STUDY TOUR OF THE BIBLICAL LANDS

Saturday 20 January 2018, 2pm–4pm, 278 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne

Catholic Theological College's Study Tour of the Biblical Lands 2018 will take place in November–December next year, travelling to Jordan for three days, Israel and Palestine for ten days, Turkey for six days and Greece for seven days, plus an option to add three days in Rome. This afternoon information session in January will detail all of the exciting places on the itinerary, as well as answering any questions you may have. The 27-day tour is to be led by Dr Rosemary Canavan (Senior Lecturer in New Testament) and Rev. Anthony Dean CM (Lecturer in Old Testament). Journey to the heart of your faith!

Info session RSVP: by Wednesday 17 January to 9412 3314 or jenny.delahunt@ctc.edu.au

Cost: \$12,355 twin share includes guides, all airfares and buses, quality accommodation, and breakfast and dinner daily.

Details: For itinerary and further information, contact Jenny Delahunt on 9412 3314 or jenny.delahunt@ctc.edu.au

DOWNLOAD FLYER AT THIS LINK:

<http://www.cam.org.au/portals/0/2017/ParishUpdateFlyers/PU46/CTC2018HolyLandInfoSession.pdf>



SAVE THE DATE

GRIEF TO GRACE: HEALING THE WOUNDS OF ABUSE

Sunday 8 to Friday 13 April 2018

Hobart, Tasmania

'Grief to grace: healing the wounds of abuse' is a spiritual retreat for anyone who has suffered degradation or violation through physical, emotional, sexual or spiritual abuse. The retreat will be held in Hobart next April.

Details: Request an application from Anne on 0407 704 539 or info@griegtograces.org.au

Website: www.griegtograces.org

PROCLAIM 2018: COMING TO BRISBANE

12 to 14 July 2018

Edmund Rice Performing Arts Centre, South Brisbane

The Brisbane Archdiocese will host the national PROCLAIM Conference in 2018. PROCLAIM focusses on inspiring, equipping and encouraging parishes and Catholic communities to engage in evangelisation and renewal. The theme of the 2018 conference is 'Make your home in me' (Jn 15:4). The conference will engage parishes in an ongoing conversation focussing on leadership, cultural change, young people, belonging, hospitality and evangelisation. It draws together over 500 participants for keynote presentations, facilitated conversation sessions, peer learning, expert discussion panels and visionary future planning. Keynote speakers will include Cardinal John Dew from New Zealand and Lana Turvey-Collins (Plenary Council 2020 Facilitator).

Register: www.proclaimconference.com.au. Early bird registration is now open.

Details: (07) 3324 3440 or eb@bne.catholic.net.au

GENERAL NOTICES

THURSDAY AFTERNOON DEVOTIONS: STAR OF THE SEA, WEST MELBOURNE

Thursday afternoons, 12–5.45pm

St Mary Star of the Sea, 33 Howard Street, West Melbourne

You are invited to come to St Mary's in West Melbourne any Thursday afternoon for an afternoon of devotions and silent prayer. The schedule is:

12 noon confessions

12.30pm Mass

1.10pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

1.15pm Perpetual Novena to the Holy Family

3pm Divine Mercy chaplet

4.30pm priest-led meditation

5pm confessions and continuing adoration

5.45pm Benediction

Come and go any time between midday and 6pm any Thursday.

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<http://www.cam.org.au/portals/0/2017/ParishUpdateFlyers/PU46/StarOfTheSeaThursdayDevotions.jpg>



FRANCISCAN FRIARY STAY: MEN AGED 25 TO 40 YEARS

St Paschal College Friary, 90 Albion Road, Box Hill

Do you need a break from routine? Do you need time to pray, read and re-think your life? Need some spiritual advice or just a bit of peace and quiet? Want to know a little about Franciscan spirituality? Curious about what religious life is all about or just need some time out? Come and stay with the Franciscan Friars for a peaceful night or a few days. Any time that suits your life.

Details: Friar Joe McKay OFM on 9896 4400 or stpachals@franciscans.org.au

FREE TALKS ON CATHOLIC THEOLOGY

Each Sunday, 12pm

Simons College, 33 Howard Street, West Melbourne (2 doors from St Mary Star of the Sea)

What do real Catholics really believe? Find out in free 50-minute talks on basic theology, with question time following, given each Sunday after 10.30am Mass by Father Anthony Bernal (of Opus Dei), parish priest of St Mary Star of the Sea. Catholics and all faith-seekers welcome.

Details: Maryse on 0478 639 162

CELEBRATE THE YEAR OF YOUTH IN YOUR PARISH

The Year of Youth is off and rolling. The Australian Church is celebrating the Year of Youth throughout 2018. We are called to 'open new horizons for spreading joy' with and for the young Church. A resource has been developed to help parishes explore the Year of Youth in their local community. Parishes are also encouraged to form Action Teams and to recruit Year of Youth Ambassadors. For more information about the Year of Youth or to register an Action Team or Ambassador, visit <http://www.cam.org.au/youth/YearOfYouth>

The Australian Catholic Youth Festival has also just wrapped up in Sydney. Over 17,000 young Australians travelled to Sydney to kickstart the Year of Youth in joy-filled style. We pray that these young people encountered Christ, discovered the joy of faith and are now inspiring their communities with their energy and enthusiasm as we enter the Year of Youth. For the latest news from the Festival, visit www.youthfestival.catholic.org.au.

ST CATHERINE OF SIENA PRAYER GROUP: HOLY HOUR

Every Tuesday evening, 5–6pm. Next gathering: Tuesday 19 December

Siena College Chapel, 815 Riversdale Road, Camberwell (entrance via sacristy door to the right of the property)

The St Catherine of Siena Prayer Group meets each week for exposition and adoration of Our Lord in the Most Blessed Sacrament, the Rosary and consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Please come and join us in prayer for the Catholic Church. After adoration you may wish to attend Mass at St Dominic's Church at 6pm, across the road from Siena Chapel.

Details: Kathryn O'Connor on 9830 5489 or kathryn@oconnortravelworld.com.au

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<http://www.cam.org.au/portals/0/2017/ParishUpdateFlyers/PU46/StCatherineofSienaPrayerGroup.pdf>



HELP FOR FAMILIES EXPERIENCING HARDSHIP

CatholicCare's Dandenong office provides support for families living in the Greater Dandenong area, including refugee and asylum seeker families—many of whom experience a daily struggle to put food on the table. CatholicCare is calling for donations of the following items to distribute to families in need:

- Food items: cereals, pasta, rice, flour, sugar, vegetable oil, olive oil, tomato paste, chickpeas, lentils, tuna, baked beans, two-minute noodles, long-life milk, jam, biscuits.
- Other: shampoo, soap, deodorant, sanitary products, toothpaste, toothbrushes, body wash, toilet paper, toilet gel, sponges, dishwashing liquid, aluminium foil, laundry powder, serviettes, basic stationery items
- Gift cards of any amount (e.g. Coles, Woolworths, Kmart, Target) are also very handy, allowing families to purchase exactly what they need.

If you are able to help, please phone the CatholicCare Dandenong office on 8710 9600 to arrange a time to drop off your donated items. Thank you for your generosity.

FREE PROMOTION OF CATHOLIC EVENTS

Parish Update is prepared every Wednesday by the Media and Communications Office of the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne. The aim of the update is to assist Melbourne's Catholic agencies, parishes, schools, religious orders, organisations and movements to inform parishes about events of interest. The events are also automatically listed on the [Archdiocese's online events calendar](#). To include a free advertisement about your upcoming event, email details and flyer to mediaandcommunications@cam.org.au.