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FEBRUARY

BR MICHAEL HERRY: LITURGICAL MUSIC WORKSHOP

Tuesday 6 February, 7.30–9.30pm

St Anne's Parish Centre, 101 Riddell Road, Sunbury

Br Michael Herry is a widely renowned composer who has written many of the hymns we sing during weekend Masses. Anyone interested in music ministry is encouraged to attend this special night. Br Michael's workshop will combine reflective prayer and practical workshop experience in a variety of music for all parish and school groups. Supper will be provided.

Details and RSVP: Parish Office on 9744 1060

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER AND AWARENESS AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Thursday 8 February, 6.30–8.30pm

St Patrick's Cathedral, Cathedral Place, East Melbourne

In 2015, Pope Francis declared 8 February each year (the Feast of St Josephine Bakhita of Sudan) to be the International Day of Prayer and Awareness Against Human Trafficking. To mark this important day, the Office for Justice and Peace, the Archdiocesan Office for Youth, the South Sudan Catholic Community, ACRATH (Australian Catholic Religious Against the Trafficking of Humans) and the Melbourne Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office invite you to attend St Patrick's Cathedral on 8 February as a means of fulfilling Pope Francis' desire to end the scourge of modern day slavery. The gathering will commence with the regular Holy Hour held in St Pat's each Thursday evening at 6.30pm, followed by Mass at 7.30pm, celebrated by the Episcopal Vicar for Social Services and Justice, Fr Joe Caddy. All welcome.

Details: justice@cam.org.au

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<http://www.cam.org.au/portals/0/2017/ParishUpdateFlyers/PU49/InternationalPrayerDay.pdf>

SPARKS OF BEAUTY: NATIONAL GALLERY

Saturday 10 February 11am–1pm

National Gallery of Victoria Education Lecture Theatre, 180 St Kilda Road, Melbourne

A conversation at the National Gallery of Victoria (NGV) with educator and artist David Menzies, on the place of art in expressing themes of hope, suffering and the blessed ordinariness of life. David Menzies has worked as an educator at the NGV since 2008. He believes in the power of art to positively transform and enrich individuals and communities. David has provided a range of professional learning programs for a number of learning communities including Catholic schools. He was drawn to the Mercy charism within Catholic education because of its vision for a better world and real-time action in bringing it about. David is also a practising artist. Following the talk, participants will be guided through the gallery's permanent collection and the Triennial exhibit by NGV educators. Please note, given the nature of this event, tickets are limited.

Cost: \$30 including light refreshments and gallery tour

Registration: <https://www.trybooking.com/TMHU>

Details: Suzanne Hermon on 9926 5761 or Suzanne.hermon@cam.org.au

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<http://www.cam.org.au/portals/0/2017/ParishUpdateFlyers/PU49/SparksOfBeautyNGV.pdf>



MILL PARK: MONTHLY HEALING MASS

Saturday 10 February, 6.30–9.30pm, St Francis of Assisi Church, 290 Childs Road, Mill Park

This Mass, presented by the Vincentian Retreat Centre, accompanied by healing prayers, will also include the rosary, praise and worship, and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. It is taking place on the second Saturday of every month throughout 2018.

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

Web: www.vrcm.org.au

HEALING MASS, BACCHUS MARSH

Sunday 11 February, 11am

Ta' Pinu Shrine, 15 Flanagans Drive, Bacchus Marsh

This healing Mass coincides with the 26th World Day of the Sick, and will feature Anointing of the Sick, as well as Mass, Rosary, confessions, novena prayers and devotions framed especially for the elderly and the sick. Principal celebrant will be Melbourne auxiliary Bishop Mark Edwards OMI, concelebrating with other clergy members. All are welcome at this special healing and holy day, held at Melbourne's beautiful Marian shrine.

Details: 5367 7006, 0412 360 231 or infotapinu@optusnet.com.au

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<http://www.cam.org.au/portals/0/2017/ParishUpdateFlyers/PU49/HealingMassTaPinuShrine.jpg>

PROJECT COMPASSION: 2018 LAUNCH

Tuesday 13 February, 10.30am–12pm

Lecture Theatre and Cathedral room, Cardinal Knox Centre, 383 Albert Street, East Melbourne

This is your invitation to join Archbishop Denis Hart as he launches Caritas Australia's Project Compassion for 2018. Enjoy lunch and hear from special guest Janak Sharma, Regional Manager of Caritas Nepal. For over 50 years Project Compassion has been an important means by which the Australian Church has shown its solidarity with those in need around the world, providing funds for development and emergency aid and increasing our awareness of the work of Caritas Australia. This year's campaign is titled 'For a just future'.

Cost: \$10 suggested donation for lunch

RSVP: By Wednesday 7 February to alicia.ocampo@cam.org.au

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<http://www.cam.org.au/portals/0/2017/ParishUpdateFlyers/PU49/ProjectCompassionLaunch.jpg>

BISHOP JAMES GOOLD: INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM

Wednesday 14 to Friday 16 February

University of Melbourne, Parkville and Cardinal Knox Centre, East Melbourne

This international symposium is part of an Australian Research Council Discovery Project examining the patronage of Melbourne's first Catholic Bishop James Goold. Investigating Goold's contribution to the cultural environment of colonial Melbourne, the project's three themes will be contextualised over three days. Sessions will be devoted to the Bishop's important Baroque painting collection, his colonial library and his patronage of the British architect William Wilkinson Wardell, and its imprint on the built environment of Melbourne. Keynote lectures by international scholars from Berlin, Aberdeen, Hong Kong and Rome will be augmented by Australian scholars Dr Catherine Kovesi (University of Melbourne), Assoc. Prof. Ursula De Jong (Deakin University) and Prof. Jaynie Anderson (University of Melbourne).

Details: Professor Jaynie Anderson at jaynie@unimelb.edu.au

Website (program details): <http://arts.unimelb.edu.au/culturecommunication>

Bookings: <http://alumni.online.unimelb.edu.au/>

DOWNLOAD FLYER AT THIS LINK:

<http://www.cam.org.au/portals/0/2017/ParishUpdateFlyers/PU49/GooldSymposiumFebruary.pdf>



2018 LENTEN MISSION, ST LUKE'S, WANTIRNA

Friday 16 February and Friday 23 February, 7pm, St Luke's, 1 Ipswich Court, Wantirna

Presented by the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth, Lenten themes will be developed at St Luke's as follows:

Friday 16 February, 7pm, Stations of the Cross for vocations. Discernment for life vocations will also be highlighted at St Luke's Masses on the weekend of 17 and 18 February.

Friday 23 February, 7pm, Stations of the Cross for families. The charism to families will be a highlight of weekend Masses of 24 and 25 February at St Luke's.

Details: 9801 8411 or wantirna@cam.org.au

DOWNLOAD FLYER AT THIS LINK:

<http://www.cam.org.au/portals/0/2017/ParishUpdateFlyers/PU49/LentenMissionStLukeWantirna.pdf>

2018 RITE OF ELECTION

Sunday 18 February, 2.30pm, St Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Cathedral Place, East Melbourne

The Rite of Election is an important and beautiful rite of the Church. This year, the Rite will take place on the first Sunday of Lent. RCIA coordinators are encouraged to register as soon as possible. Information for RCIA teams is available on the AOFE website <http://bit.ly/2mkhRDb>

MASS FOR YOUNG ADULTS: SOUTH MELBOURNE

Wednesday 21 February, 7pm, Sts Peter and Paul's, Corner Dorcas and Montague Streets, South Melbourne

Join Melbourne's Archbishop Denis Hart for this February celebration Mass for Youth. Join young people from all over Melbourne for this occasion as we enter into the season of Lent. Mass will be followed by refreshments and fellowship.

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<http://www.cam.org.au/portals/0/2017/ParishUpdateFlyers/PU49/Mass4YoungAdults.JPG>

HEARING HEALING HOPE: A CONFERENCE

Wednesday 21 to Friday 23 February, Catholic Leadership Centre, 576 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne

Presented by Catholic Social Services Victoria, this conference is the national conference for all Catholic social services, with scores of illustrious presenters over the three days, from archbishops to priests, academics to leaders in the Church's delivery of social services. The event will address key issues facing our society and our sector, and at each stage looking at the implications for us as individuals, for our organisations and for our sector. The conference program outlines the way that the theme of 'Hearing, healing, hope' will be played out through forums, workshops, liturgies, etc. 'A healthy earth for a flourishing society' and 'Family violence prevention and response' are two key conference topics. Other features include these forums:

- Changing the economic paradigm, with Joe Zabar, Ged Kearney and John Roskam
- Responding to abuse, ensuring safe environments and dedication to service
- Mary MacKillop Oration, with Geraldine Doogue
- The 2020 Plenary Council of the Church in Australia

Workshops on NDIS, housing, governance issues, Indigenous engagement, parishes and service, caring for vulnerable clients and many more will ensure a comprehensive understanding of key issues.

Cost: \$425, plus \$75 for conference dinner. A group discount of 10% is available for four or more tickets.

Web: <https://www.css.org.au/Conferences/Hearing-Healing-Hope-2018>

Bookings: www.css.org.au

Details: Lucia Brick on 9287 5566 or lucia.brick@css.org.au

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<http://www.cam.org.au/portals/0/2017/ParishUpdateFlyers/PU49/CSSV2018ConferenceFebruary.pdf>



CATHOLIC BOOK CLUB

Friday 23 February, 7pm

Caroline Chisholm Library, Level 3, 358 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne

Anyone interested in reading and discussing Christian books and poetry is welcome to join the monthly meetings of The Catholic Book Club. This month the book for discussion is *The snake pit* by Sigrid Undset (Volume two of *The master of Hestviken* series).

Details: Paul Nixon on 0405 486 531 or www.melbournecatholicbookclub.yolasite.com

PARISH EASTER SEASON PLANNING DAY: FINDING JESUS

Saturday 24 February, 10am–3pm

Catholic Leadership Centre, Corner Victoria Parade and Hoddle Street, East Melbourne

Come and join us for an Easter Season planning day, commencing with a keynote presentation by Assoc. Prof. Dr Mary Coloe pbvm, exploring the readings for the season, followed by a range of workshops to assist parishes in planning for this significant time in the Liturgical year.

Details: Suzanne Hermon on 9926 5761 or Suzanne.hermon@cam.org.au

Registration: <https://www.trybooking.com/TMXY>

Cost: \$30 including morning tea and lunch

RSVP: Wednesday 21 February

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<http://www.cam.org.au/portals/0/2017/ParishUpdateFlyers/PU49/FindingJesusEasterPlanningDay.pdf>

JCS LENTEN PUBLIC LECTURE SERIES

Mondays 26 February, and 5, 19 and 26 March, 6–8pm

Jesuit College of Spirituality, 175 Royal Parade, Parkville

Jesuit College of Spirituality is pleased to announce a four-part Lenten Public Lecture series for 2018. Sister Maryanne Confoy, and Fathers Hoa Trung Dinh, Andy Hamilton and Robin Koning will be covering the following topics:

- Reconciliation: a lifelong invitation
- The Eucharist and ethics: from worship to Christian formation and social action
- Ignatian spirituality and a time of conflict
- Mary in Ignatian spirituality: her neglected role

These four public lectures may be attended individually or as a series.

Cost: Gold coin donation

Details and RSVP: 9448 8276 or enquiries@jcs.edu.au. Please RSVP one week in advance of your intention to attend.

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<http://www.cam.org.au/portals/0/2017/ParishUpdateFlyers/PU49/JesuitCollegeLentenLectures.pdf>



ACU SHORT COURSE ON THEOLOGY: ENCOUNTERING THE GOSPEL OF MARK

Wednesdays 28 February and 7, 14 and 21 March, 6–8pm

ACU Melbourne Campus, 115 Victoria Parade, Fitzroy

Explore the gospel that will be heard in the Sunday lectionary in 2018 from an historical and narrative context, and in dialogue with the experiences of people's lives today. ACU invites registrations for this upcoming short course, which is open to the public:

- How might Mark's Gospel have been heard in the first century?
- What vision of life did the Gospel of Mark paint and why?
- How might people in the 21st century make sense of the vision that unfolds in Mark's Gospel?
- To what extent does the 'good news' of Mark continue to speak to people today, more than 2000 years after it was first heard?
- What does Mark tell us today about suffering and dying?

Cost: \$100 for those requiring a certificate of attendance. \$50 for attendance only. Alternative methods of payment are available.

Details and registration: (registration essential by Friday 23 February):

https://www.acu.edu.au/about_acu/faculties_institutes_and_centres/theology_and_philosophy/theology/short_courses/melbourne

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<http://www.cam.org.au/portals/0/2017/ParishUpdateFlyers/PU49/ACU TheologyShortCourse.pdf>

MARCH

THE FOURTH MEDJUGORJE PEACE CONFERENCE

Saturday 3 March, 9am–4.30pm

St Mark's, 9 Lee Street, Fawkner

This Day of Prayer and witness will be led by visiting Irish singer David Parkes, who has been witnessing his own miraculous healing in Medjugorje for over 25 years. Also appearing on the day will be Fr Andrew Grace, Fr Peter Ferwerda, Fr Eugene Ashkar, Robert Matek (translator to a Medjugorje visionary) and Divine Mercy's John Canavan.

Cost: Free. Collections will be taken to cover costs of this conference. BYO lunch.

Details: Kathryn on 9830 5489 or John on 9830 4386

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<http://www.cam.org.au/portals/0/2017/ParishUpdateFlyers/PU49/MedjugorjePeaceConference.pdf>

MERCY IN THE CITY

Saturday 3 March, 7pm

Sts Peter and Paul's, corner Dorcas and Montague Streets, South Melbourne

Mercy in the City 2018 is a night of Adoration, prayer, music, food and festivities. If you were at the event in 2016 or 2017 you will know that it is an unmissable night celebrating the faith shared by young people from all across Melbourne as together we draw nearer to the heart of Christ in the middle of the Lenten season. The night will include a special time of Eucharistic Adoration, with the opportunity for confession. An evening festival, complete with great food and live music showcasing local talent, will follow. Ages 16 to 35.

Cost: Entry is free; food will be available for purchase. Donations are welcome.

Details: Fr Dean on 9690 5895

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<http://www.cam.org.au/portals/0/2017/ParishUpdateFlyers/PU49/MercyInTheCity.JPG>



SEASONS FOR GROWTH: 'CHANGE, LOSS AND GRIEF' ADULT PROGRAM TRAINING

Wednesday 7 and Thursday 8 March, 9am–4pm

Cathedral Room, Cardinal Knox Centre, 383 Albert Street, East Melbourne

CatholicCare will be presenting two full days of training for Pastoral Associates/leaders on facilitating the *Seasons for Growth's* 'Change, loss and grief' adult program. All persons interested in becoming a qualified *Seasons for Growth* adult program Companion are encouraged to attend this course. Presenter: Paula Sharp.

Cost: \$610 per person

Details: Paula Sharp on 9287 5505 or paula.sharp@ccam.org.au

Web: <http://www.ccam.org.au/page/40/seasons-for-growth>

DOWNLOAD FLYER AT THIS LINK:

<http://www.cam.org.au/portals/0/2017/ParishUpdateFlyers/PU49/Seasons4GrowthGriefProgram.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@griegtograceaus.org.au

Website: www.griegtograce.org

THE OZANAM CONVERSATION: BISHOP VINCENT LONG AND GERALDINE DOOGUE

Thursday 26 April, 6.30–7.45pm

Catholic Leadership Centre, 576 Victoria Parade (corner of Hoddle Street), East Melbourne

The Ozanam Conversation (previously the Ozanam Lecture) is a free annual event in honour of the 20-year-old activist and founder of the St Vincent de Paul Society, Blessed Frédéric Ozanam. Now in its 21st year, it invites us to reflect upon how relevant the Society's founding mission of 1833 is to today's world. For this year's Conversation, Bishop Vincent Long will be joined by journalist and broadcaster Geraldine Doogue for a conversation on the topic, 'What it means to be a Catholic welfare organisation in a post-Royal Commission world'. Drinks and canapes will be served for 30 minutes prior to the event. All welcome.

Details: Julie Fewster on 9895 5929

RSVP: by Friday 20 April to 9895 5935 or rsvp@sudp-vic.org.au

DOWNLOAD FLYER AT THIS LINK:

<http://www.cam.org.au/portals/0/2017/ParishUpdateFlyers/PU49/OzanamConversation2018.pdf>



POPE FRANCIS' FIRST FIVE YEARS: A SEMINAR

Friday 15 June, 10am–3pm

Newman College, 887 Swanston Street, Parkville

This seminar will celebrate Pope Francis's pastoral vision of mercy, justice, love and care for the earth. You are invited to join Cardinal Charles Bo SDB of Myanmar and leading Australian theologians and community leaders to discuss:

- A field hospital: Pope Francis and the Church's engagement with the world
- Pope Francis and *Laudato Si*
- Pope Francis and his impact on the Church of Asia
- Pope Francis's interpretation of Vatican II
- The spiritual roots of 'reform' in Pope Francis
- Pope Francis: A theologian of migration

Cost: Free, but please register

Details and registration: Br Mark O'Connor on 9383 3106 or mark.oconnor@marists.org.au

DOWNLOAD FLYER AT THIS LINK:

<http://www.cam.org.au/portals/0/2017/ParishUpdateFlyers/PU49/June15SeminarNewmanCollege.pdf>

CATHOLIC VOCATIONS OFFICE: 2018 CAMINO IN SPAIN AND PORTUGAL

Monday 25 June (arrive Madrid) to Friday 20 July (depart Lisbon)

In 2018, Catholic Vocations Melbourne is excited to offer Catholic young men of Melbourne the opportunity to walk the ancient pilgrimage route of the Camino de Santiago to the tomb of St James the Apostle. The 500km trek on foot will provide pilgrims with the opportunity to step out of their ordinary lives and to dedicate some time to asking some of life's big questions. Each day pilgrims will have the opportunity for Mass, confession, spiritual direction and prayer. After reaching Santiago de Compostela, the pilgrimage will conclude with two days of prayer and relaxation at the beautiful shrine of Our Lady of Fatima. Your Pilgrimage Chaplains are Fr Nicholas Pearce and Fr Joel Peart from the Archdiocese of Melbourne. Archbishop Denis Hart fully supports this Camino. 'As the Church in Australia enters into the Year of Youth and Vocations, I am pleased to support this initiative, and encourage the young men of Melbourne to take up the challenge and join the Camino 2018 team.' The Pilgrimage is four weeks in total and departs after the last week of university semester one exams, returning in time for week one, semester two.

Costs:

Flights Pilgrims will organise their own flights, arriving in Madrid and departing Lisbon (allow approx. \$2000).

Daily pilgrimage costs Pilgrims should budget for \$50AUD for each day of walking on pilgrimage (allow approx. \$950). This budget is based on the experience of previous pilgrims and includes simple accommodation and a mixture of basic pilgrim meals and self-catering.

Pre- and post-accommodation/meals/transfers One night Madrid, two nights Santiago, two nights Fatima. Transfers from Madrid to Burgos, Santiago to Fatima and Fatima to Lisbon. Allow approximately \$1000+. However, there are 12 sponsored places available where these costs will be met by a number of generous benefactors. These places are open to Catholic young men who reside in the Archdiocese of Melbourne and who are between the ages of 18 and 35 at the time of the pilgrimage. Applications for these dozen places are now open.

Details: 9926 5733 or camino2018@cam.org.au

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<http://www.cam.org.au/portals/0/2017/ParishUpdateFlyers/PU49/Camino2018.pdf>



REFLECTION DAY FOR SPIRITUAL DIRECTORS

Wednesday 4 July, 10am–3pm

Newman College, 887 Swanston Street, Parkville

Led by renowned Thomas Merton scholar and Professor of Ignatian Studies, Dr Chris Pramuk from Regis University, Denver, this reflection day is designed for spiritual directors and all those involved in helping others to pray. The title of the day's reflection is 'God accompanies persons: Thomas Merton, Pope Francis and helping people to become more fully human and alive in their faith journey'.

Cost: Free, but please register.

Details and registration: Br Mark O'Connor on 9383 3106 or mark.oconnor@marists.org.au

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<http://www.cam.org.au/portals/0/2017/ParishUpdateFlyers/PU49/NewmanCollege4JulyDayOfReflection.pdf>

2018 HELDER CAMARA LECTURE, NEWMAN COLLEGE

Thursday 5 July, 5–6.30pm, Newman College, 887 Swanston Street, Parkville

Renowned Thomas Merton scholar and Professor of Ignatian Studies, Dr Chris Pramuk from Regis University, Denver, will deliver this year's Helder Camara public lecture, themed 'Wisdom—*sophia*—in the life and prayer of Thomas Merton'. All welcome.

Cost: Free, but please register

Details and registration: Br Mark O'Connor on 9383 3106 or mark.oconnor@marists.org.au

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<http://www.cam.org.au/portals/0/2017/ParishUpdateFlyers/PU49/HelderCamaraLecture5July.pdf>

REFLECTION DAY FOR PRIESTS, PASTORAL WORKERS AND PARISHIONERS

Friday 6 July, 10am–3pm, Newman College, 887 Swanston Street, Parkville

Renowned Thomas Merton scholar and Professor of Ignatian Studies, Dr Chris Pramuk from Regis University, Denver, will conduct this reflection day, designed not only for priests and pastoral workers, but for all interested parishioners and those delivering spiritual care. The reflection day is titled 'In everything, mercy: Thomas Merton and Pope Francis on the merciful heart of God'.

Cost: Free, but please register

Details and registration: Br Mark O'Connor on 9383 3106 or mark.oconnor@marists.org.au

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<http://www.cam.org.au/portals/0/2017/ParishUpdateFlyers/PU49/NewmanCollege6JulyDayOfReflection.pdf>

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE AND CROATIA

Monday 1 to Saturday 13 October

This special spiritual pilgrimage visiting Medjugorje and Croatia arrives in Medjugorje on Wednesday 3 October. Pilgrims will be in Medjugorje for the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary on 7 October, arriving back in Australia Saturday 13 October. The group will fly Emirates Airlines return from Australia and Auckland to Croatia. The chaplain accompanying this pilgrimage is Fr Peter Ferwerda, parish priest, St Mary's, Heathcote.

Cost: \$3795 per person, twin share (ex. Australia)

Details: 9830 5489 or kathryn@oconnortravelworld.com.au

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<http://www.cam.org.au/portals/0/2017/ParishUpdateFlyers/PU49/MedjugorjeOctoberPilgrimage.pdf>



GENERAL NOTICES

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION REQUIRED AT ROYAL MELBOURNE HOSPITAL

The Royal Melbourne Hospital in conjunction with CatholicCare are looking to recruit new volunteers who can officiate as Eucharistic Ministers to take holy communion to patients in hospital once a month on Sundays. Weekdays are also a possibility. If you are interested in supporting this vitally important ministry you are most welcome to apply.

Details: Gillian Carmichael, Coordinator Catholic Chaplaincy on 0427 511 763 or Gillian.carmichael@ccam.org.au or Gillian.carmichael@mh.org.au

PARISH RESOURCES FOR LENT 2018: WASHING THE DUST FROM OUR SOULS

The Archbishop's Office for Evangelisation has prepared a suite of free resources to assist parishes during Lent 2018. They are available to download at www.cam.org.au/evangelisation.

They include:

- day-by-day reflections through Lent (40-day calendar)
- weekly reflections on the Psalms by Sr Mary Raeburn nds (ideal for personal or group use)
- weekly reflections on the gospels by Cathy Jenkins
- weekly podcasts exploring the Sunday Readings of Lent (featuring scripture scholars, writers and musicians)
- Stations of the Cross (based on the Gospel of Mark)
- Penitential Rite outline
- prayers for the 24-hours-for-the-Lord Initiative (9 March)
- liturgical planning materials (including a 'Triduum checklist')
- real estate board templates (for parishes to promote Holy Week and Easter masses/events) and Paschal Candle sticker templates.

VOLUNTEER TUTORS NEEDED: GEELONG

CatholicCare Geelong and the Homework Tutoring Group urgently need volunteer tutors for term one, beginning in February. The Geelong Refugee Settlement program operates a homework club at Northern Bay College, Corio and tutors are required on Mondays for 90 minutes, between 3.15pm and 4.45pm during term one. Ideally, tutors will have bilingual skills in English and one of Dari, Hazaragi, Arabic, Karen or Karenni. The Homework Club aims to provide secondary college students in Yrs 9–12 with a supportive environment to enhance academic achievement and to build social connections with their peers, many of whom are from non-English speaking or refugee backgrounds.

Details: Matt Walton on 9926 5699 or Matthew.Walton@ccam.org.au

COURSE ON CATHOLIC DOCTRINE: UNDERSTANDING THE FAITH

Every first and third Tuesday, 6.15–7.15pm. Next session Tuesday 6 February

Caroline Chisholm Library, 358 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne (near Elizabeth Street)

Having concluded a recent 20-week philosophy course, John Young is now presenting a course on Catholic doctrine, 'Understanding the Catholic faith'. This course is being conducted the first and third Tuesday of each month, resuming in February. It began in late 2017, but participants are welcome to join the course at any time as it continues into 2018. 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/PU49/CourseOnCatholicDoctrine.pdf>



SACRED HEART PARISH RETREAT CENTRE: AVAILABLE NOW

Sacred Heart Parish Croydon invites you to our parish retreat centre in Croydon. Only 30 kilometres east of Melbourne CBD (near Eastlink), the retreat centre offers a countryside setting with amazing views of the Dandenongs and Yarra Valley. The centre has facilities for reflection days, sacramental programs, school or parish day retreats, as well as residential retreats, with on-site accommodation available. Come and experience the peace and tranquillity that surrounds this heritage-listed monastery.

Details: Susan Boysen on 9724 4888 or contact@sacredheartcroydon.org

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INVITATION TO PARISHES: PARISH REFLECTION ON THE PASTORAL THEOLOGY OF POPE FRANCIS

Conducted by Br Mark O'Connor (FMS, MTheol, MPhil, Pope Francis Fellow, Newman College, University of Melbourne), this parish reflection session will be held at the parish and is offered on a weeknight or on any weekend from March onwards. It can also be offered to schools. This year we commemorate five years of the Petrine ministry of Pope Francis. We have much to be grateful for. In those five years since he appeared on the balcony of St Peter's, Francis has begun a pastoral revolution. This retreat will explore some of the key pastoral themes of Pope Francis:

- People come first
- The Church is a 'field hospital'. We must reach out to the peripheries and live a consistent ethic of solidarity
- God does not ask perfection of us; all God asks is that we do the best we can in the sometimes overwhelming circumstances of our daily lives
- We are all therefore called to practise a discernment charged with merciful love
- For Pope Francis, as it should be for us, the first and living rule is the person of Jesus Christ, his humility, his gentleness, his joy and his love.

Details and bookings: Br Mark O'Connor on 9389 3106 or mark.oconnor@marists.org.au

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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.