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NOVEMBER

GEELONG DEANERY FORMATION DAY

Tuesday 21 November, 11.30am–8pm

**St Mary of the Angels Basilica, 150 Yarra Street, Geelong
and Centra Hotel (formerly the Carrington Hotel), 131 Yarra Street, Geelong**

To support all those working in Catholic parishes, schools and agencies in the Geelong area, the Archbishop's Office for Evangelisation Melbourne, in collaboration with the Geelong Deanery, is offering a formation day featuring: 'Formation and training for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion during Mass' and 'Readers of God's Word'; an opportunity for personal reflection and formation on the Advent readings; and a delicious shared meal with fellow participants at the Centra Hotel. Teachers, Accreditation Coordinators and School Leaders please note that this day, like many of our other professional development offerings, can accrue accreditation hours with Catholic Education Melbourne.

Details: To register visit <https://www.trybooking.com/RWUX>.

Cost: \$15 pp or \$50 parish rate (5 people or more). Note: Dinner is \$35pp and at participants' own cost.

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<http://www.cam.org.au/portals/0/2017/ParishUpdateFlyers/PU42/GeelongDeaneryFormationDay.pdf>

ST CATHERINE OF SIENA PRAYER GROUP: HOLY HOUR

Every Tuesday evening, 5–6pm. Next gathering: Tuesday 21 November

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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WESTERN SPIRITUALITY IN THE PUB/CLUB

Tuesday 21 November, 7.30–9pm

Club Italia, Furlong Road, St Albans

Doctors Heather Weedon and Rose Marie Prosser will be guest speakers for this last conversation of the year. They will be discussing Pope Francis' statement, 'In the Church, women are more important than bishops and priests'. Dr Wesson is a Franciscan missionary nun and brings experience from many different cultures. Dr Prosser ministers in areas of theology, spirituality and faith, and teaches at Yarra Theological Union. The talk commences at 7.30pm, but the dining room at Club Italia opens for dinner from 6pm (reservations on 9367 4187).

Details: Anne on 9304 2926 Wednesdays or Deanery.WesternHighway@cam.org.au

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<http://www.cam.org.au/portals/0/2017/ParishUpdateFlyers/PU42/SpiritualityInThePubNov.pdf>



CORPUS CHRISTI GREENVALE ADVENT RETREAT

**Tuesdays throughout November, plus evaluation 5 December, 7.30–9pm. Next session Tuesday 21 November.
Corpus Christi Community Greenvale, 885 Mickleham Road, Greenvale**

This retreat, over four weeks and with a fifth week for final evaluation, is a guided prayer retreat where participants pray a guided contemplative prayer at home for at least half an hour most days and meet once a week to share their experiences of prayer. The first two weeks of the retreat, based on the Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius, have passed, but new participants are still welcome. If you thirst for spiritual conversation, this Advent prayer experience is both challenging and powerfully enriching.

Details and RSVP: Annmaree on 0413 853 060 or annie54@icloud.com

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<http://www.cam.org.au/portals/0/2017/ParishUpdateFlyers/PU42/CorpusChristiGreenvale4WeekRetreat.pdf>

NATIONAL CONFERENCE: 'VOICES IN THE FAMILY: CHILDREN, MEN AND WOMEN'

Wednesday 22 and Thursday 23 November, 9am–5pm

Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre, 1 Convention Centre Place, South Wharf

The 2017 National Conference 'Voices in the family: children, men and women' takes place over two days in Melbourne this year, presented by MAREAA (Marriage and Relationship Educators Association Australia). This is the country's peak marriage and relationship conference, exploring the wellbeing of children, men and women, families and communities. For all those working with couples and families in all their shapes and stages, this is essential viewing. Globally renowned experts and keynote speakers will spend two days exploring vital themes such as connection and inclusion. Harry Benson, described as 'Britain's leading champion for marriage' and Research Director for the UK Marriage Foundation, heads an illustrious keynote speaker line-up.

Cost: \$649. Non-member (includes 12 months membership MAREAA) \$724.

Details: <https://www.mareaa.asn.au/mareaa-professional-development/>

Registration: <http://bit.ly/2fOYBL2>

CATHOLIC BOOK CLUB

Friday 24 November, 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 *Catholic matters: Confusion, controversy, and the splendor of truth* by Richard John Neuhaus will be discussed.

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

WOMEN'S WEEKEND RETREAT 2017

Friday 24 November, 8pm, to Sunday 26 November, 4pm

St Paul's Retreat Centre, 11 Nortons Lane, Wantirna South

The theme for this weekend retreat for women is 'Come, arise!' It will be a weekend of quiet reflection, inspiring talks, guided scripture meditation and time to rest in peaceful surroundings. Mass will be celebrated on Saturday and Sunday. Adoration, reconciliation and prayer ministry/spiritual direction will also be available.

Cost: \$175 full weekend, \$150 Saturday–Sunday, \$100 Saturday–Sunday without accommodation/breakfast. (Please have a conversation if the cost is unaffordable.)

Details and bookings: Sr Rachel on 9857 8177 or rachelfleurant.mgl@gmail.com or Petranell on 0401 046 949 or petranelferrao@gmail.com

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UNITING IN PRAYER BEFORE THE EUTHANASIA-ASSISTED SUICIDE DEBATE

Sunday 26 November, 6.45–9pm

St Augustine's, 631 Bourke Street, Melbourne City

On the eve of what is expected to be the final debate on the proposed Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2017, the Archdiocese's Life, Marriage and Family Office and St Augustine's city parish are hosting a dedicated hour of Eucharistic Adoration. Anyone wishing to join in praying for our elected representatives and our State at this critical time is invited to join. Adoration is from 6.45pm to 7.45pm, followed by Mass at 8pm.

DECEMBER

VINCENTIAN MARIAN RETREAT

Friday 1 December to Sunday 3 December

University College, 40 College Crescent, Parkville

Experience Mary's healing embrace. Entrust your broken heart and wounded past to the maternal care and protection our spiritual mother. The retreat will be led by Fr Rojan George, Director of the Vincentian Retreat Centre, Melbourne. Sessions will include daily Holy Mass, Adoration with healing prayers, the Rosary, talks and praise and worship. Confession will also be available.

Cost: \$250 per adult, children (six to 14 years) \$200, children under six free. Cost includes all meals and morning and afternoon tea. Rooms have shared toilet and bathroom facilities.

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

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ANOINTING OF THE SICK, BOX HILL

Saturday 2 December, 7.30am

St Paschal Franciscan Friary, 90 Albion Road, Box Hill

The Franciscan Friars at St Paschal College Friary celebrate a monthly Anointing of the Sick on the first Saturday of every month, during morning community Mass. Daily morning prayer is prayed at 7.15am, followed by the Eucharist and Anointing. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is also available on request. All welcome.

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

ANIMA WOMEN'S NETWORK ADVENT WOMEN'S RETREAT

Saturday 2 December, 9am–4pm

St Philip's Church, 60 Junction Road, Blackburn North

The retreat's theme is 'Preparing our hearts to receive Christ this Christmas'. It will be led by Fr Paschal Corby. The day includes Holy Mass and time for silence, confession and socialising. Morning tea and lunch included.

Details: animawomensnetwork@gmail.com

Cost: \$35

Bookings: www.trybooking.com/SQIE

RSVP: Wednesday 29 November

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<http://www.cam.org.au/portals/0/2017/ParishUpdateFlyers/PU42/AnimaWomenAdventRetreat.pdf>



LOURDES DAY MASS: ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL

Saturday 2 December, 10.30am

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

Bishop Terry Curtin, auxiliary Bishop of Melbourne, will be principal celebrant for the annual Lourdes Day Mass and blessing of the sick [this year](#). The blessing will be conducted with water from Lourdes, and each attendee will receive a gift bag of Lourdes water, rosary beads and reflection card. No booking is required. Refreshments (bottled water and biscuits) will be available after the Mass. All welcome.

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<http://www.cam.org.au/portals/0/2017/ParishUpdateFlyers/PU42/LourdesDayMassStPats.JPG>

ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGIUM CHOIR: VIGIL MASS

Saturday 2 December, 6pm

St Joseph's Church, corner Melville Road and Hope Street, West Brunswick

St Joseph's Collegium is a chamber choir of young singers singing liturgical music from the 16th century to the present day. Directed by Anthony Halliday, the choir will sing at the Vigil Mass Saturday 2 December. Music will include:

Mass Common: *Missa Brevis* – Benjamin Britten

Motets: *And he shall purify* (Messiah) – Handel

Rorate Coeli – Plainsong

ST PIUS X CAR BOOT SALE

Sunday 3 December, 10am–2pm

St Pius X Parish, 419 Waterdale Road, West Heidelberg

A fun day for the entire family guaranteed! The big day will feature market stalls, a sausage sizzle, Devonshire teas, a cake stall, and cheap goodies aplenty over four feverish hours of bargain hunting. Would you like to reserve a car space or an indoor market stall? Get in touch!

Details: 9497 5319 or edwmargaret@yahoo.com.au

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ORGAN RECITAL IN RESERVOIR

Sunday 3 December, 2pm

St Gabriel's, corner Spring and Viola Streets, Reservoir

Organist Colin Jenkins will present a wonderful organ concert recital at St Gabriel's, playing music for Advent and Yuletide melodies from many different countries, as well as music for the Epiphany. Join Colin for this special celebration of Advent, Christmas and the Epiphany in a beautiful church.

Cost: \$5 includes a light afternoon tea

Details: 9460 6036 or reservoir@cam.org.au

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<http://www.cam.org.au/portals/0/2017/ParishUpdateFlyers/PU42/ReservoirOrganRecital.pdf>



THE HAMER SINGERS: ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL

Sunday 3 December, 3.30pm

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

Under the artistic direction of Jonathan Grieves-Smith, Melbourne's newest choir, the Hamer Singers, will give their debut concert, 'As one who has slept', in this premiere performance, presenting choral music from the USA, Canada, the UK, Latvia, Russia and Estonia. Composers represented include Part, Tavener and Rachmaninov.

Cost: \$35, \$25 concession

Bookings: www.trybooking.com/SOFB

Web: www.hamersingers.weebly.com

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<http://www.cam.org.au/portals/0/2017/ParishUpdateFlyers/PU42/HamerSingersStPatsCathedral.pdf>

PROGETTO CORELLI: THE FINAL CONCERT (FOR 2017!)

Sunday 3 December, 4.30pm

St Brigid's Church, 378 Nicholson Street, Fitzroy North

This will be baroque ensemble Progetto Corelli's final concert of the 2017 season. To enhance this event, professional concert flutist Meredith Beardmore will join Progetto Corelli for inspired baroque music by Telemann, particularly to commemorate the 250th anniversary of his death (1767). Meredith and the ensemble will play some of the most exquisite yet rarely played flute works of Telemann, as well as some French and Italian works that shaped Telemann's cosmopolitan style, all performed on period instruments. Join Progetto Corelli in an afternoon pilgrimage of dazzling music of the baroque period.

Cost: Donation

DOWNLOAD PROGETTO CORELLI'S BEAUTIFUL MEDIEVAL IMAGE AT THIS LINK:

<http://www.cam.org.au/portals/0/2017/ParishUpdateFlyers/PU42/Progetto.jpg>

THEOLOGY AT THE PUB: THE CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Monday 4 December, 6.30pm onwards

European Bier Cafe, Rooftop Bar, 120 Exhibition Street, Melbourne

This is your invitation to join the Theology at the Pub team to celebrate another successful year, with live music by Alyssa Agius and Gen Bryant. Audience: 18 to 35-year-olds; priests and religious of all ages welcome.

Web: www.theologyatthepub.com.au

Facebook: www.facebook.com/tapmelb/

REBUILDING IRAQ AND SYRIA: THE FUTURE OF THE MIDDLE EAST

Tuesday 5 December, 7pm

St Gerard's Parish Hall, 71 Gladstone Road, Dandenong North

and

Wednesday 6 December, 7pm

Our Lady of Lebanon parish hall, 230 Normanby Avenue, Thornbury

Benjamin Blanchard is co-founder of *Chrétien d'Orient*, a French Catholic NGO with a mission to provide humanitarian aid to persecuted Christians and other minorities living in the Middle East. Benjamin is in Melbourne in December to ask Australians for their help. *Chrétien d'Orient* works directly with the bishops and priests of the regions and is helping to rebuild their churches and to resettle families in their home villages devastated by ISIS. Accompanying Benjamin is Australian volunteer Ora Duffley, finalist for the Brisbane Archdiocese Catholic volunteer of the year award.

Cost: Free

RSVP: for catering purposes (wine and cheese provided) to Ora Duffley on 0490 843 894 or

ora.duffley@soschretiensdorient.fr

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<http://www.cam.org.au/portals/0/2017/ParishUpdateFlyers/PU42/SOSChretiensdOrient.pdf>



ROMAN RITE CATHOLIC MASS IN ARABIC

Friday 8 December, and on the second Friday of each month, 6pm

St Ambrose's Church, 287 Sydney Road, Brunswick

The Mass in Arabic is celebrated on the second Friday of every month. In this new initiative for Melbourne, Fr Samir Haddad of the Melbourne Melkite Catholic community will be celebrating Mass according to the Latin rite, but in the Arabic language. Prayers for peace in the Middle East are an integral part of these services, with prayer and music preceding each of these monthly Masses. The liturgy is displayed in both languages in the church. Arabic speaking migrant and refugee groups are especially welcome to attend, along with anyone working in support of refugees and asylum seekers. A gathering for refreshments follows Mass (with awesome coffee!).

Details: Fr Haddad on 0402 771 777

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/>

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<http://www.cam.org.au/portals/0/2017/ParishUpdateFlyers/PU42/AustralianNativityScene.JPG>

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.

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 and 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 busy-ness and 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, visit friends (and watch footy at the MCG!).

Details: 8420 6789



SAVE THE DATE

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 Otobo (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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OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE AND CROATIA

Departing for 12 days Thursday 17 May 2018

This special spiritual pilgrimage visiting Medjugorje and Croatia arrives in Medjugorje on Saturday 19 May 2018. Pilgrims will be in Medjugorje for the Feast of Our Lady Help of Christians on 24 May, arriving back in Australia Tuesday 29 May. The group will fly Emirates Airlines return from Australia and Auckland to Croatia. The chaplain accompanying this pilgrimage is Fr Gerard Ryan CCS of West Wagga, NSW.

Cost: \$3595 per person, twin share (ex Australia)

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

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GENERAL NOTICES

MARY GLOWREY MUSEUM: NOW OPEN

Monday to Thursday 10am–4pm, Friday 10am–1pm

Mary Glowrey Museum, ACU Fitzroy campus, Level 2, Cathedral Hall, 20 Brunswick Street, Fitzroy

The newly opened Mary Glowrey Museum is the perfect place to learn more about the remarkable life of Servant of God, Dr Sr Mary Glowrey JMJ. Victorian-born and educated, Mary Glowrey felt called by God to medical missionary work in India. She left Melbourne in 1920 aged 32, joined a Dutch religious order in India and served there as a medical missionary for 37 years. The museum gives a full photographic and interactive overview of her remarkable life. Individuals and groups very welcome.

Cost: Free

Details and group bookings (five or more): 9416 4674 for a tour or presentation

Website: www.maryglowreymuseum.info, www.facebook.com/maryglowreymuseum

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL: REGISTRATIONS OPEN

The Australian Catholic Youth Festival will be held in Sydney this year, from Thursday 7 December to Saturday 9 December.

This year's Festival will welcome over 15,000 young people and will include bishops and Catholic speakers from around Australia, along with international guests, including possibly the world's most popular Christian musician, Matt Maher.

Details: <http://www.cam.org.au/youth/ACYF-2017/Overview>

Register: <http://www.youthfestival.catholic.org.au/register>

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<http://www.cam.org.au/portals/0/2017/ParishUpdateFlyers/PU42/AustralianCatholicYouthFestival2017.pdf>



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 any Thursday afternoon to come to St Mary's in West Melbourne 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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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, chick peas, 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 (eg 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.