



CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE
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GENERAL NOTICES

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020: WHAT IS GOD ASKING OF US IN AUSTRALIA AT THIS TIME?

Have your say by Wednesday 6 March, 2019.

Details: <http://www.cam.org.au/plenary/>

TEMPLATES AND RESOURCES FOR ADVENT/CHRISTMAS

To assist parishes in their preparations and celebrations of the joyous season of Advent, the Archbishop's Office for Evangelisation has prepared the following free templates to download: Christmas real estate boards, Christmas pull-up banners, Christmas postcard templates, giving tree tags, weekly reflection sheets and plenary-focused Advent prayers. In addition to these templates, the office is currently preparing a series of resources to enable people to reflect on the various themes of Advent, including a podcast series and daily Advent e-reflections.

All templates and resources are available from www.cam.org.au/evangelisation/advent

Enquiries: Archbishop's Office for Evangelisation on 9926 5761 or evangelisation@cam.org.au

SUMMER SCHOOL OF EVANGELISATION: WORLD YOUTH DAY @ HOME – REGISTRATIONS CLOSING SOON!

Sunday 20 to Sunday 27 January 2019

PGL Campaspe Downs, 1302 Trentham Road, Kyneton

In 2019, the Melbourne Summer School of Evangelisation in partnership with the Archdiocesan Office for Youth will be offering a special WYD-themed Summer School! The Summer School will include many of WYD features such as Catechesis with bishops, a Stations of the Cross, an expo and a final Mass. Join Bishop Mark Edwards and participants from around Australia for a week of faith and fellowship. Open to young people aged 16-35.

Registrations close December 20. To register visit: www.cam.org.au/wyd/wydhome

DECEMBER

AUSTRALIAN NATIVITY SCENE AT ST ELIZABETH'S PARISH

Monday 10 December 2018 to Friday 11 January 2019

St Elizabeth's Parish, 107 Bakers Road, Dandenong North (Melway 81A8)

Australian Nativity Scene (ANS) welcomes you to view the traditional and stunning nativity scene at St Elizabeth's, with this festive season's display marking fifteen years. This event is free and open to everyone—children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Viewing time after Mass or by appointment.

Enquiries: Wilson on 0428 927 110 or 9795 6217 (parish office)

Website: <http://www.australiannativityscene.org/>, <http://www.facebook.com/AustralianNativityScene/> or https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nativity_scene#In_Australia

ADVENT SEASON REFLECTION

Saturdays 15 and 22 December, 9.30am–5pm

St Joseph's Home, 112B St Georges Road, Northcote

The Little Sisters of the Poor in Northcote will host four days of reflection over the Advent Season, guided by Fr Edward Moloney from the Corpus Christi Seminary, Melbourne. The reflection days are for single Catholic women aged 18 to 35 who desire to enrich their spiritual growth during the Advent Season. These days will include Spiritual talks, Eucharistic Adoration, Holy Mass, Sacrament of Reconciliation, and time for personal and communal prayers.

Enquiries: Sr Mary Lourdes on 9489 8444 or admin1.mel@lsp.org.au



DAWN MASS NOVENA, HOPPERS CROSSING

Sunday 16 to Monday 24 December, 5am daily

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

This is the 23rd year of the Novena of dawn Masses, which will commence this year with Fr Aurelio Fragapane saying the first Mass on 16 December at 5am. There will be live music each day, provided by various choirs and youth and music groups. Mass will be followed each day of the novena by breakfast in the church hall. All welcome.

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CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS WITH A LIVE NATIVITY PLAY AND CAROLS

Monday 24 December, 5pm and 11.30pm

St Thomas More Church, 69 North Street, Hadfield

We extend a warm invitation to you all to join us as we bring the story of the birth of Christ to life through our Nativity play and as we sing Christmas carols. The Nativity Play will be followed by the Christmas Family Mass at 5.30pm. We encourage children to attend dressed up as a Nativity character. The 11.30pm outdoor Nativity Play (in the Church gardens) will be followed by Midnight Mass.

Enquiries: 9357 1422

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Thursday 27th December 2018, 7.30pm

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

Music to celebrate the Christmastide including Choir Motets, Noëls for Organ Chamber Choir with Fr Nicholas Dillon on the organ.

Programmes are available by donation.

JANUARY

RESIDENTIAL CHARISMATIC RETREAT

Sunday 6 to Friday 11 January 2019

Newman College, University of Melbourne, 887 Swanston Street, Melbourne

This charismatic retreat is for priests, deacons, religious and associates. We welcome Most Rev. Colin Campbell, Bishop Emeritus, Dunedin, New Zealand as our Retreat Director for the January 2019 Retreat. Our Retreat Team sincerely hopes that you are able to join us and we look forward to seeing you!

Download flyer: <https://bit.ly/2qxtwki>

CAMPION COLLEGE SUMMER PROGRAM

Monday 7 to Friday 11 January 2019

Experience college life and a taste of the Champion College course, including literature, history, theology, hiking and sports.

Enquiries: study@campion.edu.au or (02) 9896 9300

Registrations: www.campion.edu.au/summer

Download flyer: <https://bit.ly/2KkyKsl>

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC EUCHARIST

Thursday 10 January 2019, 7.30pm



Newman College, University of Melbourne, 887 Swanston Street, Melbourne

Should you have any friends or family in Melbourne, please extend an invitation to them to join us. Following the Eucharist there will be an opportunity for Prayer Ministry and to be ministered to by those who have spent the week on retreat.

INFORMATION EVENT: 2019 CAMINO JOURNEYS FOR WOMEN

Sunday 20 January 2019, 2pm

The Garden, Mind Body Business, 4 Ross Smith Avenue, Frankston

This free information event is for women who are interested in joining a Guided Camino Pilgrimage in September 2019. Come along and find out how you can be part of our Gentle Camino. This unique Guided Camino Pilgrimage has been specifically designed to offer you guided meditations, nightly sharing circle, quiet reflection, prayers and Mass, pre-booked accommodation and daily luggage transfers. We will be walking an average of 10–15km per day over the last 100km from Sarria to Santiago de Compostela, starting 9 September 2019.

Website: www.caminojourneysforwomen.com.au

Registrations: Joanne Cashman on 0417 137 369 or caminojourneysforwomen@gmail.com or register online at www.caminojourneysforwomen.com.au

SAVE THE DATE

TROPICAL WILDERNESS RETREAT: FAR NORTH QUEENSLAND

Monday 15 to Monday 22 July 2019

Seville Mercy Conference Centre, Cairns, QLD

Join us on a 6-day walking retreat based in Cairns, Queensland in an experience of indigenous culture, beautiful walks and a visit to St Monica's Cathedral.

Details and bookings: Campion Centre of Ignatian Spirituality on 9854 8110 or secretary@campion.asn.au

Download Flyer: <https://melbournecatholic.org.au/Portals/0/Tropical%20Wilderness%20Retreat-Flyer%206.pdf>

FOUNDATIONS IN YOUTH MINISTRY CAMP: CORE

Friday 22 to Sunday 24 February 2019

Don Bosco Camp, Safety Beach

The Archdiocesan Office for Youth invites all new youth ministers (1–3 years' experience) to join us for a camp to build foundations in leadership, ministry and the life of Christ. This camp will allow you to learn practical skills in planning and running all aspects of youth ministry as well as an opportunity to meet others in the same role as you!

Cost: \$85 including all meals and accommodation

Enquiries: aoy@cam.org.au

Registrations: www.trybooking.com/YSJJ

PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICE FOR CHURCH GOVERNANCE

Saturday 2 to Sunday 3 March 2019, 10am–5pm

Yarra Theological Union (Study Centre), 34 Bedford Street, Box Hill

Recommended for those responsible for governance in Church institutions:

- Trustees and boards, directors
- CEOs and managers
- School leadership teams
- Parish priests
- Parish pastoral councils
- Hospital administrators
- Religious congregations

Cost: \$300 (includes morning and afternoon tea and lunch); free parking

Enquiries: 9890 3771

Website: www.ytu.edu.au

Registrations: www.trybooking.com/ZRCC



Oscar Rodriguez SDB of Honduras, Co-ordinator of Pope Francis's C9 group for the Reform of the church.
For further information, contact Br Mark O'Connor.

Email: mark.oconnor@marists.org.au

HELDER CAMARA LECTURES: BECOMING A HUMBLE, LISTENING AND LEARNING CHURCH

Friday 22 March, 10am–1pm

The Oratory, Newman College, 887 Swanston St, Parkville

A seminar with input from Dr Austen Ivereigh, Cardinal Oscar Rodriguez SDB and local theologians and bishops. A contribution to the forthcoming Plenary Council of the Church in Australia

For further information, contact Br Mark O'Connor.

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PALLOTINE CAMINO 2019

Thursday 25 to Saturday 27 April 2019

Join this beautiful walk along Dandenong Creek, the Warburton Trail and O'Shannassy Aqueduct to Millgrove.

A pilgrimage walk from St Christopher's Parish Syndal, to Pallotti College Millgrove, travelling approximately 65km over three days. A time of sacred pilgrimage between two significant sites of Pallottine spirituality and mission. Meditate on your experience of God in nature while walking in fellowship and friendship with others.

Enquiries and bookings: Denise on 0420 200 266 or denisejlyons@gmail.com

Download Flyer: <https://melbournecatholic.org.au/Portals/0/Camino%20Flyer%202019%20.pdf>

HELDER CAMARA LECTURES: FROM DARKNESS TO EASTERING—SEARCHING FOR GOD IN A TIME OF FEAR

Wednesday 22 May 2019, 5pm – 6.30pm

The Oratory, Newman College, 887 Swanston St, Parkville

The Helder Camara lecture and reading features scripture scholar Dr Bonnie Thurston, and spiritual director, poet and ecumenical figure, Thomas Merton. For further information, contact Br Mark O'Connor.

Email: mark.oconnor@marists.org.au

RETREAT DAY: RAISING LAZARUS

Saturday 25 May 2019, 10am – 3pm

The Oratory, Newman College, 887 Swanston St, Parkville

A retreat day led by Dr Bonnie Thurston contemplating life and our journey from death to new life.

For further information, contact Br Mark O'Connor.

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I WAS A STRANGER AND YOU WELCOMED ME: REFUGEES AND THE VISION FOR THE CHURCH

Mid-year 2019 (Dates to be confirmed soon)

Migrants and refugees in Pope Francis's transformative vision of the church Cardinal Luis Antonio Tagle. Archbishop of Manila and President Caritas Internationalis.

For further information, contact Br Mark O'Connor.

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PEOPLE COME FIRST: A PARISH RETREAT REFLECTION OPPORTUNITY

September – October 2019

Parishes of the Archdiocese of Melbourne are invited to register for a free retreat session (weeknights or weekends) conducted in their parishes on the pastoral theology of Pope Francis led by Br Mark O'Connor FMS.

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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.