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GENERAL NOTICES

LENT PODCAST SERIES: THE LENTEN PILGRIM | WEEK 1—JESUS IN THE WILDERNESS

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Over the next five weeks of Lent, listeners will be offered a brief reflection on the Sunday gospel, exploring its context and themes, and how it might encourage us in our Lenten journey. In this first episode, Cathy Jenkins offers a reflection on Jesus' experience in the wilderness, one of the few times where he is without human accompaniment. Lent offers an invitation to actively reorientate ourselves to God, because for Christians, God—and the one who was so loved, Jesus—is the heart and the soul of life. And we are offered beautiful and ancient tools to help us enter into this time: tools of being prayerful, of living more simply and living more generously. For other resources to use during the Season of Lent, please visit the Archbishop's Office for Evangelisation

Details: www.cam.org.au/evangelisation

THE LENTEN PILGRIM

We are offered this gracious time, when we can reflect on what has formed us since we trod last year's Lenten path. And we are offered beautiful and ancient tools to help us enter into this time. These Lenten practices cultivate an environment in which we are able to think more deeply about God and about how we are responding to God's call in our daily lives. Visit the Archbishop's Office for Evangelisation Melbourne at www.cam.org.au/evangelisation to download a range of free and easy-to-use resources for the Season of Lent including a poster of Daily Lenten reflections, booklets, checklist for the Triduum, Liturgy outline for Ash Wednesday and seasonal articles on [The Summit Online](#).

MARCH

LENTEN PARISH RETREAT WITH SEBASTIAN POLAK SDS

Saturday 9 to Friday 15 March

St Anthony's Church, 45 Railway Place, Alphington
and Holy Spirit Church, 248 Raleigh Street, Thornbury East

Retreat. What does it mean? Lent. How can we make the most of it? Understand the gospel message in our times, and join us on a five-day retreat which includes talks and topics such as sin and reconciliation, what is happening in the Church today and prayers reflecting on the importance of the Bible in our lives. All talks will be given during Mass and will be followed by an exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. During the Adoration there will be an opportunity for Reconciliation.

Enquiries: hosan@cam.org.au or 03 9412 8439

Details: hosan.org.au

THE PASSION: AUDITIONS AND POSITIONS NOW OPEN

Sundays 10, 17 and 24 March, 7 April, 12–5pm

Performance Palm Sunday 14 April and Good Friday 19 April

The Holy Cross Centre, 2017 Serpells Road, Templestowe

Recruiting for the twenty-third Annual Melbourne Passion Play is now under way. Here is your opportunity to be part of the re-enactment of the Ministry of Christ that has been enjoyed by thousands over the years. No acting experience is necessary. Men and women are urgently required to fill the various roles as: Roman soldiers, Pharisees, townspeople, Disciples. Crew members are also required to assist with costume, props and sound equipment.

Enquiries: Director Robert Durai on 0422 130 014

Details: www.passionplay.info



SUMMER SERIES: LIFE AND LOVE

Tuesdays 12, 19 and 26 March, 2 April, 6–8pm

ACU rooftop, Daniel Mannix Building, 115 Victoria Parade, Fitzroy

In partnership with the LMF Office, a 6-week discussion series on life, love, sexuality and what it means to be a person created in love and for love. This series, based on St John Paul II's teaching on human dignity, will help reveal to young adults who they really are, their value as a person and their individual call to love. For 18 to 35 year olds.

Cost: \$50 for all six sessions or \$10 per night

Enquiries: lmf@cam.org.au or 9287 5587

Registrations: www.trybooking.com/ZKMS

INNER PEACE IN DARKNESS AND LIGHT

Tuesdays 12, 19 and 26 March, 2 and 9 April, 7–8.30pm

Corpus Christi Community (Chapel area), 855 Mickleham Road, Greenvale

This powerful retreat is challenging, but does offer the deeper graces of tender love, forgiveness, healing and freedom. To receive this retreat, you will be invited to pray, participate in sacred listening and converse in spiritual conversation. A short time will be needed to journal your experiences in your listening book.

Enquiries and bookings: annie54@icloud.com

COMBINED PARISHES LITURGICAL FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES: EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION DURING MASS WORKSHOP – EASTERN REGION

Thursday 14 March 7–9pm, light refreshments from 6.30pm

St Peter's and Paul's Parish, 23 Leeds Street, Doncaster East

Registrations: Cheryl Tay on 9842 1480

AGING PERSONS AND PASTORAL CARE

Saturdays 16 and 30 March, 13 April, 11 and 25 May, 9am–3.30pm

Australians are living longer and our society is an aging one. This unit, presented by Rev. Dr Laurence McNamara CM, will explore the pastoral needs of our aging communities—individual and social.

Numbers are limited so register early!

Ph: Academic Records Office on 9412 3309 or Dean@ctc.edu.au

Download flyer: <https://bit.ly/2C4NJo3>

LENTEN RETREAT CAMP: VIETNAMESE CATHOLIC YOUTH GATHERING

Saturday 16 to Sunday 17 March

Ta'Pinu Shrine, 15 Flanagans Drive, Merrimu

Come and join us for a two-day retreat called 'Reborn' with Rev. Peter Nguyed Doan Khoi, MSC, Rev. Joseph Thang Vu, singer and composer Genevieve Bryant and Justine Cumbo, who is a singer and songwriter with over 10 years' experience in youth ministry and evangelisation. The retreat includes workshops, worship, talks and outdoor live concert. Meals and camping spots included for those who register.

Registration: www.trybooking.com/462274

Download flyer: <https://bit.ly/2BU7COa>

RITE OF ELECTION

Sunday 17 March, 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 Sunday 17 March, the Second Sunday of Lent. RCIA coordinators are encouraged to register as soon as possible.

Details: AOFE website [Archbishop's Office for Evangelisation > News > NewsView](#)

Registrations: <https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=435720&>

WESTERN SPIRITUALITY IN THE PUB: SERVING THE POOR IN OUR MIDST - THE LOAVES AND FISHES

Tuesday 19 March, 7.30–9pm



Club Italia, Furlong Road, St Albans (between Sunshine Hospital and the Western Ring Road)

Speakers: Charlie Desira from the 'Loaves and Fishes' at Holy Eucharist Parish (it is astounding what this group does in conjunction with Foodbank Victoria) and Emily Dawson, who is a Food Donor Coordinator for Foodbank Victoria. Come along by yourself or with a group of friends! Be open to having your thoughts expanded or challenged by the evening of conversation, which begins with our speakers, followed by conversation around tables and then by open forum. Dine at a table with other Western SIP participants by notifying us the day before and we will book tables.

Enquiries: admin@wsip.org.au

'CLOSE AND CONCRETE: POPE FRANCIS EVANGELISING IN A WORLD OF FLUX'

Thursday 21 March, 5–6.30pm

The Oratory, Newman College, 887 Swanston Street, Parkville

A Helder Camara Lecture hosted by Dr Austen Ivereigh (noted UK Catholic writer and biographer of Pope Francis) with a response by Cardinal Oscar Rodriguez SDB of Honduras, Coordinator of Pope Francis' C9 group for the Reform of the Church.

Enquiries: Br Mark O'Connor at mark.oconnor@marists.org.au

RISE: LET THERE BE LIGHT

Saturday 23 March, 10am–10pm

Penola Catholic College, 29 Gibson Street, Broadmeadows

AOY is the major sponsor and coordinator of a collection of youth groups, schools and communities around Melbourne that are hosting a one-day event for young people aged from Year 9 to 25 years to discover and deepen in Christ and to celebrate their faith. Rise 2019 will have a festival-like atmosphere and will include opportunities for young people to experience the arts, live music, prayer, social time and workshops based on a variety of topics.

Registrations: <https://risemelbourne.com/>

LIVE-IN WEEKEND RETREAT WITH FR TONY MCSWEENEY AND FR FRANCIS DENTON

Friday 29 to Sunday 31 March

Pallotti College, 80 McNamaras Road, Millgrove

This enclosed retreat is organised by the Legion of Mary, Melbourne Senatus, and is open to everyone.

Cost: \$190 includes 2 nights' accommodation and all meals

Enquiries and registrations: Caroline Fernandez on 0423 838 756 or smtcsf@gmail.com

Download Flyer: <https://bit.ly/2SbKViN>

MARY – A BIBLICAL WALK WITH THE BLESSED MOTHER: DVD AND DISCUSSION SESSIONS

Last Saturday of each month, 11.30am–1.30pm, next session 30 March

St Francis of Assisi Church, Mill Park

Cost: Free (optional study guides available for \$30)

Enquiries: Caroline Fernandez on 0423 838 756 or smtcsf@gmail.com

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

HAMER SINGERS: ARTISTIC DIRECTOR JONATHAN GRIEVES-SMITH

Sunday 31 March, 3.30pm

St Ignatius Church, 326 Church Street, Richmond

Renowned Scottish composer Sir James MacMillan has written the extraordinary Strathclyde Motets, which refract the language of the great Renaissance composers through a contemporary prism. These are the superb successors to the other works on this program, Robert Ramsey's three exquisite motets composed early in the 17th century while he was organist at Trinity College, Cambridge.

Bookings: <https://www.trybooking.com/BAJTB>

Details: <https://www.hamersingers.com.au/>



APRIL

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION DURING MASS AND THE READER OF GOD'S WORD WORKSHOPS – NORTHERN REGION

Saturday 6 April, 10.30am–3.30pm Includes light lunch

St Mary's Parish, 76 Hargreaves St, Castlemaine

The mass is made up of two parts: the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist, inextricably connected to form one single act of worship. The ministries of the Reader of God's Word and Extraordinary Minister of Communion during Mass are essential components of this ritual action. When delivered well, they have a profound impact on the celebration and on all those participating. Please note, all participants must be endorsed by their parish priest.

Facilitator: Mary Ryan from the Archbishop's Office for Evangelisation

Registrations: Juliet on 5472 1900

JPC PRESENTS A DEAF COMMUNITY FUNDRAISER: AUSLAN INTERPRETED EVENT

Sunday 7 April, 12–4pm

Jason's Restaurant, Bradford Estate Winery, 2 McBride Road, Beaconsfield Upper

Luncheon package includes canapés and bubbly upon arrival plus a seated three-course meal, guest speakers and silent and public auctions with auctioneer.

Bookings: by Friday 29 March to Deb Wadsworth on 0407 483 771 or manager@jpc.org.au

SAVE THE DATE

OZ ROSARY# 53: THE WEEKEND OF THE FEAST OF THE PATRONESS OF AUSTRALIA

Friday 24 to Sunday 26 May

Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for Australia. This year we are also praying in particular for our political leaders and the spiritual leaders of our Church, our cardinals, bishops and priests. Our continued prayers are for youth and families.

Enquiries: ozrosary53@gmail.com or Jane Chifley on 0476 535 595

Registrations: www.facebook.com/OZROSARY53

OZ ROSARY AROUND AUSTRALIA

Friday 24 to Sunday 26 May

Last year on the 13 May over 250 locations participated in Oz Rosary under the patronage of Bishop David Cremin who is continuing as our patron. This year we will be holding a similar event over the weekend of Friday 24 to Sunday 26 May, which is the weekend of the feast day of Australia's patron, Our Lady Help of Christians. Anytime on the weekend is a good time and will hopefully provide a bit of flexibility for people. It would be great if we could participate in a 54-day Novena together leading up to the event starting on the 1 April. Click this link for a copy of the booklet for the 54-day miracle Novena. <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/q2vdmxcdnhmz0xb/AABFsQecYouQByUbqjT9ZZTqa?dl=0>

FOOTPRINTS OF JESUS: 14-DAY HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

Sunday 2 to Sunday 16 June

Chaplain: Rev. Fr Richard Rosse. Trace the journey of Jesus from the land where he was born through to where he carried his cross and gave the eternal sacrifice. See places mentioned in the Old and New Testaments and bring your faith alive as you walk through the lands reflecting on the Bible and unfolding the rich history of our faith.

Indicative Cost: \$5,690. Single room supplement \$1,150

Enquiries: St Catherine of Siena Parish Office on 8361 9822 or carolinesprings@cam.org.au.



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