



I can do all
things through
Christ who
strengthens
me.
Phil 4:13

The Witness

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YOU ARE THE ONES THAT I HAVE CHOSEN

I have woken each morning this week with the beautiful words and tune of this song in my heart. I invite you to ponder on the words and allow them to minister to your spirit. If you have been feeling a little bereft lately – perhaps short of energy or hesitant to begin a difficult project, then the words of this song will lift you and renew your confidence and strength. They will do for each of us what God's Word promises and always delivers.

Lyrics to Song:

You are the ones that I have chosen
You are the ones who know my name
I'll give to you the light of my Spirit
I'll give to you the love of my heart.

Give to me your time just to listen
Don't be afraid, I'll be with you everywhere
Though I'll be gone, you will seek and you will find me
Live in me and you will know.

Lift your eyes and see me in my sorrow
Drawing you and pouring out my life
Look on me, I'll be your consolation
Live in me and you will know.

Brian Boniwell

Our Lord has chosen us and called us to come to Him. We know His name because we have met Him and He has, and continues to, reveal Himself to

us in many and varied ways. He delights to fill us with His Spirit and His love. In the verses of this song we are told that as long as we give some of our time to seek Him and listen, we will gradually come to know that He is everywhere. He commands us not to be afraid and to live in Him.

The second verse encourages us to lift our eyes and ponder on the suffering and crucifixion of Jesus. When we place ourselves at the foot of the cross with Mary, John and the others, we cannot but be overwhelmed by His love and mercy for us. Experience of God's forgiveness and compassion helps move us to extend these gifts to others and our lives begin to change. Selfishness and indifference gradually melt away as we allow more of His Spirit to penetrate our sometimes hard and often broken hearts. The love of God is perfect and that is what He has promised us – what more could we want!!! Our brochure advertising all available courses for THE CATHOLIC SCHOOL OF EVANGELISATION sums it up perfectly. *Only disciples with a radical, passionate, committed relationship with Jesus will have the desire and the power to share the Gospel.* May our dear Lord fill each of us with this power.

In early June I travelled to Adelaide where I enjoyed the wonderful hospitality of Carmen and Anton Sylvester, at their home in the beautiful Adelaide hills and met the School of

Evangelisation Team at the Faith on Fire Seminar. I was inspired by the enthusiasm of all present and by Fr. Charles Gauci's presentation based on Pope Francis' GAUDETE ET EXSULTATE (Rejoice and Exult) which is his Apostolic Exhortation on the call to holiness in today's world. On my return home I purchased a copy immediately. Pope Saint John Paul II and Pope Benedict made this same plea throughout their years as our leaders and it is the basic call of THE CATHOLIC SCHOOL OF EVANGELISATION. Live the gospel and pass it on to others (2 Timothy 2:2).

Ann Serong



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ALTERNATE ENDING

By Pat Kelly

Have you noticed that many DVDs these days come with an alternate ending? If you don't like the ending of the film you can try another. I was reading Luke Chapter 15 the other day, the Parable of the Prodigal Son. As I reflected on the parable it came to mind that maybe it could do with an alternate ending. This parable is actually about two sons, one younger (the Prodigal) and one older. Many people when they read this parable consider that the elder son, the faithful one who stays with his father is hard done by and they sympathise with him when he refuses to go into the feast to celebrate the return of his brother.

With this in mind I hope you don't mind if I provide an alternate ending. Let's start where the younger son has abandoned his father and gone off to squander his inheritance. Every day the father goes to a high hill, scanning the horizon, yearning for the sight of his younger son coming home. Enter the Elder Son:

"Father I see you standing here every day longing for the return of my brother. I feel the pain in your heart and it breaks my heart too as I love you and I love my brother. What do you want me to do?" So the father gives the elder son his share of the inheritance and sends him off to find his brother and bring him home. The Elder Son searches for his brother, he isn't hard to find as he just follows the trail of debt left by his brother. In each town he pays the debt that his brother owes with his own inheritance money until he finally finds his brother working in a pigsty, sold as a slave to the farmer and slowly starving to death. By this time the Elder Son has no money left so he asks the farmer if he can take his brother's place looking after the pigs. The farmer agrees and the Prodigal Son is set free to return to the father. The Elder Son who has paid all his brother's debts is left behind and eventually dies in his brother's place.

Does this ending sound familiar? Sorry my alternate ending isn't very original. I think you might recognise the Elder Son in this version. It's Jesus, sent by the Father to look for the Lost, all of us; Jesus, the one who has paid all our debts even at the cost of His own life when He died on the cross. Of course the real version of the story, like all good stories, has a glorious twist at the end, worthy of any Hollywood ending, because Jesus didn't stay dead, Jesus is Risen, Jesus is Alive, waiting with the Father for the return of all the Prodigals that He has set free.

Rather than standing back in judgment when the prodigal returns to the father we should be like Jesus, the true Elder Son, searching for the Lost, doing whatever we can to share the Good News so that we can all come home to the Father.



Persevering In The Call To Holiness And Mission

By Adrian Commadeur

When I was a student as a seminarian with the Redemptorist Order, the founder's specific advice was to pray for perseverance in one's vocation. Daily I prayed a prayer for this purpose. Still my prayer was not answered in the way I expected. I left to pursue a layman's vocation to marriage, family and career. I can now thank God that the Lord has been so good to me that I have persevered in my vocation as a Catholic lay person. I have been able to serve the Lord in the School of Evangelisation, Catholic Charismatic Renewal, in Church and parish life, in a good career as a criminologist, and as a very happy husband and father and now grandfather of five. I believe that the Lord has answered my prayer for perseverance. But I am not done yet.

What has helped me to persevere? How can you, kind reader, continue to persevere in your vocation? I believe there are three or four ways of making sure of our call to holiness and mission. Jesus has called us to "be perfect, as your heavenly father is perfect" (Mt 5, 48) and St Paul writes that God has chosen each one of us "to be holy and blameless before him in love." (Eph 1, 4) Also we are chosen to spread "the aroma of Christ among those who are being saved" (2 Cor 2, 15). By our witness and words, we are to spread the good news of Jesus.

Pope Francis has written two letters on the two themes of Holiness and Mission. The first he called *Rejoice and be Glad*, and the second he called *The Joy of the Gospel*. For Pope Francis the theme of JOY seems the most important in our Christian lives. This joy allows us to persevere in our vocation of a Spirit filled life, during which we try to serve the Lord with enthusiasm and with the knowledge that joy will continue to fill our hearts. In his letter on holiness, Pope Francis explains the eight Beatitudes as personal qualities that are contrary to the ways of the world, and therefore are a witness to it. Blessed are the poor, blessed are the merciful, blessed are the peacemakers and blessed are the pure of heart. He adds also some signs of holiness in today's world. He chooses perseverance, patience and meekness, joy and a sense of humour among them.

The Lord has been very gracious to me. The joy I found in the Lord in August 1971 when I was first baptised in the Holy Spirit, has grown deeper within me. He continues to give me opportunities to put into practice the virtues of the Beatitudes. Being poor in spirit means to me to live a simple lifestyle, depending on the Lord, practising the spiritual disciplines of daily mass, prayer, Bible reading and weekly prayer meetings. Being

merciful means for me to support orphans in Nepal and people who call on me for prayer support, and my daily visits to my Anne as she gradually comes to the end of her stay in Holloway Aged Care. To be a peacemaker is to bond with my children and grandchildren, my sisters and brothers, members of the parish and prayer group, and not break the unity and harmony of love. To be pure of heart is to keep my focus on loving the Lord, my eyes away from disturbing images, my thoughts from harmful or obscene objects.

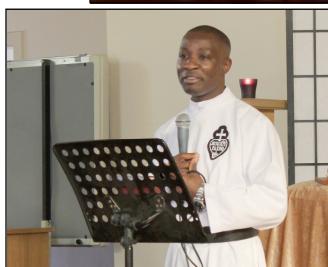
I also find my happiness in continuing to share the Joy of the Gospel. It is not always easy to speak to family members, but the Lord gives me still some opportunities to evangelise through prayer groups, parish events, and even overseas engagements. I always try to share the hope that we have in Jesus, and seek opportunities to minister the baptism in the Holy Spirit. In this way people will experience the assurance of salvation through faith in Jesus, the joy, love and peace of the Holy Spirit and the gifts and fruit He brings. There is no greater joy than sharing the good news of Jesus. This is the reason for my perseverance in growing in intimacy with the Lord, and sharing Jesus with others.



Above: A recent photo of Adrian with his two month old grandson, Owen.

A Retreat Day With Fr. Patrice From Tanzania

by Carmen Sylvester



When I approached Fr Patrice, a Passionist priest who is from Tanzania but living at the Passionist Monastery for the next 2 years, I asked him to give us a scripture that can give us an idea of what the retreat will be about. Immediately he texted back saying, Ephesians 1:17

“That Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith.”

I wondered how he would develop a whole day retreat with just a one liner. That he did with great passion and an in-depth of spirituality rarely found in a priest ordained only 3 years. He is all of 38 years but looks like a 16 year old and needless to say, like a breath of fresh air for the 40 odd people that gathered to hear him and to fellowship with one another.

Equipped with a booklet for each of us, full of the scriptures he would use and expand for us in the retreat, he started with a simple statement that captured my heart straight away.

“Let us Re-discover the God within us and Re-discover our possession in Christ Jesus. Jesus is not just with us. He is not just in us. He is in Communion with us. We possess Christ’s own righteousness.”

In his animated way he had us spellbound as he shared with us “The Dimension of God’s Love” - How wide - How long - How deep - How high. Have we come to that point in our life where we can love like Christ, where we think like Christ, where we act like Christ???

“And of his fullness we have all received, and grace for grace.” John 1:16

The challenge put to us was: Are we squandering that fullness and that grace that we have received by wanting to be in control of our own lives, our

own destiny, and our own agenda that severs that communion that God has always desired with His children.

It was a thought provoking day, sprinkled with the joy of Praise and Worship, some really good food and a beautiful Mass.

On a sad note Fr Patrice’s father passed away unexpectedly in Tanzania as he was giving us the retreat. God’s ways are not our ways.

WHAT IS FAITH?

“FAITH is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

By faith we understand that the world was framed by the Word of God . . .

By faith Abel offered God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain . . .

By faith Noah . . . prepared an ark . . .

By faith Abraham obeyed . . .

By faith Sarah conceived . . .

By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden three months by his parents . . .

By faith Moses, when he became of age, refused to be called the son of the Pharaoh’s daughter.

By faith he forsook Egypt.

By faith the Israelites passed through the Red Sea . . .

By faith the walls of Jericho fell down . . . And what more shall I say?

For the time would fail me to tell of . . . (those) who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong . . .

Hebrews: 11

A Poignant Farewell To Fr. Charles Gauci, Bishop Elect of Darwin By Carmen Sylvester

We can only be thankful that six weeks after a wonderful experience at the Faith on Fire seminar with Fr Charles Gauci we were once more blessed to share another day of reflection with him on "Our call to holiness in our world today."

The sixty odd people that filled the hall came with expectant hearts and no one left there disappointed. Father continued to tease out the Apostolic Exhortation Gaudete et Exsultate (Rejoice and Be Glad) and gave practical points of what the Pope is saying about being holy in our troubled world today.

He offered us practical and Christian ways of living the Gospel as he also quoted from, Evangelii Gaudium (Joy of the Gospel) and Laudate Si (Caring for our common home). He encouraged us to read these beautiful documents with a humble and reflective heart.

As we know many people are critical of our dear Pope and label him as radical. Father Charles shared that he believes that misunderstanding of his words and actions perhaps coupled by arrogance, is leading some people to wrong conclusions. He pointed to many instances in the Gospel where Jesus was also seen to be radical in His compassion to prostitutes, sinners, outcasts and His own apostles. He related stories of Saints who did not start out, as squeaky clean, yet a conversion experience led them to sainthood. Fr Charles was



adamant that a good motto for Christians who desire to be Holy is not to judge harshly as we will be judged by the same measure we judge.

In his easy and open style he led us into a time of sharing and questioning, which many people appreciated as they felt listened to and their concerns acknowledged.

We were extremely blessed to be led by Aldo Vivani leader of Couples for Christ and Sam Sachse Youth Rep for CCR in our worship. Both these men have a heart for God and their talent in music and song made our day both reflective and joyous.

It was no easy task for our hospitality team to prepare the shared lunch for sixty people and clean up after, but their commitment to service showed everyone what love in action is all about.

These days of formation for our past participants and anyone else who wishes to have ongoing formation in Catholic teachings, continue to be a source of formation for our own team as we all fulfill our call to serve with joy.

We pray Fr Charles will be especially blessed in his new appointment as Bishop of Darwin and we can only thank God for his years of support to the work of the School in Adelaide. It was with great joy yet a tinge of sadness that all present clapped Fr. Charles out of the hall at the end of our day.

Outreach to the Zimbabwe Community, Adelaide

By Hiacinta Msomi

Shalom! What a blessed day it was!!

God is still continuing to do wonders. Praise be to our God forever and ever Amen! Father Josy was great as usual, quite a few of our regular participants turned up too, and of course the Zimbabweans.

Ultimate sacrifice means ultimate love, all for the sake of the beloved ones. If there is suffering, there is resurrection and glory. Our Lord was glorified by the Father, and for all of us



followers of Christ if we suffer and take that suffering as an act of submission and unite our suffering with the Lord, then we will be glorified in God the Son! If there is Good Friday, Easter is definitely on its way! Let's all be encouraged by this.

The praise and worship was marvellous. The Zimbabweans came prepared, they sang and praised God in their native language, and Willy our musician also did his bit, and all of us joined in and I saw Fr Josy dancing too in joy! We all danced and praised God.

THE FRINGE OF HIS GARMENT

As soon as I saw this course advertised in my parish newsletter at the start of Lent this year, I knew in my heart that I had to attend. I retired mid-2017 and had spent a lot of prayer time reflecting on "Where to next?" I came to the conclusion that I needed to be patient and allow the Holy Spirit to put something "clearly" in my path. Instead, as time passed, I realised that I needed to attend to my "inner mess" so that I could be malleable in God's hands. During that prayer time I came to realise that I have spent most of my life relying on myself, "playing God" over my life and the lives of my husband, my children and my siblings. Self-reliance goes hand in hand with wanting control, self-importance (pride) and rebellion. How could I be malleable in God's hands if I didn't acknowledge my sinfulness and ask for forgiveness and healing?

I'm sure you've heard it said, "First you have your childhood and then you spend the rest of your life getting over it!" Well, that certainly applies to me! What perhaps none of us realise is, that our "little child mind" takes on our experiences with limited understanding and interprets situations with that limited understanding and builds a series of thought patterns that can last a life time! The good news is that you don't have to keep going around and around in them if you look for, and find, God, and start to journey with Him. It's taken me until now, my early sixties, for Him to show me that many of my negative thought patterns originated from either experiences, or words that were spoken, when I was little.

With awareness of my sinfulness, and consequently my brokenness, I came to "The Fringe Of His Garment" bringing "me". We all know the story of the woman who dared to touch His garment, even though she was "unclean". I am that woman. We all are. I took myself to the course hoping and desiring healing. I came; open to the Holy Spirit to heal me where He thought I needed it most. He took me back to a time when I was about seven or eight. My mother had let me stay home from school because I had sprained my ankle. My mother rarely permitted any of us to stay home from school, so I was milking the situation by accentuating my limp. Of course my intention was to get attention. I was one of six, so I saw this as an opportunity to hopefully draw out my mother's softer side and get spoiled a little.



My mother wasn't fooled by my antics though and she gently scolded me saying, "You'll have to deal with much more than a sore ankle in your life. You need to toughen up a bit." I know my mother had my best interests at heart, but her words evoked an instant interior response, "I'll show you! I'll be stronger than anyone I know!" Clarity! The Holy Spirit was revealing the root of my self-reliance and my rebellious heart! AMAZING!

The course offered the opportunity for being prayed with and was followed up with Reconciliation. I was able to bring the "vow" I had made as a child into God's Loving Presence and seek forgiveness and healing. The beauty, sensitivity and depth the presenters brought to the story of the woman who touched "The Fringe of His Garment" gave all those present the courage to bring our deepest wounds to Jesus and seek His forgiveness and healing. I am so glad I responded to the invitation to attend! I am VERY grateful to the wonderful group of presenters for the time and energy they gave to the thoughtful planning and implementation of The Fringe of His Garment. It was a life-changing experience! THANK YOU!!!

Maureen Emslie

I attended this course on 23rd - 24th March 2018 at Saint Thomas Apostle, North Greensborough. I thoroughly enjoyed this course - just image that you could be transported to the heavenly realm of our God and touch the fringe of His garment. Being in His awesome presence and being able to have a conversation with Our Lord. Sharing all your concerns; that you are actually talking to Him and He knows all your thoughts and any aliments you have.

Scripture tells us how the woman touched the fringe of His garment and was healed of her bleeding. I see another scene, Jarius' daughter is dying. Two different miracles but are one and the same healing.

Opening my heart to my Lord, to trust in my Lord, to have faith because Jesus is my healer, my comforter, my companion. I was prepared to walk

with Jesus being in his presence, the presence of His light and opening wide the door of my heart, to have the faith and trust in my Lord. I welcome my Lord my God with open arms into my life, my heart, my whole being....

Mary Stocco

'THE EUCHARIST'

St Brendan's Parish Shepparton and Catholic Charismatic Renewal welcomed the School of Evangelisation team from Melbourne which presented the 'Eucharist', Source and Summit of our life course.

A good number of people attended this day wanting to have a better understanding and a deeper experience of the "Eucharist". We began the journey through the Old Testament looking at the events that point to the Eucharist: Melchizedek, Abraham, Spotless Lamb, Passover and the Manna in the desert. Then we journeyed onto the New Testament, Jesus being the true Manna from Heaven; the Word of God made flesh.

We also went through the Eucharistic Celebration at Mass and Church formation in being an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion. Many people said they gained a better understanding of the Eucharist through the scriptures and being more centred in the Real Presence of Jesus. This day was based on Sacred Scripture, the Catechism of the Catholic Church, Church documents and the wisdom and experience of the early Church Fathers and Saints through the ages.

Brigita Hore,
Sandhurst.
Catholic Charismatic Renewal.



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TO EMBRACE SCRIPTURE
IS TO EMBRACE
JESUS.**

**See ISAIAH Course
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'THE EUCHARIST' St Raphael, West Preston, Vic.

'Make each year a year of the Eucharist' is a six week seminar presenting the Eucharist in God's salvation plan celebrated in Church life today. Participating in the seminar increased our knowledge and understanding of the true presence of Christ in the Eucharist.

When Jesus called himself the "Living Bread" sent down from heaven, He compares himself to the manna God rained upon His people wandering in the desert. His message is that He, through His life, teaching and healing is the presence of the love of God in the world. At the Last Supper when Jesus raised the bread and said, "This is my body" and then the chalice of wine and said, "This is my blood", He declared that He is the life-giving food that channels the Father's love through the grace of the Eucharist.

When next we come together to celebrate the Eucharist at Mass, it will be with a greater awareness that we gather as one body in thanksgiving for God's redeeming love made available to us through the true presence of Jesus in the consecrated bread and wine that we share.

On behalf of the Living Gospel Prayer Group, thank you to Sandra Bishop and her team for the wonderful presentation of this seminar.



*"Let us renew our confidence in preaching,
based on the conviction that it is
God who seeks
to reach out to others
through the preacher
and that He displays His power
through human words."*

Pope Francis, *Evangelii Gaudium*

Our daily journey to Emmaus Seminar.

By Maryann Street



Twenty parishioners gathered in the Chapel at North Ringwood on Tuesday evenings for a seven week program run by the Catholic School of Evangelisation called '*Journey to Emmaus*'. We know the story from Luke's gospel of how two disciples were walking away from Jerusalem after Jesus' death. They were downcast, disheartened and while they were walking Jesus came alongside and walked with them. They told Him about all the happenings in Jerusalem, including Jesus suffering and death. Although they had heard that His body was no longer in the tomb, they didn't understand. As they walked Jesus opened the scriptures to them, that it had been foretold the Messiah would suffer and die and rise again on the third day. But still they did not understand. When they came to Emmaus, they invited Jesus to stay with them, and it was only when He gave thanks and broke the bread that their eyes were opened and finally they were able to recognise Him.

Over the seven weeks we learned about the Old Testament scriptures that foretell the Messiah. One week everyone was invited to dress up as an Old Testament patriarch, prophet or Wisdom figure. Old Testament prophets spoke about 'The Messiah', the One who is to come into the world as 'Saviour', 'Messiah', 'Suffering Servant' and 'Lord.' The wisdom figures had studied events of the past and call us to recognise that in Jesus we have our true liberator. As we prayed and pondered on the 'Word' each day, we shared in that excitement and expectation, as did the two disciples.

It so happened that it was Fr Jose's first day as our Parish Priest, and he readily embraced the celebration of the Eucharist in the style that Jesus would have broken bread with the two disciples in Emmaus. On the final week everyone shared some insights into their experience of the seminar and their "Pearl of Scripture" that had touched them. Some comments included the importance of

community, sharing the journey, how precious and priceless the Word of God is, even though it is free and the realisation that the Word of God and Jesus in the Eucharist are one and the same. The personal stories were also great for building our faith in God and Jesus. One of the regular Tuesday night prayer group members, Andrew, also celebrated a significant birthday during the seminar and we helped him celebrate with a great supper that night. Andrew's Pearl of Scripture was from John Chapter 15 – '*Love one another as I have loved you*' (Jesus said). That just about sums it all up.

From the Emmaus seminar, we had the opportunity for our hearts to burn within us as the Holy Spirit revealed His love, healing, peace and encouragement. No matter what our present sorrows or hardships this journey of listening and then responding, makes us want to return and share the 'Good News' with others, just as the two disciples returned excitedly to Jerusalem. Our grateful thanks to Sandra Bishop and Emilia Sacchetta and other members of the Melbourne team of the CSOE for presenting Emmaus for our benefit.

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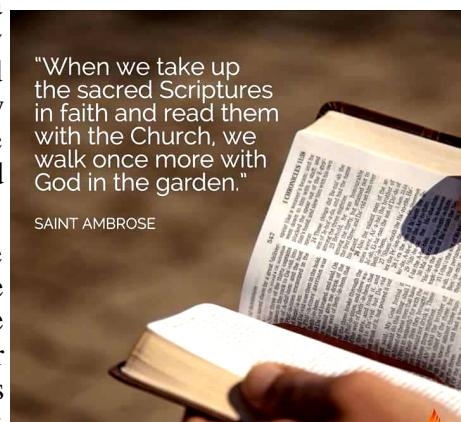
Quote from St. Francis de Sales:

**"Do everything calmly and peacefully.
Do as much as you can as well as you can.
Strive to see God in all things without exception,
and consent to His will joyously.
Do everything for God,
uniting yourself to Him in word and deed.
Walk very simply with the Cross of the Lord
and be at peace with yourself."**

A Journey To Emmaus Testimony

As recommended by Sandra during the Emmaus journey presentation to take the Bible and sleep with it, I took my pocket New Testament bible, which also has the Psalms, placed it in my hand and slept with it.

I awoke around 2.00am, the Bible still firmly in my hand, and a voice clearly said to my mind... "These are the Words given by The Father for mankind....they are the Father's Words." The indication I clearly



received was that the Words in the Bible are the Father's direct dictation to us, not the writer's interpretation of how the Father has revealed himself to mankind over time. In other words the Bible is a true account of the Father's letters to us.

I must say now that I am much more eager to open the Bible to hear what the Father might be saying to me.

Jacek Holewa



THANK GOD FOR 2 TIMOTHY 2:2 By Sandra Bishop

When it became apparent that I would not be able to be a part of the 2018 mission to the Philippines, I was consoled it is an example of 2Tim.2:2 in action: "*What you have heard from me through many witnesses entrust to faithful people who will be able to teach others as well.*" The "faithful people", Emilia Sacchetta, Daniel Ceccon and Trish Spiteri will be leaving on 24th September for a very full program in two dioceses. They will have the company of Sr Nelia during some of the time.

Please keep them in your prayers for their comings and goings and that the Lord will bless them and those to whom they will minister.

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29 th Sept	'Eucharist'	Group 1 Lay Leaders
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4 th -5 th Oct	'The Fringe of His Garment'	Lingayen Teachers & Leaders
6 th Oct	'Eucharist'	Lingayen Teachers & Leaders
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2019

9 th -11 th March	'John the Beloved'	Sacred Heart School Hall, Newport	For 5% discount BOOK at https://www.trybooking.com/XOAT Rose - 0411 650 339
30 th March	'The Lord's Hands'	St Francis of Assisi Mill Park	Trish - 0438 010 018 Rose - 0411 650 339

Courses subject to confirmation and may change. Please contact local co-ordinator for further information.

Fifth Anniversary Concert: From African Chant to Gospel.

7.30pm Friday 2nd November 2018, Elisabeth Murdoch Hall, Melbourne Recital Centre.

Join Excelsis as it celebrates the fifth anniversary of the founding of the choir.

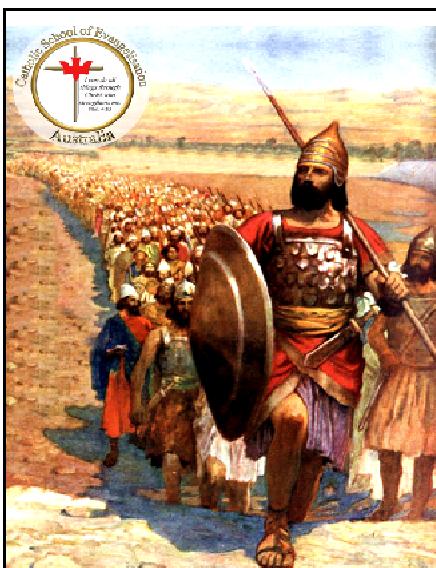
During its five years, Excelsis has enjoyed the opportunity to sing in both of Melbourne's principal cathedrals on numerous occasions, and to perform around Victoria and internationally.



In its Melbourne Recital Centre debut, Excelsis will present a programme featuring the genres that the choir has become most renowned for performing – African chant and song, spirituals and gospel music. The concert will begin in Africa and then travel to the Americas, where gospel and spiritual traditions developed from these African musical roots.

A concert event not to be missed, come along for a fun, inspiring and entertaining night of beautiful choral music in the exquisite Elisabeth Murdoch Hall. (Cnr Southbank Boulevard and Sturt Street, Southbank.)

For tickets, visit www.melbournerecital.com.au and search 'Excelsis', or call the box office (03) 9699 3333. Transaction and delivery fees may apply.



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'Isaiah' - 22nd & 23rd September 2018 Tranmere, S.A.



This course is a simple introduction to the Scriptures for ordinary parishioners which aims at helping them to become more familiar with and confident in approaching the Bible.

The hope is to help Catholics to pray and live the Bible more fully in their everyday life. The objective is not to produce scholars but saints.

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