

upcoming events

the vocation centre runs or supports the following events

Sun 3 Feb	Young Adult Mass 7:30pm at St Stephen's Cathedral— 1st Sun of each month.
Sun 17 Feb	Fuel 7:00-9:00pm at St Patrick's Church, Fortitude Valley Praise and worship, prayer, teaching & Reconciliation. Run by Emmanuel Youth Outreach (EYO).
Fri 29 Feb	Leaven Hour 5:10-6:30pm at St Stephen's Chapel Eucharist and Eucharistic Adoration for young adults
Fri 29 Feb	'the friday night gig' 7:00-9:00pm at St Stephen's grounds Contemporary live music by SE Qld artists
Sun 2 Mar	Young Adult Mass
Sat 8 Mar	World Youth Day training day See website for details www.wydbrisbane.org.au
Sun 16 Mar	Fuel
Fri 28 Mar	Leaven Hour
Sun 6 Apr	Young Adult Mass
Sun 13 Apr	World Day of Prayer for Vocations
Sun 20 Apr	Fuel
Fri 25 Apr	Leaven Hour
Sat 26 Apr	Blessing and Opening of New Seminary
Sun 4 May	Young Adult Mass
Fri-Sun 9-11 May	Quo Vadis Weekend
Sun 18 May	Fuel
Fri 23 May	Leaven Hour
Fri-Sat 23-24 May	Careers Expo at Brisbane Exhibition and Convention Centre

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TWO ORDAINED TO DEACONATE

After six years at the Holy Spirit Seminary in Brisbane, Jason Middleton, 25, and Peter Gablonski, 33, began the final leg of their spiritual journeys to priesthood this month when they took their final oaths of celibacy and obedience to the Church and were ordained to the transitional diaconate.

The men will now serve at least six months as a deacon — assisting with Mass and officiating at weddings, baptisms and funerals until their final ordination to the priesthood expected in 2008.

Inspired and enthusiastic, the young men are looking forward to serving the people with the help of God. Jason will minister at All Saints Parish, Albany Creek and Peter will serve at St Agatha's Parish, Clayfield.



Jason Middleton



Peter Gablonski

MAKE YOUR DECISION
TO FOLLOW JESUS
DURING THIS ADVENT
SEASON.
DELAYING UNTIL
"ONE" OF THESE DAYS
IS "NONE" OF THESE
DAYS.
FOLLOW NOW.

A Brief Note...

Wishing you peace and joy in God's gift of love... Jesus.

Yours in Christ

Fr Ian, Mark and Andrea at the Vocations Centre

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Jesus sends his Apostles Matthew 28: 16-20

The Presence of God

Lord, help me to be fully alive to your holy presence. Enfold me in your love. Let my heart become one with yours.

Freedom

It is so easy to get caught up with the trappings of wealth in this life. Grant, O Lord, that I may be free from greed and selfishness. Remind me that the best things in life are free. Love, laughter, caring and sharing.

Consciousness

I exist in a web of relationships - links to nature, people, God. I trace out these links, giving thanks for the life that flows through them. Some links are twisted or broken: I may feel regret, anger, disappointment. I pray for the gift of acceptance and forgiveness. Help me, Lord, to notice how you are speaking to me.

The Word

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

Reflection

Lord, you terrify me with this command, "Go and teach all nations." You were talking to eleven men, without education, money or influence, in a despised province of the Roman Empire. But they obeyed you, because they knew you were with them. And today Christians are the largest body of believers on this planet. Today's preaching is different. We are educated, sometimes too well. It is harder than ever to make our voice heard. Yet in Sacred Space your word goes out potentially to all nations, and you are still with us.

Conversation

Begin to talk to Jesus about the piece of scripture you have just read. What part of it strikes a chord in you? Perhaps the words of a friend - or some story you have heard recently - will slowly rise to the surface of your consciousness. If so, does the story throw light on what the scripture passage may be trying to say to you?

Conclusion

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen

Source: <http://www.sacredspace.ie/>

MEET A SEMINARIAN

Bryan Roe

38 years old

2nd Year Seminarian



I joined the Holy Spirit Seminary in February 2006. Before accepting my call to the priesthood, I played professional tennis until I was nineteen at which time I incurred a physical condition that prevented me from playing further. I then studied and graduated with a Bachelor of Engineering and a Bachelor of Business from the Queensland University of Technology. I worked for a company that specialised in product development before returning to studies. I obtained a Masters of IT from the University of Queensland and then worked as a Systems Analyst/Program Manager for a large company in Hong Kong.

I enjoy all aspects of life, especially my personal relationship with God and others. I have been gifted with a great family and some wonderful friends who I love spending time with. I am also thoroughly enjoying my time in the seminary. My fellow seminarians are high quality men who provide a great sense of community for the seminary. Our priestly formation is first rate with some very gifted people doing a great job forming us into what God is calling us to be - well-balanced and enthusiastic promoters of 'The Kingdom'.

WYD08 DATE CLAIMERS

SATURDAY 8 March 2008:

Clairvaux MacKillop College,
Klumpp Rd, Upper Mt Gravatt

WYD08 TRAINING DAY

A training day for anyone appointed as or interested in taking an active WYD08 role in their parish, school or community group.

For information or to register,
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PASTORES DABO VOBIS—Part 2 of 3

"In part two of our look at 'Pastores Dabo Vobis' #8, Pope John Paul II follows on in his exhortation taking a look at our sexuality and freedom. This very quick overview gave me a lot to reflect on. What is your experience? How does this effect you? — Mark Lysaght

"This is particularly reflected in that outlook on human sexuality according to which sexuality's dignity in service to communion and to the reciprocal donation between persons becomes degraded and thereby reduced to nothing more than a consumer good. In this case, many young people undergo an affective experience which, instead of contributing to a harmonious and joyous growth in personality which opens them outward in an act of self - giving, becomes a serious psychological and ethical process of turning inward toward self, a situation which cannot fail to have grave consequences on them in the future.

In the case of some young people a distorted sense of freedom lies at the root of these tendencies. Instead of being understood as obedience to objective and universal truth, freedom is lived out as a blind acquiescence to instinctive forces and to an individual's will to power. Therefore, on the level of thought and behaviour, it is almost natural to find an erosion of internal consent to ethical principles. On the religious level, such a situation, if it does not always lead to an explicit refusal of God, causes widespread indifference and results in a life which, even in its more significant moments and more decisive choices, is lived as if God did not exist. In this context it is difficult not only to respond fully to a vocation to the priesthood but even to understand its very meaning as a special witness to the primacy of "being" over "having," and as a recognition that the significance of life consists in a free and responsible giving of oneself to others, a willingness to place oneself entirely at the Service of the Gospel and the kingdom of God as a priest."

Source: http://www.vatican.va/holy_father/john_paul_ii/apost_exhortations/documents/hf_jp-ii_exh_25031992_pastores-dabo-vobis_en.html



"the friday night gig" is a free bi-monthly concert where up and coming music artists from around South East Qld get to show off their talent.

At each bi-monthly event two different performers including solo artists, bands, singers and groups will showcase what they have to offer. Situated in the grounds of St Stephens Cathedral in the heart of Brisbane City these are sure to be great open air events.

The first gig will be on Friday 29 February from 7pm to 9pm and will kick off with the talents of **Roby Curtis and Carla Bellifemini**.

Local Brisbane based Acoustic Rhythm & Soul Artist Roby Curtis has been writing and performing original music for the last 5 years and has recently recorded his Self-titled EP. Roby's music is both Inspirational and Confronting with a strong message of hope for the world and for the listener.

The music speaks out against injustice, pain and suffering, and offers a positive choice for life. This acoustic front man along with his band is guaranteed to take each audience on a journey into the heart of Free Acoustic Soul music, balancing it with a contrast of Rhythmic/Roots undertones. This sound which makes up Roby's music creates a positive vibe and a place for all people. www.robcurtis.com

Also appearing will be Carla Bellifemini. Carla is a local based South Australia born artist who has a thick Folk Acoustic sound. She is a rising star in the Australian Female Acoustic world and will soon be releasing her EP which will be available at her shows. www.myspace.com/carlabellifemini