

upcoming events

the vocation centre runs or supports the following events

Fri 29 Feb	Leaven Hour 5:10-6:30pm at St Stephen's Chapel <i>Eucharist and Eucharistic Adoration for young adult</i>
Fri 29 Feb	'the friday night gig' 7:00-9:00pm at St Stephen's grounds <i>Contemporary live music by SE Qld artists</i>
Sun 2 Mar	Young Adult Mass
Sat 8 Mar	World Youth Day Training Day <i>See website for details www.wydbristbane.org.au</i>
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
Sun 1 Jun	Young Adult Mass
Sat 14 Jun	World Youth Day Training Day
Sun 15 Jun	Fuel
Fri 27 Jun	Leaven Hour

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NEW SEMINARY ON HOME GROUNDS

With just a few minor touches to go, the new Holy Spirit Seminary, located at Banyo, next door to St Paul's Theological College and the Australian Catholic University campus, is on schedule for the official blessing and opening on 26 April. For 60 years, until 2001, Banyo was the home of the original Pius XII Queensland Seminary, until the seminary moved to Wavell Heights where it has been for the past eight years. And now it is returned to home grounds!

Rector Fr Michael and Spiritual Director Fr Gerry took up residence at the beginning of January and welcomed the students to their new accommodation a few weeks later. Within landscaped surroundings, facilities include four apartments (each with accommodation for four seminarians), administration block, a chapel and formation rooms where the students will undertake their studies. There will be 15 men sharing the life and faith of the seminary community in 2008.



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A Brief Note...

2008 is set to be an exciting year for the Church in terms of Vocations to priesthood.

This month the Vocations Centre is launching a fantastic new event—'the friday night gig' an opportunity to listen to inspirational live music with a Judeo-Christian perspective. Also, make sure you are subscribed to our new email service (see page 2 for details) and you won't miss out notification of further 'gigs'. In mid year we are eagerly anticipating the ordination of two young men to the priesthood—Jason Middleton and Peter Gablonski. And in July, an exciting element of World Youth Day will be the Vocations Expo to be held right in the centre of the action at Darling Harbour, Sydney. There will be over 200 expo stands representing religious orders, congregations, agencies and communities. It will be a wonderful opportunity for young people considering their vocation to access information about the various states of vocational life in the Church and Queensland will be there! Don't forget to keep an eye on the back page for calendar of events throughout the year— including the opening of the new seminary in April, the Archbishop's Dinner and Y Walk in August.

With blessings from Fr Ian, Mark and Andrea at the Vocations Centre

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I come to do your will Hebrews 10: 5-7

For this reason,
when he came into the world,
he said: "Sacrifice and offering
you did not desire,
but a body you prepared for me;
holocausts and sin offerings
you took no delight in.
Then I said, "As is written of me
in the scroll,
Behold, I come to do your will, O God."

Pray Psalm 40 (slowly, a couple of times). The author of the Letter to the Hebrews quotes verses 7-9 of this psalm and applies them to the saving work of Jesus, who was obedient to the will of the Father (see Hebrews 10: 5-7). Reflect on the words, "To do your will is my delight; my God, your law is in my heart." In what ways do you see yourself fulfilling the will of God in your life? Does "doing the will of God" as you know it bring you joy? In what areas of your life are you searching for the will of God at this time? Ask for the help of the Spirit in discerning God's will.

Source:
<http://www.catholicsoncall.org/On-Line-Retreat>

MEET A SEMINARIAN

Jason Middleton
25 years old
6th Year Seminararian



My name is Jason Middleton and I am in my sixth year of formation for the priesthood in the Brisbane Archdiocese. This year is my second pastoral placement in a parish, or what is formally called my post-internship year. I am currently based in the Albany Creek parish of All Saints. This year my ministerial focus for learning is in the area of leadership, while continuing my learning from the past year. Last year I was in ministry at the Coolangatta/Tugun parish of St. Augustine's. During that year my focus was essentially on ministry and I participated in the many and varied forms of ministry in that parish. My journey has been a fulfilling, challenging and rewarding pilgrimage through theological study, pastoral ministry and personal growth. As I venture closer to ordination, I am grateful for the support and encouragement of my family and friends, as well as many parishioners along the way. My greatest hope is that other young people will seek to transform people's lives by the powerful message of Jesus, particularly as priests.

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 3 of 3

In part three of our look at 'Pastores Dabo Vobis' #8, Pope John Paul II looks at the responsibility of the community that we belong. I believe that I was fortunate to belong to a community that was up-to-date and because of this I have such a strong connection and love for our Catholic Church – What is your experience? How has this shaped you?

Often the world of young people is a "problem" in the Church community itself. In fact, if in them - more so than in adults - there is present a strong tendency to subjectivize the Christian faith and to belong only partially and conditionally to the life and mission of the Church, and if the Church community is slow for a variety of reasons to initiate and sustain an up-to-date and courageous pastoral care for young people, they risk being left to themselves, at the mercy of their psychological frailty? Dissatisfied and critical of a world of adults who, in failing to live the faith in a consistent and mature fashion, do not appear to them as credible models.

Thus we see how difficult it is to present young people with a full and penetrating experience of Christian and ecclesial life and to educate them in it. So, the prospect of having a vocation to the priesthood is far from the actual everyday interests which young men have in life.

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



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