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Go out to the whole world; proclaim the gospel to all creation. Mark 16:15

Arise and go!

Welcome to Proclaim, a regular newsletter to help keep parish leadership teams informed and inspired as they proclaim and live out the joy of the Gospel.

As the year begins, our parish communities are filled again with hope, renewal and joy. Ministries are gathering, requests for baptisms are pouring in, schools are bustling with activity, and that outstanding maintenance quote needs to be finalised today! Parishes across our Archdiocese are in full swing, going out with haste. We give thanks for your dedication and love for the communities of grace you serve.

Later this year, the universal Church will gather for World Youth Day with Pope Francis in Lisbon, Portugal, with the theme 'Mary arose and went with haste' (Luke 1:39). This theme points us to the story of a young woman, more than 2000 years ago, joyfully telling her cousin that she was carrying our Lord and Saviour. In our every word, action and encounter, may we also respond joyfully and wholeheartedly to Jesus, who lives in us and calls us to go out in mission.

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World Youth Day 2023

World Youth Day is a way for our Church to offer a life-changing adventure for young people and a powerful opportunity for them to encounter Jesus Christ. Archbishop Comensoli is inviting youth across the Archdiocese, ages 16–35, to journey with him and more than 500 others from Melbourne to Lisbon, Portugal, in August. Many young people have already registered to join the Archdiocesan pilgrimage. Registrations close in mid-March. Download a parish bulletin notice [here](#).

[Read more](#)



University Orientation Week parish resources

The beginning of a new university year is the perfect opportunity for parishes to invite young people to encounter Jesus Christ on campus and to bless them before they begin their studies. Over the weekend of 18–19 February, parishes are invited to reach out to young university students to help them connect with a Catholic community on campus. Resources are available to download, and parishes can request to receive printed resources to use throughout the year.

[Download resources](#)



Living Your Personal Vocation

Each one of us—with our individual gifts and talents—has a part to play in God’s mission. To live out that unique role is to live out a personal vocation. As we invite young adults to join an upcoming [14-week online seminar series](#) (beginning on 21 February) to help them discover their personal vocation, this article explores the ways in which we can begin to uncover our particular calling in life—rooted in relationship with God.

[Read more](#)

Rite of Election



Parishes are now invited to register for the Rite of Election, which will be held at St Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday 26 February at 3pm. This yearly celebration is a significant occasion in the life of our local Church in Melbourne. It marks the beginning of the final preparations of catechumens and candidates towards receiving the sacraments of initiation. Please pray for them.

[Register now](#)



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) online seminar series

Later this month, Fr Elio Capra SDB will present the final session of this online series providing formation of RCIA team members, new and experienced. Session 4 will be held on Tuesday 28 February, 7.30pm–9pm, and it will cover the Easter Vigil and the period of mystagogy.

[Register now](#)

Living Your Personal Vocation

Are you a young adult seeking your unique calling in life? Join a small group of like-minded peers for a 14-week online seminar about discovering and living your personal vocation through understanding who God has created you to be.

Tuesday evenings, 21 February – 30 May 2023

Places are limited. Registrations close 13 February.
For enquiries: proclaim@cam.org.au or 9926 5761

World Youth Day information session

As many people continue to express interest in joining our World Youth Day pilgrimage to Lisbon, we are delighted to host an extra information session. Perfect for parish leaders, priests, parents and, of course, young people. The evening will cover:

- what to expect at World Youth Day

- travel itineraries with indicative pricing
- fundraising tools
- leadership opportunities
- other ways to serve, and how parishes can support.

Thursday 23 February 2023, 7.30pm–9pm

Cardinal Knox Centre, 383 Albert Street, East Melbourne

Enquiries on 9926 5761 or at wyd@cam.org.au

How can we support you?

As always, Proclaim: The Office for Mission Renewal is here to equip, advise and partner with parishes to build communities of grace who grow disciples. Find out more about what we offer [here](#).

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