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

## Prepare for *Fiat - A Weekend of Prayer*

*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.*

*Fiat – A Weekend of Prayer* promises to be a moment of grace in the life of the Church of Melbourne as we meditate on the example of Mary's free and total 'yes' for our place and time, particularly as we continue to walk the *Take the Way of the Gospel* journey.

The lifeblood of a community of disciples is a vibrant sacramental, liturgical and prayer life. Embarking on mission cannot begin without first encountering God and building upon a friendship. Thank you to the many parishes, communities and movements across the Archdiocese who have taken up Archbishop Peter A Comensoli's call to unite and pray as one local Church between Friday 24 March to Sunday 26 March 2023. Also, it is delightful that a variety of prayer styles and traditions will be celebrated throughout our parishes and communities.

The following resources are made available to use in your community:

1. [Prayer resources](#) for communal and individual use during the *Fiat* weekend including *Lectio Divina* Holy Hour: Exposition and Benediction, Rosary meditations, Prayer for use in homes, and [The Hand Examen](#)
2. [A printable schedule](#) by diocesan region to print for your foyer, share with others or insert into your bulletin
3. [Parish bulletin notice/social media caption](#) with QR Code
4. [Social media graphic](#)

Our online [Fiat schedule and guide](#) will continue to be updated.



## It's not too late to register your *Fiat* hour of prayer!

Parishes, communities and movements can still sign up their hour of prayer so it appears on the [online schedule](#).

[Register now](#)



## Nightfever

Friday, March 24, 2023, 6pm – Midnight  
Sacred Heart Church, Rathdowne St and Pelham St, Carlton  
*Fiat* will begin at the heart of our city in Sacred Heart Church, Carlton. People will gather for a special night of prayer, praise, and intercession. *Fiat* will continue throughout the weekend in parishes, communities and households across the Archdiocese.

[Event information](#)



## World Youth Day registrations close tonight!

Registrations and applications close at 11.59pm tonight, 17 March 2023! No extensions are possible. Pilgrims can still apply for the Direct to Lisbon pilgrimage, or the Emerging Leaders pilgrimage or to serve as a small group leader, first aid officer, musician or singer.

[Register now](#)

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## Inspiring reading: Coming home

*'With every passing week, I felt more attracted to knowing more about God, and before I knew it, I was spiritually transformed. The emptiness I felt was filled.'* This recent *Melbourne Catholic* article explores the journeys of some of our catechumens and



candidates. Our vibrant local communities of grace are still bringing hundreds of people to Jesus Christ and his Church through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. Thanks be to God for our faithful RCIA parish teams! We pray for our catechumens and candidates who will receive the Sacraments of Initiation this Easter.

[Read article](#)



## Lenten Retreat for Young Adults

*He Loved Them to the End (Jn 13:1)*

6.30 pm, Friday 31 March 2023 - 2pm, Sunday 2 April 2023.

Don Bosco Retreat Centre, 465 Lysterfield Rd, Lysterfield

Cost: \$100

Young Catholics are invited to step into Holy Week with a silent, directed retreat. This is a wonderful opportunity to deeply encounter the love of God and explore the call to be a disciple.

[Register now](#)

## Tonight: Patrick Oration 2023

**Friday 17 March 2023, 7.30pm – 9.30pm**

Please join us online or via C31 for the fourth annual Patrick Oration, presented by Archbishop Peter A Comensoli. Archbishop Comensoli will be reflecting on the pathways that illumine our future as the people of God.

The event will be broadcast live on [YouTube](#) and via free-to-air TV on Community Channel C31 (channel 44 on digital TV).

## 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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