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

## 'They ran to tell the disciples'

*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.*

On hearing the great news of Jesus' resurrection the two Marys, 'filled with awe and great joy', ran to tell the disciples of their encounter with the Lord (Matthew 28:8). Transformed in their encounter with Jesus, they are sent to share and proclaim God's love.

In this Easter season we too are moved to embark (with awe and great joy!) and share our encounter of the Risen Lord—to share and proclaim God's love. This gives renewed life and vibrancy to our local communities of grace.

In this issue:

- World Youth Day leaders are formed to effectively accompany young pilgrims in their faith.
- Priests and lay leaders come together for Take the Way of the Gospel consultation gatherings to share their insights for our Archdiocesan missionary vision.
- St Mary of the Cross Parish leads their community of disciples closer to God through retreats.
- We celebrate priests and seminarians on Good Shepherd Sunday.
- Families are at the heart of making disciples and applications are open to join our team in a Marriage and Family Accompaniment role.

In this Easter season, may we continually find opportunities to 'run and tell the disciples'—and all we reach out to—the Good News of our Resurrected Lord.

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### Parish retreats 'brings people closer to Jesus'

After a series of recent retreats at [St Mary of the Cross Parish](#) in Mordialloc and Aspendale, Parish Priest Fr Andrew Jekot highlighted that parishioners had 'become more confident in their discipleship and articulating their faith with each other.'

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### WYD Leaders' Formation in Christian Leadership begins

*The Essentials of Christian Leadership Series* has been devised to form the 120-strong leadership team of our Archdiocesan World Youth Day pilgrimage. Learn more about the first two sessions that were held at the Catholic Leadership Centre this past weekend of 22 and 23 April.

[Read more](#)



### Listening to the wisdom of the People of God

The [Take the Way of the Gospel](#) journey continues in 2023 with a series of regional consultation sessions. These sessions will provide an opportunity for clergy and laity in parish communities to come together to learn from each other and inform into the process that will help our communities of grace reorient towards missionary renewal.

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### Good Shepherd Sunday: Vocations Office Resources



Recently, the [Vocations Office](#) have provided parishes resources to help celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday (4th Sunday of Easter, 30 April 2023) and promote vocations. If you need to access them at the last minute, download these resources here. The pack includes prayers of the faithful, homily notes, bulletin inserts, prayer brochure and a poster.

[Download now](#)



### Good Shepherd Sunday: Udisciple Podcast

This week, the Udisciple podcast hosts Xavier and Anthony, seminarians from Corpus Christi College. They share their experiences of seminary life and ways the Lord speaks to them in discernment of God's will. Share this podcast—as well as our [Udisciple website](#)—with any young adult, especially young men, you know.

[Listen now](#)



### Now hiring: Discipleship Specialist Marriage and Family Accompaniment

Are you someone, or do you know someone, who is passionate about bringing families to faith and growing them in discipleship? We are seeking to appoint a member of our Proclaim team to develop a diocesan-wide approach to forming, preparing and empowering parish communities to accompany couples and engage families in making lifelong disciples of their children.

Applications close Monday 1 May.

[Download position description](#)

How can we support you?

Proclaim: The Office for Mission Renewal is here to equip, advise and partner with parishes to take the 'missionary option'. Find out more about what we offer [here](#).

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