

**A  
Closer  
Walk  
With God**



**Diocese of Sandhurst  
2015-2016**

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*“In a world like this, media can help us to feel closer to one another...The internet, in particular, offers immense possibilities for encounter and solidarity. This is something truly good, a gift from God...”*

*The revolution taking place in communications media and in information technologies represents a great and thrilling challenge; may we respond to that challenge with fresh energy and imagination as we seek to share with others the beauty of God.”*

**Pope Francis**, *Message for World Communications Day, 24 January 2014, The Holy See*  
[www.w2.vatican.va/content/vatican/en](http://www.w2.vatican.va/content/vatican/en) **For more from Pope Francis** go to the Vatican YouTube channel  
[www.youtube.com/user/vatican](http://www.youtube.com/user/vatican) and Twitter @Pontifex.

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Dear Parents, Grandparents, Godparents, Family Friends, Young Adults, Families,

Everyone’s ‘walk with God’ is different and family life is very busy. Pope Francis encourages us to explore possibilities such as those offered by the internet, tablets and smartphones. With this in mind, you are invited to browse through this booklet to select a few items that may support you and your family members in your ‘closer walk with God’.

May God bless you and your family every day,

Lyn Breen, Sandhurst Diocese Adult Faith Education Co-ordinator

## Connecting with God

### Apps, podcasts and prayer sites.

Apps can generally be found in the App store (Apple) or in the Google Play Store if searched by name and publisher. These websites usually have links to the apps they have developed:



#### Dipping in....

##### **Bread4Today – Prayer App and Online**

**[www.csr.org.au/bread4today](http://www.csr.org.au/bread4today)**

Everyday language prayers with themes such as: Courage, A Just World, Relationships, Hope, Peace, Hard Times, God, Faith, Forgiveness, Special Intentions. Links to CathNews, Social Policy Connections, Redemptorists and Majellan Family Publications.

##### **3 Minute Retreat – Prayer App and Online**

**[www.loyolapress.com/3-minute-retreats-daily-online-prayer](http://www.loyolapress.com/3-minute-retreats-daily-online-prayer)**

Daily 3 minute retreats with beautiful images, music, short readings, prayer and reflection.

##### **Majellan Family App**

**[www.family.majellan.org.au](http://www.family.majellan.org.au) or [www.majellin.org.au](http://www.majellin.org.au)**

A resource from Majellan Magazine for families and couples. Articles regularly updated.

##### **menALIVE media**

**[www.menalive.org.au/resources/podcasts/](http://www.menalive.org.au/resources/podcasts/)**

Audio podcasts for Catholic men also available on iTunes.



##### **Sacred Space**

**[www.sacredspace.ie](http://www.sacredspace.ie)**

Make a 10 minute 'Sacred Space' with Scripture, reflection and prayer on your computer, tablet or smartphone.

##### **'Mass for You'**

**[www.cathnews.com](http://www.cathnews.com)**

'Mass on Demand' from St Mary's North Sydney (daily Mass that can be viewed any time) or view in real time with Mass streamed from Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara at 9.30 am daily.

##### **Apps for children and families: BCNmultimedia**

Includes 'Prayers for Kids' (see page 11)

#### Diving deeper....

##### **'Just 1 Word' Catholic Bible Lite - Bible App**

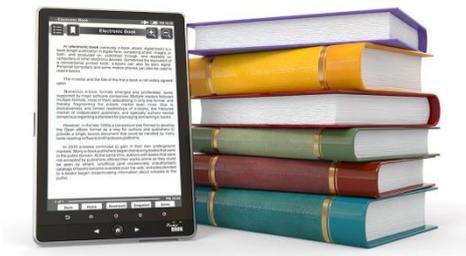
**[www.just1word.com](http://www.just1word.com)**

Open any book of the Bible. There are free English translations OR, buy the 'New Revised Standard Version Catholic Edition' (NRSVCE) OR New American Bible Revised Edition (NABRE). Cost \$7.49 each. Change font size for easy reading.

## Universalis

[www.universalis.com](http://www.universalis.com)

This website gives a link to an App which can be bought to provide Mass readings and prayers for each day that can be accessed offline. \*Don't be daunted by webpage appearance! The App is very user friendly!



## Pray as you go!

[www.pray-as-you-go.org](http://www.pray-as-you-go.org)

Daily prayer for listening with a computer, MP3 player, tablet or smartphone. Scripture, reflection, quiet time, traditional or modern music for each day: Prayer to begin the day, 4 minute breathing and body exercises to assist calm and readiness for prayer and an 8 minute 'review' for the end of the day.

## Social Media

### Facebook

'Like' these pages on Facebook for social networking and updates

- Catholic Diocese of Sandhurst
- Adult Faith Education Sandhurst
- Sandhurst Youth Ministry
- Stronger Youth
- menALIVE
- SandPiper Catholic Newspaper
- Australian Catholic Bishops Conference
- Australian Catholics Magazine
- My Family My Faith
- SmartLoving
- Young Catholic Mums



### Twitter

#### CHURCH, NEWS

- Pope Francis  
[@pontifex](https://twitter.com/pontifex)
- Vatican News  
[@news\\_va\\_en](https://twitter.com/news_va_en)
- Australian Catholic Bishops Conference  
[@ACBC1](https://twitter.com/ACBC1)
- CN CathNews  
[@CathNews](https://twitter.com/CathNews)
- Kairos [@KairosKJ](https://twitter.com/KairosKJ)

#### SCRIPTURE, PRAYER, LITURGY

- Bread for Today  
[@breadfortoday](https://twitter.com/breadfortoday)
- Faith Education Sandhurst  
[@FaithEdSandhurs](https://twitter.com/FaithEdSandhurs)

#### FAMILIES

- My Family My Faith  
[@MyFamilyMyFaith](https://twitter.com/MyFamilyMyFaith)
- Life Marriage and Family  
[@lifemarriagefam](https://twitter.com/lifemarriagefam)
- SmartLovingMRC  
[@SmartLovingMRC](https://twitter.com/SmartLovingMRC)
- Young Catholic Mums  
[@ycmmums](https://twitter.com/ycmmums)

#### YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS

- Stronger Youth  
[@StrongerYouth](https://twitter.com/StrongerYouth)
- Xt3.com  
[@Xt3dotcom](https://twitter.com/Xt3dotcom)
- Life Teen Australia  
[@LifeTeenAust](https://twitter.com/LifeTeenAust)
- Sandhurst Youth Ministry  
[@SandhurstYouth](https://twitter.com/SandhurstYouth)

#### REACHING OUT

- Caritas Australia  
[@CaritasAust](https://twitter.com/CaritasAust)
- Vinnies Victoria  
[@VinniesVictoria](https://twitter.com/VinniesVictoria)
- Catholic Social Services Vic  
[@CathSocSerVic](https://twitter.com/CathSocSerVic)
- Catholic Earthcare Australia  
[@CatholicEarthcare](https://twitter.com/CatholicEarthcare)

## Connecting With Church

### Join the Catholic community

Becoming Catholic is a spiritual journey. There is a process called the 'Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults' (RCIA) which is about developing a closer relationship with God. It takes place in a parish community over about 12 months, depending on each individual's readiness. Contact a nearby parish to find out about a local RCIA process. Contact details for Sandhurst Diocese parishes: Follow the Parishes link at [www.sandhurst.catholic.org](http://www.sandhurst.catholic.org).

### Receive Sacraments for the first time

Contact your local parish community to find out about pathways for baptized adults or children to receive other Sacraments for the first time.

### Re-Connect with the Catholic community

#### Catholics Returning Home

[www.catholicsreturninghome.org/](http://www.catholicsreturninghome.org/)

This 6 week discussion program is offered by some parishes or clusters of parishes in the Sandhurst Diocese. A small friendly team accompanies and supports those interested in re-connecting with the Church. Ask at a local parish office.

## Your Marriage and Your Family

### Marriage

#### Teams for Married Couples

[www.teamsoceania.com.au](http://www.teamsoceania.com.au)

'Teams' is a lay movement within the Catholic Church that offers couples ways to discover God's presence in their marriage in fellowship with other couples. The goal of the movement is to help couples live their lives with more strength, light and hope.

Contact Sandhurst 'Teams' Regional Couple: John & Fran Whelan, (03) 5441 1645 [jfbwhelan@aanet.com.au](mailto:jfbwhelan@aanet.com.au).

The Sandhurst 'Teams' Senior Chaplain is Fr Joseph Taylor, St Brendan's Parish, Knight St, Shepparton. 'Ph: (03) 5821 2633 [joe.taylor@sandhurst.catholic.org.au](mailto:joe.taylor@sandhurst.catholic.org.au).



#### CatholicCare Sandhurst - Relationships Education for Couples

[www.ccds.org.au](http://www.ccds.org.au)

CatholicCare offers interactive and informative workshops to assist couples to build strength in their relationship.

#### FOCCUS

FOCCUS is a process designed to assist couples communicate at a deeper level on expectations, family, friends, interests, religion, sexuality, relationship and communication skills. Participation in FOCCUS is available through CatholicCare and many local parishes. Contact CatholicCare: Email: [email@ccds.org.au](mailto:email@ccds.org.au) OR freecall 1800 461 444 OR call (03) 5438 1300.



### Half Day Workshops for Couples

Half Day Workshops for couples planning marriage or committing to a long term relationship. Explores key relationship themes such as: family background, communication, dealing with differences and conflict, relationship choices and patterns. Couples gain insight into what is going well in their relationship, how they can build on their knowledge and skills, and learn from others in a non-threatening environment. Workshops are held quarterly in Shepparton and Bendigo. Email: [email@ccds.org.au](mailto:email@ccds.org.au) OR freecall 1800 461 444 OR call (03) 5438 1300. Address 176-178 McCrae St, Bendigo 3550.

### Marriage Resource Centre (MRC)

[www.marriageresourcecentre.org/](http://www.marriageresourcecentre.org/)

The Marriage Resource Centre has a core Catholic ethos. It aims to be a positive, solution-oriented organization with resources for Catholic Marriage Educators, Clergy and other parish leaders. It is developed and facilitated by trained couples who have walked the path of marriage. An Australian resource.

### Smart Loving

[www.smartloving.org/](http://www.smartloving.org/)

'SmartLoving' from the Marriage Resource Centre offers resources to support couples in their commitment through life. Categories include: engagement & dating, marriage seminars & retreats, 'Break Through' workshop, Australia Stronger Relationships Trial, Smart Loving Basics, singles and dating, trust, spirituality, sex and fertility, Smart Loving SOS, resources and events. An Australian resource.

### Australian Catholic Marriage and Family Council

[www.acmfc.org.au/](http://www.acmfc.org.au/)

Supported by the Australian Catholic Bishops, the ACMFC website offers resource kits, booklets and online Q & A:

- **St Valentine's Day:** 2015 and earlier to affirm marriage and life-long romantic love.
- **Parents Passing on the Faith:** for 'Parents Passing on the Faith' in the family.
- **Fatherhood:** a kit to celebrate Fatherhood
- **Family An Adventure In Love:** includes liturgies and a handout reflecting on the role of the families today.
- **Grandparents:** 2015 and earlier supporting the importance of grandparents in family life.
- **'I Have a Story...'** a booklet focused on people with disabilities.
- **'Getting Married in the Catholic Church':** online Q & A.

### Worldwide Marriage Encounter Australia

[www.wwme.org.au](http://www.wwme.org.au)

Offers weekend encounters to help good marriages become even better marriages, enabling couples to rediscover their best friend and the spark that was there when they first married.

### Marriage Page

<http://brisbanecatholic.org.au/life/marriage/>

Archdiocese of Brisbane. Topics include: A Catholic Wedding, Catholic Wedding Structure, Preparing for Marriage, Support during Marriage, Frequently Asked Questions.

## New Parents

### Baptism - Parishes of the Sandhurst Diocese

[www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au](http://www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au)

Contact your local parish to find out about preparation and planning for your baby's Baptism. Contact details for all parishes of the Sandhurst Diocese are available via the Sandhurst Diocese website. Follow the Parishes link at [www.sandhurst.catholic.org/](http://www.sandhurst.catholic.org/)



### 'God Start'

Some parishes run a GodStart Program to assist them to keep in touch with families with pre-school children and to offer resources to help parents teach their children about the love of God. Find out if your local parish has GodStart OR you may like to talk with parish leaders about helping to set up a program from CatholicCare Melbourne: [www.ccam.org.au/ServicesCourses/Parishes/GodStart.aspx](http://www.ccam.org.au/ServicesCourses/Parishes/GodStart.aspx)

## Family Life

### My Family My Faith

[www.myfamilymyfaith.org.au/](http://www.myfamilymyfaith.org.au/)

The My Family, My Faith blog seeks to build on the success of the family magazine started in the Archdiocese of Canberra-Goulburn. The blog and magazine have a talented team of 'Mum and Dad' columnists who write about the highs and lows, the joys and challenges of family life. They also write about their faith; how it helps their family life and how they try to pass it on to their kids.

### CatholicCare Services

[www.ccds.org.au](http://www.ccds.org.au)

The Family Education Services at CatholicCare Sandhurst Diocese provide workshops such as: life partnership workshop for couples, bringing up great kids, kidz biz, step families, knowing your teenager, tuning in to kids, and a regular family newsletter.

### Passionist Family Groups Movement

[www.pfgm.org/](http://www.pfgm.org/)

Parish based groups of families, sharing joys and sorrows, building community, supporting each other.

### Seniors' Corner

[www.passionist.org/category/ministry-articles/seniors-corner/](http://www.passionist.org/category/ministry-articles/seniors-corner/)

The Passionists of Holy Cross Province (US) Reflections and prayers for seniors.

### Faith and Light

[www.faihandlight.org](http://www.faihandlight.org)

A community of persons with an intellectual disability, their families and friends, who meet regularly in a Christian spirit, to share friendship, pray together and celebrate life. Contacts: Bernadette Ransom Bendigo P: 035443 1871 E: [ransombendigo@bigpond.com](mailto:ransombendigo@bigpond.com) Denise Crawford Shepparton P: 0432 054 003 E: [necy\\_44@hotmail.com](mailto:necy_44@hotmail.com).



## Encouraging Your Walk with God – Everyday

### Along the Track

[www2.ceosale.catholic.edu.au/Along\\_the\\_Tracks.aspx](http://www2.ceosale.catholic.edu.au/Along_the_Tracks.aspx)

These single page articles by Jim Quillinan are published by the Sale Diocese Catholic Education Office (Gippsland). The focus is faith and life. Recent topics include: 'Happiness', 'What Might Have Been', 'Decisions, Decisions', 'Where Your Heart Is', 'When Tough Times Come', 'Those Who Have Gone Before'.

### Catholic Australia

[www.catholicaustralia.com.au/](http://www.catholicaustralia.com.au/)

Sections for: news, Church, Church in Australia, Church documents, Scripture, what Catholics believe, the Sacraments, Liturgy, Spirituality and Prayer, living the faith, current issues, mission, youth and young adults.

### Loyola Press Activities & Resources

[www.loyolapress.com](http://www.loyolapress.com)

This site has a bookstore, free web based prayer and reflection resources for adults and activities for children.

### National Office for the Participation of Women

[www.opw.catholic.org.au/](http://www.opw.catholic.org.au/)

Includes free subscription to Women Matter E-News Produced by the Australian Bishops National Office for the Participation of Women. Sections: Prayer and Reflection, News, Resources.

### menALIVE

[www.menalive.org.au/](http://www.menalive.org.au/)

The purpose of **menALIVE** is to bring men together, to renew their faith in God. Through a variety of events and programs, men are invited to explore what God would want for their lives and how they might come to experience the fullness of life that God wants for us all. For Sandhurst events see: [www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au](http://www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au)

## Encouraging Your Child's Walk with God

### 'Steps in Faith' Sacramental Program

The Sandhurst Diocese offers programs to prepare children to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation, First Eucharist and Reconciliation. Contact your local Sandhurst Diocese parish community or Catholic school.

### Sandhurst Diocese Catholic Education Office

[www.ceosand.catholic.edu.au](http://www.ceosand.catholic.edu.au)

This comprehensive site offers information and links to primary, secondary and specialist setting Catholic schools in the Sandhurst Diocese and a wealth of related helpful information.

### Living Well Media

[www.livingwellmedia.com.au](http://www.livingwellmedia.com.au)

For 'teachers of faith' including parents, school teachers and 'Children's Liturgy' leaders. Resources include 'CathKids' subscriptions to online faith based activities which children can access themselves, subscription and quality resources to buy online. Australian resource.



### LivingWell Media – YouTube

[www.youtube.com/user/LWM2011](http://www.youtube.com/user/LWM2011)

Living Well Media offer online resources and activities to help parents and teachers introduce children to Catholic faith, stories and prayer. Youtube videos offer some free resources as well as advertising items to buy.

### Majellan Magazine

[www.majellan.org.au](http://www.majellan.org.au)

Resources for families and parishes. 'Children's Bulletins' (Select 'Majellan Bulletins') are full colour pages with children's activities based on the Gospel for each Sunday. They can be used to help children learn about the Gospel message at home or as part of a parish children's Liturgy of the Word. Available to buy in lots of 5 or more, so it may be a good idea to share one order among several children. Australian resource.

### Strong Catholic Family Faith

[www.catholicfamilyfaith.org/learning-the-faith](http://www.catholicfamilyfaith.org/learning-the-faith)

From the Diocese of Jefferson City, Missouri US, which shares resources with two other dioceses to provide parish and school leaders with high quality resources to build strong Catholic families.

### Teaching Catholic Kids

[www.osvparish.com/TeachingCatholicKids.aspx](http://www.osvparish.com/TeachingCatholicKids.aspx)

Information, ideas and free resources to help introduce children to aspects of Catholic faith and life. From 'Our Sunday Visitor.'

### BCNmultimedia Apps for children and families

[www.bcnmultimedia.cat/](http://www.bcnmultimedia.cat/) (Select 'English' language at top if necessary)

Barcelona Multimedia Books offers apps for children and families, for smartphones and tablets. Some apps are free and others are available for purchase. eg. '365 Prayers for Kids' is free and offers daily simple illustrated prayers for 0-6 years olds. A 'premium' version (\$3.79) gives greater variety of prayers and themes. Includes a series of games to develop intelligence and skills, without relying on speed, chance or manipulation.

Apps include:

- Children's Bible
- Children's Bible Games & Activities
- Children's Bible Daily Prayer
- My first Bible Stories
- My First Bible Games
- My First Daily Prayer
- 365 Bible Stories
- 365 Prayers for Kids
- Teens Bible
- Children's Tales



### Young Catholic Mums

[www.youngcatholicmums.com](http://www.youngcatholicmums.com)

The aim of Young Catholic Mums is to create a mutual support system, to share knowledge, personal experience and make friendships. YCM also have a Facebook page, Twitter, Pinterest and a YouTube channel. Australian resource.

### TextWeek (Kids' Section)

[www.textweek.com](http://www.textweek.com)

Scripture based ecumenical resource – shared by different Christian churches in several countries.

### Sermons 4 Kids

[www.sermons4kids.com](http://www.sermons4kids.com)

Reflections on Scripture stories, forums and activities such as colouring-in sheets for children of different ages. Ecumenical resource – shared by different Christian churches.

### Godly Play

[www.godlyplay.org.au](http://www.godlyplay.org.au)

'Like' godly-play-australia on Facebook

The Montessori educational method uses simple materials to tell Bible and other sacred stories and teach lessons about religious traditions, symbols, rites and religious language associated with Christian worship. Godly Play can help prepare children to join the worship life of their church community. An ecumenical network with local groups throughout Australia.

### Emmaus Publications – Online Video Prayers

[www.liturgyritualprayer.com](http://www.liturgyritualprayer.com)

Videos to support faith and life for children, youth and adults. For example:

- “Hello My God” Children’s Conversations with God
- “I am with you always” Scripture Reflections for Adults
- Video Series for Youth and Young Adults. Australian resource.

### Jesus Film Media

[www.jesustilmmedia.org](http://www.jesustilmmedia.org)

Jesus’ story in a full length movie and movie clips. The story of Jesus for children. Free App and online.

### ‘Stronger’

[www.strongeryouth.com](http://www.strongeryouth.com)

The Stronger Youth Program includes an annual retreat, regular rallies and parish Stronger D (Discipleship) Groups which all help to build strong, faithful and informed disciples of Jesus

## Encouraging Your Young Adult’s Walk with God

### Sandhurst Youth Ministry

[www.sym.org.au](http://www.sym.org.au)

News and events for the Sandhurst Diocese, including youth Masses, ‘Stronger’ events, Young Catholic Students (YCS), Young Catholic Workers (YCW), prayers, social justice, vocations and more. Sandhurst Youth Ministry Coordinators Tel: (03) 5441 2544.

Ms Darcy DeLosa E: [darcy.delosa@sandhurst.catholic.org.au](mailto:darcy.delosa@sandhurst.catholic.org.au).

### Pathways for Young Adults.

[www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au/index.php/resources/pathways-for-young-adults](http://www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au/index.php/resources/pathways-for-young-adults)

A free booklet outlining opportunities and resources to support young adults, produced regularly by the Sandhurst Diocese for the Sandhurst Youth Ministry and Adult Faith Education Sandhurst. Paper copies available in parishes or access online.

### Xt3

[www.xt3.com/](http://www.xt3.com/)

Award winning Catholic online network, providing an interactive social media platform for sharing videos, podcasts, articles and more. Enables youth and young adults to stay informed and in touch with Church news and events.



## Catholic Australia

[www.catholicaustralia.com.au/](http://www.catholicaustralia.com.au/)

Topics and sections include; news, the Church, Church in Australia, Church documents, Scripture, what Catholics believe, the Sacraments, Liturgy, Spirituality and Prayer, living the faith, current issues, mission, Youth and Young Adults.



## Resting and Relaxing On the Way

### Spiritual Retreat

#### Campion Ignatian Spirituality and Retreat Centre

[www.campion.asn.au](http://www.campion.asn.au)

The Centre is dedicated to strengthening individuals in a quiet, peaceful environment that encourages reflection and growth in spirituality. This is a warm welcome and a comfortable, secure place to rest and pray. A variety of programs and retreats based on the spirituality of Saint Ignatius of Loyola. Download this year's program from the website. Visit: 99 Studley Park Rd, Kew VIC 3101 Ph: 03 9854 8110 Email: [secretary@campion.asn.au](mailto:secretary@campion.asn.au)

#### Daybreak - A Centre of Spirituality

[www.daybreak.net.au](http://www.daybreak.net.au)

Retreats, spiritual direction and programs are open to all: An ecumenical centre - sharing different Christian traditions. 22 Lawson Street Spring Gully, Bendigo 3550 Ph: 03 5441 1814 Email: [daybreak@bendigo.net.au](mailto:daybreak@bendigo.net.au)

### Family Holiday

#### Feathertop Chalet, Harrietville

[www.feathertopchalet.com.au](http://www.feathertopchalet.com.au)

Feathertop Chalet, in Harrietville at the base of Mt Hotham belongs to the Sandhurst Diocese. The lodge style accommodation is suitable for small families through to groups of up to 200. All families are welcome.

Contact: Feathertop Chalet, 22 Bon Accord Track, Harrietville 3741. Tel: (03) 5759 2688. Fax: (03) 5759 2690,

Email: [reservations.feathertop@westnet.com.au](mailto:reservations.feathertop@westnet.com.au)



## Help and Support

#### CatholicCare Services

[www.ccds.org.au](http://www.ccds.org.au)

CatholicCare is a professional social service fostering hope, growth and well being. It aims to empower individuals, couples and families to build strong healthy communities through relationships, partnerships and collaboration.

**Bendigo:** 176-178M McCrae Street, Bendigo 3550 Ph: (03) 5438 1300.

**Shepparton:** 68 Wyndham St Shepparton 3631 Ph: (03) 5820 0444 or 03 5821 3774.

## Grow

[www.grow.org.au](http://www.grow.org.au)

GROW is a mutual support self help network for those experiencing anxiety, depression etc. It is open to all irrespective of belief, race, colour or background. Groups meet in several centres across the Sandhurst Diocese. Ph: 1800 558 268

## Gianna Centre

[www.gianna.org.au](http://www.gianna.org.au)

Free and confidential support service for mothers and fathers with pregnancy related issues. Topics include education, relationships, natural fertility control. Address: Victoria Lane, Pall Mall, Bendigo. Mailing Address: PO Box 1132, Bendigo Central 3552. T:(03) 5442 4644 M:0417 392 255 E:giannacentre@bigpond.com.

## Your Catholic Family

### Your Local Catholic Family

Talk to your local Parish Priest, Pastoral Associate (if your parish has someone in this role), the Chair or members of your Parish Pastoral Council. You may like to ask how you can get involved. Perhaps you are able to join one of the ministries in your parish: welcome and hospitality, minister of the Word ('Reader'), eucharistic minister, communion to the sick, grief and loss support, RCIA team, music ministry, children's liturgy.

\*If your children are young, find out if Children's Liturgy of the Word ('Children's Liturgy') is offered during Sunday Masses.

## Diocese of Sandhurst

[www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au](http://www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au)

Homepage for the Diocese of Sandhurst, providing news and information about the diocese its parishes, diocesan organisations, contacts and links.

## Sandhurst Diocese Catholic Education Office

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## SandPiper

[www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au/sandpiper/latest/](http://www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au/sandpiper/latest/)

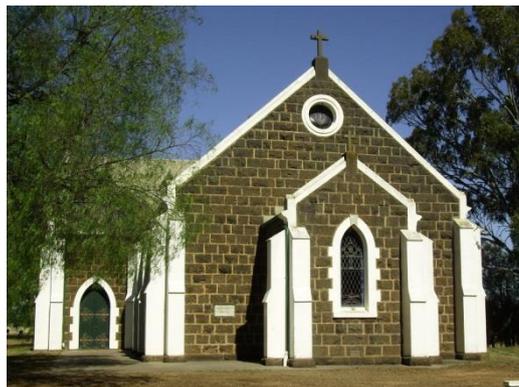
The Sandhurst Diocese newspaper. Read online or pick up a paper copy from the foyer of your local Church.

## Your Australian Catholic Family

### Catholic Australia

[www.catholicaustralia.com.au/index](http://www.catholicaustralia.com.au/index)

Topics and sections include; news, the Church, Church in Australia, Church documents, Scripture, what Catholics believe, the Sacraments, Liturgy, Spirituality and Prayer, living the faith, current issues, mission, youth and young Adults.



### **Australian Catholic Bishops Conference**

**[www.catholic.org.au](http://www.catholic.org.au)**

Provides information about the Australian Church, news and resources.

### **Cathnews**

**[www.cathnews.com](http://www.cathnews.com)**

A daily Catholic information service reporting Australian and international news, with links to resources for prayer and employment opportunities. Email subscription or access online.

### **Aboriginal Catholic Ministry for Victoria**

**[www.cam.org.au/acmv](http://www.cam.org.au/acmv)**

ACMV is committed to supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and work for reconciliation.

## **Reaching Out Together**

### **St Vincent De Paul Society of Australia (Vinnies)**

**[www.vinnies.org.au](http://www.vinnies.org.au)**

The St Vincent de Paul Society is a lay Catholic organisation that aspires to live the gospel message by serving Christ in the poor; with love, respect, justice, hope and joy, and by working to shape a more just and compassionate society. Contact your local Vinnies store OR St Vincent de Paul Society Regional Council President and contact person: St Vincent de Paul Store, 31 Chapel St, Bendigo 3550. Tel: (03) 5443 5052 Fax (03) 5444 4978 Email: [bendigo.centre@svdp-vic.org](mailto:bendigo.centre@svdp-vic.org).



### **Caritas Australia**

**[www.caritas.org.au](http://www.caritas.org.au)**

A Catholic agency for overseas aid, development and emergency relief Caritas helps people to help themselves. It is part of Caritas Internationalis, one of the world's most effective emergency relief organisations. The site provides information on works, education, emergencies, current issues and how to help.

### **Australian Catholic Social Justice Council (ACSJC)**

**[www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au](http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au)**

ACSJC, the national justice and peace agency of the Catholic Church in Australia, promotes research, education, advocacy and action on social justice, peace and human rights.

### **Catholic Earthcare Australia (CEA)**

**[www.catholicearthcare.org.au](http://www.catholicearthcare.org.au)**

CEA promotes understanding that Creation is sacred and endangered, and must be protected and sustained for present and future generations; including information and resources for reading Pope Francis' encyclical Laudato sii: On Care for our Common Home.'

## Learning and Reflecting

### Short Courses and Resources

#### Adult Faith Education Sandhurst

[www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au](http://www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au) ('Directory' link)

Includes: an introduction to Catholic faith, Scripture, prayer and spirituality, Catholic social teaching, resources, information about courses, and Diocesan events.

#### Online learning with Boston Theological College – 'C21 Online'

[www.bc.edu/schools/stm/c21online](http://www.bc.edu/schools/stm/c21online)

Interactive online faith education low cost short courses (2-4 weeks) developed by internationally recognized theologians.

#### Catholic Enquiry Centre (CEC)

[www.catholicenquiry.com](http://www.catholicenquiry.com)

Information for those wanting to learn about Catholic faith. Includes; free 18 part series of leaflets to download and brochures explaining the Sacraments and ceremonies for a Baptism or Wedding. From the Australian Catholic Bishops' Conference.

### YouTube / Multimedia

#### Vatican – YouTube

[www.youtube.com/user/vatican](http://www.youtube.com/user/vatican)

Pope Francis' talks are a major focus on this YouTube channel.

#### Sandhurst Diocese YouTube

[www.youtube.com/user/SandhurstDioceseCDOS](http://www.youtube.com/user/SandhurstDioceseCDOS)

Videos of Sandhurst Diocese events, guest speakers, Bishop's messages and more.

#### CatholicCare Melbourne – YouTube

[www.youtube.com/user/CentacareCFS](http://www.youtube.com/user/CentacareCFS)

CatholicCare Melbourne is focused on strengthening families and communities. YouTube video topics include relationships building and counselling.

#### Archbishops Office for Evangelisation (Melbourne) - Multimedia

[www.cam.org.au/evangelisation/Resources/Multimedia](http://www.cam.org.au/evangelisation/Resources/Multimedia)

Videos and audio files for faith education and enrichment. Includes videos of talks by 'Helder Camara' series keynote speakers who have visited Melbourne (and the Sandhurst Diocese in some cases) in recent years.

#### Smart Loving

[www.smartloving.org/](http://www.smartloving.org/) Select YouTube link.

'Smart Loving' site offers resources, information and links for engaged and married couples. Its foundations are with a Catholic understanding of a 'Theology of the Body.'



## Resource Centre and Bookshops

### Library Learning Centre - of the Sandhurst Diocese Catholic Education Office

**[www.ceosand.catholic.edu.au](http://www.ceosand.catholic.edu.au) (Select 'Library Learning Centre')**

Borrow books, DVDs and music CDs. Register online or by mail. The Centre is open from 8.30 am – 5.00 pm Monday to Friday (closed 12.00 – 1.00 pm) during school terms and on selected days during the last week of school holidays. Library Staff: Jenni Greblo & Jan Barber 120 Hargreaves Street, Bendigo Ph: (03) 5442 6108 Fax: (03) 5442 9463 Email: [library@ceosand.catholic.edu.au](mailto:library@ceosand.catholic.edu.au)

### Pauline Books & Media

**[www.paulinebooks.com.au](http://www.paulinebooks.com.au)**

7 Denmark Hill Road East Hawthorn Vic 3123. Ph: (03) 9882 3424 Fax: (03) 9882 9614

Email: [orders.melbourne@paulinebooks.com.au](mailto:orders.melbourne@paulinebooks.com.au)

Open Mon – Fri 9.00 am – 5.30 pm. Sat 9.00 am – 12.00 pm.

### Central Catholic Bookshop

**[www.catholicbookshop.com.au](http://www.catholicbookshop.com.au)**

322 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne, Vic 3000 Ph: (03) 9639 0844 Fax: (03) 9639 0879

Open 7 days per week.

### John Garratt Bookroom

**[www.garrattpublishing.com.au](http://www.garrattpublishing.com.au)**

32 Glenvale Crescent, Mulgrave Vic 3170 Ph: (03) 8545 2911

Email: [sales@johngarratt.com.au](mailto:sales@johngarratt.com.au)

### Willow Publishing, the Catholica Spiritual Marketplace

**[www.catholica.com.au/marketplace/willow](http://www.catholica.com.au/marketplace/willow)**

Market Place connected to *Catholica* online journal: Catholic Spirituality, Theology and Faith in the spirit of the second Vatican Council. DVDs, CDs, books and music by artists such as; Fr Rob Galea, James Maher, Trisha Watts and many others.

### Catholic Archdiocese of Brisbane

**[www.bne.catholic.net.au](http://www.bne.catholic.net.au)**

Links to various resources, including 'Catholics and the Bible' may be found through this site.