

upcoming events

the vocation centre runs or supports the following events

Friday 31 March	Leaven Hour 5:10-6:30pm at St Stephen's Chapel, Brisbane <i>A place for youth and young adults to experience growth and energy through the power of Mass and Adoration.</i>
Sunday 2 April	My Tomorrow Retreat 10:00am-3:00pm at St Rita's College, Clayfield <i>A day retreat for single men and women (16-35). Run by Queensland Vocations Ministers Association.</i>
Sunday 2 April	Young Adult Mass 7:30pm at St Stephen's Cathedral <i>Celebrated on the first Sunday of each month and followed by refreshments in the Cathedral grounds.</i>
Friday 14 April	GOOD FRIDAY
Sunday 16 April	EASTER SUNDAY
Friday 28 April	Leaven Hour 5:10-6:30pm at St Stephen's Chapel, Brisbane <i>A place for youth and young adults to experience growth and energy through the power of Mass and Adoration.</i>
Saturday 29 April - Sunday 30 April	GOD Talks... in my questions 5pm Sat - 4pm Sun at Canossa Care, Oxley <i>A weekend retreat for single men and women (18-35). Run by Sr Rosa Covino FdCC.</i>
Friday 5 May	Vocations Mass 7:00pm, venue to be confirmed <i>A Mass for men discerning a vocation to Priesthood, held several times a year</i>
Sunday 7 May	World Day of Prayer for Vocations
Sunday 7 May	Young Adult Mass 7:30pm at St Stephen's Cathedral <i>Celebrated on the first Sunday of each month and followed by refreshments in the Cathedral grounds.</i>

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INTRODUCING MARK LYSAGHT

Mark Lysaght is the new Vocations Promotions Officer for the Archdiocese of Brisbane, appointed by Archbishop John Bathersby at the end of 2005.

The decision to place a layperson in a role like this is significant, because the promotion of Priesthood is a role not just for priests but for all the Church - and the message about the call of Priesthood is an important message to get out there. And as he says himself, Mark is passionate about helping young people discover God's call:



Mark Lysaght

"One of my current tasks is to connect with each of the men we have on our database, to meet you and find out how we can help you in your journey - if you haven't heard from me yet you will.

In my role, I will be out and about in our schools, youth groups and local church promoting the vocations to Priesthood, Religious Life, Marriage and Single Life, with a particular focus on Diocesan Priesthood.

I am particularly passionate about Priesthood for our Church and make no apologies for it, and want to hear your thoughts, feelings and hopes about it also.

I point with special interest to the list of events that are happening in our Archdiocese and hope that you are able to make some of them. I look forward to meeting with you if you're able. If you are interested in helping out and want to get your hands dirty, please let me know!"

Mark Lysaght

A Brief Note...

We are somewhere in the middle of the season of Lent at the moment - have you had a Lenten focus this year? This time of remembering how Jesus followed God's call for him right to the end offers us a good period of reflection on how God might be calling us in our own lives today.

There are a number of events over the coming weeks that you might like to participate in, including Leaven Hour, My Tomorrow and God Talks... The details are in this newsletter - why not check at least one of them out!

Luke Plant

Field Officer, Brisbane Vocation Centre

**To be a
PRIEST
is to be a
MAN OF GOD.
It is to lead
people in
the vision of
transforming
the world
according to
the mind of
JESUS CHRIST.**

Archbishop
John Bathersby



Committed to the Call

Mark 11:1-10

When Jesus and his disciples drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village opposite you, and immediately on entering it, you will find a colt tethered on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone should say to you, 'Why are you doing this?' reply, 'The Master has need of it and will send it back here at once.'"

So they went off and found a colt tethered at a gate outside on the street, and they untied it. Some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" They answered them just as Jesus had told them to, and they permitted them to do it.

So they brought the colt to Jesus and put their cloaks over it. And he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields.

Those preceding him as well as those following kept crying out: "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is to come! Hosanna in the highest!"

Reflection:

As Jesus gets on the colt and enters the gates of Jerusalem, he is already aware of what is to take place. Even as he hears their cries of "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord", he knows he will die at the hands of these same people.

There are moments and areas in our life that we will need to surrender because of the call of our Father. This could be seen as dying to these things in our lives, and the focus must be the new life that will come. We may feel at times that the Father has abandoned us, but all is revealed in its right time.

Sacrifice, surrender and discipline are traits that Jesus showed and he did them with joy because his Father asked him to. Are we willing to do the same - to do what our Father asks of us?

MY TOMORROW

SUNDAY 2 APRIL 10AM-3PM

ST RITA'S COLLEGE, CLAYFIELD

Queensland Vocations Ministers Association (QVMA) is hosting this retreat day for young adults aged 16-35, as an opportunity to gather and hear other people's stories, including:

- » Br Marty Sanderson, a Christian Brother working in partnership with Indigenous people
- » Sr Lucy Kert, a Canossian Sister who has been involved in Chaplaincy work
- » Fr Anthony Mellor, priest and administrator of the newly formed Jubilee Parishes
- » Sr Jadwiga Falisze, a Holy Spirit Sister working with sick and aged

Cost: \$10, which includes lunch and morning/afternoon tea.

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**LOOK TODAY
AT THE DIRECTION
OF YOUR TOMORROW**

advance notice:

**SUNDAY 7 MAY is WORLD DAY OF
PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS**

*Young Adult Mass
First Sunday of the Month*

*7:30pm - St Stephens Cathedral
2 April - 7 May - 2 June*

WORDS OF POPE BENEDICT XVI

"To build your life on Christ, to accept the word with joy and put its teachings into practice: this, young people of the third millennium, should be your programme!

There is an urgent need for the emergence of a new generation of apostles anchored firmly in the word of Christ, capable of responding to the challenges of our times and prepared to spread the Gospel far and wide.

It is this that the Lord asks of you, it is to this that the Church invites you, and it is this that the world - even though it may not be aware of it - expects of you!

If Jesus calls you, do not be afraid to respond to him with generosity, especially when he asks you to follow him in the consecrated life or in the priesthood.

Do not be afraid; trust in him and you will not be disappointed..."

Excerpt from:

**Message to the Youth of the World on the
Occasion of the 21st World Youth Day (9 April 2006)**

View his whole message at www.vatican.va.

Click on 'Latest Updates' then 'Message for the 21st World Youth Day 2006'.

LEAVEN HOUR
A Place for Youth and Young Adults to Experience Growth and Energy
Through the Power of Mass+Adoration

St Stephens Chapel
(Elizabeth Street Brisbane)
Every Fourth Friday
Starting 31st March 2006

EUCHARIST
5.10pm

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
(Prayer... Song... Scripture... Silence...)
5.40pm - 6.30pm

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A new initiative for 2006, **LEAVEN HOUR** is a place for young adults to gather around Eucharist and Adoration, sponsored by a range of youth movements and young adult groups throughout Brisbane.

Starting **Friday 31 March** and continuing on the **4th Friday** of each month
5:10-6:30pm at St Stephens Chapel (beside the Cathedral)

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**GROWTH and ENERGY through the power of
EUCHARIST & ADORATION**