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## ***The Most Rev Archbishop Mark Benedict Coledridge will be installed as Archbishop of Brisbane at a Liturgical Reception & Solemn Pontifical Mass in the Cathedral of St Stephen on Friday 11th May 2012.***

### **Romero Centre**

On 29 March several members of St Peter's Social Justice Group visited the Romero Centre at 20 Dutton Street, Dutton Park. The Romero Centre is an inter-faith organisation committed to social justice. It was established in March 2000 by the Sisters of Mercy "as a place of welcome and support for refugees, the so-called 'boat people' who were suffering the legacy of mandatory, indefinite detention and the implications of Temporary Protection Visas (TPV)." The Romero Centre is based in a house at Dutton Park owned by the Sisters of Mercy, and operates under the auspices of Mercy Family Services.

People who are assisted by the Romero Centre include:

- Former detainees and TPV holders and their families.
- Asylum seekers in community detention who have been released from detention centres and await determination of their claims for protection.
- Unaccompanied Humanitarian Minors who have come to Australia without the support of parents or guardians.
- Immigration detainees in detention in Brisbane.

The Romero Centre is a friendly drop-in centre whose services include:

- Assistance with settlement needs and adjustment in Australia
- English language classes
- Home tutoring for minors, including those in the Logan area
- A sewing group
- Referrals and assistance with legal, medical and other needs such as those linked to torture and trauma experiences
- Social support and organisation of social activities
- Advocacy on behalf of clients and community education regarding their situations and needs.

**Volunteers and the Romero Centre** The centre is very dependent on the contribution of volunteers for the provision of its programs and services to clients, and has a data base of around 140 volunteers with a core group of 20 – 30 who are available on a regular basis. It is always welcoming of new volunteer enquiries and commitments.

Services for which volunteers are needed:

- The provision of English language learning assistance
- Home tutoring for minors and families (including the Logan area)
- Assisting with social activities, and other activities with a practical skills base such as sewing.

Andrea Lunt is the Volunteer Coordinator at the Romero Centre – for any inquiries regarding volunteer participation she can be contacted by phone - 3013 0100 or mail - Post Office, Box 6115, Buranda, 4102 or email – [volunteer@romerocentre.org.au](mailto:volunteer@romerocentre.org.au). The contact person for volunteers interested in the home tutoring program at Logan is Karalyn Davies – she can be contacted either on 0403 880 738 or via Andrea.

### **Youth Corner**

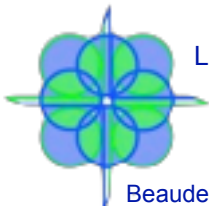
#### **Deanery Youth Mass**

6pm Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June at St. Patricks, Beenleigh  
Any young person or parish wanting to be involved please contact Lana: email [youth.logandeanery@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:youth.logandeanery@bne.catholic.net.au)  
Mob:0411 156 680. A Meeting will be held soon to organise this.  
A youth planning meeting is being held for any young people in

the Deanery and for anyone wanting to be involved in working with youth in our Deanery on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May 6:30pm-8pm at St. Pauls Parish Centre at Woodridge. This is an opportunity to discuss what is happening in our Deanery, meet everyone and to plan for the year ahead. Dinner is provided.  
Please notify of your attendance asap to Lana.

#### **CONTACT INFORMATION**

**Dean:** Very Reverend Fr Bernie Gallagher, St Mary's Parish Beaudesert. Email: [stmarys@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:stmarys@bne.catholic.net.au) Ph: 5541 1068  
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**Deanery Youth Co-coordinator:** Lana Godfrey, Email: [youth.logandeanery@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:youth.logandeanery@bne.catholic.net.au) Mob: 0411 156 680  
**Deanery website:** [www.logandeanery.org.au](http://www.logandeanery.org.au)



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Brisbane's Romero Centre is named in memory of **Archbishop Oscar Romero** (1917 – 1980) of El Salvador who was ordained in Rome in 1942 and became Archbishop of San Salvador in 1977. He fought in his country against corruption and violence, and documented abuses of human rights.

He is remembered for "his love for the poor, his defence of their rights and their lives, and his solidarity with their suffering and insecurity". Such commitments led to his assassination on 24 March 1980 while he was celebrating a funeral mass in a hospital chapel. Moments before his death he had reminded mourners of the parable of the wheat with the words: "Those who surrender to the service of the poor through love of Christ will live like the grain of wheat that dies.....We know that every effort to improve society, above all when society is so full of injustice and sin, is an effort that God blesses, that God wants, that God demands of us."

Archbishop Romero's ministry has left a legacy of hope, courage and consolation for all people committed to justice. In his own words: "You cannot do everything, but you can do something."

A case for his beatification and canonisation is still being considered by the Catholic Church. He is honoured by other Christian denominations, including the Church of England – he is one of ten 20<sup>th</sup> Century martyrs whose statue is in Westminster Abbey in London. (Article submitted by L Trad. SJG St Peter's Parish Rochedale)



**EMBRACING FAMILIES IN 2012:**  
Riding the waves of Faith,  
Love and Life

**Come along to an upcoming exciting Opportunity within the Deanery:**

A One day family conference held in our Deanery!!

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2012

At St. Edward the Confessor School, 104 Chatswood Rd, Daisy Hill  
8:30am Registrations 9am – 5pm

### What is it?

2 keynote speakers: • Fr. Chris Riley from Youth off the Streets talking about "pressures on the family and how we respond" •Melinda Tankard-Resit talking about "The family in the public square".

There are 18 exciting workshops focussed on issues that impact families catered to men, women, couples, children and youth. There is something for everyone!

There will be Trade displays and competitions taking place from local Catholic schools within our Deanery!

Registration for the day is \$10 (17 years and younger are FREE)

Come for one workshop or stay for the full day

For more information:

visit our website at: [www.embracingfamilies.org.au](http://www.embracingfamilies.org.au)

or call the Logan Deanery Office on 0400 488 221 / 0411 156 680  
or ask your Parish Priest for some more information!

**Don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity!**

This conference is hosted by the Logan Deanery, working in collaboration with the John Paul II Centre for Family and Life.

# Date Claimers—Around the Archdiocese

## Youth Events

### 2012 State Youth Games

**Date: 8-11 June**

**Venue: Watson Park Convention Centre – Old Gympie Rd, Dakabin**

**Who:** Teams of 10-100 participants from church youth groups, church home groups, high schools & youth ministry groups

**What:** Playing 15-25 games over the long weekend, participants will compete for trophies for Team Spirit and Fair Play Over 1,000 people will participate in hundreds of games – from ten pin bowling to three-legged races and more competitive events such as touch football, soccer and volleyball. The weekend is not just about competing; it is also about bringing people together in fellowship and fun. While you may not consider yourself the next Sam Stosur or Adam Gilchrist, you can still take

part in the State Youth Games as a volunteer cook, supervising under 18s team or team transportation or having a go at one of our recreational events - ten pin bowling, darts and bocce, or potato sack and egg and spoon races.

For more information about how to bring a team, contact State Youth Games 'chief umpire' Ben Zambra on 0403 135 007, [info@sygqld.com.au](mailto:info@sygqld.com.au) or check out the webpage for more info – [www.sygqld.com.au](http://www.sygqld.com.au)

### Freedom To Love - Theology of the Body for Young Adults

**Thursday Nights 7:00pm - 8:30pm, 19th April to 17th May. Paloma Reception Centre, 121 Mains Road Sunnybank.**

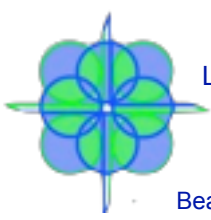
Freedom to Love is a powerful five-part DVD study based on the Theology of the Body. It is specifically intended for young adults, uni students (ages 17– 35 years) and is pre-

sented by popular author and expert Christopher West. He lays out a convincing and refreshing road map to living a life of authentic freedom and love.

For more information, please contact Kristen Roe, Brisbane South Deanery Youth Coordinator Mob: 0429 777 960 or email: [bsd.youth@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:bsd.youth@bne.catholic.net.au)

### Faith on Tap Brisbane

(For those between 18 - 35 years)  
On the 2nd Monday of every month, young people gather at the Pineapple Hotel, 706 Main Street, Kangaroo Point for straight talk and honest answers as they get together with other young adults and learn about the Catholic faith! The Guest Speaker is on at 7.30pm and this is followed by Q & A. Missed the talk? You can hear all the talks here! Visit the Faith on Tap website at: <http://www.faithontap.org.au>



## Date Claimers—Logan Deanery

### Deanery Men's Breakfast

**Saturday 5th May 2012 Hosted by St Patrick's Parish Beenleigh. 8.00am**

An opportunity for the men in our Deanery to get together for fellowship and enjoy a hearty breakfast. Deacon Mike Jones will give a short presentation on the role of Deacons in our Archdiocese.

Cost is \$5. Bookings essential.

RSVP: Peter Ph: 3807 5358 or email ip.witham@bigpond.com

### "Alternatives to Violence - Creating Peaceful Pathways"

**Saturday 26th/Sunday 27th May 2012 at St Paul's Parish Hall Woodridge.**

**Registration at 8.45am, commencing at 9.00am to 4.30pm, both days.**

The Deanery will meet some of the cost of registration. Please contact Jean Tamblyn Logan Deanery Coordinator Mob: 0400 488 221 or Sr Rosa Mob: 0417 776 917

### Aria Angels

**Thursday 3rd May 9.00am - 10.30am at**

### St Matthew's Parish Hall Loganholme.

Music & movement, arts & crafts, morning tea followed by a closing prayer. For parents, grandparents and children under 5 years of age. Cost \$5 per family, includes morning tea and handouts. contact Jean Tamblyn Logan Deanery Coordinator Mob: 0400 488 221

### Our Lady of Fatima Devotions Sunday 13th May 7.00pm at St Paul's Parish, Woodridge.

Commencing with the rosary and a candle light procession, followed by holy Mass, adoration and reconciliation and concluding with Benediction. Stay back and enjoy a light supper with members of Our Lady of Guadalupe (Charismatic) Prayer Group. EVERYONE IS WELCOME. If you have any questions please contact Marta Ph: 3313 0239 or Fred Mob: 0413 172 847

### Fitness Classes

**Saturday mornings at 8.00 at St Edwards' Church, Chatswood Rd, Daisy Hill**

with Personal trainer Martin McKone. Also on offer on Tuesday nights is **Le Step Dancing** and on Wednesday nights is **Jive Works Dancing**. Please contact the Parish Office for further details. Ph: 3299 2000

### Tai Chi

**Thursdays 5.00pm - 6.00pm St Paul's Parish Hall Woodridge** with Joseph Cheng. Tai chi is for all ages regardless of what state of health you are in. Regular Tai Chi exercise will improve your health hence leading to longevity. All Welcome. Cost - a donation.

### Euchre

**Wednesdays 9.45am - 12noon St Paul's Parish Hall Woodridge.** All Welcome. Cost \$3. Contact: Doreen Ph: 3208 2369

## Youth Events

Please check with your Parish Youth Leader(s) about up and coming events in your Parish.

## Date Claimers —Around the Archdiocese

**Live webcast.** The Solemn Mass and Liturgical Reception of Archbishop Coleridge as the Archbishop of Brisbane will be webcast live on the Archdiocesan website from approximately **10.15am on Friday, May 11.** Afterwards it will also be available to watch "on demand" at any time from the same web address.

Please visit the web address [www.bne.catholic.net.au](http://www.bne.catholic.net.au) on the day and follow the prominent links. We remain hopeful that as many people as possible are able to share in the solemn mass and liturgical reception to install Archbishop Coleridge as Archbishop of Brisbane.

### Healing of the Family Tree. Seminar presented by Dr Bill Wilkie (Psychiatrist)

**Saturday 5th May 9.15 - 1.30pm at St Bernard's Catholic Church 4 Klump Rd. Upper Mt Gravatt.**

BYO lunch. A love offering will be taken up to help cover expenses. Sponsored by "Beside Restful Waters" Prayer Group. RSVP: Contact Maureen Ph: 3345 9686 or Doreen Ph: 3278 9096

### Men Transforming Men

**Saturday May 12th at the Brookfield Centre, 139 Brookfield Rd, Kenmore 4.30pm - 7.30pm**

All men and their families are invited to our next Gathering. Cost \$10 per family to help cover venue hire, please bring a plate to share. There will be opportunity for fellowship, teaching, sharing, and a meal. Please contact Max or Dave Ph: 33761120 or email [admin@mtmaustralia.org.au](mailto:admin@mtmaustralia.org.au) for more details and to RSVP.

### Australian Christian Meditation Community Qld

**Saturday 19th May 9.30am to 2.15pm at Holy Spirit School Hall, New Farm**

You are invited to join them for a Community Day. Fr Frank Gerry will discuss "Prayer and Mysticism" with reference to the works of Evelyn Underhill and Fr Martin Laird. For further information Ph: 3711 4227

### Aunty Jean's Annual Soup Night Saturday 19th May from 6.30pm

Everyone is invited. Hear interesting interviews with Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal Christians, gain insight into their journeys and learn how you can be involved. Enjoy a variety of soups, cakes, fruit, tea and coffee. Entry by donation. All proceeds to Aboriginal Christian Leadership and ministries. Further information Ph: Steve 3846 5828.

### "The Godless Delusion: a Catholic critique of Modern Atheism" By Patrick Madrid

**Thursday 24th May 7.15pm to 9.15pm at Waterford Place Theatre, St Joseph's College, Spring Hill**  
Cost \$5. Enquires to 3336 9174

### Rachel's Vineyard Retreat - Brisbane

**Friday 1 June from 5.30pm - Sunday 3 June to 1.00pm**

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat is a confidential healing ministry for the many people who have been touched by an abortion experience. Too often women and men are silenced by their abortions, and the retreats offer a safe place to express grief and to reclaim their voices in an understanding and compassionate environment.

Cost: \$330 (includes accommodation and meals) For further information please phone Gwen 0407 175 508 or email: [wellspring-ministries@tpg.com.au](mailto:wellspring-ministries@tpg.com.au) or visit the website [www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org)

### Vinnies annual CEO Sleep - Out

**Thursday 21st June** A practical and manageable way to support the St Vincent de Paul Society in its work with people who do not have shelter. For further info visit: <http://www.ceosleepout.org.au>