

Greetings in this Advent Season!

As another year draws to a close, we look back on the many activities with which we have been involved this semester, such as the Journey of the World Youth Day Cross and Icon, writing of *Gathered for Giving* Lent resources for 2008, writing and recording *Family Prayer Time* booklet and CD, working trips interstate and overseas, training, facilitation and advocacy.

Although we are in the midst of Advent, still to celebrate Christmas 2007, we are acutely aware that Lent 2008 is the earliest it can be. Ash Wednesday is 6th February so it is important to get organised now! We will just have finished celebrating Australia Day and the new school year will have commenced when Lent will be upon us!

The *Gathered for Giving* Year A resources include a discussion and Prayer booklet for adults based on the Sunday Lenten Scriptures, a resource for Leaders of Children's Ministry based on the Sunday Lent to Pentecost Scriptures and a discussion program for Youth and Young Adults based on the Lenten Scriptures.

A new resource available for Lent in 2008 is *Family Prayer Time*. Are you a parent of young children or perhaps a grandparent? Do you want to pray with these children? Do you want them to hear stories about Jesus? Do you want to set up a prayer space in your home? If you answered 'yes' to any of these questions then this booklet and CD are for you! Book \$5 and CD \$10!



Possible Pathways: Take the Next Step booklets have been produced by us to assist parishes and deaneries with information and ideas for sustainable ministry with children and young people. Copies have been sent to all parishes but if you would like to obtain your own copy contact Dale on 3336 9168.

World Youth Day 08—before and beyond!

The October 27th WYD Training day included a workshop stream offered by our team to assist parishes and deaneries to consider the bigger picture of youth involvement in the life of our church. Whilst WYD serves to focus attention on youth and will doubtlessly be a wonderful occasion for gathering the world's youth to pray and celebrate, there is MORE to WYD than just a day (or even 4 days). There are numerous ways to involve and engage young people in every aspect of parish life and for everyone in the parish to be involved in the excitement of World Youth Day. If you wish to know more about these or are interested in having us talk with your parish pastoral council or parish priest or youth, please contact us.

at a glance...

- 2008 Lenten Program
- Possible Pathways: take the next step
- Family Prayer Ideas
- Movers and Shakers

Children's Ministry

Greetings one and all!

Since we last communicated with you we have travelled overseas and around Australia presenting workshops, attending conferences and promoting our resources. At the end of July we (Carole and Rina) were invited to attend the **International Gathering of the Network of Biblical Storytellers** in Atlanta, Georgia. We were honoured to be invited to be part of the Scholars Seminar and then to join the other 220 attendees for a feast of Biblical Storytelling.

In October we journeyed to Perth for a gathering of people from most dioceses around Australia, who are involved in similar ministries. It was a time of sharing wisdom and learnings and gaining new insights and ideas.

RENEW Coffee and Chat Mornings

Two successful events have been held at Mt Gravatt and Kenmore *Coffee Clubs* attended by nearly 60 RE teachers. If you were not able to get to one of these and you live in the Redcliffe area, then you are invited to attend our last one for the year which will be held on Wednesday 12th December at Redcliffe *Coffee Club*, Redcliffe Parade, opposite the jetty. See you there!

Beginning of the Year Mass - 6th March 2008

The beginning of year Mass and Commissioning of our volunteer RE teachers is on again in 2008. At this Mass, we intend presenting Certificates to those people who have participated in training with us throughout the year. After the unfortunate cancellation of this year's event we hope that a return to **St Stephen's Cathedral** for the celebration will be more attractive to you all. Please mark

the date in your diaries! Archbishop Bathersby will preside. A light lunch in the Cathedral grounds will follow the Mass which commences at **11.00am**. For catering purposes please let us know how many in your team are planning to attend. **RSVP to Dale Jarman 3336 9168 no later than 27th February 2008 - but as early as you can, please!**

RETOP Training

We are again running a basic training course in February, 2008 for those who are new to State School RE or those in need of an update or 'refresher'. These courses are a wonderful way to meet others doing the same work, share ideas and find out what's new! Certificates will be awarded. See calendar for details. Other opportunities for training are being offered in conjunction with the RENEW team at Rochedale and Redcliffe. See the calendar for workshop details.

The **RENEW Conference** will be on again in 2008. The tentative date is **Friday 17th October 2008**. We will keep you informed when all is confirmed.

KidsGames June 29-July 4, 2008

Has your parish ever considered running a school holiday program for children who attend the local primary schools? What about inviting the children from your Sacramental Program to participate? In the year when World Youth Day comes to Australia, why not offer something for children who might well be WYD pilgrims of the future? Download a FREE information pack info@brisbanekidsgames.org.au form a team, look at the website www.brisbanekidsgames.org.au or contact Carole.

Classroom activities

Resources and ideas for celebrating Advent, Christmas and Lent are available on our website. Go to www.bne.catholic.net.au/ycm and click on 'Resources'.

Blessings!

In this Advent season of waiting and anticipation, may we share this reflection from Rina's latest creative resource, *Rituals & Reflections for Advent and Christmas: Year A*

It's Advent, so what?

It's the beginning of the Church's year, so what?

Are you prepared?

Christmas is almost here - are you prepared?

It's time for changing directions, setting new goals, testing new pathways.

Are you prepared?

It's time to listen, listen to the cries in the wilderness.

Are you prepared?

Every valley will be filled in
Every mountain and hill be laid low,
Winding ways will be straightened,
And rough roads made smooth.

The whole human race will see God's salvation!

Transformation and challenge.

Are you prepared?

'Tis the season for salvation.

This and only this does Yahweh require:

That you act justly, love tenderly and walk humbly with your God.



Family Prayer Time
Lent to Easter

Family Prayer Ideas
order your copy NOW
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www.bne.catholic.net.au/lentprog08



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Youth Ministry

Gathered for Giving: Youth and Young Adults Lenten Program

The Youth and Young Adults Lenten Program was a great success in 2007, with all copies selling out. The program assisted young people in many parishes, deaneries, schools and movements to break open scripture and reflect upon their call to mission in the world.

In 2008 the program is shaped in such a way that it can operate as a tool for formation of potential World Youth Day (WYD) pilgrims. At the beginning of each week is a brief reflection from a previous World Youth Day pilgrim, written to generate further enthusiasm and momentum in the lead up to WYD08. Other elements of the program include prayers, scripture (based on the lectionary cycle), scriptural reflections (written by Fr Paul Chandler), ritual actions, and living the Gospel (ways for living the Gospel message in the every day).

If you would like to find out more about the program, view the text of a sample week or order copies of the program please visit www.bne.catholic.net.au/lentprog08/



Building upon the success of the this year, the inaugural *ywinner* Christmas Feast will be held on Friday, 14th December at the Belgium Beer Café on the Cnr. Mary and Edward St, Brisbane.

Festivities will begin at 6pm and it is sure to be a night of fun and festive cheer. There will be an opportunity to reflect over the year that has been and share learnings with colleagues and friends. To add to the fun, attendees are asked to bring a non-gender specific secret Santa present to the value of \$5.

As per usual the cost of the ydinner Christmas Feast is your own food and drinks. If you would like to attend could you please RSVP to Paul Catchlove on either (07) 3336 9170 or catchlovep@bne.catholic.net.au

MOVERS & SHAKERS Christian Youth Leadership Training

Movers and Shakers 2008 will be held from Sunday 6th to Friday 11th of April. With WYD next year, there is no better time to invest in your young people! Movers and Shakers is a Christian youth leadership training program for those aged 16-25 and uses a community setting and experiential learning activities to provide formation for young people to take on leadership roles in Christian communities. For further information call Malcolm on 3336 9169 or visit www.movers-and-shakers.org.au

6th – 11th April 2008

Sunshine Coast

Movers and Shakers is a week-long Christian leadership training program for youth and young adults (aged between 16 and 25) who are interested in developing leadership skills.

Cost: \$295 (includes accommodation and meals)

applications close 29th February 2008

www.movers-and-shakers.org.au

MOVERS & SHAKERS



Resource Review

web

www.spiritandsong.com

Spirit and Song is your connection to the latest Contemporary Christian music and resources. The site has free downloads, podcasts, webcasts as part of 'Members Perks' which is free to join. With an online shop, blogs from your favourite Christian musicians (some whom will be in Australia for WYD08), and stacks of other great resources, Spirit and Song is your one stop shop for connecting young people with Contemporary Christian music.

WYD 2008

Upcoming World Youth Day Events

**Archdiocesan Training Day
Saturday 8 March**

**Archdiocesan Training Day
Saturday 14 June**

**Days in the Diocese
10th -13th July**

**World Youth Day Sydney
15th -20th July**

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Calendar

To RSVP for any calendar events, please contact the number given or YCM on 3336 9168

Jan 22nd Children's Liturgy of the Word Training Session
Time: 7pm - 9pm
Venue: Graceville Community Centre
19 Randolph St, Graceville
Cost: \$10 pp (max \$50 per parish)
RSVP: 21/01/08 - Sr Cate O'Brien 3379 1534

Jan 30th & Feb 6th
Religious Education Teachers Orientation Program (RETOP)
Time: 9.00am - 2.30pm
Venue: Queen of Peace Parish Hall
Cnr Victoria Ave and Collins St, Woody Point
Cost: BYO Lunch
RSVP: 30th January - Carole Danby 3336 9161

Feb 4th & Feb 11th & Feb 18th
Religious Education Teachers Orientation Program (RETOP)
Time: 9.00am - 2.30pm
Venue: Centre for Multicultural Pastoral Care
Given Tce, Paddington
Cost: BYO Lunch
RSVP: 30th January - Carole Danby 3336 9161

Feb 12th Corinda / Graceville Family Prayer Session
Time: 7.00pm - 7.45pm
Venue: St Joseph's Parish Hall
18 Clewley St, Corinda
RSVP: 8/02/08 to Sr Cate on 3379 1534

Feb 13th Children's Liturgy of the Word Training
Time: 7.30pm - 9.00pm
Venue: St Thomas' Parish Hall
31 Perth St, Camp Hill
RSVP: 12/02/08 - Sr Margret Sapsford 3398 1154

Feb 15th & Feb 22nd & Feb 29th
Religious Education Teachers Orientation Program (RETOP)
Time: 9.00am - 2.30pm
Venue: Rochedale Baptist Church
Cost: BYO Lunch
RSVP: 30th January - Carole Danby 3336 9161

Feb 18th Corinda / Graceville Youth Prayer Series
Time: 6.00pm - 9.00pm
Venue: St Joseph's Parish Hall
18 Clewley St, Corinda
Cost: \$5 pp (free for Corinda / Graceville Parishioners)
RSVP: 10/02/08 to Paul on 3336 9170

Mar 1st IGNITE: Qld Children's Ministry Network's Annual Conference and Expo
Time: 9am - 4.30pm (*displays from 8am - 5:30pm*)
Venue: Citipointe Church
Wecker Rd, Mansfield
Cost: \$50 (online \$45)
RSVP: www.igniteexpo.org.au

Mar 3rd Corinda / Graceville Youth Prayer Series
Time: 6.00pm - 9.00pm
Venue: St Joseph's Parish Hall
18 Clewley St, Corinda
Cost: \$5 pp (free for Corinda / Graceville Parishioners)
RSVP: 10/02/08 to Paul on 3336 9170

Mar 8th WYD08 Training Day
Venue: Clairvaux Mackillop College
4 Klumpp Rd, Upper Mt Gravatt
RSVP: www.wydbrisbane.org.au

Apr 6th-11th Movers and Shakers
Christian Youth Leadership Training Program
See advert on page 3

Gathered for Giving

2008 Lenten Program Seminars
Family Prayer Ideas & the
Youth and Young Adult Program

Jan 29th Family Prayer Time Workshops
Youth & Young Adult Program
Time: 7.30pm - 9.40pm
Venue: St Joseph's Church
42 Pine Mountain Rd, North Ipswich

Jan 30th Family Prayer Time Workshops
Youth & Young Adult Program
Time: 7.30pm - 9.40pm
Venue: Marymac Community Centre
616 Ipswich Road, Annerley

Jan 31st Family Prayer Time Workshops
Time: 7.30pm - 9.40pm
Venue: St Paschal's Parish Hall
30 Warraba Avenue, Wavell Heights

Feb 4th Family Prayer Time Workshops
Youth & Young Adult Program
Time: 7.30pm - 9.40pm
Venue: St William's Parish, Daley Centre
67 Dawson Pde. Keperra (Grovely)

Feb 5th Family Prayer Time Workshops
Youth & Young Adult Program
Time: 7.30pm - 9.40pm
Venue: St Brigid's Hall
McLaren Rd, Nerang

Feb 9th Youth & Young Adult Program
Time: 9.30am - 11.40am
Venue: Our Lady of the Rosary School
Alfred St, Caloundra

Feb 10th Youth & Young Adult Program
Time: 10.45am - 2.00am
Venue: St Joseph's Church Hall
Hillyard, Pialba

Cost: \$5 pp (gst free)
RSVP: www.bne.catholic.net.au/lentprog08
or 3336 9168

You are invited...

Beginning of the Year Mass

for State School Religious Education Teachers

Celebrant Archbishop Bathersby

March 6th 2008, 11am
(followed by light lunch)

St Stephen's Cathedral
Elizabeth St, Brisbane

RSVP: 27/02/08
Dale Jarman 3336 9168

