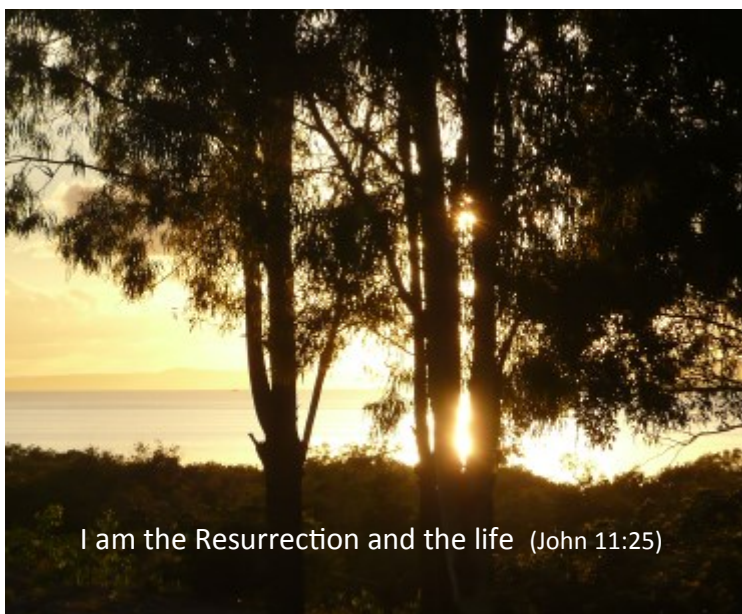




Easter Eyes help us to see new realities

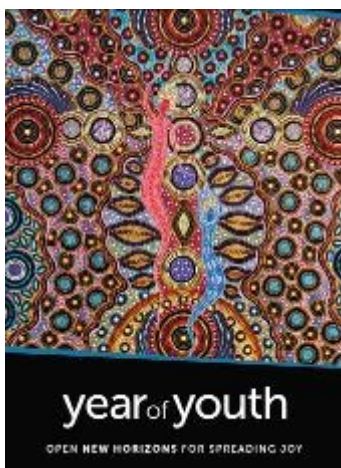


I am the Resurrection and the life (John 11:25)

As we step into the Easter narratives and reflect on the Risen Christ appearing to his bereft disciples, we think of how they had to let go of seeing the Jesus they knew and receive him in a new form. No wonder they hesitated in doing so. Their last image of this beloved Teacher was that of a torn and dead body being taken down from the cross. They were not looking for Jesus to show up in his risen presence. No wonder Mary of Magdala at first perceives Jesus as a local gardener. She is looking for an inert body. Only when Mary sets aside the thought of seeing him in this way can she then recognise Jesus in his risen presence.

I ask myself: What kind of 'eye' do I have? How do I see others? Am I looking in a fixed manner? Am I open to surprise? If I focused on looking for the presence of the Risen Christ, would that change my perception? What might I discover?

Year of Youth Image – 'Christ our Joy' — painted by Amunda Gorey from Alice Springs



At World Youth Day 2016, Pope Francis called young people and the Church to 'open new horizons for spreading joy'.

'My friends, Jesus is the Lord of risk, he is the Lord of the eternal "more". Jesus is not the Lord of comfort, security and ease. Following Jesus demands a good dose of courage, a readiness to trade in the sofa for a pair of walking shoes and to set out on new and uncharted paths. To blaze trails that open up new horizons capable of spreading joy, born of God's love and wells up in your hearts with every act of mercy.

How do young people open new horizons to us for spreading joy ?



Parish Reflection Days 2018—An opportunity to spend some time in quiet with God

Parish Reflection Days 2018

Theme: 'Encountering Jesus'
Exploring the Gospels through Imagery

- Saturday 5th May (9am-4pm)
- Friday & Saturday 14th & 15th September (Overnight 4pm Friday to 3pm Saturday)
- Saturday 1st December (9am – 4pm)



Day costs are \$30 per person (includes lunch box and morning tea)

Overnight cost \$155 per person (includes accommodation, Friday evening meal, breakfast, morning tea and lunch)

Please register at: <https://ebab.weebly.com>

(booking and payment essential 7 days prior)

Painted Prayers – Staff Formation



Evangelisation Brisbane staff spent an afternoon with Dianne Minaar, a Brisbane artist and calligrapher, who paints sacred images. Examples of her works can be found at her website: www.sanctussacredimages.com

This workshop focussed on 'The Journey of the Cross' and engaged the staff in a creative process to reflect on selected Passion texts from the Gospels and then use a range of art materials to portray a key insight.



Donations, Gifts, Bequests to support the Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre Ministry

The Centre is generously supported by the Archdiocese to cover both its recurrent and capital development expenses. Donations, Gifts to the STSC Endowment Fund and Bequests are greatly appreciated as they ensure that this vital Spirituality Ministry will continue into the future. The rising costs of Centre wages, catering, repairs, grounds maintenance and improvements as well as Workplace Health and Safety compliance requirements is met by guest fees, Archdiocesan subsidies and the generosity of donors.

From February 1, there was an increase of \$5 per day for overnight stays. Day costs are unchanged. The current schedule of fees can be found on the Santa Teresa website.



Tour the Centre with our new video featuring aerial photos at: www.santateresa.org.au

You can now take a virtual tour of Santa Teresa via the website. The new promotional video, complete with aerial photos taken by a drone, shows the natural beauty of the Ormiston setting adjoining Moreton Bay, the comfort and excellence of the modern facilities and the range of spiritual activities on offer at the Centre. Whether you are a regular or first time visitor, you will appreciate seeing Santa Teresa in action, allowing the viewer to learn about the Centre's origins and the story of our Carmelite patron, St. Therese of Lisieux.



What's been happening ?

Here are a few of the happenings at Santa Teresa so far this year:

- ◆ Farewelled with deep gratitude Tracey Campbell (catering) and Tim Goodwin (caretaking) and welcomed America Rousseau-Molina (cleaning)
- ◆ Undertook sacristy roof repairs and new carpet due to storm damage
- ◆ Held a Parish Reflection Day for 20 people from 5 parishes
- ◆ Welcomed 306 (overnight) and 711 (day) guests before Easter, including these new groups: Plenary Council Executive Council, Creighton Fertility Model and Christian Heritage College
- ◆ Organised plumbing and electrical work, air-con and hot water repairs, replacement of door lock batteries, carpet cleaning, annual fire testing of equipment and the audit of our annual tree management program.

Contact us soon to organise your 2018 stay with us. Whether it is a day, an overnight, a weekend or an extended stay, come and experience the beauty and peace of this special place.

*Easter Blessings,
Mike Humphrys (Coordinator)*

