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Parents say 'no'

WORRIED Catholic school parents are uniting to fight planned government funding cuts that are feared will affect fees and enrolments.

The head of an organisation representing Catholic school parents in the Archdiocese, Paul Compton, said the proposed cuts could not have come at a worse time.

Many parents already under financial stress to pay existing fees would not be able to afford the calculated increases.

"Schools are reporting that inquiries are down, and parents are rightly asking 'how can I commit to six years of Catholic education when there is so much uncertainty around fees?'"

Archbishop Christopher Prowse has urged Catholics to inform themselves and to lobby their political representatives.

"We are not looking for any special deals," he said. "But we are expecting new arrangements to be fair and reasonable."

"As your Archbishop, I am particularly concerned that the proposed model will unfairly cut very significant funding to our schools, but especially to our ACT schools."

The Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn educates 22,000 students in 56 schools and has more than 2000 staff.

More than 500 parents, students, education professionals and politicians attended a meeting called by Catholic School Parents Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn.

One principal, Frances Robertson, of St Patrick's Central School, Cooma, told the gathering the term 'funding' should be removed from the discussion and be replaced by 'investment'.

Director of Catholic Education in the Archdiocese Ross Fox has described the situation as "dire".

"Mr Birmingham sent a letter to



Paul Compton (middle) with parents and students at St Thomas the Apostle Primary Kambah. Picture: FiveFoot Photography.

every Catholic school in the ACT confirming lower funding in 2027 than 2017," he said.

"These funding cuts ignore the fact that if the same parents enrol in a government school, government funding will be significantly higher and fees lower."

"I urge all parents in Catholic schools to consider the impact on their school and contact their political leaders and demand to know why their children deserve

to have government support cut over the next ten years."

St Mary MacKillop College principal Michael Lee is outraged by the funding cuts.

"Our funding to support those needs, and indeed the needs of all our students, has been frozen for 10 years and then will be cut by \$777 per student. This means a net loss of \$4.6 million," he said.

St Thomas More Campbell principal Julie Wiley emphasised

the issue of the school's parents' capacity to pay extra school fees. "I believe many of our parents couldn't afford a fee increase," she said.

Parent Mark Brookhouse, a pensioner based in the south of Canberra, holds grave concerns about the cuts.

His son Connor, a student at St Mary MacKillop College, has a disease that causes progressive damage to the nervous system.

"The extra money is going to have to come from somewhere and sadly it is impacting the most vulnerable in our society," he said.

ACT Liberal Senator Zed Seselja said he would push for the best outcome in consultation with Federal Minister for Education and Training Simon Birmingham.

For more coverage on the education funding reform issue turn to pages 6 and 7.

ARCHBISHOP CHRISTOPHER'S DIARY



June

WEDNESDAY 7- FRIDAY 9

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FRIDAY 23

Parish Visitation, St Augustine's Parish, Yass

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ARCHBISHOP'S MESSAGE
ARCHBISHOP
CHRISTOPHER PROWSE

A culture of love and care...

MY dear people,

A culture of love and care promotes human life from womb to tomb. This Good Samaritan culture draws near and provides concrete help to the vulnerable. Anything less is surely a "false compassion", as Pope Francis would phrase it.

Once again in Australia, the very vulnerable at the beginning and end of life's spectrum are under threat with proposed legislation in both New South Wales and Victoria.

On the one hand, recent New South Wales legislation aimed to remove current restrictions regarding ABORTION. Already, between 25,000-35,000 abortions are performed every year in NSW. What was proposed was to allow abortions until birth, remove safeguards ensuring fully formed consent, and override conscientious objection of medical practitioners. Thankfully, I understand this recent legislation was defeated in Parliament.

Legislation proposed in Victoria, on the other hand, renews the push throughout Australia for euthanasia and assisted suicide.

The term "assisted dying" is used to fudge the harsh reality of deliberately ending life directly or assisting someone to suicide.

Like abortion, this, too, is morally and ethically wrong. It is an offence against the Commandment, "Thou shall not kill". It places the medical profession in a position of killing rather than healing.

Such insidious legislation would not be necessary at all if, among other considerations, two vital issues were comprehensively examined.

First, surround the vulnerable with true love and care.

Tragically, it still remains true to say that the most vulnerable place for an Australian is in the womb of his/her mother. There are up to 100,000 abortions performed every year in Australia. From conception onwards, we are reflecting on human life, not potential human

life. Let us always surround this life with utmost respect and care.

Similarly, as human life moves towards natural death, let us surround the sick, suffering and vulnerable with compassion. Overseas experience ought to warn us that even small compromises here incrementally grow in time producing a culture that accepts that some lives are not worth living. A culture of true love and care can never accept this societal attitude.

Secondly, let us look more vigorously for alternatives to abortion and euthanasia/assisted suicide. Let us ask the "why" question.

Why do people seek abortion? It is rarely a decision taken lightly. All sorts of issues pertaining to family, health, finance, and so on affect this choice.

But more comprehensive counselling, financial and practical assistance needs to be offered immediately before an abortion option is considered. Why do people seek euthanasia? We must be determined not to abandon the

seriously ill. They must never feel they have become a hopeless burden on their loved ones and family to the extent that euthanasia and suicide become real options.

Their pain management and broader issues require comprehensive support that provides timely palliative and end-of-life care. So much more can be done by supporting palliative care in our communities.

I commend the healthcare professionals, hospitals, hospice, pastoral workers and religious volunteers, and so many more, who truly advance a culture of love and care – especially those in our Catholic Church.

Let us pray that political legislation that safeguards life at its most vulnerable moments is victorious over all other lethal possibilities.

Let us act responsibly and respectfully, too, in ensuring that our elected political representatives know of our deeply felt concerns.

May the Lord bless you and your loved ones always.

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The DVD, which is the Archdiocese's latest faith resource, explores the history of Christian Meditation in the Catholic tradition in an informative and practical way.

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Please note the Catholic Bookshop is relocating to Manuka in late June and early July. It will close in Braddon on July 7.

Marymead still welcomes all

Marymead is celebrating its 50th anniversary with Mass at Holy Trinity Curtin and lunch at the Canberra Southern Cross Club Woden on June 21. *Catholic Voice* looks back at the journey over the years...

MARYMEAD was established by The Franciscan Missionaries of Mary who came to Canberra in 1960 with a plan to set up residential care services for children and families in temporary crisis.

The population at that time was a young one, and family support to help raise these children was often far away.

In 1960, there were no services providing either long or short term out-of-home care for children and teenagers in the ACT.

Against that background, the Franciscans used their financial resources, gathered supporters, formed a fundraising auxiliary and acquired an 11-acre paddock in Narrabundah. Marymead opened in 1967.

The name Marymead comes from the word meadow (or more from its archaic or poetic form mead) and the devoted and tireless Franciscan Missionaries of Mary.

While the word meadow conjures up visions of cool and fresh green pastures near clear and running streams, in this instance it referred to the paddock for sheep, transformed into the meadow of Mary.

Marymead's primary function was to welcome children of all



racers and religions who required care.

The care afforded could only be temporary but it was enough to meet the aim of those who founded Mary's meadow.

Children were admitted in various times of crisis including distress following accidents or sudden illness, poverty, a mother

hospitalised, a family break up, disruption of the home or child neglect.

Children were either placed voluntarily by parents or referred by welfare or health officials.

Occasionally police would also bring children to Marymead at night or over the weekend if an emergency arose.

Marymead used its experience and skill base to diversify its services to the entire community and moved into finding and supporting foster families.

Marymead also developed protection services for neglected or abused children and moved into providing day care, occasional care and after-hours care for children in need. It provided residential care for children on remand and, most importantly, developed programs for case work and counselling to families in crisis.

The sisters provided a range of services to Canberra families up until their departure in 1986, leaving behind a viable and expanding service. The responsibility for Marymead was assumed by the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn.

Today, Marymead provides a vast range of specialist family support services in the ACT and throughout southern and western NSW.

Marymead's array of programs and services now include child and family counselling, disability support, foster care and respite care, early intervention programs, family and mental health support, contact and changeover services

for separated parents in significant conflict, support for grandparents raising their grandchildren and a recently opened autism centre based in the ACT.

Led by CEO Camilla Rowland, Marymead is excited about the upcoming anniversary Mass and lunch on June 21.

"This year is without doubt one of the most significant years of Marymead's long history, and I am delighted that the day will include both a special Mass celebrated by the Archbishop and a luncheon for anyone and everyone with a connection to Marymead," Mrs Rowland said.

"It will be a wonderful celebration of all that Marymead, our supporters and clients have achieved over the last 50 years."

- Should you wish to make a booking for Marymead's 50th Anniversary lunch contact Jeff Griffiths, Marymead's Marketing Manager, on 6162 5824 or email jeff.griffiths@marymead.org.au

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Pilgrims put their stamp on the very Aussie Camino

IT'S been dubbed the "poor man's Camino" or the "Australian Camino".

Pilgrims have even got their own pilgrim passport along the lines of Spain's Camino de Santiago credentials to collect stamps at parishes and checkpoint towns along the way.

For David Schütz and fellow pilgrimage enthusiast Sean Deany, their recent entry by foot into the south-eastern point of the Archdiocese at Bombala was another milestone on their pilgrimage from St Mary MacKillop's birthplace in Melbourne to her tomb and shrine in Sydney.

By the time they arrived in Eden on May 26, they had completed 250km since leaving Orbost in Victoria on Easter Tuesday.

The saint's mother, Flora MacKillop, was one of 76 people aboard the Ly-ee-Moon who drowned on May 30, 1886.

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop visited Eden on a couple of occasions in 1899 and 1901 in appreciation of the support that the people gave in taking care of the body of her mother.

Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish in Eden has established a special museum to St Mary and her mother.

Archbishop Prowse, who is known to Mr Schütz from their days working together for the Church in Melbourne, is keen for Eden to further its status as a place of pilgrimage.

Mr Schütz and Mr Deany were accompanied and assisted on this section of the journey by driver and cyclist Mr Paul Coghlan.

They were walking the second stage of the mapped out MacKillop-Woods Way which goes from Port Augusta to Melbourne (via Adelaide and Penola) to Sydney via the Great Dividing Range.

The Way is named after both St Mother Mary of the Cross MacKillop and co-founder of the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart, Fr Julian Tenison Woods.

The idea for the MacKillop-Woods Way originated in 2010



David Schütz and Sean Deany stop for a breather and a 'selfie' close to Eden. Picture: Supplied.

when Mr Deany approached the Mary MacKillop Centre in Penola with the idea for an affordable pilgrimage option indigenous to Australia.

It has been endorsed by the centre in Penola and the congregational leadership team of the Sisters of St Joseph, and has the blessing of Archbishop Christopher Prowse, Melbourne Archbishop Denis Hart and Sale Bishop Patrick O'Regan.

By 2015, Mr Schütz and Mr Deany had already walked the most established part of the Way from Portland to Penola – a section officially known as "The Aussie Camino" – on a number of occasions.

Mr Deany had also cycled the section from Port Augusta to Penola via Adelaide. So in 2016 they turned their attention to the stretch between Melbourne and Sydney.

The Melbourne to Sydney leg has been organised over four sections with the crew intending to walk two weeks every year in the Easter holidays over four years from 2016 to 2019.

Starting off after Easter last year on the 150th anniversary of the foundation of Josephites, Mr Schütz, Mr Deany and a third pilgrim, Josh Martin, set out from St Mary MacKillop's birthplace in Fitzroy, Melbourne, making their way 340km across Victoria through Gippsland to Bairnsdale.

The three completed the next 100kms to Orbost last October.

Now, having covered the next leg from Orbost to Eden, Mr Schütz, Mr Deany and Mr Martin plan to reunite in Eden next Easter

to continue their pilgrimage as far as Ulladulla.

If all goes to plan, they will finally reach their destination at St Mary's shrine and tomb in North Sydney at Easter 2019.

"The local parishes in Gippsland showed their enthusiasm for the idea of The MacKillop-Woods Way, by offering accommodation on the way, and we have found Bombala and Eden also generous and enthusiastic in their hospitality," Mr Schütz said.

Archdiocesan Vicar General Fr Tony Percy and a number of Eden's Our Lady Star of the Sea parishioners welcomed the pilgrims into town at the end of their recent journey with Mass and morning tea.



MacKillop-Woods Way 2016-2019 Pilgrimage Chronology

2016 – Fitzroy to Bairnsdale (28 March to 9 April, 2016)

2016 – Bairnsdale to Orbost (30 September to 5 October, 2016)

2017 – Orbost to Eden (17 to 27 April, 2017)

2018 – Eden to Ulladulla (16 to 28 April, 2018)

2019 – Ulladulla to Sydney arriving at St Mary of the Cross MacKillop shrine and tomb (During Tasmanian Easter School Holidays).

The group averaged 27.5km a day and were feeling the affects of a fortnight on the road in some of Australia's most rugged terrain.

Mr Schütz says he would welcome contact from anyone who would like to learn more about the route they took, the accommodation and other logistics.

Mr Schütz works for the Ecumenical and Interfaith Commission of the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne.

To follow his blog with a day to day account of his pilgrimages go to <http://sccccllesia.com/MWW-Pilgrimage>.



David Schütz and Sean Deany with Fr Tony Percy VG and some Eden parishioners. Picture: Supplied

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Charismatic Church seeks refreshment in Rome

BY FIONA VAN DER PLAAT

HAVING grown organically out of a “baptism in the Spirit” experienced 50 years ago by Duquesne University students in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, the Catholic Charismatic Renewal (CCR) could not be defined as a unified entity.

But the spirit of unity evident among the pilgrims from the Archdiocese who headed to Rome for the golden jubilee of the CCR highlights tight bonds.

Several locals, along with Archbishop Christopher Prowse, were among about 300 Australians who responded to an invitation from Pope Francis to gather with thousands from around the world to celebrate the 50th anniversary.

The week of events featured an international conference for the Catholic fraternity, a worldwide charismatic gathering, a Pentecost Vigil and Mass with the Pope, and an Australian gathering.

Some of the Archdiocese’s representatives also joined Fr Ken Barker MGL at a retreat in Assisi before going to Rome, and on a



“Footsteps of St Paul” excursion in Greece and Turkey afterwards.

As he prepared for the trip, Fr Barker said he expected the event to be “an eye-opener”.

“[The CCR] is such a diverse thing and seeing us all come together ... you realise what God has done for us in the years since the Second Vatican Council.”

Archbishop Prowse blessed a group of local pilgrims before they left, saying it was a privilege to accept the Pope’s invitation.

“All of us have a story about the Holy Spirit’s action in our lives,” he

said. “Particularly in this Archdiocese, the fruits of the charismatic church are well known.”

He hoped he and his fellow pilgrims would “come back re-energised” for their mission in the Church. Among the youngest of the travellers was 14-year-old Katie Kirk, who went with her mother and father, Lara and Tim, and her brother Aodhan, 18.

A year 9 student at St Francis Xavier College, Katie was keen to see “Papa Francesco” and to mix with people from charismatic communities outside her own Disciples

of Jesus.

Aodhan, who is spending his gap year working on the family farm before taking up a mission in Uganda and Tanzania, said charismatic renewal was “a big part of my identity as a Catholic”.

He hoped the pilgrimage would “be a real refresher”.

Among the other locals were Brenda Hay, who was thrilled at the thought of witnessing “our similarity with so many people we don’t even know”, and Judy Mullins, who saw it as a chance “to broaden our perspective on Church life”.

Both women have been part of the movement for 30 to 40 years, as has Carmel Henry, who expected the praise of the Holy Spirit in Rome to be even “mightier than some of the mighty” gatherings she had experienced so far.

Salomon Aviles and his son Julio, who have been part of the movement for 25 years, were inspired to make the trip by their friend Fr Barker.

“We felt in our hearts we had to go,” Salomon said.

NEWS IN BRIEF

FATIMA CENTENARY

THREE full coaches from Canberra and one mini bus from Moruya carried parishioners from across the Archdiocese to Penrose Park on May 13 to mark the centenary of Our Lady appearing at Fatima. About 2500 pilgrims attended the celebrations which featured outdoor Mass, a Eucharistic Procession, Benediction and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Batemans Bay Parish Priest Fr John Armstrong concelebrated with Bishop Columba MacBeth-Green, while Canberra Syro Malabar Chaplain Matthew Kunnapallil attended with more than 100 of his parishioners.

STRONG IRISH ROOTS

CROOKWELL’s strong Irish and Catholic roots were celebrated as the town hosted its annual Potato Festival. Held over two days, the festival featured cooking demonstrations and competitions, discussions on growing the different varieties of potatoes and live music. Performing at the 2017 Crookwell Potato Festival were Noel Bridge, Liverpool Brass Band, String Line, Honey Sippers and Andrew Drummond.

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ACT LIBERAL SENATOR ZED SESELJA has promised to push for the best outcome for ACT Catholic schools.

Education Minister Simon Birmingham had made it clear the Government was committing an additional \$18.6 billion for all schools starting from 2018, he said.

Funding would grow from \$17.5 billion in 2017 to \$30.6 billion in 2027.

This includes \$2.2 billion in new funding over the first four years following an additional

\$1.2 billion in last year's budget.

Senator Seselja said the overall goal was to move to a system where all schools and states have an equal Commonwealth share of the schooling resource standard over the course of a decade.

"For Catholic schools, Mr Birmingham has indicated that across Australia the Catholic school system will see per student growth of around 3.7 per cent over the next four years and 3.5 per cent over the decade," he said.

"PARENTS WILL NOT WELCOME THE FEE RISES NECESSARY TO COVER THE FUNDING CUTS"

ROSS FOX



THE FUNDING



PARENT AND PENSIONER MARK BROOKHOUSE says the new funding proposals "make you feel left high and dry".

His son Connor, 14, who has been struck with *Friedrich's ataxia* an inherited disease that causes progressive damage to the nervous system, has enjoyed 10 years of Catholic education, first at St John Vianney's and now at St Mary MacKillop College.

Mr Brookhouse, 50, says due to chronic medical issues he went on a self-funded

pension two years ago after 26 years in the public service

He says he will struggle to pay any increase to fees due to his modest income.

"The extra money is going to have to come from somewhere and sadly it is impacting the most vulnerable in our society," he said.

"I am a pensioner which makes it very hard."

Mr Brookhouse praised the college and principal Michael Lee, who he says has looked after his family over the years.

"All of this makes you feel left high and dry and it seems that the Government just doesn't care," he said.

"I pay my taxes like everyone else, but funnily enough they aren't going to where my son goes to school."



THE NATIONAL CATHOLIC EDUCATION COMMISSION is seeking urgent discussions with the Government to find out how the new funding model will affect individual schools.

It is also seeking assurances that the new funding arrangements will not adversely affect students and their families as well as teachers and staff.

The commission believes many questions have been left unanswered, including what happens to students with disability funding and indexation after 2020.

"The Federal Government must reveal the basis for its funding calculations or its new plan will have no credibility," Acting Executive Director Danielle Cronin said.

"The Government has claimed Catholic schools will be better off under its new proposal, [but it] has refused to provide sufficient detail to our sector to enable us to understand and test the actual impact of the Government's proposal on school funding allocations for next year.

"At face value, it appears Catholic schools could be worse off on both counts over the next 10 years."

ARCHDIOCESAN DIRECTOR OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION ROSS FOX says Catholic schools across the ACT are already reporting significant parent concern and fewer inquiries in the traditional enrolment period.

Proposed funding cuts “have caused concern amongst principals that parents are choosing government schools instead of Catholic schools for their children next year on the basis of increasing fees and affordability issues”.

He called on Education and Training Minister Simon Birmingham to urgently address the funding cuts to ensure parents are not forced out of non-government schools by increasing fees and reduced funding.

With family budgets under pressure, parents had said that they were already struggling to pay schools fees.

“Parents will not welcome the fee rises necessary to cover the funding cuts,” he said.

“These funding cuts ignore the fact that, if the same parents enrol in a government school, government funding will be significantly higher and fees lower.”

He is encouraging parents in Catholic schools to consider the impact on their school and to contact their political leaders and demand to know why their children deserve to have government support cut over the next 10 years.

ARCHBISHOP CHRISTOPHER PROWSE said Catholic schools were not looking for any special deals in the funding proposals.

In a pastoral letter, he said, “As your Archbishop, I am particularly concerned that the proposed model will unfairly cut very significant funding to our schools but especially to our ACT schools.

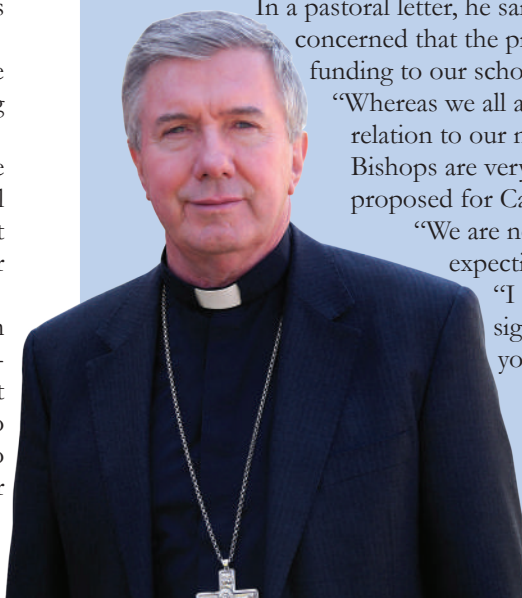
“Whereas we all agree that responsible stewardship is needed in relation to our nation’s resources for education, the Catholic Bishops are very concerned about the new funding model proposed for Catholic schools.

“We are not looking for any special deals. But we are expecting new arrangements to be fair and reasonable.

“I urge you to become more informed on this most significant issue and register your concerns with your elected politicians.”

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JULIE WILEY, PRINCIPAL OF ST THOMAS MORE PRIMARY CAMPBELL, believes “many of our parents couldn’t afford a fee increase”.

“They choose to send their children to St Thomas More’s because they value a Catholic education,” she said.

“They know there’s a financial commitment in doing so, and many of our parents pay school fees before anything else.

“They don’t have the disposable income the Minister seems to think they do.”

Ms Wiley said in the funding model, St Thomas More’s is compared to the Shore School in North Sydney.

“We should be compared to the school across the oval – Campbell Primary,” she said.

“We do not have the facilities that Shore do and our parents’ capacity to pay exorbitant school fees is also very different.



PRINCIPAL MICHAEL LEE says funding cuts at St Mary MacKillop College of \$777 a student after 10 years are a disgrace.

He was outspoken at a public meeting at St Clare’s College saying that the Gonski 2.0 model was not “fair for all”.

Under this model, base funding of all students at MacKillop has been frozen for 10 years and then will be cut, including for students with disabilities.

“This was confirmed to me over the phone by Minister Birmingham’s office,” he said.

“After 10 years, MacKillop’s funding will be cut by \$777 per student, a net loss of \$4.6 million.

“This is a disgrace and is not fair.

“Over the same period, Canberra Girls Grammar will receive additional funding of \$8.8 million.

“I do not begrudge CGGS getting this money, but it does not put any fairness test in my mind and does make

one question the Prime Minister’s claim that the Gonski 2.0 model is ‘fair for all’.”

Mr Lee said everything would be done to avoid sudden and sharp fee hikes to current and future families and that the quality of the educational experience of MacKillop would not be compromised.

“The college will run class sizes in keeping with guidelines of the Enterprise Agreement. Class sizes alter during term time as the college enrolment does change, but the EA size is usually closely adhered to.

“Clearly the Gonski 2.0 funding model is unravelling as the government’s figures change and are challenged.

“Let’s work with what we’ve got in a calm, mature manner, and work towards better and fairer times for Catholic education in Canberra.”

ST FRANCIS XAVIER COLLEGE FLOREY PRINCIPAL ANGUS TULLEY says the work of leading a school is complex enough without further stress regarding funding.

Mr Tulley, who is president of the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn Principals’ Association encompassing 56 schools, believes the situation is “dire”.

Mr Tulley said the Australian Catholic Primary Principals Association, the Catholic Secondary Principals Association and the Catholic Schools Parents

Australia, have written to the Minister to express “serious concern that aspects of the recently announced funding package will undermine the Catholic sector’s ability to offer affordable and accessible Catholic education”.

He says those involved with Catholic education must plan for one of two scenarios: The first is that the changes are stopped and there is further consultation before changes are made to funding policy.

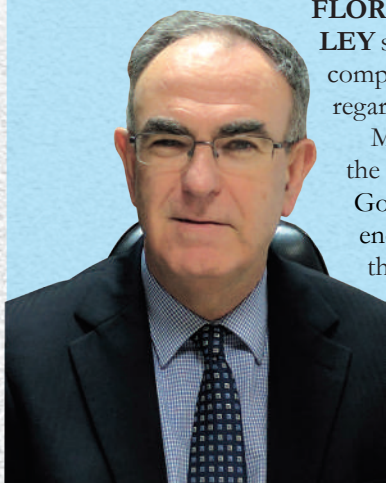
The second is that the changes go ahead and Commonwealth funding for Catholic schools in the ACT drops from \$109 million today to as little as \$101 million in 2027.

“During this time school costs are expected to rise by \$50 million,” he said.

“ACT Government schools can expect an increase of funding between 75 per cent and 145 per cent over the next 10 years.

“On the other hand, funding for ACT Catholic schools has not just been frozen; it will be cut.”

Mr Tulley said Catholic schools offered a low-fee inclusive education. Catholic school students saved the Government money as they received less Federal and State/Territory money. ACT Catholic schools received the lowest State/Territory funding in the nation.



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The lessons I learned in my young Catholic years

Brendan Lindsay is a former Youth Ministry director who also had three years studying for the priesthood. He is now studying a Masters of Teaching at Australian Catholic University. At 34, he is facing the reality that he is coming towards the end of his young Catholic years and into the next phase. It is a transitional shift which he is looking forward to. Here he looks back on the main lessons he has learned during his time as a 'young' Catholic.

1. Don't worry about what others say or think

It is easy to find yourself in scenarios with family or friends where they query what you are doing on the weekend or where you are going on holidays. If the answer is attending Mass or going on a youth retreat (and not an actual holiday) then you might be tempted to avoid giving a direct answer for fear of ridicule.

For me this once played out when I was working at a part-time job and I needed to ask for an early finish for one of my shifts because I wanted to go to a 3pm Good Friday service. I was concerned that I would receive ridicule from my boss about me going to church, however to my utter surprise his response was to query what time and where the service was so he too could attend.

What I have found is that most of the time people are actually more curious than critical about activities of the spiritual kind. They may actually be supportive and want to compare notes.

2. Never judge

It can be easy to fall into a trap of becoming sanctimonious, looking at others as less because they don't practice the teachings of the Church.

Such a mindset is easy to acquire but should be quickly abandoned. Nobody knows someone's full story. Being judgemental of another person and their faith journey is never a good option.

I recall a good friend whom I met through voluntary work and I had made the assumption that she was Catholic due to us volunteering for a Catholic organisation. After some weeks of working together I came to realise that she was not Catholic nor was she barely Christian.

My first reaction was to query her motivation for doing voluntary work if it wasn't God calling her to it but I refrained. I came to realise over the coming years that she had a true sense of compassion for those less fortunate than ourselves. It was only after some time that I was able to have the discussion with her about what her motivation was and to gently suggest that she was doing the work of God.

While at first she didn't like this notion, she didn't reject it as she herself couldn't explain her motivation for wanting to help



people. I told her that she was possibly one of the best Catholics I had ever met.

3. Find community

We are made for community and it is only in community that we can fully celebrate the faith that God has given us. But there's a danger of living solely within a Catholic bubble.

Community comes in different shapes and sizes and we're part of multiple communities simultaneously. We have our family communities, school communities, parish communities, work communities, friendship communities.

I never take for granted those times when I meet with old school friends or work mates and can share with them some aspects of the faith.

To expand ourselves and to fly the flag for our faith, we must ensure we are engaged in all levels of community. Yes, there will be times where a certain community is unwelcoming and we can step away as Christ encouraged his disciples to do. But at least we have attempted to be Catholic in

different arenas rather than just our own safe bubbles.

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4. Always seek the pastoral response

An important part of being a young Catholic is understanding how we are called to live as Catholics. This begins with the Gospel.

From the Gospel message flows the teachings of the Catholic Church, which have been developed over centuries. But each

Church teachings.

Usually what the Church offers in the way of support, counselling, prayer and community can be of greater significance than the reminder of doctrine being upheld.

In many cases people have already found themselves in a situation contrary to the teachings of the Church and are looking for how they can still find their place within the Church community.

I remember the first time I was challenged on the teachings of same-sex attraction in a group of young people while on a youth leadership retreat. After everyone had shared their opinions the crowd looked at me knowing that I would be more Catholic in my views.

I told them that we can never fully know why it is that some people have an inclination to people of the same sex. The starting point, however, is that they are unconditionally loved by God and that there is room for them in our Church. Such a response was very well received and appreciated.

5. Hit the big events

One of my favourites. Every young person should attend at least one Australian Catholic Youth Festival, one World Youth Day and one local youth retreat.

The experience of these big events gives such a spiritual boost to any young Catholic that they definitely should not be missed.

I will never forget my first World Youth Day in Cologne, Germany, where on one occasion more than two million young people, and Pope Benedict XVI, gathered in a huge field and prayed in silence before the Blessed Sacrament.

The power of that simple moment cannot be described but always brings me back to the roots of my relationship with Christ which is always strongest in the silence.

For young Catholics, it's these big events that always leave fruitful memories and lead to a renewed sense of mission and purpose.

Stay tuned for the next issue where Brendan will explore the next five lessons that he has learnt during his young Catholic years.

One-stop service opened to help most vulnerable



Goulburn Mulwaree Mayor Bob Kirk, CatholicCare CEO Anne Kirwan, Marymead CEO Camilla Rowland and Archbishop Christopher Prowse at the opening in Goulburn. Picture: Supplied.

TWO Archdiocesan welfare agencies have launched a one-stop shop to provide the best service for vulnerable people in Goulburn and Young.

The side-by-side approach by CatholicCare and Marymead was launched with the official opening of the Goulburn building.

Archbishop Christopher Prowse spoke of how the agencies complemented each other and congratulated them on the outreach. Marymead CEO Camilla Rowland said the new shared space would offer so much more for the community.

"The Goulburn office is effectively a one-stop shop providing wrap around services," she said.

"By teaming up with CatholicCare, we are increasing our capacity

to deliver services, particularly to those with more complex needs."

The needs include foster-care, disability services, family referral, early intervention, counselling and psychological services, pre and post-separation support, domestic family violence support for men and aged care.

CatholicCare CEO Anne Kirwan said the timing of the joint venture encapsulates their strength and commitment to supporting people in the Archdiocese.

"The vision of CatholicCare and Marymead has always been to be there for our most vulnerable in the community," she said.

"The fact that Marymead is celebrating 50 years of service this year and we are celebrating 60 years is a true testament of our

relationship with the community and their trust in us to be there for them."

By sharing Central Business District shopfronts in Verner Street, Goulburn, and Lovell Street, Young, both organisations are confident that the united effort will make each more prominent in the community.

In a further boost, the St Vincent de Paul Society has moved next door to CatholicCare and Marymead in Young.

The new premises were opened by CEO Barnie van Wyk last month. On June 21, Marymead will celebrate its 50th anniversary Mass and lunch. CatholicCare underwent a brand change earlier this year and are celebrating 60 years in operation.

Stronger lay presence urged for Church

CALLS for changes to the way the Church is governed were made at a gathering called by a recently formed group Concerned Catholics of Canberra-Goulburn Archdiocese.

About 200 people at the Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture in Barton heard addresses by former NSW Premier Kristina Keneally, Truth Justice and Healing Council Chief Executive Francis Sullivan and convenor of the Australian Catholic Coalition for Church Renewal, Marilyn Hatton.

The speakers called for changes to the way in which the Church is governed, flagging that there should be a stronger presence of the laity, notably more women in decision making.

Mr Sullivan received many commendations for his work at the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse.

He spoke of his experiences in dealing with harrowing accounts over four years at the commission, slamming an unhealthy approach of clergy "cover-ups" and proposing change in Church governance.

"We [the laity] have been far too passive and accepting," he said.

"We placed clerics on pedestals and were happy to leave them there."

Mrs Hatton also called for greater participation of the laity, particularly the inclusion of more women in the structure of the Church.

She spoke of those in the Church being prepared to "leave comfort zones", the need to "work together" and to concentrate on having "effective practices of faith".

Ms Keneally, a self-proclaimed feminist, attended the 1991 World Youth Day in Poland where she met husband Ben.

She was also the NSW Government's Spokesperson for World Youth Day 2008 in Sydney.

She expressed concern that the Church had become irrelevant to many young people and felt the gifts of each member of the laity could be better used in the parishes.

"We are the Easter people," she said.

Other speakers included Australian Family Association Canberra President Paul Monagle and Judy Bowe, of the Missionaries of God's Love.

Mr Monagle spoke about the spiritual battle for Christians in a largely secular society.

Judy Bowe spoke positively about celibacy in religious vocations.

She said there was a great richness in celibacy and it was premature to assume that removing the vow for priests and religious should be seen as a solution.

Archbishop Christopher Prowse and Bishop Pat Power attended the meeting along with priests from the Archdiocese.

Meeting chair Prof John Warhurst, Emeritus Professor of Political Science at Australian National University, thanked Archbishop Prowse for attending and listening to the group's concerns.

Jack's work not taken for granted

THE Archdiocese's oldest serving acolyte Grenfell's Jack Grant has received a papal blessing for his dedicated service.

St Joseph's parish pastoral council applied to the Apostolic Nuncio to request one from Pope Francis.

Parish priest Fr Tom Thornton made the presentation and thanked Mr Grant, who turned 97 on March 31, for his outstanding contribution over many years.

The Grants moved from Moyne Farm at Waraderry to Grenfell in 1994.

Following Mass, parishioners and Mr Grant's family enjoyed morning tea in the parish school library.

Parish pastoral council president Liz Carroll congratulated Mr Grant and thanked those who had helped to acquire it.

Long-time friend Terry Carroll also spoke of Mr Grant's efforts.

Mr Grant and wife Meg were delighted to have their daughter Felicity Suckling (Wagga Wagga), son James (South Australia), son-in-law Giles McDonald (Canberra) and granddaughter Emily and her daughter Willow (Queensland) attend.

Apologies were received from Mr and Mrs Grant's



daughters Patricia (New Zealand) and Carmel (Wagga Wagga) and son Fr Paul (USA), as well as son John and his wife Sharon.

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by the Canberra Taizé group, comprised of members of the Uniting Church, Catholic, Anglican and other Christian churches – everyone is welcome.

June 4 (12pm to 8.30pm): Youth Academy SPIRIT Retreat at St Benedict's Narrabundah.

June 4: Celebrate Pentecost and 50 years of Catholic Charismatic Renewal at St Benedicts, Narrabundah ACT. Pentecost rally at 3pm with praise and worship, testimonies and prayer ministry. Dinner break at 5pm followed

by Charismatic Mass at 7pm and prayer for baptism in the Holy Spirit. Organised by CCR Canberra Goulburn, Disciples of Jesus and St Benedict's Mission Centre. For more information contact Fr David Lemewu MGL 0435 484 608 or Neda (CCR) 0415 266 019.

June 10 (10am): Canberra Regional AMICUS (Latin for friend) Group formed in 1992 by Msgr John Woods and Fr Mick MacAndrew for separated, divorced and widowed Catholics, will meet for brunch in the National Arboretum conservatory restaurant at a

table booked in the name of AMICUS. Contact Patricia on 0412 351 548.

Regular Events & Groups

CANBERRA TAIZE GROUP: Meets for prayer every second Sunday of the month at Weston Creek Uniting church at 6.30pm.

CATENIANS in CANBERRA: Held at the Southern Cross Club Canberra, the Catenians meet on the third Thursday of the month at 6.45pm for the 7.15pm meeting which is followed by dinner at 8pm.

COMMUNITY OF THE RISEN LORD CANBERRA: Meets at 7.30pm each Friday evening in St Brigid's Church parish hall (2 Bancroft St Dickson) for charismatic praise and worship with an anointed sharing of the word. Contact Shan on 0412 310 364 or Sean 0448 510 237.

GOOD SHEPHERD PRAYER GROUP: Meets each Wednesday from 7pm to 9pm in the parish room at St Peter Chanel's Church Yarralumla. Rosary, charismatic praise and worship, teachings, testimonies, prayer ministry, intercession and fellowship. Contacts Susanna on 0419 902 293, Neda on 0415 266 019 and Gabriel on 0432 082 642.

HOLY SPIRIT SECULAR FRANCISCAN FRATERNITY: Meet on the third Friday of the month at 7:45, St Augustine Church, 262 Beasley St Farrer. Secular Franciscans try to follow Christ in the footsteps of St Francis of Assisi. Call Tony on 0407 072 139 or Hélène on 0420 533 264. Email: sfo@fastmail.fm

LEGION OF MARY: Meets on the third Sunday of each month at St Joseph Church, O'Connor at 2pm.

MAN OVERBOARD: Man Overboard is a monthly gathering of young men discerning priesthood. It is a time to gather, reflect, and commune in order to feel supported during a time of such importance. Each gathering will be held on the first Friday of every month

(public holidays excepted). Please RSVP to Rachel (Rachel.Romney-Brown@cg.org.au) for catering purposes or follow the prompts at <http://www.manoverboard.org.au/>

menALIVE: Encouraging authentic Christian manhood, the Canberra chapter of 'Men Alive' meet on the first Monday of each month at St Christopher's Cathedral for Mass at 5pm. Mass is then followed by drinks at 'Public Bar' in Manuka.

MINISTRY TO THE NEWLY MARRIED: A mentoring program for newly married couples or engaged couples soon-to-be married. Contact Debbie and Brian on (02) 6231 3389 or 0414 878 167. Email: mmm@grapevine.com.au

SERRA CLUB OF CANBERRA: Supporting and praying for religious vocations in the Archdiocese, the Canberra Serra Club meet on the second Thursday of each month. Rosary (6.10pm) and Mass (6.30pm) are at Holy Trinity Curtin and is followed by dinner at the Southern Cross Club Canberra. All welcome. Contact John Malycha on (02) 6251 2912.

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JUNE 4

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Pentecost Sunday at Holy Spirit Parish

HOLY Spirit Church Gungahlin is abuzz with the preparation for June 4 - Pentecost Sunday, the parish feast day. The day will start with morning tea for the early comers after the 8am Mass and will ramp up after the 9.30am Mass.

As people leave the Church they will be enticed by the smell of bacon sizzling on the barbeque to go with an egg and fresh bread roll to make the perfect Sunday breakfast. In the parish centre a Devonshire tea will be available - tea, freshly brewed coffee, scones, jam and cream.

There will be food stalls with food from different countries, a cake stall with a prize for the best cake.

Judging will be by the Parish Priest, Fr Mark Croker who has an eye for a good cake, biscuits and slices.

Face painting, a fashion parade by the students from Mother Teresa School will make the morning entertaining. It is a wonderful way for parishioners to get together, to welcome newcomers to the parish and to show hospitality to one and all.

The Pentecost Sunday celebration will be in the hands of Sean Ryan, convenor of the fundraising and social committee who will be supported by a keen group of parishioners.



Holy Spirit Gungahlin Parish



HOLY Spirit Parish Gungahlin is perhaps the most multicultural parish in the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn with weekend Masses looking and sounding like a true league of nations, united by their Catholic faith and love of God.

There are folk from countries all over the world who call Holy Spirit parish their spiritual home, including those from the Philippines, Vietnam, India, Sri Lanka, South Africa, Nigeria, Indonesia, Papua New Guinea, USA, China, Malaysia, Britain, Italy, Greece, Slovenia, Poland,

Germany, South America.

"We suspect many others from different countries also now call Australia home and Holy Spirit Parish their local church, pastoral associate Maureen Hilton said.

"We may even have descendants from the first fleet, and we also have those who can proudly call themselves first Australians who are truly part of the longest established race on earth - our indigenous brothers and sisters.

"If I've missed anyone here please let the parish office know."

Holy Spirit Multicultural Event: Unity through the Spirit

FOR the past couple of years in March the parish has celebrated its multicultural identity with Mass followed by a feast of different cuisines from the many nations represented in the parish and entertainment representing the cultural origins of parishioners.

The event builds faith by recognising and drawing strength from the diversity of the parish and from the Holy Spirit.

It promotes fellowship where everyone can join in celebrating the culture, food and entertainment from all corners of our world.

It was a truly inspiring evening for the Church. Holy Spirit's Multicultural Feast generated faith renewal and a deep acceptance of our cultural diversity united in Christ.

The multicultural Mass celebrated by six priests from India, Korea, Vietnam, Philippines, Nigeria and Australia and the involvement of about 30 children preparing for Confirmation and their families, set a wonderful tone for the evening.

Afterwards, the congregation gathered to 'break bread' through 14 ethnic cuisines, just like Christ did before

his crucifixion and after his resurrection. While enjoying Sri Lankan curries, Polish delicacies, African casseroles, Indian dishes and other culinary delights, the parish enjoyed 15 acts from the Parish schools and seven ethnic groups.

The event showed the deepness of our faith and the sense of community we have generated in the Parish.

The event serves as a beacon for future multicultural events and its success is due to Fr Praveen, who co-ordinated the event and the team of helpers who ensured the success of the evening.



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JUNE 11

TRINITY SUNDAY

Trinity's High School Musical

SETTLING back into the books can't be easy for Trinity Catholic College Goulburn Year 12 student Ethan Betts, who appeared as the male lead Troy Bolton in the college's recent rendition of the popular Disney film, *High School Musical*.

Stepping into those white basketball sneakers wasn't a stretch for seasoned actor Betts, who has a number of performances from the Lieder Theatre under his belt.

Female lead, Rowena Russell, played Ethan's on-stage flame, Gabriella Montez, at East High School. For Ms Russell, singing is second nature to her as she sees a lot of herself in her character. She is not shy when it comes to performing in front of large crowds and she relished the opportunity to be involved.

Both Troy and Gabriella audition for the school's musical when Sharpay Evans, the high school diva, tries almost anything to interfere with their friendship and to snag a spot in the musical with the help of her brother Ryan Evans.

Despite the tension at their school, Bolton and Montez push



through and inspire others to not "stick to the status quo."

"It expresses a great message about the struggles of being in high school and what is expected of you," said Trinity Catholic College senior student Jesse Price.

"Everyone is involved in so much, and this is a musical about encouraging people to step out of their groups and really explore what else they are good at in life."

Trinity Media Marketing Manager, Bianca Simpson said the Disney's *High School Musical* was a great choice for Trinity

to showcase their many talents of musicians, performers and athletes.

"The four performances, and one open rehearsal for the local feeder schools and aged care facilities, wouldn't have been possible without the time or care of our volunteers."

"Forming a unique force of volunteers were the schools teachers, students, alumni, administrators, maintenance crew, parents and grandparents who all worked together to create a wonderful show."

"Together they have painted, sewed, hammered, glued,

paper-mache'd, hair-sprayed, danced, applied make up, dressed, managed backstage, directed, supervised, photographed, ushered, fed, created melodic music and much more.

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FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI

JUNE 18



LITURGY MATTERS
BY JENNY ANDERSON

Presence Of Jesus Christ In The Sacrament Of The Eucharist: Basic Questions And Answers, the United States Bishops Conference have an explanation drawing from Scripture and Church teaching that is very helpful in describing this mystery of our faith. I encourage you to spend some time reading it and other sources to find out more.

The Sunday Liturgy for the Feast of Corpus Christi challenges us to participate in the life of Jesus. The Gospel reminds us that Jesus is "the living bread that came down from heaven". We are invited to receive Jesus' Body and Blood so that we can "remain in him", to share in Holy Communion, to take up our part as baptised Christians - the Body of Christ. Then to be changed and transformed so that we can take our place in the world.

Over the years, one of the ways that people have continued the celebration of this feast is through Eucharistic Processions. These processions take Eucharistic Adoration out into the streets, processing into the community. These processions need to be prepared with care to ensure that due reverence is shown.

The celebration of Corpus Christi, like all of our Eucharistic celebrations, reminds us that the Eucharist is not just for us, it is not an individual event. We share in the Body and Blood of Christ in our community.

Gathering together, hearing the Word, giving thanks for God's saving love, receiving Jesus through Holy Communion, becoming one Body in Christ, the People of God are sent forth to bring Jesus to the world.

IMMEDIATELY following the Easter Season, we have what has been described as a feast of Feasts. This year, we begin with Pentecost on June 4, we celebrate Trinity Sunday on June 11, and then celebrate the Feast of Corpus Christi - the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ on June 18.

Pentecost is celebrated 50 days after Easter and focuses on the gift of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the Church. Trinity Sunday focuses on the relationship of the Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

The Feast of Corpus Christi focuses us on the gift of Jesus' presence in the Eucharist. While Holy Thursday provides a focus on the Eucharist and its beginnings in the Last Supper, its timing in Holy Week does not allow for joyful celebration, so the Feast of Corpus Christi was instituted in the 14th century to offer us a time to focus on the gift of the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist with rejoicing.

The real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist is something that people have struggled with since the days of the disciples. It is something that we cannot easily put in to words. In an article on their website called The Real



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FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS: JUNE 23

Sacred Heart Parish Temora welcomes back Fr Phil Harding for his 80th birthday

What better way for former Temora parish priest Fr Phil Harding to celebrate his 80th birthday than to return to the Riverina town for Mass and lunch with parishioners.

Fr Harding concelebrated Mass with Emeritus Archbishop Francis Carroll.

It is a little over three years since Fr Harding moved into residential care at Mercy Place, Young.

Re-visiting his old stomping ground enabled him to catch up with many parish friends who gave him a wonderful welcome.

The Sacred Heart Parish of Temora will celebrate their patron feast on June 23 with 6pm Mass in Sacred Heart Church followed by a casserole dinner in St. Joseph's Hall.



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Pictured with Fr Phil Harding (middle) is Emeritus Archbishop Francis Carroll (left) and Temora parishioner and acolyte Matt New. (right) Picture: Supplied.

Cootamundra's Sacred Heart Central School students 'made for more'

STUDENTS from Cootamundra's Sacred Heart Central School were told they are "made for more" following a retreat at Talbingo last month. An Archdiocesan team comprised of Youth Ministers, students from the St Clare's Youth Ministry Team, teachers, Catholic Education staff and two priests helped facilitate the retreat which focused on empowering young people to realise they are made for an extraordinary life. 'We can do all things through Christ who strengthens me' (Phil 4:6) was theme. The young people responded positively, with one student saying that the retreat help them understand "that God is relevant and actually with me forever". Another said that they came to realise "we are made for more and that God loves us".



Students listening to CSYMA's Jarryd Atkinson at Sacred Heart Central School's 'Made for More' retreat. Picture: Supplied.

Teens and sexuality



WHAT can we learn from the Church about relationships and sexuality? How are Church teachings on being human relevant in helping us be our bestselves in relationships?

These questions were addressed, examined and discussed by Year 12 students from Florey's St Francis Xavier (SFX) College in a seminar about human sexuality and the ethics of the body.

Coordinated by the Archbishop's Office for Evangelisation, the seminar was one of a number of pilot projects around the Archdiocese. They are aimed to support teachers in providing students with input and reflection opportunities regarding sexuality, relationships and decision making.

The project trialled at SFX was conceived by the college's religious education co-ordinator Anne Armstrong, coordinated by Lara Kirk, of the Archbishop's Office for Evangelisation, and staffed by members of the local believing community.

It involved four guest speakers and 20 volunteer group leaders recruited from the Archdiocese, mostly religious or young adults with youth ministry experience.

Students listened to the experiences of Kate Freeman and gained insight from Mgr John Woods about the Christian perspective on human sexuality.

After a short pizza break, the girls attended a talk by Anna Johnstone.

Ms Johnstone discussed how important it is to understand and value your body in a relationship.

"I think it was relevant and interesting as Anna raised topics that girls don't necessarily know a lot about, so it was really great to listen and ask questions," youth ministry worker Zoe Swan said.

The boys participated in a seminar by Steve Proud where he talked about the importance of being confident in faith and personal abilities.

"I think Steve was able to resonate with the boys through his personal testimony, along with his strong talk about how men shield themselves from certain topics in modern society," student Lachlan Bull said.

"I think his talk was inspiring and was easy to relate parts to my own life."

Small group discussions, facilitated by student leaders and members of the Catholic community, encouraged exploration of the themes.

A highlight of the afternoon was the Q and A panel with the invited guests which gave students the opportunity to have their questions answered directly, while generating much discussion. Overall, the seminar helped students develop a personal insight and appreciation for their own creation and at the same time gave them the chance to hear Church teaching on relevant and tough topics.



Mgr John Woods gives a talk at SFX College's seminar for Year 12 students. Picture: Jazz Chalouhi.

Talbingo celebrates 50 ecumenical years

TALBINGO in the Snowy Mountains near Tumut, has been promoting ecumenism for the past 50 years.

So much so, that the different Christian congregations came together to celebrate the golden jubilee of their interdenominational church, the first of its kind in Australia, opened at a cost of \$86,000.

Representatives from the Roman Catholic, Anglican and Presbyterian Churches opened and dedicated the church in 1967.

During the service the then commissioner of the Snowy Mountains Authority, Sir William Hudson, read the petition and placed the keys, petition and deeds on the altar for dedication by dignitaries of all three churches.

With windows front and back, it was designed by Fowell, Mansfield, Jarvis and MacLuran, chartered architects from North Sydney. The same firm designed several churches including the current St Augustine's Catholic Church in Yass.

The church holds a register of all baptisms, weddings and funerals conducted over the 50 years.

Continuing in the multicultural theme of the Snowy scheme, the current priests are Fr Sijo Jose from India and Fr Luke Verrell who celebrate Mass on the second and fourth Sundays. A Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion is conducted by Bruce Tuncks on the first and third Sundays. Other denominations still use the church.

Key dates in the history of St Paul's:

- 1967 – Australia's first Christian Interdenominational Church dedicated as St Paul's.
- 1970 - Princess Anne visited the Talbingo Church on a royal tour.
- 1991- The Church organisers became incorporated. Maintenance and costs are shared between the Churches, with much of the money generated by the local community.





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Youth Ministry Leaders



Huw Warmenhoven

(Youth Ministers' Coordinator)

Huw is excited about the new Archdiocesan Youth Ministry and is encouraged seeing it unfold in this the first Year of Youth (Formation). After having worked in youth ministry for the past five years with Catholic Schools Youth Ministry Australia (CSYMA) and more recently, the ACU La Salle Academy, he will be focusing on sharing his passion by inviting young people into the life and mission of the Church throughout the Archdiocese. Finishing off his law degree at university and trying his hand as an artist keeps him busy in his time outside of youth ministry.



Jordan Hodge

(St Gregory's, Queanbeyan and St Edmund's College)

Jordan has been exploring his faith since he was in Year 11 when he fell in love with youth ministry. Over the past few years he has entered the search for a deeper relationship with God. After being a Youth Minister in Port Macquarie, he's been involved with various other Youth Ministries. Last year he became a Youth Minister at St Gregory's Parish, Queanbeyan. This year he has remained as the Youth Minister for St Gregory's and has added St Edmunds College to his care. He is seeking to further strengthen the connection between school and parish and continue to support the growth of youth ministry across both communities.



Sarah Pearson

(St Gregory's, Queanbeyan and St Clare's College)

Sarah is connecting strongly with the youth and believes that youth ministry is about building relationships and engaging young people with their faith. Sarah's focus between St Gregory's and St Clare's is to share her faith and invite all young people to an encounter. Sarah is also at university studying a Bachelor of Education.



Jazz Chalouhi

(Holy Spirit, Gungahlin and St Augustine's, Yass)

Jazz has a big heart for youth ministry, seeking to passionately share her faith with all those she meets. After having served with NET ministries and working in youth ministry at St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Parramatta, Jazz moved to Canberra earlier this year to support the vibrant Yass Youth Ministry and to help develop the new youth ministry vision in Gungahlin. She has a passion for photography, media and Coca Cola!



Katie Golding

(Belconnen parishes and St Francis Xavier College, Florey)

Katie has a focus this year on developing connections between St Francis Xavier College and the Belconnen parishes including supporting youth ministry initiatives in the school, leading school based retreats and continuing to build the newly formed Agape youth group. Her focus is to draw youth and young adults from across the Belconnen region together and into the mission of the Church. In her spare time she is an athlete specialising in middle-distance track events.

Coming here a joyful time says new seminarian

ORIGINALLY from India, Lourdbu Raju Upputholla is a new seminarian for the Archdiocese. He is the middle child of three to parents Prakash Rao and Santhamma who are involved in agricultural business in the state of Andhra Pradesh. He enjoys reading, cooking, fishing, cycling and walking. Lourdbu has always yearned to be a priest. Here he shares some of his spiritual journey thus far.

As a growing child with a happy upbringing I sensed a deep desire for priesthood from my primary school years onwards.

An inspiration to this desire was the faith and daily prayers of my family and the witness of many religious and priests from our village, especially the example of the Sisters of St Charles Borromeo, whom I completed my studies with up until the tenth grade.

As my studies forged ahead, my desire for discerning the priesthood became even stronger.

I got great support from my local parish priest and the school nuns when I told them that I wanted to study for the priesthood. They guided me in a spiritual way and encouraged me with their prayerful support.

My training for the priesthood began in India with a religious congregation the Priests of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, who had previously come to our school to promote vocations.

It was with the Priests of the Sacred Heart of Jesus that I completed my minor seminary and philosophy both in the state of Andhra Pradesh and also Kerala.

As I continued to discern my future with them, it became apparent to me that, being a religious order, their community's apostolate was less parish based and that I felt more called to serve and work in parishes.

With spiritual direction and with the grace of

God I decided that I would like to join a diocese to continue my studies for the priesthood.

I remain thankful to my formators and superiors who supported me and further recommended me to join a diocese.

While waiting to join a diocese I gained employment as a teacher and remained in contact with my local diocesan vocations director.

He had informed me that the local seminary had an excessive number of students and assured that he would let me know in time if an opening came up.

During this time of waiting and hoping I was introduced to Archbishop Christopher Prowse by a friend of mine. At the time Archbishop Prowse was about to visit the Divine Retreat Centre in India where he was to preach to the youth.

I met the Archbishop in Kerala and kept in contact with him as I was keen to join the Archdiocese. After a period of observation and discernment, he accepted me to study.

I feel that it is a great gift from God that he has enabled me to continue my studies here in Australia and I would very much like to thank Archbishop Prowse for his gracious understanding, support and acceptance.

I would also like to thank Fr James Antony and the parish of St Joseph, Merimbula, who welcomed me when I first came to Australia late last year, and for all their good wishes with my seminary formation.

Coming to Australia has been a joyful learning experience, one that I am cherishing, and I look forward to continuing to learn about this wonderful country and its people especially in the Archdiocese.



My future aims are:

- I want to continue developing my awareness with people for a good integration.
- I wish to learn more about the Australian culture for my cross-cultural differences.
- I want to gain further knowledge in my studies.
- I want to learn the professional standards while they are offered in seminary and the Archdiocese.
- I want to learn more about the Archdiocese.
- I want to make good relationships with fellow seminarians and priests in the Archdiocese.
- Eventually I want to be a pastor who is available to meet the spiritual needs of people.
- I want to be as creative as I can in my future placements.
- I wish to show God to people as a loving father with my witness of faith and living.

I ask you to please continue to pray for me.

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Zoe Swan

(Belconnen parishes and St Francis Xavier College, Florey)

Zoe is supporting youth ministry in the Belconnen region and at St Francis Xavier College Florey. She is reaching out to young people who want to explore the faith and is nurturing young people to share their faith with others in the school. She is also helping them to live out their faith in the broader Church. Zoe is involved in the Canberra theatre scene, performing, directing and even sometimes writing.



Rossen de Ramos

(Mary Help of Christians, Pearce and Marist College Canberra)

Rossen has a passion for seeing young people grow in their personal relationship with Christ and empowering them to live out their lives marked by their faith. Drawing on his experience leading the Youth for Christ movement in Canberra, he will focus on supporting youth ministry in Marist and establishing a pathway into the parish community.



Chiara Catanzariti

(St Benedict's, Narrabundah)

Chiara has an exciting vision for youth ministry seeking to share the community fellowship at St Benedict's and to bring more young people to experience the love of God. After helping to lead the St Clare's Youth Ministry Team last year, Chiara is looking to develop the St Benedict's Youth which has a vibrant Youth Mass.



Alannah Hodge

(St Bernard's Parish, Batemans Bay and Carroll College)

Alannah has a passion to evangelise one young person at a time and also together in community. She is looking to create a movement of faith known for its faithfulness, acceptance, fellowship and love. Having been involved in youth ministry throughout school and also as a leader of parish-based youth ministry, she is excited to focus on bringing her passion and skills to the coastal region this year. When she isn't busily involved in ministry or studying to be a teacher, she is most often feeding her Harry Potter obsession.

Youth Calendar 2017

Youth Ministers are constantly running initiatives in their schools and parish communities and come together for core Archdiocesan events. Three of these to save-the-date for are:

June 4: Spirit Retreat at St Benedict's Narrabundah (TBC)

Retreat for all youth and young adults throughout the Archdiocese to help them live a life empowered by the Holy Spirit.

August 13 (5.30pm to 8.30pm)

Shine Youth Mass and Rally at St Christopher's Cathedral / August 14: Gathering at John Paul II College Gungahlin

Includes Mass, dinner and youth rally. Gathering all young people throughout the Archdiocese to come together and celebrate youth in the life of the Church before leading into a student gathering for youth ministry students in our Catholic secondary schools.

December 7 to 9: Australian Catholic Youth Festival in Sydney

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Latest bishop is home grown

GERALDTON has its first home-grown bishop.

Fr Michael Morrissey, 64, the Vicar General and Chancellor of the Diocese has been appointed by the Pope as the ninth Bishop of Geraldton.

Archbishop Denis Hart, President of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, said he was “a worthy successor after the 25-year term of Bishop Bianchini who has governed the diocese with so much love and care”.

Bishop-Elect Morrissey said his appointment recognised “all those small communities scattered throughout the diocese, including Yalgoo, my home town where I grew up on a sheep station”.

His hobbies include spending time in the garden, swimming, walking and playing golf.



Bishop-Elect Michael Morrissey (left) is congratulated by his predecessor Bishop Justin Bianchini.

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He shook my hand and walked away, leaving me stunned.

– Fr Patrick Sharpe msc

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How should we care for migrants and refugees?

PASTORAL care of migrants and refugees will be top of the agenda for the Church in Australia at a national conference next month.

Cardinal Peter Turkson, of Ghana, and Cardinal Orlando Quevedo, from the Philippines, will give keynote speeches at the conference hosted by the Australian Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office, an agency of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, in Melbourne.

Cardinal Turkson will deliver an address focusing on his role as Prefect of the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development within the Roman Curia.

The Dicastery promotes the care of vulnerable and marginalised people.

He will also reflect on his work with Pope Francis.

Cardinal Quevedo will describe the pastoral models of care for migrants and refugees in our communities.

He will also join a panel discussion about the pastoral care of migrants in a multi-ethnic church and whether one size fits all.

‘Cast Into the Deep’ is the theme of the Conference highlighted by Pope Francis’ call to go out to the margins of society and “cast into the deep” (Luke 5:4).

Fr Maurizio Pettina, Director of the Australian Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office said, “The dignity of the human person is central to our work as a Church agency.

“I hope that this conference will put the pastoral care of migrants and refugees firmly on the political agenda here in Australia.”

Registrations are now open at, <https://ors.eventsair.com/>

NEWS IN BRIEF

Matt Maher headlines youth festival

ARGUABLY the biggest Catholic name in global contemporary Christian music, the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference is delighted to announce Matt Maher will be coming to Sydney for the Australian Catholic Youth Festival from December 7 to 9. Making the announcement Sydney Archbishop Anthony Fisher, OP, the Australian Catholic Bishops Delegate for Youth, said, “Matt Maher’s music is a powerful tool to reach young people and we’re so pleased to be welcoming this highly acclaimed artist for the ACYF.”

Sporting CEOs to brave the cold

FIVE CEOs of Sydney’s major sporting bodies will be among those to gather at the SCG on June 22 for the 2017 Vinnies CEO Sleepout. They are Todd Greenberg (NRL), Kelle Storey (Sydney Swans), David Matthews (GWS Giants), Sam Graham (AFL NSW) and Andrew Jones (Cricket NSW).

Catholic women unite for the world’s marginalised

SISTER Leonor Montiel, the Director of the Caritas Australia program partner, the Maryknoll Seedling of Hope, will share her story at this year’s Women for World event. Sr Leonor works daily to return hope to those affected by HIV and AIDS through the delivery of psycho-social support, healthcare, education and vocational training. To watch Sr Leonor’s talk about her work and the Women for the World event please visit: <https://vimeo.com/216113034>

People ‘struggling to survive’

“Our people are struggling simply to survive” the bishops of South Sudan have said in a powerful pastoral letter. Caritas Australia CEO Paul O’Callaghan said without concerted political and community action there was the risk of famine spreading across the region. “With over 20 million people at risk of starvation, this is a major humanitarian disaster that requires our urgent action. It’s vital for us to do whatever we can to assist before it’s too late,” he said. “This is an unprecedented situation and may be the gravest food security event since the 1984 famine that devastated the people of Ethiopia.

To donate to the Africa Emergency Appeal visit <http://www.caritas.org.au/learn/emergency-response> or phone 1800 024 413.

New guidelines for deacons

Australia’s bishops have launched new norms and guidelines for the permanent diaconate during their plenary meeting in Sydney. The ‘Norms for the Formation of Permanent Deacons and Guidelines for the Ministry and Life of Permanent Deacons’ were developed by the bishops following the publication of a Vatican document providing clarity about the formation of deacons.

Brother and sister new saints

FATIMA, Portugal, (CNA/EWTN News) – A brother and sister who witnessed apparitions of Mary, now known as Our Lady of Fatima, a century ago have been declared saints of the Church in front of hundreds of thousands of pilgrims.

Pope Francis presided over the canonisation Mass for Francisco and Jacinta Marto during his two-day pilgrimage to Fatima, to take part in celebrations for the 100th anniversary of the appearance of Our Lady of Fatima.

“We enrol them among the saints, decreeing that they are to be venerated as such by the whole Church,” he said.

The children were tending their families’ sheep with their cousin Lucia Santo in the fields of Fatima, when they saw the apparitions of Mary.

In her message to the children, Mary brought with her requests for conversion, prayer (particularly the recitation of the rosary), sacrifices on behalf of sinners, and a three-part secret regarding the fate of the world.

The children followed Mary’s requests, praying often, giving their lunch to beggars and going without food themselves. They offered up their daily crosses and even refrained from drinking water on hot days.

With anti-Catholic sentiment very prevalent in the country, the mayor in the district of Fatima had grown suspicious of the growingly popular apparitions, and had unsuccessfully tried to get the children to renounce their story.

Wanting to stop the children from seeing the fourth apparition, Artur Santos, an apostate Catholic and high Mason who was the local mayor, devised a ruse to kidnap the children before the scheduled day of her appearance.

Despite bribes, threats of death by burning oil, and threatening to lock them in a cell with criminals, the children never recanted their story.

Convicted by Mary’s requests and the vision of hell, both children lived lives of prayer and penance after the apparitions, offering themselves for sinners as Mary had asked.

Francisco was known for his devotion to the Eucharist and his strict physical mortifications, while Jacinta was especially known for having a heart for the poor and the suffering.

Both children fell victim to

the influenza epidemic of 1918 that swept through Europe.

In October 1918, Mary again appeared to the sick siblings and promised to take them to heaven soon.

On April 3, 1919, Francisco declined hospital treatment for influenza and died the next day.

On February 19, 1920, Jacinta asked the hospital chaplain who heard her confession to bring her Holy Communion and administer the last rites, because she was going to die “the next night”. But the priest said that her condition was not that serious and that he would return the next day. The next day Jacinta was found dead – she had died in her sleep.

Pope John Paul II beatified Francisco and Jacinta on May 13, 2000, on the 83rd anniversary of the first apparition of Our Lady at Fatima.

Both under 12 years old, they were the youngest non-martyrs to be beatified in the history of the Church.

Sister Lucia, the third visionary, lived much longer, dying in 2005 at the age of 97.

The Church is currently examining documents and collecting testimonies for her beatification cause.



NEWS IN BRIEF

Mexican priest stabbed in cathedral

MEXICO CITY (CNA/EWTN News): A Mexican priest is in a “delicate but stable” condition after being stabbed in the neck at Mexico City’s cathedral. Fr José Miguel Machorro Alcalá, 55, was stabbed in the neck and torso at the end of Mass. Authorities detained a suspect at the scene who had attempted to flee the cathedral. The suspect has been identified as John Rock Schild, 30. The attack is one of many recent attacks against priests in Mexico. In recent years, 17 priests have been murdered and many others have been kidnapped or assaulted.

Only God can give peace says Pope Francis

VATICAN CITY (CNA/EWTN News): Only God can give true peace amid tribulations, Pope Francis said in a homily at his Casa Santa Marta residence in the Vatican. “A peace without a cross is not the peace of Jesus,” the Pope said. “The world teaches us the way to anesthetised peace: it anesthetises us from seeing another reality of life: the Cross. The peace that the world offers us is a peace without tribulations. The world offers an artificial peace that is reduced to mere tranquility. This kind of peace is only concerned about one’s affairs and one’s security but it is ultimately ineffective.”

Pope Francis ‘suspicious’ of ongoing apparitions

VATICAN CITY (CNA/EWTN News): Pope Francis says the original apparitions of the Virgin Mary at Medjugorje more than three decades ago deserve further study. But, he has voiced doubt in the supposed ongoing visions. He stressed the need to distinguish between the two sets of apparitions, referring to a report by a commission set up to study the apparitions by Benedict XVI in 2010.

“The first apparitions, which were to children, the report more or less says that these need to continue being studied,” he said. “But, as for presumed current apparitions, the report has its doubts. I personally am more suspicious, I prefer the Madonna as Mother, our Mother, and not a woman who’s the head of an office, who every day sends a message at a certain hour.”

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SIPINKOSKI, Aaliyah: A shout out to our little girl who celebrated her first birthday on May 21. Love mum Natalie and dad Alex.

OBITUARIES

GALLAGHER, Brother Don: Died on May 1. Former art teacher and icon of St Edmund's College Canberra, who served at the school for 45 years. A gentle soul his funeral was on May 8 at the Rockwood Cemetery, Lidcombe.

HARDY (nee LYNCH) Patricia: Formerly of Young and Canberra. Passed away peacefully at Clare Holland House on May 11, 2017. Laid to eternal rest at Woden Lawn Cemetery, May she rest in peace. Love your daughters Lynn and Kylie, son-in-law Michael. Beloved Grandma of Matthew, Samuel and Nicholas.

McPHILLIPS, Sister Maureen RSJ: Died very peacefully at Southern Cross Care Tenison Apartments in Goulburn on May 11 aged 86 years and in the 65th year of her religious profession which took place on January 7, 1955. She valued her Josephite vocation and had a particular devotion to the Blessed Sacrament and saw the Eucharist as giving meaning and perspective to her life. Her

Mass of Christian Burial was on May 19 in Our Lady of Dolours Chapel North Goulburn which was followed by internment in St Patrick's Cemetery Goulburn.

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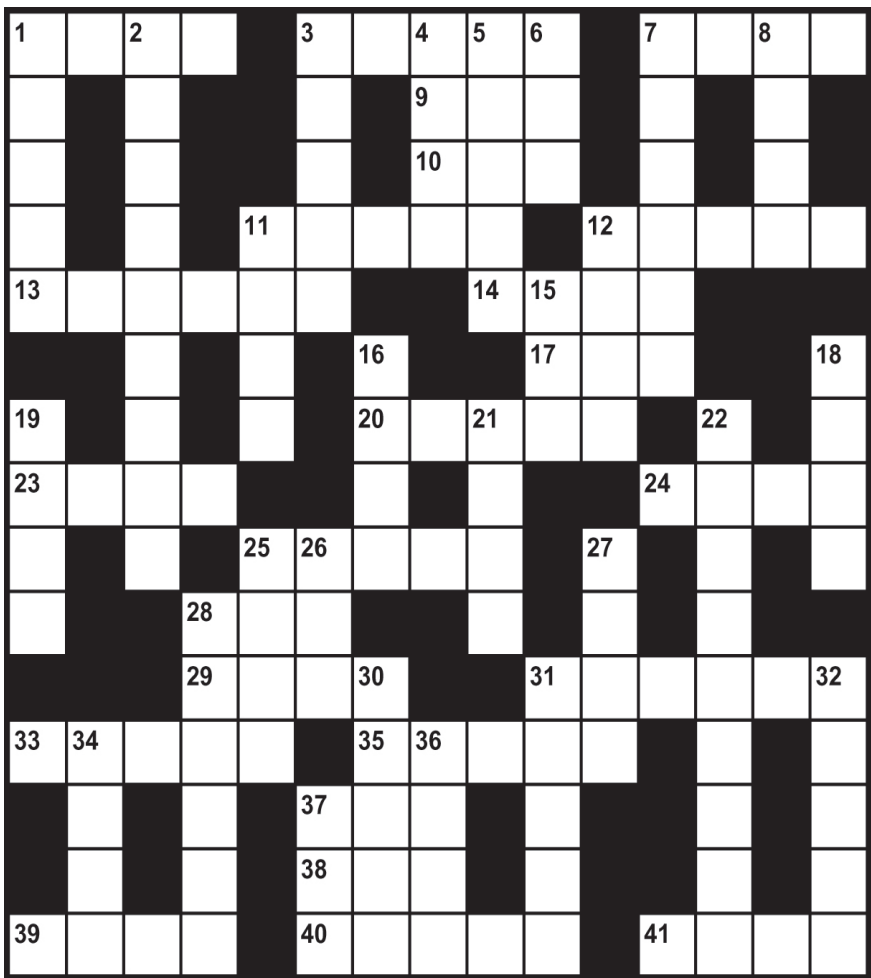
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- 1 What Andrew and Peter did for a living
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- 9 Latin for "to pray"
- 10 Samuel anointed Saul with this
- 11 Leonine sin?
- 12 "I desire ___, not sacrifice." (Mt 9:13)
- 13 Cured Naaman of leprosy (2 Kings 5:8-14)
- 14 "...a poor man is better than a ___" (Prov 19:22)
- 17 Samson killed Philistines with the jawbone of this animal
- 20 Pilate washed his in front of the crowd
- 23 One of St. Columba's converts
- 24 One of the evangelists
- 25 One of the two natures of Jesus
- 28 One of two epistles (abbr.)
- 29 Knighted Catholic actor
- 31 Gentile prophet of the Old Testament
- 33 "___ be to the Father..."
- 35 Mother of Ishmael
- 37 The Solemnity of Mary is celebrated in this month (abbr.)
- 38 Wife of St. Joachim
- 39 "Vanity of vanities" source (abbr.)
- 40 To do this is forbidden by the seventh commandment
- 41 David played one

DOWN

- 1 Catholic football great Brett
- 2 What the Mass is
- 3 Catholic director of "It's a Wonderful Life"

- 4 Large crucifix
- 5 An archangel
- 6 Catholic actor Mineo
- 7 Passover meals
- 8 "___ Dimittis"
- 11 NT book
- 12 Liturgy
- 15 Start of the Christian era
- 16 Ark passenger
- 18 "___ Irae"
- 19 Church section
- 21 Novena number
- 22 Afterlife experience of purification
- 25 ___ Week
- 26 Script conclusion?
- 27 Advent through Ordinary Time
- 28 Biblical mount
- 30 Gregorian ___
- 31 Genesis tower
- 32 The Diocese of Portland is here
- 34 Pertaining to the non-ordained members of the Church
- 36 Patron saint of Canada
- 37 NT epistle

Solutions for May edition



Youth of today deserve 'a peaceful world'

BY BISHOP PAT POWER

NOT being married, I don't have children of my own, but my four sisters have given me 17 nephews and nieces and there are now 48 in the next generation.

They are all precious to me and at times the state of our world makes me very fearful for their future.

I find it incredible that Australia is refusing to be part of the UN negotiations on a new treaty to outlaw nuclear weapons.

Surely our government should be part of every effort to reduce the proliferation of nuclear weapons which poses such a threat to world peace and even the very future of our planet.

Pope Francis in the four years since his election has won the hearts, not only of Catholics but of countless people of goodwill precisely because he reaches out to every person as a brother or sister, regardless of their status, race or religion.

Like his patron, Francis of Assisi, he is undeniably a man of peace. In his World Day of Peace message for the beginning of this year, he wrote about this very issue.

"An ethics of fraternity and peaceful co-existence between individuals and among peoples cannot be based on the logic of fear, violence and closed-mindedness, but on responsibility, respect and sincere dialogue. Hence, I plead for disarmament and for the prohibition and abolition of nuclear weapons: nuclear deterrence and the threat of mutual assured destruction are incapable of grounding such an ethics."

The Pope goes on to say, "I plead with equal urgency for an end to domestic violence and to the abuse of women and children."

At the end of 2012, Pope Francis expressed these sentiments to participants of the Vienna Conference on the Humanitarian Impact of Nuclear Weapons.

He wrote: "Nuclear weapons are a global problem, affecting all nations, and impacting on future generations and the planet which is our home."

I wouldn't ever say that I was ashamed to be an Australian, because I hope the Australian character is nobler than many of our government policies.

Before the invasion of Iraq in 2003, I argued strongly against Australia going to war, asking this question: "Is an Iraqi life of any less value than an Australian life, a British life or an American life?"

It is only when we see ourselves as part of the one human family where everyone is our brother or sister, that we will have the right perspective.

We can ask similar questions in regard to Australia's attitude to refugees and to foreign aid which is being continually reduced at a time when more prosperous nations should be reaching out to those most in need.

Is Australia's boycotting of the UN conference another example of our government being short-sighted and mean-spirited?

Pope Francis urges us to look at the big picture when he says the youth of today and tomorrow deserve better than what they are being offered.

"They deserve a peaceful world order based on the unity of the human family, grounded on respect, cooperation, solidarity and compassion..."

"Spending on nuclear weapons squanders the wealth of nations.

"To prioritise such spending is a mistake and a misallocation of resources which would be far better invested in the areas of integral human development, education, health and the fight against poverty.

"When these resources are squandered, the poor and the weak living on the margins of society pay the price."

For those who struggle

BOOK REVIEW
BY JOSEPH DOYLE

The Healing Peace of Christ by Archbishop Anthony Fisher

"What sense do we Christians make of pain and suffering?" This question is a response to what is, perhaps, the greatest obstacle to faith in a loving God.

How can we reconcile suffering with our faith in the Christian God in a way that takes into account the sheer extent of the pain and suffering in the world?

It is this question that Archbishop Anthony Fisher confronts in his reflections on his own suffering.

On Christmas Day in 2015, the Archbishop of Sydney was struck down by Guillain-Barré Syndrome, which left him paralysed below the neck.

In his book *The Healing Peace of Christ*, which is a compilation of homilies and messages given in Holy Week 2016, Archbishop Fisher shares his own experience of suffering and debilitation.

By contemplating the life, death and resurrection of Christ, he discloses that he was able to find comfort and strength during his own suffering.

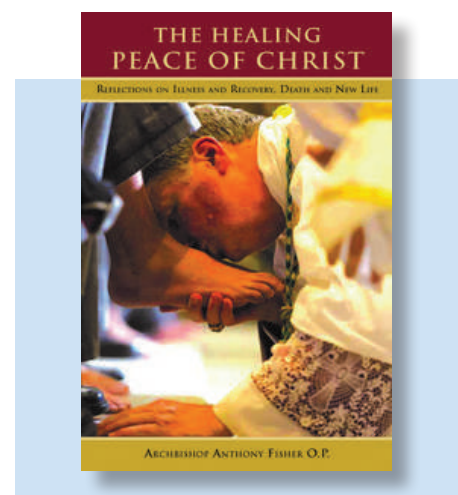
For him, the way to find peace in the midst of suffering is to "unite our suffering to the suffering of the crucified Christ", which subsequently leads us to truly experiencing and understanding the eternal life

and joy that Christ offers in his resurrection.

Christ's resurrection heals all wounds and grants us a peace in the face of suffering so that, in his words, "we may come to see that through the sacrifice of Christ, our little sacrifices can somehow be fruitful".

Archbishop Fisher is a testament to the power of faith to recognise Christ's own sharing in human suffering and the peace that comes through reaching out to one greater than ourselves and own our experience to carry us through difficult times.

This short book is a great source of encouragement for those who struggle with their own sufferings as it shows how we can understand our pain in the light of the death and resurrection of Christ.



Reaching ones on margins



At the launch in Canberra (from left) Fr Frank Brennan SJ, Denis Fitzgerald, Gabrielle McMullen and Prof Patrick McArdle. Picture: Supplied.

CATHOLIC Social Services Australia's latest book *Reimagine Renew: Mission making a difference in a changing world* was officially launched by CEO Fr Frank Brennan SJ.

Edited by Denis Fitzgerald (Executive Director of Catholic Social Services Victoria), Prof Gabrielle McMullen (Trustee of Mary Aikenhead Ministries) and Patricia Scales, the book is the second of its kind and brings together contributions from a range of people including theologians, academics, governors, and practitioners from Catholic social service ministries.

The book's predecessor *Listening Learning and Leading*, which was published in 2014, has been used as a resource to strengthen

mission formation and development across social service ministries and beyond.

Fr Stephen Hackett (General Secretary of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference), Suzanne Greenwood (CEO Catholic Health Australia) and Prof Patrick McArdle (Dean of Australian Catholic University Canberra campus) attended.


They each discussed the challenges of trying to reach those on the margins of Australian society.

"This book not only illuminates these challenges, but sheds light on the way forward," Fr Brennan said.

The book is on sale at the Catholic Bookshop. To learn more about Catholic Social Services Australia, go to www.cssa.org.au

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Director Student Engagement and Services Paul McJannett said the university was immensely proud of its high-performing students.

ACU was committed to supporting those juggling academic and performing commitments, including financial assistance in many cases.

"Last year we awarded more than 100 students financial scholarships and travel subsidies, which provided greater depth and value to the academic and pastoral support we offer," he said.

"This is particularly valuable for those students whose national sporting organisations stop funding subsidies when the student turns 18. ACU's help can make the difference between continuing studies or not."

The most high-profile example is the four ACU students who attended the Olympics and Paralympics in Rio in 2016: Ellie Cole (swimming), Mack Horton (swimming), Emma Tonegato (Rugby 7s) and Anabelle Smith (diving).

Each won at least one medal, with Cole bringing home six.

Cole's advice to incoming students is to put as much work into their studies as they do to their sport, become known to lecturers, and hand in assignments on time.

Among ACU's elite athletes are Australian Olympic high jumper Brandon Starc, AFL player Tom Mitchell, WNBL player Lara McSpadden, Melbourne Vixen captain Kate Moloney, NRL footballer Adam Blair, AFL St Kilda captain Jarryn Geary, and AFLW players Nat Exon, Tahni Nestor and Jasmine Grierson.

Sports represented include fencing, cross-country skiing, dragon-boat racing and rugby 7s.



TOP: Emma Tonegato representing Australia in the Women's Rugby 7s. Picture: Supplied.

ABOVE: Professor Anne Cummins (right) presenting triple Paralympian Ellie Cole with the Australian University of Sport award for the "Most Outstanding Performance of the year by an Athlete with a Disability" for her outstanding achievement at the Rio Paralympic Games. Picture: Supplied.

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