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What our Church looks like today

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On pages 10 and 11 Catholic Voice delves into what the Church looks like today
and may look like in the future*

ARCHBISHOP CHRISTOPHER'S DIARY



August

FRIDAY 4: 5.00pm
Man Overboard

SUNDAY, 6: 9.00am
Confirmation Mass, St Joseph's Parish, O'Connor

SATURDAY 12: 8.00am
Mary MacKillop Pilgrimage from Canberra to Eden

SUNDAY 13: 11.00am
Family and Marriage Sunday Mass, St Christopher's Cathedral
5.30pm : SHINE, Youth Mass and Rally

SATURDAY 19: 6.00pm
Mass, St Matthew's Parish, Page

SUNDAY 20: 10.00am
Mass – Admission for Candidacy to the Priesthood - Adrian Chan, St Thomas the Apostle, Kambah

TUESDAY 22: 6.00pm
Confirmation Mass, St Michael's Parish, Kaleen

WEDNESDAY 23: 3.00pm
CatholicCare 60th Birthday afternoon tea

FRIDAY 25 - SUNDAY 27: 9.00am
Parish Visitation, Evatt and Kaleen Parishes

TUESDAY 29: 12.00pm
Blessing and Opening of ELC St Anthony's Parish Primary School, Wanniasa



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ARCHBISHOP'S MESSAGE
ARCHBISHOP
CHRISTOPHER PROWSE

The bishops of Australia have called for a special gathering of the Catholic Church in our country for 2020.

Its name? – A Plenary Council. There have only been four of them in our history – the last one in 1937 (the others in 1885, 1895, 1905). This particular national ecclesial event has a special place in Canon Law and is an expression of our shared Baptismal mission of co-responsibility. A Plenary Council involves all Catholics in Australia. Given that the last one was 80 years ago, it indicates that they are only called for a particular reason. The bishops of Australia believe that these times are of an extraordinary Grace of the Lord, in an equally extraordinary moment of change in society.

One of Pope Francis's memorable phrases is that we do not live in "an era of change, but in a change of era".

How true. We all feel this, especially in Australia. The Royal Commission and all its effects in

Making a journey of conversion together

Australia has really placed the boat of the Church in a stormy cultural sea.

But so many other factors too – nationally and globally.

For example, the changing face of marriage and family, the increasing separation of faith from culture, our prayer life, youth, and the integral transmission of faith and life.

Yet it is an extraordinary graced moment too. The search for God is so clearly present in Australia, despite what the recent results of our census might appear to indicate.

People want to be involved and not be mere spectators in life. Our recent challenges in the Archdiocese "shout out" that people want grass roots community engagement.

A Plenary Council is not some sort of "Church parliament". Rather it is a hope-filled missionary journey, of walking together into the future that has already arrived.

It is engaging a world yearning for the fragrance of Christ. It is an expression of "the Church's life and her missionary outreach" (Pope

Francis, *Evangelii Gaudium*, 32).

In the months ahead, the bishops will offer further descriptions of what is envisaged. At this stage, we are proposing a three-stage focus: preparation, celebration, and implementation. It is early days yet, but we need to begin soon.

So how can we begin to shape these exciting times ahead for the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn?

How can we truly engage all of our people, for all the years ahead, with all of the Australian Church, with all of the Gospel and Tradition as our inspiration and hope?

Let us begin by asking the Lord Jesus for a "New Pentecost" in our Diocese and all of Australia.

Please formulate prayers for our Masses and liturgical gatherings for this intention – even if we do not know with much detail, at present, the practical way forward.

Let us also begin by discussing with each other practical possibilities to ready ourselves for 2020, acknowledging that guidance and

assistance will also come our way, as the Plenary Council is a national event.

Lastly, may I offer you three wonderful scripture texts that we can all pray in our quiet times, with the intention of this upcoming Plenary Council in mind and heart.

- The first four chapters of the Acts of the Apostles. Let us observe how the early Church began by truly listening (not simply hearing) to the Holy Spirit in their midst. Let us imitate them!

- The memorable encounter of Martha and Mary with Jesus (Luke 10:38-42). This is an important text for pragmatic and busy Australians. Let us recall that listening "to what He was saying," is also a work of evangelisation.

- The Emmaus scene (Luke 24:13-35) is a "journeying together," episode of the Risen Jesus with two questioning people. Let us allow Jesus to journey with us to 2020 and beyond, so we too can return to the "Jerusalem" of Australia, a renewed and converted people.

Where to find us at Manuka

THE move of the Archbishop's Office for Evangelisation into the newly completed St Christopher's Pastoral Centre, Manuka, has gone smoothly.

Archdiocesan Financial Administrator Helen Delahunty said staff were thrilled to be working together in the new building which is situated between St Christopher's Cathedral and the Marian @ Manuka Independent Living Units.

"My initial impressions are that staff have really taken to their new

environment and it is great to have everyone in the same building, even better with the Cathedral Parish Office and Catholic Education staff here also," she said.

"The purpose was to bring all staff under one roof." The Archdiocesan website www.cg.org.au contains contact information for people using Archdiocesan services.

This includes addresses, telephone numbers and email addresses. The official opening of

St Christopher's Pastoral Centre will take place on September 20 at 2pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

"The more the merrier," Ms Delahunty said.

Meanwhile, Marymead, a welfare agency of the Archdiocese, will temporarily move its operations to the Rheinberger Centre at Yarralumla from August 11.

It is expected it will be there for two years, while major construction takes place at its Narrabundah

home of the past 50 years.

The redevelopment of Marymead's Narrabundah site will include building an 84-unit retirement village and purpose-built Marymead facilities including new adaptable cottages and a centre featuring counselling rooms, family contact spaces and training and education facilities.

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Archbishop accepts all Lanigan findings

ARCHBISHOP Christopher Prowse has accepted the findings of the independent Lanigan House review and has pledged they will be adopted in full.

The review by barrister Dr Juliet Lucy was launched into the processes surrounding the decision by the Archdiocese to place a priest with sustained findings of inappropriate behaviour with children into Lanigan House.

Lanigan House is a facility for retired priests located close to two schools, Sts Peter and Paul Primary School and Malkara School, in Garran ACT.

Archbishop Prowse welcomed the independent review.

"I am very grateful for this thorough and comprehensive report," he said.

"It identifies many important issues requiring immediate attention.

"The report reveals failure in our policies, procedures and protocols."

He also acknowledged the hurt, stress and confusion caused, especially to the Garran community.

"Our communications with

the community were inadequate, causing understandable confusion and anger," he said.

"Again, the Archdiocese apologises unreservedly for the stress and hurt to people and the whole

Garran community. We must learn from this.

"We accept all the findings and recommendations of the Independent Review and are eager to fully implement them."

The Archdiocese said it was now committed to:

- Begin the work of establishing an advisory panel, comprising experts and community members, both Catholics and others. The panel will advise the Archdiocese on a range of child protection and other issues.

- Never placing a priest with sustained findings of inappropriate behaviour with minors near schools, childcare centres and other places where unaccompanied children gather.

- A thorough review of policies and procedures, particularly in relation to risk assessment, communication protocols, and privacy and public disclosure.

The full report of the Lanigan House Review is available on the Archdiocesan website at <http://cgccatholic.org.au/2017/06/lanigan-house-review/>

IN BRIEF

SCHOOLS TAPPING INTO THE WORLD OF STEM

STUDENTS from St Clare's College and Florey's St Francis Xavier College, have tapped into world of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics lately. St Clare's students have been participating in a research project at the University of Canberra's STEM Education Research Centre involving a 'Samsung Project'. The project is aimed at helping students use devices to log, analyse and present data on STEM inquiry projects. SFX students travelled to Nagoya, Japan, recently to compete as a part of the Australian Team at RoboCup 2017. RoboCup is an international competition promoting robotics and Artificial Intelligence research, and engages students from primary school right through to University all around the world in STEM.

RECORD NUMBER OF SCHOOLS TO COMPETE

FEATURING a record of nine competing schools, Canberra's branch of the Knights of the Southern Cross in conjunction with the Catholic Education, will host the annual Archdiocesan Catholic Primary Schools Choir Festival at St John Paul II College in Nicholls on August 10. The all day festival will feature rehearsals at 9.00am, while the main event beginning with the National Anthem will commence at 12.50pm. Awards will be presented to the first, second and third places with an encouragement award for fourth place. Over 300 people are expected to attend.

CATHOLICS SPEAKING AT AFA CONFERENCE

HIGH profile Catholics will be speaking at the upcoming Australian Family Association national conference and marriage day dinner on August 13 and 14. ACT Member for Murrumbidgee, Giulia Jones will speak about igniting the aspirations for successful families in adolescents, while Director of Family and Life Office, Parramatta, Ben Smith, will talk on igniting the aspirations for marriage and family in adults. National Civic Council Vice-President, Patrick Byrne will give a keynote address on strategy for the legal framework to support the family in Australia. Tickets to both events are available online at www.family.org.au/conf-dinner2017 or by calling (03) 9816 0800.

Who could you be?

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Off to the coast

HAVING just taken up his appointment as the parish priest of Batemans Bay and administrator of Moruya, Fr Martins Aloga was farewelled at St Christopher's Cathedral recently.

Following Mass in the Cathedral, parishioners from both the Cathedral and Canberra's African Catholic community gathered for morning tea in the brand new Haydon Hall at St Christopher's Pastoral Centre.

It was the first function to take place in the newly built administration centre for the Archdiocese and the parish.



Fr James Onoja, Fr Martins Aloga and Mgr John Woods. Picture: Supplied.

Farewell to the Josephites

ADELONG'S last resident Josephite, Sr Carmel Piffero, is confident parishioners will continue to build on the good work of the Sisters over the past 133 years.

Nine Sisters from Sydney and Goulburn, along with three priests, joined Sr Carmel and parishioners for the parish's farewell Mass and luncheon of the Sisters of St Joseph, which was attended by about 60 people.

Sr Mary Ellen O'Donoghue presented the parish with a painting of a young St Mary MacKillop and Fr Julian Tenison Woods, founders of the Order.

Tumut Parish Priest, Fr Sijo Jose and former Gundagai Parish Priest, Fr Bernie Hennessy, both spoke of their association with Sr Carmel, while Elizabeth Murray, on behalf of the parish, acknowledged her and the Order.

"We thank Sr Carmel and those Sisters who have been here, for their contribution to the education of the children and the running of our parish of St James over the last 133 years," she said.

The Sisters of St Joseph first came to the gold-rush town in 1884, two years after the founding of their community at North Goulburn.

Four Sisters came to Adelong in a



horse and sulky without any illusions as to what they faced, starting off in the humblest of circumstances.

They lived in a small slab cottage at the rear of St James Church (1862) and taught in a wooden building attached to the side of the stone church.

Their presence brought education, music and spirituality to the community.

Long-time parishioner Bob Isaac recalled some early memories to the delight of the visiting Sisters.

The parish has produced Josephite Sisters of its own, with Sr Mary Agnes

Leslie joining at Goulburn in 1889.

Sr Monica Kennedy and Sr Andrea Dean were also professed Sisters from Adelong.

Sr Ann Steenbergen was the last religious principal of the school in 1985, ending just over 100 years of the Sisters administration.

Sr Carmel was one of the last Sisters to teach there in the mid-1980s and she returned to Adelong as parish co-ordinator in 2009.

She will now take up a position at the Sisters spirituality and retreat house at Batehaven on the South Coast.

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They smile, they heal, they teach, they comfort. Around the globe Catholic religious sisters quietly perform their dedicated and heroic service without remuneration and barely even noticed by the wider world. But in order to help others, they themselves also need to be helped, for although they are ministering angels to so many, they themselves still need their daily bread and a roof over their heads.

Each year the Catholic charity Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) supports over 11,000 religious sisters in every corner of the globe. Many religious congregations turn to the charity for help, not least for the formation of their precious new vocations. While many congregations in the Western world have few or no new vocations and even seem to be dying out, in other parts of the world the religious communities are filled with young and smiling faces.

Along with the contemplative orders ACN helps those sisters active in the charitable apostolate, relieving them of the daily burden of supporting themselves while they also care for the poorest of the poor, whether in the slum quarters of the great cities, in the vast expanses of the African continent, or in the besieged cities of Iraq and Syria.

It is vital that the indispensable work of religious sisters in Christ's Holy Catholic Church and throughout the missions worldwide continues. Religious sisters are the unsung heroines in the Church. ACN is therefore proud to help them in their efforts to make the world a better place, even just a little.

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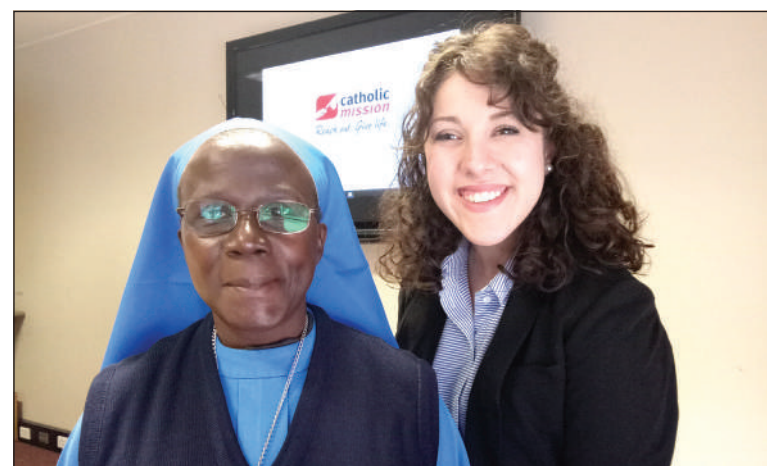
Sr Annie Demerjian works with those in need in war torn Syria.

"It is painful to see people without food and water. In them, Jesus is hungry and thirsty. What gives me joy is when I can help them and see the relief and happiness on their faces." Sr Annie



The Papal rosary designed by the Vatican rosary makers will be sent out to all those who assist this cause and tick this box. ☐

Pains of childbirth



Sr Mary Goretti with Archdiocesan Youth Ministry worker Chiara Catanzarita. Picture: Supplied

UGANDAN Sr Mary Goretti made the most of her latest visit to Canberra by connecting with several archdiocesan ministries.

Invited by Catholic Mission, she raised awareness about the World Mission Sunday Church Appeal.

She heads operations at St Luke's Health Centre which is based in Bujuni Parish, in Hoima, three hours west of the capital Kampala.

Being so remote, there are significant personnel and medical supplies issues.

Sr Goretti and the centre handle up to 15 births a month with only one midwife on hand. She spoke at St John Vianney Waramanga and St Jude's Holder churches and to Canberra's African Catholic community.

She also met with Archdiocesan

youth leaders, three of whom will visit Uganda during World Mission Month in October.

She thanked students at St Calre's College for their fundraising to help buy an ultrasound matching humidicrib which regulates the temperature for newborns.

Archdiocesan Director of Catholic Mission Cathy Ransom said Sr Mary shared that women in labour must endure a three-hour motorbike ride to the next largest hospital if they need additional help like a caesarean.

"Catholic Mission has made a commitment to help provide a four wheel drive ambulance that will make this journey safer, faster and less of an ordeal.

- To support Sr Mary's work visit Catholic Mission's website catholicmission.org.au.

Thank God for contribution of migrants

HOSPITALITY and being welcoming people was the key theme at this year's migrant Mass held at St Christopher's Cathedral.

"The readings today encourage a culture of hospitality and welcome to arise from our love of God," Archbishop Christopher Prowse said.

"In loving God we are to love each other.

"In God's love for us and in His hospitality and welcome for us, there is a moral demand to show likewise hospitality and welcome to others, especially the battlers.

"From this culture of hospitality and welcome come the blessings of the Lord [and] in imitating God, the God of hospitality and welcome, the blessings of God will flow down upon us all."

He thanked Archdiocesan Vietnamese chaplain Fr Peter My, who is Parish Priest of St Thomas the Apostle, Kambah, and others for their work in gathering migrant communities for the Mass.

"You are all very welcome. I particularly acknowledge the welcome that has been given to us by our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people," he said.

"But [as the] oldest living culture in the world [and] our first Australians, they are never to be considered as migrants, the rest



of us are migrants." Archbishop Prowse thanked God for the rich contribution of migrants, often made amid many struggles.

He called them "the strength

of Australia and our common future".

He implored "new Australians" to gather under the mantle of Mary and all the saints, especially the

ones from their mother countries.

He acknowledged the important role government plays on legislation, particularly matters of citizenship and family reunions.

At the Multicultural Mass was (l-r) Helen Song, Archbishop Prowse, Catherine Song (front), Sophia Kwon (back), and Teresa Song. Picture: Supplied.

It's a national shame

"It is a national shame that after 25 years of economic growth, we have not been able to ensure our most precious national resource, our children, are given the best possible start in life," Fr Brennan said following the 2017 Vinnies CEO Sleepout in the ACT.

As the CEO of Catholic Social Services Australia, Fr Brennan joined other leaders in the social services sector, for the vigil event on the lawns in front of Parliament House.

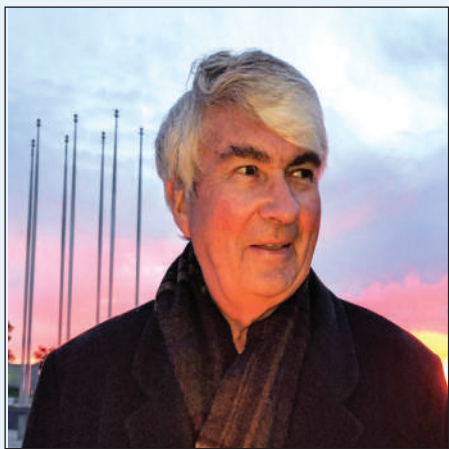
"I am concerned not only that the rate of child poverty is increasing but that our Australian society is becoming less caring," he said.

The sleepout coincided with the 30th anniversary (June 23) of former Prime Minister Bob Hawke's 1987 speech promising that by the year 1990 no Australian child will live in poverty.

"While Bob Hawke was lambasted for having such lofty ideals 30 years ago, it was at least a statement that was powerful and valuable," Fr Brennan said.

"It sparked debate and told Australians, and the world, that child poverty was not acceptable and that we were going to try to fix it." Fr Brennan says 731,300 children or 17.4% of all children in Australia are living in poverty, an increase of two percentage points over the past 10 years from 2004 to 2014.

"Prime Minister Hawke was a popular, pragmatic, experienced politician. I hope there can be a new generation of popular, pragmatic, experienced political leaders able to inspire us all with a vision of greater inclusiveness and equality."



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Hospitality of our indigenous people

ARCHBISHOP Christopher Prowse has highlighted the culture and hospitality of indigenous people as he celebrated Mass for NAIDOC Week and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday.

"We must never forget that it is not so much that we are welcoming Aboriginal people to this Mass, but Aboriginal people are welcoming us," he said in his homily.

"They are welcoming us to their ancient homeland.

"They have been here for over 60,000 years and have so much more to teach us. Migrant Australia has been here just over 200 years."

Archbishop Prowse thanked elder Sally Fitzgerald and the local indigenous community.

"There are quite a lot of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people at this Mass, and I greet you and I thank you for your humble welcome to us at the start of Mass to your country.

"Please do feel, dear Aboriginal friends, my love and support and solidarity with you in all your tremendous challenges in life.

Archbishop Prowse spoke of going to Alice Springs in November last year to commemorate the 30th anniversary of St Pope John Paul II's 1986 visit highlighting the importance of "receptive listening" and "appreciating each other".



Catholic Education NAIDOC Week Mass at the Cathedral. Top left: Indigenous elder Duncan Smith, and above (right) Fr Tony Percy and Lachlan Fulivai from St Monica's Evatt. Pictures: Aleksandar Sipinkoski.



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Spirit burning in
Catherine McAuley...

Catholics have been silent for too long

BY FR ROB GALEA

WE have been given an exciting and unbelievable mandate: to evangelise and let the world know that there is a God who loves us unconditionally.

He loves and cares for the poor, the rich, the happy, the sad, the fulfilled and the disappointed.

He is a God who cares so much about you and I that He came down to our tiny planet to become one of us, to live and die on this earth so that we may be saved from the "wage of sin". The thing is that there are too many Catholics talking about evangelisation and discipleship but there are too few actually doing it.

Maybe there is a misconception that this call to preach the Good News is for the elite few in full-time or part-time Catholic ministry; catechists, pastoral associates, deacons, priests and bishops. We are all called to preach the Gospel.

St Francis of Assisi is reported to have said "preach Jesus, and if necessary use words". There is a lot of truth in this as one of the best ways to share your faith is to live a godly life.

Brennan Manning, a great American author, once said that "the greatest single cause of atheism in the world today is Christians who acknowledge Jesus with their lips and walk out the door and deny Him by their lifestyle. That is what an unbelieving world



simply finds unbelievable."

To be credible witnesses of Christ we do not need to be perfect, but we do need to strive to live a life of integrity and holiness.

A godly life is the first thing, but by no means the only thing. It is absolutely necessary to use words too.

Catholics have been silent about the joy of the Gospel for too long. The world needs to hear, now more than ever, that you believe in Jesus, and they also need to understand the reason for your faith in Christ.

When I was 16, I had a life-changing experience of the unconditional love of God. From that moment, my heart became restless. I needed to tell the world that this love was for them, too. I now live to spend every day of my life telling teens around Australia and the world that Jesus loves them. The world is desperate for the love and acceptance of God.

Blessed to be Sister of Mercy today

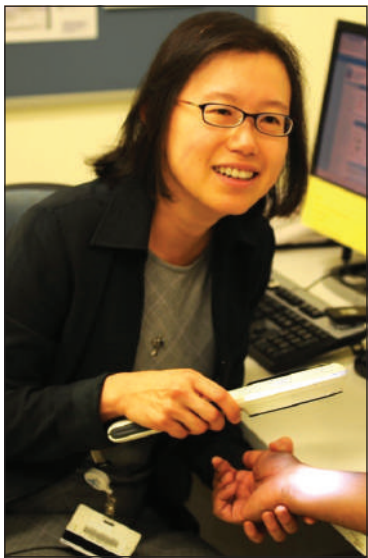
BY SR MICHELLE GOH

I joined the Sisters of Mercy three and a half years ago when I made my first profession of religious vows. I first contemplated the possibility of religious life after finishing specialist medical training in dermatology. At that time, I enjoyed my work in medicine because I liked the variety and intellectual challenge of the profession, the people interaction, the lifestyle and also the satisfaction of knowing that through my work, I was helping others. At the same time, there also was a deeper longing for ultimate meaning, and spiritual search for how to better fit my Christian faith into how I was living and what I was doing.

As a Sister of Mercy now, I am blessed to belong to a group of committed Christian women who constantly model for me a balanced contemplation-with-action mode of being and doing.

Out of our relationship with Jesus, we try to live the Gospel message through our service to the community especially the poor and disadvantaged of our world, through our ministries in health, education, welfare and social justice.

Having first experienced and known God's loving kindness (mercy) in our lives, we try to share



God's mercy and compassion with those around us.

My current ministry is in medical dermatology – in clinical practice and medical education. I hope that by my work in health ministry, I am participating in Christ's work of healing in God's kingdom.

I am deeply grateful for the gifts and opportunities that I have received, and am thankful that I am able to give back to the community by serving those in need of health care.

I feel that living religious life as a Sister of Mercy, helps me love God and my neighbour with all that I am, and so be the best person that God has made me to be.

God wants you to be a saint

BY FR PAUL NULLEY

“GOD expects something from you. Have you understood this? God expects something from you, God wants something from you. God hopes in you. God comes to break down all our fences. He comes to open the doors of our lives, our dreams, our ways of seeing things.

“God comes to break open everything that keeps you closed in. He is encouraging you to dream. He wants to make you see that, with you, the world can be different. For the fact is, unless you offer the best of yourselves, the world will never be different. This is the challenge.”

These are the words of Pope Francis at WYD in Poland this time last year and they get to the heart of the mystery of vocation.

As Blessed John Henry Newman wrote, each of us has been created for a specific purpose, to carry out a particular work that only we are capable of doing.

Perhaps some might have the impression that if they choose to follow Christ they will have to reject their own dreams and their life

will in some way be fundamentally empty.

Nothing can be further from the truth! With Christ, our horizons are opened up to eternity. He who created you, who loved you into existence and has willed you to live at this particular point in time, in this particular place, has a plan for you.

He will leave you in complete freedom as to whether you choose to see what that plan is, or if you choose to create your own plan for your life.

But what God offers is always much more than we're capable of creating. He desires you to be a saint and to change this world for the better.

The call Jesus issued to his first disciples, he also issues to you: “Come and see” (John 1:39).

‘Man Overboard’ is run every first Friday evening at Archbishop’s house for those discerning a call to the priesthood. If you are interested in learning more about vocation to the priesthood and religious life please feel free to get in contact with me, Fr Paul Nulley (Archdiocesan Vocations Director) on 0422 038 565 or paul.nulley@cg.org.au.

Alex's next step to priesthood



Alexander Osborne (middle) with Archbishop Prowse and his family including (l-r) Kelly Lokan, Adam Osborne, Sylvie Osborne, Peter Osborne, Joshua and Louise Osborne-Goldsbrough. Picture: John McLaurin.

FAMILY and fellow seminarians were on hand when Alexander Osborne took his next step towards being a priest.

Archbishop Christopher Prowse formalised his candidacy

with a blessing during Sunday Mass in St Christopher's Cathedral.

Archdiocesan seminarians Deacon Joshua Scott, Namora Anderson, Eden Langlands, Mark Ha, Lourdhu Raju Upputholla, Adrian

Chan and Foliga Etuale attended Mass. Members of the Canberra Serra Club and large numbers of the Filipino community celebrating their nation's 119 years of independence were also present.

SAVE THE DATE: ORDINATIONS IN THE ARCHDIOCESE

THREE of the Archdiocese's men in formation will received the sacrament of Holy Orders over the next couple of months. Namora Anderson and Adrian Chan will be ordained deacons during 7pm Mass at St Christopher's Cathedral on September 22. Deacon Joshua Scott will be ordained a priest during 6pm Mass at the Cathedral on October 13. Deacon Scott is currently based in the Goulburn parish, while Mr Anderson and Mr Chan are serving at Gungahlin and Kambah parishes respectively.

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Canberra's Marymead goes for gold

MARYMEAD'S 50th anniversary year celebrations reached its high point with a Mass and lunch.

The occasion provided supporters with a chance to reflect on the journey which began in 1960 when the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary came to Canberra at the invitation of Archbishop Eris O'Brien.

The Archdiocese took responsibility for Marymead from July 1986.

Over 50 years, the organisation has provided family support and therapeutic services to children, young people and their families in the ACT and surrounding regions.

Marymead CEO Camilla Rowland spoke of the organisations humble beginnings.

"Initially the Sisters worked with a couple of Catholic Girls schools, but soon realised that Canberra was in a period of rapid growth and set about liaising with the community and government about the needs of the community," she said.

"As a result the needs of children and families in temporary crisis was identified as a priority and Marymead came to be."

She spoke about Marymead's strong reputation, gave examples of how far the organisation had come in a relatively short period of time, moreover stating that it was just as relevant now as it was 50 years ago.

"Today Marymead sees over 7000 people each year in the ACT and the surrounding NSW region.

And she gave a glimpse of the immediate future.

"Our next greatest challenge is the redevelopment of the seven

hectare site in Narrabundah, which will take place from August over the next two years."

Marymead is establishing contemporary purpose-built facilities including a large community and service delivery centre, as well as multi-functional houses.

"[It is] to ensure our sustainability into the future", she said.

"The remaining site will be dedicated to a retirement village, which will generate additional income for Marymead."

Mrs Rowland paid tribute to the original Sisters for their service and foresight and praised Marymead patron Lady Helen Deane for her "unswerving support" and for being "such a wonderful role model".

She thanked Canberra Southern Cross Club and also Winnunga Nimmityjah Aboriginal Health Service, while also acknowledging the Marymead Board and her own staff. She introduced the latest fundraising initiative Building Futures Fund, aimed to help ensure long-term financial viability.

Earlier in the day, Archbishop Christopher Prowse also welcomed back four of the original Sisters, including Sr Lorrelle Wicks, Sr Pat Bowthorpe, Sr Aileen Crowe and Sr Jenny Gilligan. He declared Marymead as a "Canberra icon" and explained a parallel between the organisation and St Aloysius Gonzaga (1568 to 1591), whose memorial was being celebrated during the Golden Jubilee Mass.

"He (St Aloysius) died very young, [and he] lived a two-dimensional Christianity in a saintly way," Archbishop Prowse said in his homily.



"On the vertical level he was deeply spiritual, and on the horizontal level he was immensely pastoral and practical to those that came to him in any need."

Archbishop Prowse said Marymead's foundation was also two-dimensional.

"I think the two-dimensional foundation of Marymead can be seen first of all in its name which is the amalgamation of two words," he said.

"Mary refers to Mary (Mother of God) and mead is an old English name meaning meadow, [which] conjures up an image of cool and fresh pastures."

He thanked Mrs Rowland and Margaret Carmody for their work as CEO and Chair of the Board and called on the congregation and wider community to pray the future of Marymead, as well as for its benefactors.



Top: Marymead guests mingling at the luncheon. Above: Marymead CEO Camilla Rowland with CatholicCare CEO Anne Kirwan. Pictures: Supplied.

CORRECTION: In the July issue of *Catholic Voice* it stated that Marymead had lost its foster care services. It has lost ACT foster care services but continues to have a large NSW foster care service.

The justice of family in our society



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IN *Amoris Laetitia*, the Holy Father proclaims with great clarity and illumination the Christian ideal of marriage and its place in God's plan for humanity. This uplifting perspective is then set in sobering contrast with the situation found in many marriages and unions today. There is no attempt to paper over disquieting facts but rather there is consideration of the need for the Church "to accompany with mercy and patience the stages of personal growth, making room for the Lord's mercy which spurs us on to do our best."

The family that loves and begets life is a true living icon capable of revealing God the Creator and

Published on March 19 2016, the Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation on love in the family *Amoris Laetitia* is relevant to the justice of family in our pluralist society. Mike Cassidy reports:

Saviour. Fruitful love which produces offspring becomes a symbol of God's inner life.

The fruitful relationship of a couple is an image for understanding the mystery of God himself, for in the Trinity God is contemplated as Father, Son and Spirit of love. As St John Paul II put it, "Our God is not solitude but a family."

The family is the place where children are brought up in the faith. Parents become their children's first teachers of that faith and children are called to honour their parents with "honour" meaning fulfilling family and social commitments.

The Gospel reminds us that children are not the property of a family but have their own lives to lead. Jesus is a model of obedience to his earthly parents but in spending time in the temple talking to the elders he shows that a



Christian vocation may require a parting.

Jesus also presents children as teachers on account of their simple trust and spontaneity towards others.

There is of course a side to family life different from that so far considered: the pain, evil and violence that break up families

and their communion of life and love. The thread of suffering and bloodshed runs through the Bible. Jesus and his family had to flee to a foreign land. In his parables he shows his awareness of the tensions and anxieties, such as the prodigal son. So the word of God is not a series of abstractions, but instead a source of comfort and

companionship for every family that experiences difficulties and suffering.

In summary, Pope Francis reminds us that Christ proposed as the distinctive sign of his disciples the law of love and the gift of self for others. He comments that love bears fruit in mercy and forgiveness. To love, the Pope adds the virtue of tenderness, a virtue "often overlooked in our world of frenetic and superficial relationships."

The Holy Father ends this part of the Exhortation with an urging for every family to look at an icon of the Holy Family of Nazareth, which in its daily life had its share of burdens and nightmares as when they met with Herod's violence against the newly born.

Please send comments on the article, or requests for further information about the Commission, to SocialJustice@cg.org.au.

Embarking on a long journey

“There is a great deal of angst, anger, bitterness and disillusionment within the local community associated with the loss of connectedness with our previous colleges and their phoenix identity, Trinity Catholic College,” Mr Jiear said.

The liturgy was attended by 40 people including Archbishop Christopher Prowse, Catholic Education Director Ross Fox and outgoing manager of the Institute for Professional Standards and Safeguarding Matt Casey.

“It is our hope that today will



Edmund Rice Education Australia held a ritual of apology at the National Arboretum. Picture: Supplied.

Ray Paxton's poem *New Voices*

Four of the seven candles were taken to each of the four Edmund Rice Education Australia regions and the other three went to its national office, the Oceania Province and the Archdiocese.

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The Church: today

The 2016 National Church Life Survey has revealed that Catholics value community. Meanwhile Catholic researcher, Bob Dixon, shares...

Building stronger parish community

CATHOLICS across the Archdiocese are looking to build a stronger sense of community in their parishes and to take part in liturgies that nurture their faith.

These are some of the future priorities of Mass attenders in the Archdiocese, according to findings of the 2016 National Church Life Survey.

The survey is held every five years to record the vitality of churches across Australia.

The latest results for the Archdiocese are based on the responses of 6628 adult attenders, aged 15 years and over, in 60 churches.

Six out of 10 attenders are women. The average age of those who responded was 61, with the highest percentage (39 per cent) in the 70 and over age group.

Two out of three people believe that celebrating the Eucharist and receiving Holy Communion are what they value most about their Church.

The quality of homilies and a traditional style of worship or music are highly valued by three out of 10 attenders.

Praying for one another (27 per cent) and practical care in times of need (22 per cent) were also considered valuable.

Three out of 10 attenders believe their gifts, skills and talents are being used well in their parish.

The survey showed 17 per cent wanted to be more involved in their parish and 68 per cent (nearly seven out of 10) were happy with their current level of commitment.

The most gifts and skills were identified as hospitality and communication.

Nearly half of all attenders said they were not aware or had no clear idea of the vision, goals and direction of their parish.

However, seven out of 10 said they would support the development of initiatives in the ministry and mission of their parish.

Four out of five people said they had a strong sense of belonging to their parish and seven out of 10 said they found it easy to make friends in their parish.

On a personal level of faith, 35 per cent said they had experienced much growth of faith in the past 12 months.

Nearly half of attenders said they spent time in prayer, bible reading or meditation every day or most days.

Four out of 10 said God was the most important reality in their life.

Seven out of ten followers believe their music needs are being met, while slightly less than half believe they are being challenged to take action in faith matters.

Two out of 10 attenders believed increasing the number of people at Mass was a priority.

Little more than one in 10 felt at ease talking about their faith with others, while nearly three in 10 had invited friends or relatives to Mass or another church service in the past 12 months.

Seven out of 10 of those who responded to the survey were born in Australia, while two out of 10 speak a language other than English at home. Two out of 10 are new arrivals to their parish in the past five years. In all, 94 per cent attend Mass at least monthly.

In the survey of 288 children, aged eight to 14, playing games and being with people their own age rated highly (more than 80 per cent).

Children mostly identified being kind to people who don't have any friends and standing up for what is fair and right as their gifts and skills.

Their view is that God helps them lead a better life and that Jesus is very close to them (both about eight out of 10).

About one in three said they felt close to their parish leaders and to other children in their parish.



y and tomorrow?

*ics across the Archdiocese are looking to build a stronger sense
res his 2030 predictions at a recent St Thomas More Forum.*



What it may look like in 2030: researcher

THE number of diocesan priests in Australia is expected to stabilise in the coming decade although the proportion of Australian-born priests will continue to fall.

This is one of the forecasts demographer Robert Dixon makes when he predicts what the Catholic Church in Australia will look like in the year 2030.

Dr Dixon has retired as foundation director of the Pastoral Research Office of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, a position he held for 21 years.

Speaking at a recent St Thomas More Forum, he flagged that the church population would continue to grow, albeit at a much slower rate, and that the ethnic mix of Catholics in Australia would change.

While the proportion of Australian-born priests would continue to fall this would be offset by increased numbers of priests coming from India, Vietnam, the Philippines, Africa and elsewhere.

He anticipated there will be changes to the way parishes are

structured and managed and suggested that religious brothers are in danger of becoming extinct in Australia and that there will be many fewer religious sisters.

Catholics make up about one-quarter of the Australian population and account for more than 40 per cent of Australia's regular attendees at Christian churches.

Catholic schools educate more than one-fifth of Australia's primary and secondary school-age students.

Catholic organisations, in aggregate, employ more people than any other non-Government organisation.

He believes the Plenary Council in 2020 will be a decisive moment in the life of the Catholic Church in Australia.

Although he is retired, Dr Dixon is keen to continue speaking about his years of research, so that parishes can be well prepared for the challenges leading up to 2030.

He emphasised the importance of being a "listening Church" and highly recommended a book called



Bob Dixon speaking at St Thomas More Forum Picture: Colin McMaster.

Building Stronger Parishes, written by his former PRO colleague, Dr Trudy Dantis, who is now based in India.

Those wishing to access the research and resources of Dr Dixon and his team should visit the Pastoral Research Office website at pro.catholic.org.au

To watch or listen to his talk at the St Thomas More Forum go to www.stthomasmore.org.au and click on the video link.



Bob Dixon's predictions of the Catholic Church in Australia in 2030

- Catholic population will continue to grow. (Dr Dixon has noted that this prediction has already proved to be incorrect. Results from the 2016 Census released on June 27 show that, for the first time in 105 years of the Australian Census, the Catholic population declined compared to the previous Census, from 5,439,267 to 5,291,834).
- Catholics as a proportion of the population will fall.
- The number of Catholics born overseas will remain the same but the ethnic mix will change.
- Proportion of couples where both partners are Catholic will fall.
- The number of cohabitating couples will increase.
- Mass attendance will decline to 5 or 6 per cent.
- Low Mass attendance of those under 35 (now) will apply up to age 50.
- Mass attendance rates of Australian-born Catholics will continue to fall.
- Proportion of Mass attenders born in non-English speaking countries will increase.
- Belief in key teachings of the Church will remain relatively high among Mass attendees, although there might be some decline.
- Catholics in what are referred to as "irregular marriages" will make their own decisions about whether they should receive communion.
- Confession attendance will continue to decline.
- The number of diocesan priests in Australia will stabilise but that the number of Australian-born priests will continue to fall, offset by increased numbers of priests from places like India, Vietnam, Philippines, Africa and elsewhere.

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Decade of restoration complete

MORUYA parishioners are now worshipping in their spiritual home, minus scaffolding, dust and noise, after a decade of restoration.

Restoration of Sacred Heart Church began with former parish priest, Fr Tom Thornton, and continued under the watch of Fr Emil Milat and Fr John Armstrong.

Fr Armstrong signed off from the parish recently to take up an appointment as spiritual director at Good Shepherd Seminary in Homebush.

He has been replaced by Fr Martins Aloga, who was an assistant priest at St Christopher's Cathedral.

Fr Armstrong said the work was made possible through bequests to the parish from generous benefactors.

Much of the credit also went to parishioner Damian Rogers.

"Damien was instrumental in looking at new ways to restore the paintwork of the church which would ensure that it absorbed the moisture and was likely to last over a longer period," Fr Armstrong said.

"He has invested much of his

time and passion to ensure this project was able to be completed."

J and D Murnane were contracted to replace the terracotta tile roof with heather blue slate from Wales under the guidance of Joe O'Connor. This work also ensured that the roof was able to breathe and remove excess moisture.

Local sign writer Tony Sands was hired to complete the restoration of the original words over the sanctuary, 'Gloria in Excelsis Deo' (Glory to God in the Highest).

The community would gather later in the year to celebrate the completed works and to give thanks for the hard work which has gone into the building, Fr Armstrong said.

"The finance committee and the parish pastoral council have been appreciative of all those who have helped to make this place of prayer a place of beauty which will stand the test of time," he said.

The laying of the foundation stone and the building of Sacred Heart Church took place in 1887.

It boasts the same local granite stone which was used in construction of the Sydney Harbour Bridge.



Former Moruya administrator, Fr John Armstrong, with the scaffolding at Sacred Heart Church Moruya. Picture: John McLaurin.

Welcome to Eden



Pambula Parish Priest Fr James Antony (left) with Fr Tony Percy VG at the grotto opening. Picture: Supplied.

EDEN'S reputation as a place of pilgrimage is growing with the opening of a grotto dedicated to Our Lady of Lourdes in the grounds of Our Lady Star of the Sea Church.

The town is well known because of its connection with St Mary of the Cross MacKillop.

Fully funded by donations from parishioners, the grotto was designed and constructed largely by parishioner, local artist and sculptor Hilaire Alba, and many others.

St Mary's mother, Flora MacKillop, lost her life in the shipwreck of the "Ly-ee Moon" south of Eden.

St Mary travelled to Eden on a couple of occasions. She was so grateful to the people for the retrieval of and reverence shown for her mother's body that she returned in 1891 and founded St Joseph's School, which continued for 120 years.

Vicar General Fr Tony Percy joined Fr James Antony for the blessing, which was followed by Mass and supper in the MacKillop

Hall which once served as a church and has been restored.

Eden recently welcomed three pilgrims from Melbourne, who started their journey from Fitzroy to Orbost and then Orbost to Eden walking The MacKillop Woods Way.

Fr Antony said it was an enriching time for the parish.

"It was a great experience for the parishioners to listen to them about their pilgrim walk," he said.

Pilgrimage from Canberra to Eden

Archbishop Christopher Prowse and the Eden Parish invite all for a pilgrimage from Canberra to Eden on Saturday, August 12.

Leaving St Christopher's Cathedral at 8.30am, pilgrims will travel in their own vehicles.

They are scheduled to arrive at Eden in time for Mass at noon, followed by barbecue lunch put on by the parish.

Clarke brothers bring a blast from the past

ONE-hundred-and-fifty years after their bushranger ancestors roamed the Molonglo, Shoalhaven and Araluen regions, it was another set of Clarke brothers, Luke and Tom, who put Braidwood back in the spotlight.

Less than 12 months after celebrating the sesquicentenary of the gothic stone St Bede's Church being completed in 1866, the Braidwood community staged a weekend commemorating the escapades of the notorious Clarke brothers, John and Thomas.

The weekend, which attracted thousands of people, included a re-enactment of the capture and trial, featuring the current day Clarke brothers Luke and Tom, of Reidsdale, near Braidwood.

Of particular interest to Braidwood Catholics, is the fact that Thomas Clarke married Charlotte Hart in St Bede's Church in 1863.

St Bede's Braidwood has another connection with bushrangers of the same era, most likely the Clarkes.

Long-time parishioner James O'Brien has the original Mass kit which belonged to his distant relative Fr Edward O'Brien, the first resident priest of Braidwood.

The kit consists of a wooden box and all the vessels were intact, so much so that the specially engraved chalice was used at Mass last year.

In the wooden box is a pyx with unconsecrated wafers from the earliest days of Catholicism in Braidwood.

Local legend has it that the Mass kit box had a bullet pierce it from an encounter with bushrangers during the gold rush. The evidence for is that the bullet hole was patched over by aluminium plate.

For those who want to learn more about the parish and its history, copies of the parish book are available. Contact Br Brian Berg on (02) 4842 2444.



August 3 and 17 (7.30pm to 8.30pm): Old Testament Bible Study at St. Benedict's Mission Centre Narrabundah (Collins Wing). For more information contact the parish on (02) 6295 7879.

August 5 (6pm): CONNECT Mass at Mary Help of Christians Parish, Pearce, ACT.

August 13 (11am): Australian Family Association Marriage and Family Mass at St Christopher's Cathedral.

August 13 (12 noon): Canberra Regional AMICUS (meaning friend) Group will meet for lunch at Rose Cottage (Cnr Monaro Hwy and Isabella Drive, Gilmore, ACT). Table booked under AMICUS. For more information call Patricia on 0412 351 548.

August 13 (2pm to 5pm): Australian Family Association National Conference at Serbian Church Hall, Forrest ACT. For more information and to register, contact Anne Marie Kiely on (03) 9816 0800, mobile 0447 352 252, or by email amkiely@family.org.au

August 13 (3pm): L'Arche Genesaret is hosting its annual Robert Schmidli Piano Concert at the Wesley Music Centre in Barton, ACT. For tickets and more

information contact the office on (02) 6282 9066.

August 13 (5.30pm to 9pm): SHINE Archdiocesan Youth Mass and Rally at St Christopher's Cathedral.

August 14 (7pm): Australian Family Association National Marriage Dinner at the National Press Club, Barton ACT. For more information and to register, contact Anne Marie Kiely on (03) 9816 0800, mobile 0447 352 252, or by email amkiely@family.org.au

August 14 to 21: The Inner Journey retreat at St Clement's Retreat and Conference Centre, Galong NSW. For inquiries and bookings call (02) 6380 5222, or email info@stclement.com.au

August 16 to September 20 (each Wednesday evening from 7pm to 9.30pm): 'Life in the Spirit' seminar at the parish room of St Peter Chanel's Parish, Yarralumla, ACT. Presented by Good Shepherd Prayer Group. For more information contact Susanna on 0419 902 293, Gabriel on 0432 082 642, or Neda on 0415 266 019.

August 19 (9.15am to 4pm): Call to Connect women's ministry 'I am the door' (John 10:9) day retreat at the Carmelite Monastery,

Red Hill, ACT. For more information including RSVP and payments, see Anne at Catholic Bookshop or contact Lorraine on 0437 329 371 by August 14, or go to the website at <http://calloconnect.org/>

August 19 (7pm to 1am): Catholic Charismatic Renewal (CCR) Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary, Praise and Worship at St Peter Chanel's Church, Yarralumla ACT. For more information, contact Susanna on 0419 902 293, Sandra on 0405 692 999, or Neda on 0415 266 019.

August 27 (12 noon): Canberra Regional AMICUS (meaning friend) Group will meet at for lunch at RnR's Diner (Village Square), Bungendore. Table booked under AMICUS. For more information call Patricia on 0412 351 548.

August 31 (10am): Marymead's 50th Anniversary Card Day at Federal Golf Club, Red Hill ACT. For more information call (02) 6162 5800.

August 31 (7.15 for 7.30pm to 9.30pm): 'Where to from now or here?' - A group of concerned Catholics from Canberra are holding a further public meeting in response to the recent Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse. Venue for the meeting is the Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture, Blackhall St, Barton, ACT. For more information go 74 878 167. Email: mnm@grapevine.com.au

Regular Events and 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: mnm@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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Education duo add a sparkle to our schools

CATHOLIC Education's Helen Casey and John Barker were the toast of the town last month after it was announced that their combined 60 years of service to the organization was cause for a diamond anniversary celebration.

Mrs Casey has served in schools and in the office of Catholic Education (formerly known as Catholic Education Office or CEO) since 1977, bringing up 41 years.

Mr Barker started with Catholic Education in 1997, having come over from the Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) and although he holds a black-belt in karate, it was not his prowess as an athlete, but his experience in the field of statistics and finance, which saw him join.

The pair both share "attention to detail" in their respective roles and were recognized recently by Catholic Education.

Director Ross Fox, thanked them for their years of dedication.

"Catholic Education in the Archdiocese proudly celebrates the careers of two compelling individuals who have collectively served Catholic Education for 60 years with great honour," he said.

"Our community has much to thank John and Helen for. We wish them well for the weeks, months

and years ahead."

Mrs Casey's journey began as a teacher, but she has spent the last 17 years supporting teachers and principals in each one of the 56 Archdiocese's schools, imparting her skills and wisdom, co-designing new programs and education facilities.

Her lasting legacy is the thriving preschools that have been part of Catholic Education in Canberra since 2009.

One school principal in the Archdiocese reflected on her compassion for families.

"She really put in the miles to support our furthestmost schools. She's a wonderful colleague who was in touch with the daily life of schools and the needs and demands upon principals."

A woman of faith and family, Mrs Casey has been an active member of St Matthew's Parish Page for many years.

It is said that her prayers, liturgies, and masses are a stunning reflection of her admirable knowledge of Scripture, her familiarity with the liturgical year and her ability to link the secular with the sacred.

She is also known for supporting charities and families in need.

Mr Barker, who has been the

finance and planning, public strategy, and special projects lead for 19 years was praised by his colleagues for his quiet demeanor, as well as his wicked, witty, and dry sense of humour, his passion for music and extensive knowledge of music bands.

His work behind the scenes as a steward of funds and diligence to needs-based distribution enabled the establishment of Trinity College Goulburn, Hennessy College Young, St John Paul II College Nicholls and Lumen Christi Pambula both in its foundation as a secondary school and as a Kindergarten to Year 12 college.

"He has steered us through \$90 million worth of building completed on time, on budget, equitably and creatively," said former Catholic Education Director, Moira Najdecki.

"With the Federal Government's BER initiative, John encouraged imaginative and cutting-edge designs, and robustly advocated for any funds surplus to project needs to be allocated to schools with lower allowances so they too could have a high-quality facility."

"Over two decades he saw several government funding models come and go one thing never wavered."



John Barker with Helen Casey. Picture: Supplied.

Following footsteps of wonderful role models

CATHOLIC university graduate Samantha Harris, found it difficult to decide whether she would study nursing or teaching.

Growing up in Batemans Bay, attending St Bernard's at Batehaven during her primary school years and then Batemans Bay High, she decided she wanted a career in which she helped and supported people.

After completing a Bachelor of Nursing at Charles Sturt University, she went to rural and regional areas, working in a variety of specialties including community, general hospital settings and operating rooms. Career progression and curiosity about what it would be like to work overseas, meant that Mrs Harris later took up a position for the National Health Service in the United Kingdom for two years.

Although she enjoyed her 10 years as a nurse, she began to seek a change.

"I used my practical experience to help inform the next stage of my working life as a public servant at the Department of Health and Ageing," Mrs Harris said.

"I worked in a variety of areas which included policy development and project management and completed a Masters of Health Administration through the University of New South Wales."

On maternity leave with her second son, Mrs Harris had time to reflect on her life, family and career.



Samantha Harris in her kindergarten classroom. Picture: Supplied.

With a desire to spend more time with her two young boys and fond memories of her primary school days, she decided to return to a career that was "more meaningful".

"I remembered some wonderful teachers who were fabulous role models, so I decided to enrol in the Masters of Teaching (Early Years) at the Australian Catholic University," she said.

"With a baby of three months

and a five year old, I started another round of study and completed the degree part-time over a three-year period."

Studying her Masters course online meant that she needed to be both organised and disciplined. She had little up-front contact with lecturers to remind her when assignments were due or to give her on-the-spot help.

"I really enjoyed the course, in particular the practical component

which allowed me to use all the theory I had learnt and put it into practice," she said.

"It was completely crazy sometimes juggling study alongside everything else and looking back I actually don't know how I managed to do it all." Mrs Harris is now working at Palmerston District Primary School as a kindergarten teacher.

"It is fabulous and I enjoy every minute of it," she said.

Generous response to appeal

PEOPLE who attended Christmas Masses around the Archdiocese have once again helped many needy through their generosity.

More than \$64,000 was given to the Archbishop's Christmas Appeal to help people in Australia, Africa and Asia.

Archbishop Christopher Prowse expressed gratitude and pleasure at being able, as an Archdiocese, to support many in the wider Church.

Projects in the Wilcannia-Forbes Diocese will receive \$10,000.

Globally, \$20,000 has been given to the Diocese of Otukpo, Nigeria, \$19,000 to the Diocese of Tagbilaran in Cebu, Philippines, to further help the diocesan seminary with its ongoing recovery, and \$5078 to provide safe water to the communities of Hera and Kasait in Timor Leste.

Further support will be provided in the region through the ongoing \$10,000 assistance to the ecumenical Christmas Bowl Appeal. This appeal provides funds for the National Council of Churches in Australia's Act for Peace projects.

Landmark plenary for a change of era



Brisbane's Sally Hood and Shayne Bennett are members of the Australian Catholic Plenary Council executive lay committee. Picture: Emilie Ng (Catholic Leader).

AN executive committee of a diverse range of people has been named to tackle the preparation, celebration and implementation of the Australian Catholic Plenary Council in 2020.

The council would play a crucial role in shaping the Church's future in Australia, according to Brisbane Archbishop Mark Coleridge.

Initially and on an ad interim basis, the committee will be chaired by Archbishop Coleridge, Chair of the Bishops Commission for the Plenary Council.

Members of the executive committee are:

Daniel Ang (Broken Bay Diocese), Shayne Bennett (Brisbane), Br Ian Cribb SJ (Broken Bay), Dr Gemma Cruz (Melbourne), Sr Moya Hanlen FDNsc (Sydney), Sally Hood (Brisbane), John Lochowiak (Adelaide), Dr Brigid McKenna (Hobart), Sarah Moffatt (Adelaide), Sr Grace Roclawska CSFN (Parramatta), Rev Dr Ormond Rush (Townsville), Dr Debra Sayce (Perth), Theresa Simon (Sydney Maronite Church)

and Dr Nigel Zimmerman (Parramatta) are the members on the executive.

Rev Dr Ian Waters, Senior Fellow of the Catholic Theological College Melbourne, will serve as Historical and Canonical Consultant to the Committee.

Members of the Bishops Commission for the Plenary Council are Archbishop Coleridge, Archbishop Philip Wilson (Adelaide), Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB (Perth), Bishop Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFMConv (Parramatta)

and Bishop Michael Kennedy (Armidale).

The Plenary Council is a response to the call of St Pope John Paul II that the Church of the third millennium discerns what the Spirit has been saying and to put into practice pastoral plans with the help of the people of God to prepare for the future.

It also carries forward the call of Pope Francis for the Church to become truly synodal in its engagement with the whole Catholic community.

"This is no time for the Church to be putting up signs that say 'business as usual'," Archbishop Coleridge said.

"If we needed any proof, then the Royal Commission has shown that. We need to face the facts, and in the light of the facts, which aren't always friendly, we have to make big decisions about the future. The Plenary Council will place the Church on a sound footing to respond to what is not merely an era of change but a change of era."

IN BRIEF

BBI'S 13TH NATIONAL ECONFERENCE

THE Australian Catholic Bishops Conference will partner with Broken Bay Institute on August 10 for the 13th annual national eConference from 10.30am to 2.45pm (AEST) on the theme, Gospel Leadership in Times of Chaos: the Hope of Pope Francis. Speakers include Professor Massimo Faggioli, Sr Clare Condon, Sr Ruth Durick, Professor Bob Carr and Editor at Large of The Australian, Paul Kelly. For more information go to <http://www.bbi.catholic.edu.au/>

How we care for all in a multicultural Church

CARDINALS Peter Turkson and Orlando Quevedo, were cast into the deep at the Australian Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office's fifth national conference last month.

The cardinals each delivered keynote addresses on pastoral care in a multicultural Church and society.

More specifically, Cardinal Turkson of Ghana, spoke about the dicastery for the promotion of Integral Human Development within the Roman Curia – something which he was named first prefect of in January.

He explained the structure of the dicastery and discussed how it promotes the care of vulnerable and marginalised people.

"Its goal is to centralise all aspects—such as healthcare workers, justice and peace, migrants and refugees—that deal with humans and their issues," he said.

Cardinal Turkson elaborated on what is meant by Integral Human Development.

"Integral Human Development is the well-rounded approach to development as development cannot be limited by mere economic growth; a more holistic approach needs to be implemented," he said.

"This approach ensures the social, economic, political, spiritual, and personal development of all people and at every age. "It is rooted in the right to life."

Cardinal Turkson spoke of an encounter he recently had in Scandinavia, where he was attending a conference about water and upcoming technological solutions and how someone there asked him why he felt the need to attend.

The Cardinal said he replied to the

question by answering, "Whenever a human person has an issue, religion needs to be there."

Coming from Cotabato, Philippines, Cardinal Quevedo, in his address, talked extensively about the experience of Filipinos as typical migrants and refugees.

He said that every day on average, 5000 Filipinos migrate overseas, mainly to the Middle East, and most of them women, due to the corrupt and inhumane living and working conditions of their home country.

"Many families say farewell to a loved one heading overseas to work only to bring them back twelve months later in a coffin," the Cardinal said.

He said women in The Philippines are often treated with an overall lack of cultural respect, are routinely subjected to sexual abuse, get paid lower salaries than men and regularly have their passports confiscated.

Cardinal Quevedo spoke about transnational links of the Church, pointing out the need for programs to exist where Filipinos were received by participating countries who help with their enculturation and wellbeing.

Australian Catholic Migrant Refugee Office Director, Fr Maurizio Pettina, said the conference was held at Australian Catholic University's Melbourne campus and well attended by local clergy, as well as overseas clergy and religious, migrant chaplains and also by those working within migrant communities.

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Official song for WYD 2019

Panama City, Panama; (CNA/EWTN News) THE official 2019 World Youth Day song was launched by Archdiocese of Panama recently approximately 18 months out from the main event to be held from January 22 to 27, 2019.

Reflecting the WYD 2019 Marian theme, the song is named from the passage in Luke where Mary agrees to be the Mother of God with the words, "Let it be done to me according to your word."

It was introduced at a special event by Archbishop José Domingo Ulloa Mendieta of Panama.

"We are excited to make it available today to the young people of the world, so that when they sing, they prepare themselves joyfully and ready to let themselves be transformed by God," he said.

The refrain of the song is in Spanish.

To read the full article, go to <http://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/official-song-of-world-youth-day-panama-released-12726/>

IN BRIEF

FEAST FOR THE HOMELESS

WASHINGTON (CNA/EWTN News): Sarah Cummins and Logan Araujo had to decide what to do with the \$30,000 non-refundable reception they were left with after calling off their wedding. They decided to invite people from four homeless shelters to enjoy a fancy dinner and reception for 170 people at the Ritz Charles in a suburb of Indianapolis. "For me, it was an opportunity to let these people know they deserved to be at a place like this just as much as everyone else does," Ms Cummins said.

BULGARIA'S BEATING HEART

SOFIA, Bulgaria (ACN News): THE Fatima shrine in the north Bulgarian town of Pleven has received a visit from Cardinal Leonardo Sandri, Prefect of the Congregation of the Oriental Churches. He used his trip to Bulgaria to join the nation's Catholics in celebrating the 100th anniversary of the apparitions of Fatima. In his sermon he called the shrine of Pleven a "beating heart from which the call for conversion again rings out and remains eternally relevant".

ANOTHER PRIEST KILLED IN MEXICO

Fr Luis López Villa, the parish priest of San Isidro Labrador, has been found murdered in the city of Los Reyes La Paz. His body was found inside the rectory; his throat had been slit and his hands were tied. He was 73. According to Catholic Multimedia Centre CCM, in 2016 Mexico was the most dangerous country in the world for priests for the ninth year in a row.

PRIEST HORRIFIED AT EXORCIST FILM SHOWINGS

Belfast, Northern Ireland (CNA/EWTN News) IRISH priest, Fr. Patrick McCafferty, has decried a film festival's plans to screen two horror films in an abandoned church this month. The Belfast Film Festival plans to show two horror movies – The Exorcist and The Omen – at Holy Rosary Church in Belfast. It is a landmark church which has been abandoned since 1980 and is no longer owned by the Catholic Church. Fr McCafferty told the Belfast Telegraph that the plan was a "cheap stunt" and disrespectful to what once had been a sacred place. "What is their motivation for showing those types of films in what was once a sacred building that will have such special memories of spiritual occasions for lots of people," he said.

Evangelising especially urgent

Florida (CNA/EWTN News) "Evangelization is especially urgent as the number of the population who do not identify with a religion, continues to grow," Bishop Robert Barron told a crowd of Catholic bishops and leaders gathered in Florida recently.

In a talk entitled "Equipping Evangelizers", Bishop Barron said there are three main challenges and three main opportunities that Catholic evangelists face today.

The three challenges he said were scientism, the "meh" culture and the culture of self-determination.

The three opportunities which he spoke about were an intelligent truth, the goodness of radical Christians and authentic beauty.

"Just show people the beauty of Catholicism - show them Cathedrals, show them the Sistine Chapel, show them Mother Teresa's sisters at work. Don't tell them what to think and how to behave, show the beauty of Catholicism, and that has an evangelical power," he said.

"We do have a fight on our



Bishop Robert Barron (far right) says evangelization is especially urgent. Picture: Catholic News Agency.

hands, but the great saints of our church have always loved a good fight, and we should too." "The way we evangelize should grab the world by the shoulders

and shake it out of its apathy," he said. To read the article in full go to <http://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/bishop-barron-evangelizing-the-nones-98159/>



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

– Fr Patrick Sharpe msc

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DEATHS / OBITUARIES

WESTBLADE (LCM), Sr Joan: Passed away on July 7. Her funeral Mass was at St Vincent's Catholic Church, Aranda ACT on July 17 and she was buried at Gungahlin Cemetery. 'Joan' worked with the Mary MacKillop Institute for many years, as a loving, vibrant presence to the

Timorese people whom she loved dearly. A terrific networker, she introduced many people to Timor, especially people in medical fields. We laughed along with her stories, experienced her hospitality, and saw her single-minded devotion to the sick and the dying. We join with all who thank God for Joan - Sr Susan Connelly.

NORTH, Sr Elizabeth (of Jesus): Passed away in the 53rd year of her Carmelite religious profession. Her funeral Mass was held at the Carmelite Monastery Chapell on July 20 and was followed by internment at Woden Cemetery. A fun-loving person she had an interest in music and ballet. Above all, she was a religious of deep faith and was dedicated to the Lord and her community – Sr Mary Agnes.

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David Vincent with a good catch in the Goodradigbee River. Picture: Supplied.

Catholicism, fly fishing go hand in hand

BY JOHN MCCLAURIN

CATHOLICISM and fly-fishing go hand-in-hand for Canberra's David Vincent.

A former student at Holy Trinity Primary Curtin and Marist College, he is well acquainted with the fish as a Christian symbol and the Gospel passages it depicts.

During the week, he is kept busy running his business advisory firm in Canberra, but it's on weekends that he looks forward to fishing the local streams, in particular the Goodradigbee River in the Brindabella Mountains.

The Brindabellas dominate the horizon west of Canberra.

Hidden behind them is the beautiful Brindabella Valley, with its rich indigenous, pioneering and pastoral history.

Many Canberrans escape to the valley and the surrounding mountain trails on weekends to four wheel drive, camp, hike, as well as fish the waters of the Goodradigbee River.

"The Goodradigbee River has had a long association with fly-fishing," he said.

"It has put me on a learning curve that I continue to explore and I look forward to the start of every season, keen to crash and crawl through tea tree and tussock

to make it to the water's edge.

"The bush-reclaimed trails, deep gullies and nearly impenetrable scrub can make for interesting times in waders and rod in hand, as does the odd streamside snake you come across on most trips."

He says there is something special about the place.

"George Patterson, John Hedge, Douglas Stewart and Hudson Fysh celebrated the river and Brindabella Valley in prose and poetry, and ABC and Channel 9 journalist Richard Carleton owned a property in the valley," he said.

"Many authors and other notable visitors and residents have been connected with it.

"Miles Franklin grew up there and Gwen Meredith, from ABC's epic radio serial Blue Hills, once owned a log cabin at Koorabri, and former Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser was a regular fly fishing guest on the same property."

Mr Vincent and his family have always loved the high country.

It's no surprise then, to learn that his parents, John and Anna Vincent, formerly of Canberra, moved down the Monaro and have been long-time parishioners of Bombala Parish.

As a man who thoroughly enjoys the bush, David likes to visit his favourite haunts any chance he

can get.

He particularly looks forward to taking his young children on day trips, introducing them to fishing and allowing them to know and love the Australian bush.

"It's a healthy past-time and is a good way to bond with your kids," he said.

He loves everything about fly-fishing in the Goodradigbee.

This includes the drives to and from the location, as well as being able to be out in nature, as it is never dull.

"Whether we catch a fish or not, it is all about the adventure," he said.

A self-proclaimed tragic of the sport, Mr Vincent takes his hobby seriously.

He also reflects on the wonderful and delicate happiness one feels from the silence and solitude of the Australian bush.

"As Don Watson writes, 'sometimes the city is more of a wilderness than the country.'"

Mr Vincent has an array of tackle accessories which he says deliver for him more often than not.

He uses a 3-weight rod and line for smaller streams, which provides a fair sporting contest for fish and fisherman.

The Red Tag, the Royal

Coachman, Elk Hair Caddis, Dunny Brush, Hare and Copper and the Black/Brown nymph (bead head optional) and any grass hopper imitation have all been employed with success.

"Big nod to the Wee Creek Hopper," he said.

And while the odd brown trout is to be found on occasions, it is rainbow trout which he says are great eating and occupy the most real estate in the river.

Mr Vincent acknowledges the benefits of practising catch and release to ensure sustainability of these river gems.

He says what he loves most about the sport is "the endless options to learn and develop".

"When I first took up the sport I often enjoyed fishing on my own because my mistakes were not noticed and my frustrations not shared.

"It's not a bad strategy at times, but fishing with others, apart from safety, provides fresh challenges and opportunities that can only help build confidence and knowledge.

"In simple terms, I like catching trout and enjoy the confluence of nature and fishing, hence my attraction to exploring rivers, trekking through the bush and always looking up ahead at that next bend."

IN BRIEF

HENNESSY CATHOLIC

COLLEGE WIN FINAL 20-12

YOUNG'S Hennessy Catholic College have taken out the Riverina final of the Open Boys Country Cup Rugby League competition defeating Gungahlin College 20 to 12. Playing on Young's Alfred Oval, Hennessy gained the ascendancy early, scoring the first try of the match, through their skipper Will Canellis, which saw them take a four-nil buffer at the break. Gungahlin took it right up the home team again in term two, crossing over and converting to go up 6 to 4 minutes into the second half. Hennessy replied quickly soon after when Tom Jenkins scored the first of a pair of tries and Will Quinn joined in with another soon after to put the contest beyond doubt. Gungahlin scored again late in the piece, but it was too little too late.

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