

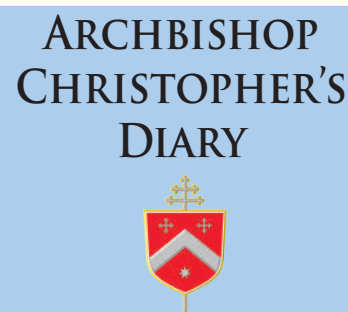
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FRIDAY 1 4.45pm ACU Graduate Certificate, Kerygma and the Holy Spirit, Australian Catholic University

5.00pm Man Overboard, Archbishop's House

SATURDAY 2 6.00pm Mass, Transfiguration Parish, North Woden

SUNDAY 3 11.00am Mass, St Christopher's Cathedral

TUESDAY 5 2.30-4.30pm Afternoon tea with Archbishop Francis Carroll to celebrate his Episcopal Golden Jubilee, Archbishop's House – all welcome

WEDNESDAY 6 10.00am Visit to Confirmation Students, St Thomas Aquinas Parish Charnwood

SATURDAY 9 11.00am Mass for the Feast of St Mother Teresa of Calcutta, St Raphael's Church Queanbeyan

SUNDAY 10 9.00am Confirmation Mass, St Thomas Aquinas Parish Charnwood

FRIDAY 15 6.00pm Confirmation Mass, Blackfriars Parish Watson

SATURDAY 16 6.00pm Mass, St Augustine's Parish, Yass

SUNDAY 17 11.00am Mass, St Christopher's Cathedral 7.00pm ACT Jewish Community – 'The Transmission of Faith and Action in the Modern World,' National Jewish Memorial Centre, Forrest

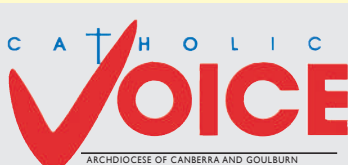
WEDNESDAY, 20 2.00-4.00pm Official Opening & Blessing of St Christopher's Pastoral & Residential Centre, Manuka

FRIDAY 22 7.00pm Ordination to the Diaconate, Adrian Chan, Namora Anderson, St Christopher's Cathedral

SATURDAY 23 5.00pm Mass, Blackfriars Parish Watson

SUNDAY 24 11.00am Mass with Religious Congregations /refreshments, St Christopher's Cathedral/Haydon Hall

WEDNESDAY 27 11.00am Blessing & Opening Calvary Private Hospital, Bruce



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ARCHBISHOP'S MESSAGE
ARCHBISHOP
CHRISTOPHER PROWSE

Dear Friends in Christ,

As a final result of the two Plenary Assemblies this Archdiocese (general and deanery) conducted over the last few years, three key words remain. I believe they are a gift of the Holy Spirit for our pastoral mission in the years ahead. They are: PRAYER, FAMILY AND YOUTH.

1. PRAYER

Christians instinctively know that the soul of all missionary discipleship is prayer. The words of the psalmist remain forever true: "Unless the Lord builds the house in vain do its builders labour." (Psalm 127/1). I was so pleased to witness personally in all these gatherings that the centrality of prayer was highly prioritised.

As I visit our parishes, communities and ecclesial movements, it is apparent that opportunities for prayer in all its various forms (sacramental and devotional) is central. This gives me great joy and hope for the future in these most troubled times.

A new diocesan DVD on Christian Mediation featuring Fr Laurence Freeman OSB (Set Pools of Silence in this Thirsty Land) is now available as a helpful pastoral

Prayer, family and youth a gift of the Holy Spirit

resource to assist our prayer lives. It is being well received. You can order it via our website.

Vocations to the priesthood and religious life are a fruit of our communal prayer. With gratitude to God we pray for Adrian Chan and Namora Anderson who will both be ordained as deacons on September 22. Also, we pray for Deacon Joshua Scott who will be ordained to the priesthood on October 13. Let us pray for more vocations to the priesthood for our Archdiocese!

2. FAMILY

The societal fluidity that confronts us all is a major challenge to family life. Again, we all know this instinctively. Surely, any way that we can encourage and provide coordinated pastoral resources for fragile marriage and family life in our Archdiocese is a great priority. We have made some confident strides in this by moving towards the establishment of a Commission on Marriage, Family and Youth.

A recent Mass and gathering of families in the Cathedral for Marriage and Family Sunday gave me great hope. There are many courageous and joyful families living out their lives as the "domestic

Church", despite so many societal pressures to do otherwise.

No doubt the vitally significant Australian Plenary Council (2020) will address this issue within the broader agenda of the Catholic Church's role in our new but ancient land. We have recently moved the administrative agencies of the archdiocese to one site at Manuka, next to the Cathedral.

It will help our missionary capacities to provide a unified and coordinated Office of Evangelisation at the service of Archdiocese, especially in this vital area.

3. YOUTH

Our Archdiocesan youth will be present at the Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF) in Sydney from December 7 to 9.

It will celebrate the 10th anniversary of World Youth Day, Sydney, 2008 and will inaugurate a national youth year.

If any youth wish to join us, please register now! It is shaping up to be a youth gathering that will never be forgotten! You are welcome! Go to: www.acyf.org.au

Also, in recent weeks, we conducted a great local gathering of our youth. It was called LEAD and inspired so much hope and faith

in those that gathered. It was an expression of our new three-year outreach to the youth of the Archdiocese ... Formation, Celebration, Mission. There is so much more to come!

I truly believe that the best evangelisers of youth are youth themselves. So leadership formation and youth teams on mission are the way we are going.

Dear friends, Let us pray fervently for all that we do in our Archdiocese. As mentioned, all must be the fruit of prayer. At the same time, all must be directed towards the lonely, marginalised and poor. This is the way of Our Lord and Master, Jesus.

The greatest spiritual poverty is to be alienated from personal encounter with Jesus, His Church and Sacraments. Clearly, we are so much aware of the Church's faults and failings.

We are on the pilgrim road of continual conversion in faith. Yet, it is the Holy One, Jesus, who leads us in all our battles of life.

With Mary, the pilgrim woman of faith, we commit all we do to Jesus, the Way, the Truth and the Life (John 14/6).

Let us pray for each other ... Pray for me.

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Confession ‘spiritual encounter with God’

KEY figures in the Catholic Church have contributed to the public discussion on the priestly seal of Confession.

A recommendation was made by the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse that failure to report child sexual abuse disclosed in Confession should become a criminal offence.

“Confession in the Catholic Church is a spiritual encounter with God through the priest,” Melbourne Archbishop Denis Hart said.

“It is a fundamental part of the freedom of religion, and it is recognised in the Law of Australia and many other countries. It must remain so here in Australia.”

Archbishop Hart, who is also the president of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, said outside of this all offences against children must be reported to the authorities.

“We are absolutely committed to doing so,” he said.

Sydney Archbishop, Anthony Fisher, said one in four Australians belong to a Church, Catholic or Orthodox – that believes in Confession.



“Some people came to this country from Communist Vietnam or totalitarian regimes in Eastern Europe, precisely to enjoy the freedom to practice that religion in Australia,” he said.

“What is now proposed would be a grave interference with the

practice of their faith.”

Fr Frank Brennan SJ, wrote that in 32 years of being a priest, no-one had confessed the sin of child sexual abuse to him.

“I am bound by the seal of the confessional,” he said.

“If the seal of the confessional

were taken away by the Australian criminal law, there is no way that a sex abuser would be any more likely to present for confession.

“Common sense tells me that a sex abuser would be even less likely to present for confession if he knew that the confessional seal

did not apply.”

His position was shared by Archdiocesan Vicar General Fr Tony Percy.

“Frank Brennan is right, what priest is going to break the seal of Confession?” he said.

“The child abuse crisis in the Church has destroyed trust.

“Paedophiles and ephebophiles don’t confess. They live in darkness. They don’t bring their sin into the light.”

Fr Percy said that if a person discloses abuse during the course of a Confession, then the priest would suggest that the matter be spoken about outside the confessional.

He said this approach acknowledged a complementary truth: the State deals with crime and remedial punishment, while the Church deals with sin, forgiveness and healing.

“First, hear the confession of sin. Then assign the penance, which would include confessing to the police,” he said.

“The penitent performs the penance and returns to receive absolution and forgiveness. In fact, this was the practice of the early Church with respect to grave sin.”



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Farewell to old Favier and Rheinberger

The Archdiocese has completed the move from Favier House in Braddon and the Rheinberger Centre in Yarralumla to its headquarters in the newly-completed St Christopher's Pastoral Centre, Manuka. Catholic Voice remembers both buildings and how they came to be...

MONSIGNOR Edward Favier and Favier House

FOR Kevin Croker who started work with the Archdiocese in 1991, moving into a new admin headquarters brings about feelings of déjà vu.

For the Archdiocesan Chief Clerk at the time in 1993, there is a hint of sadness in farewelling Favier House and the Rheinberger Centre.

"We needed extra office space, it's as simple as that," he said.

"It is an exciting time for us all to come together under one roof.

"There's nothing like moving into a newly built and modern office, despite all the effort and upheaval that goes into relocating."

For him there is a sense of déjà vu, as he remembers when plans were being made to move the headquarters to Braddon.

"Initially when I joined the Chancery office, it was at the Archbishop's House, with a few other members of staff based at the Catholic Education Offices in Manuka," he said.

"I can remember office accommodation at the Archbishop's House being pretty tight, even though in those days the number of staff was quite a lot less than today."

Mr Croker explained how the Archdiocese's former headquarters came to be known as Favier



Archbishop Francis Carroll (far left) officially opens Favier House in 1993, watched by Auxiliary Bishop Pat Power, Vicar General Mgr John Hoare and Archdiocesan Business Manager Bob Smeaton. Picture: Supplied.

House.

"Monsignor Favier was a highly regarded priest of the Archdiocese and during his 55 years of priestly ministry held many executive positions within the curia and general administration of the local Church," he said.

He died in 1990, so it was appropriate to name the new building

in his memory. The Archdiocese already held the lease on the block of land off Cooyong Street next to what used to be St Mary's Primary School in St Patrick's Parish, Braddon. The rest is history.

Preliminary work began on the building in late 1991. The following year was spent in anticipation as cranes, trucks and

construction staff made good of an open paddock on the fringe of the Canberra Centre. Archbishop Francis Carroll officially opened and blessed the three-storeyed Favier House on January 16, 1993, "bringing everyone under one roof, including our bankers the Catholic Development Fund".

Built in a joint venture, the top

floor was and still is owned by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, who have their Secretariat offices and other agencies in close proximity to Favier House.

"Favier House was built by Pfeiffer Constructions and before too long became known as the pink building," Mr Croker said.

"Like all new buildings it had its teething problems, but these were put in the background by a vibrant and close-knit group of employees spread among the various offices who often came together for social occasions"

"There were many great characters who formed part of the original team at Favier and each one of them in one way or another, left their mark".

Among those who would be well remembered from the early days of Favier House are Bishop Pat Power, Mgr John Hoare (Vicar General), Bob Smeaton (Business Manager) and his assistant Helen Dewar, Ken Hutchings and Sr Germaine McCann (Pastoral Planning Committee), Ray Frawley (Catholic Voice), Sr Margaret Hart and Sr Barbara Murray (Ministry Family Development), Mick Sullivan (Director of Catholic Mission), Patrick Shea and Anne McGregor (Superannuation Fund), Herbie O'Flynn and Ann Tunnicliffe (CDF) and Graham Upshall (Catholic Bookshop).

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Fr Joe Rheinberger and the Rheinberger Centre

OFFICIALLY opened by Archbishop Mark Coleridge on April 22, 2007, the Rheinberger Function Centre was named after the late Vicar General for the Archdiocese, Fr Joe Rheinberger.

He is remembered for his genuine interest and involvement in people's lives, his generosity of

heart and his sharp intellect.

The Rheinberger Centre, which is attached to St Peter Chanel's Yarralumla, was for 10 years home to archdiocesan agency CatholicLIFE. In its latter years it also housed the IT department of Catholic Education.

After the Archdiocese moved

out in early July, Marymead moved in for the next two years due to significant building work going on at its Goyder Street premises in Narrabundah.

The Rheinberger Centre was also the venue for many functions, conferences and gatherings over the years.



Marriage ‘one of humanity’s greatest treasures’

ARCHBISHOP Christopher Prowse used his Marriage and Family Sunday homily last month to remind Catholics to continue showing love for people with same sex attraction.

He also promoted traditional Marriage and encouraged responsible voting ahead of the November 25 same sex plebiscite, whilst emphasising the importance of seeking real truths.

“We love our same sex orientated friends,” he said. “We find them in our communities, in our neighbourhoods, in families, in our parishes, they are part of our family.

“They find themselves so often in very vulnerable situations. Our love and our accompanying with them on life’s journey is strong and needs to be restated at this moment.

Archbishop Prowse said that traditional marriage, is one of the greatest treasures that humanity has ever produced and needs to be protected, moreover that it predates Christianity.

He quoted United Kingdom Jewish leader, Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks, in saying:

“Our compassion for those who choose to live differently should not inhibit us from being advocates for the single most humanising institution in history.

“The family, man-woman, and child, is not one lifestyle choice among many.

“It is the best means we have yet discovered for nurturing future generations and enabling children to grow in a matrix of stability and love.”

And he reminded the faithful to pray for God’s blessing on all Marriages and family life.

He used the example of the day’s Gospel readings (in asking people to confront fear and “stormy times” with courage and faith.

Archbishop Prowse turned his attention to religious freedom, which he said is under threat.

“It seems to me, that an even bigger storm is brewing behind the same sex marriage issue,” he said.

“Behind this issue seems to be great threat to the fundamental human right of freedom of religion, and indeed, even free speech.”

To read Archbishop Prowse’s homily in full go to <http://cgatholic.org.au/about/our-archbishop/homilies/>



At Marriage and Family Sunday was (L-R) Mark and Kathy Haseler, Mark and Raida Velez. Picture: John McLaurin.

Following Mass, a number of couples and families gathered in the Haydon Hall of St Christopher’s Pastoral Centre to share a morning tea, where nine Marriage ministry groups each had a display.

Archbishop Prowse blessed the ministries and thanked Archdiocesan Marriage and Family Coordinator, Lara Kirk, for organising them on the day.

Couples’ golden moment

KAMBAH couples Robert and Patricia Wilson and Alex and Louise Garrett have celebrated their 50th wedding anniversaries.

Mr and Mrs Wilson were surprised when their family organised a vow renewal ceremony and lunch at the St Thomas the Apostle Parish.

The celebration was attended by two children, Veronica and Matthew, their families and other friends from the parish.

Two children, Paul and Elizabeth, and their families, who live on the Gold Coast and Melbourne respectively, were unable to attend.

The couple spoke of the joy that their family, four children and 12 grandchildren, bring them each day.

“Although most of them live away from Canberra, we do maintain regular visits and contact with them,” Mr Wilson said.

Mr and Mrs Wilson remain active in the Kambah parish and the St Vincent de Paul Society.

They take advantage of travel opportunities to Wales, where Pat comes from, and the United States where Bob grew up.

Mr and Mrs Garrett spent their golden anniversary on pilgrimage to the Holy Land.

“This was an amazing time for us as a couple and a celebration of our wonderful marriage and life together,” Mr Garrett said.

The couple were married in Woomera, South Australia.

After 11 years they and their three children moved to Canberra and joined St Thomas the Apostle Parish.



Kambah couple, Patricia and Robert Wilson celebrating 50 years of Marriage. Picture: Supplied.

Mrs Garrett taught at the parish school for 20 years and Mr Garrett was a public servant.

Over the following years their family grew to include seven grandchildren, in addition to three children-in-law.

“We have been especially blessed over the years,” Mrs Garrett said.

WHAT YOU CAN DO?



1 Pray

2 Update your details with Australian Electoral Commission before 24th August 2017.

3 Support and follow the campaign by signing up at <http://www.coalitionformarriage.com.au>

4 Donate generously.

5 Vote “No” in the plebiscite.

If you are currently on the electoral roll you do not need to enrol separately for the Australian Marriage Law Postal Survey. You can check your enrolment status at: <http://www.aec.gov.au/enrol/> or by calling the ABS on 1800 572 113 (7 days, 8am to 8pm local time in Australia). If you are enrolled but have recently moved you can update your details online.

Please give now to help build the Coalition for Marriage battle fund needed by August 31 to inform Australia before the people’s vote to protect marriage, children, and freedom. Thank You!



IF WE VOTE ‘YES’ IN THE PLEBISCITE:

1

Loss of freedom of speech.
Already we live in a climate of intimidation where civil debate is impossible. Those who support traditional marriage are targeted if they speak up, like Hobart Archbishop Julian Porteous was.

2

Loss of freedom of religion.
This will affect what faith leaders will be able to preach, what schools will be able to teach, and how everyday Australians will be able to conduct their businesses in accordance with their beliefs.

3

Parents won't be able to oppose the radical sex education program ‘Safe Schools’.
If marriage is redefined, there are consequential changes in education programs and policies in schools, and parents are increasingly excluded from having a say in the sex education of their children.

IF WE VOTE ‘NO’ IN THE PLEBISCITE:

1

We send a strong message on family, faith and freedom

2

Parents can continue to teach their children about their own beliefs about gender, sexuality and marriage.

3

We win the right to civil debate where political correctness has previously intimidated many into silence.

Mona's been passing on the faith for 60 years

CROOKWELL catechist Mrs Mona McIntosh has received the newly created St Mary MacKillop Commendation for 60 years of service as a scripture teacher.

Mona has taught scripture to scores of children in Crookwell Primary and Crookwell Secondary schools.

This citation comes with a statue of St Mary MacKillop, donated by the Sisters of St Joseph, and a monetary gift presented at a special celebration Mass at St Augustine's Church, Yass.

When asked why she has continued in this important mission for so long, Mrs McIntosh said, "I never aimed to do this for a long time and to get recognition.

"It was always for the children, to teach them about Jesus and his Church."

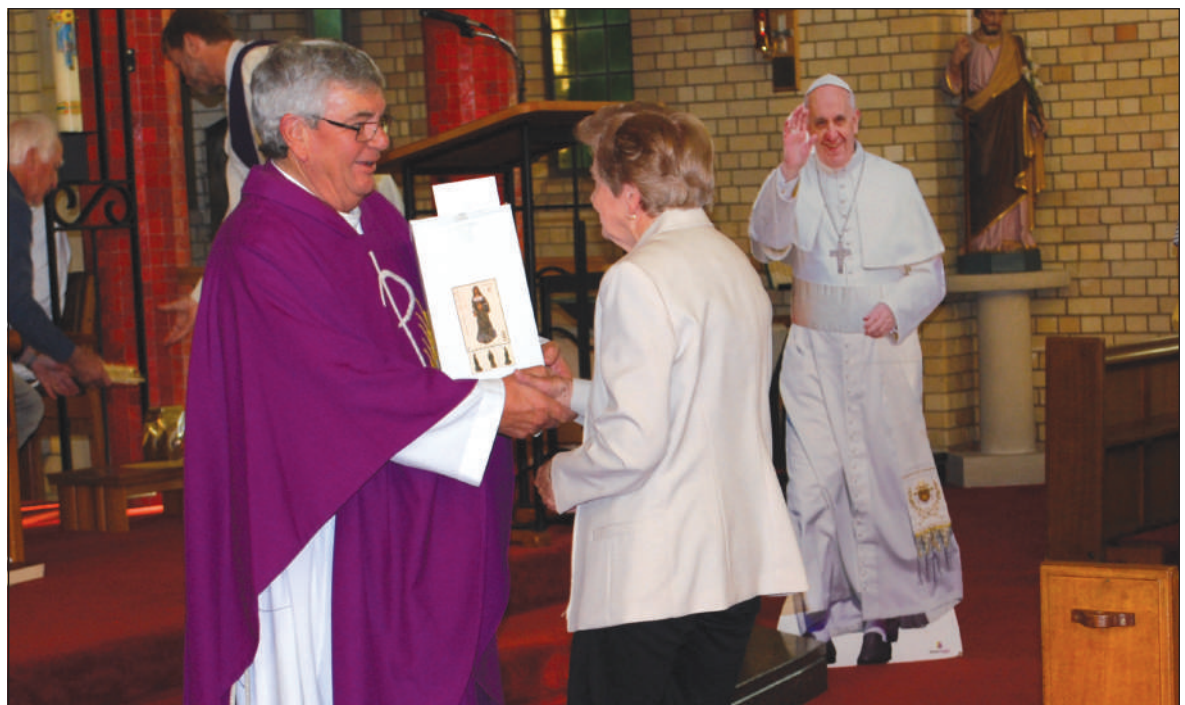
Deacon Matt Ransom, who has worked with Mrs McIntosh in his role as Archdiocesan Confraternity of Christian Doctrine Coordinator, spoke in glowing terms about the gifts that the catechist brings.

"When visiting this wonderful catechist, I am always struck by the joy, energy, faith and enthusiasm that Mona shows," he said.

"She has a deep love of the Catholic Church and always has a clear answer for the curly questions that young people ask.

"Recently, I was speaking to a senior high school teacher who has seen Mona at work with the students.

"The teacher was full of praise for the influence she has with the students, keeping them focused, teaching them well and encouraging them to grow closer to Jesus."



Crookwell catechist Mona McIntosh with her statue of St Mary MacKillop. Picture: Supplied.

Two decades of faith formation

DIANE Sutton is taking a rest from catechising the young ones at Adaminaby Public School for now.

And she's probably entitled to one, considering she has been doing it for the past 20 years. Along with her husband Bill, she has a great love for Scripture and ecumenism.

Due to her mother's illness, she sensed recently that it was time to stop, but she remains interested in the ongoing faith formation at the school.

A website designer by profession, Mrs Sutton says that what kept her going in passing on the faith was the Holy Spirit.

"The thing that kept me going was 'seeing a light go on' for the children when you would teach them something relating to the faith."

Confraternity of Catholic Doctrine Coordinator, Deacon Matt Ransom paid tribute to the out-going Adaminaby catechist.

"Diane, has been an exceptional catechist over the years," he said.

"She has shared the love of Jesus generously with the young ones in her care, and it is a love that comes from her own encounter with God.

"Many lives have been changed because of her generosity."



Diane Sutton with her husband in front of the big trout at Adaminaby. Picture: John McLaurin.

Put Christ at the centre, Pope urges



BY ELISE HARRIS

Vatican City (CNA/EWTN News) - In a message for catechists all over the world, Pope Francis stressed the need to not only make Christ the centre of their lives, but to be creative and adaptable in finding ways to reach the people in their area.

"The catechist is creative; they search for different means and forms of announcing Christ," he said ahead of an international symposium in Buenos Aires.

"Believing in Jesus is beautiful, because Jesus is the way, truth and life who fills our existence with joy and gladness."

Pope Francis said that in the quest of making Jesus known to the world, "we must not be afraid because he precedes us in this task. He is already in the man of today, and there awaits us."

He explained that catechesis is a vocation of service and not simply a job or a task external to the person of the catechist.

"Their whole life revolves around this mission," he said.

The Pope pointed to the importance of respecting popular piety in the people, saying it's important to "care for the potential of piety

and love that popular religiosity holds so that they transmit not only the contents off the faith, but a true school of faith is created which cultivates the gift of the faith that has been received."

"A catechist is also someone who journeys both from and with Christ, he said.

"They are not a person who starts from their own ideas and preferences, but who allows themselves to look to him, to this gaze that makes their heart burn."

"This dynamism of love is like the movement of the heart," and Jesus himself gives us an example of how to live this when he retreats to pray, and then "immediately goes to the encounter of those who are hungry and thirsty for God in order to heal and save them."

"From here arises the importance of the 'mystagogical' catechesis, which is the constant encounter with the Word and with the sacraments, and not something merely occasional prior to the celebration of the sacraments of Christian initiation," he said.

Pope Francis encouraged them "to be joyful messengers, guardians of the good and the beauty that shines forth in the faithful life of the missionary disciple."

Retreat days

JUDY Bowe MGL is leading a series of catechist retreat days in the Archdiocese throughout September.

Places and dates include: September 2: Sacred Heart Church Pearce, September 9: St Patrick's Church Gundagai and September 23: St Joseph's Church Merimbula. Each retreat day runs from 10am to 4pm. To RSVP your attendance or to learn more phone (02) 6163 4300 or email kylie.berenza@cg.org.au

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Visiting parishes with pastor and elder

CATECHISTS across the Archdiocese learnt from Aboriginal elder and pastor Tim Edwards in series of professional development days. Originally from Innisfail, Pastor Edwards lives in Perth with his wife, where they lead a church and are foster parents for emergency situations.

Pastor Edwards has a background in education, training, indigenous reconciliation and Christian unity.

Speaking on Aboriginal education and spirituality, he conveyed to catechists his profound relationship with Jesus. Coordinator of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine Deacon Matt Ransom said the catechists responded positively to the pastor's visit with many looking forward to having him back.



Pastor Tim Edwards (far left) talks with catechists from the Archdiocese. Picture: Supplied.



With 15,000 other catechists in Rome

LAST year, during the Extraordinary Year of Mercy, South Woden's Chris and Maree Rule almost accidentally joined 15,000 other catechists from all over the world for a pilgrimage in Rome.

Accidentally in that it wasn't part of their original itinerary. The couple's trip coincided with Mr Rule notching up 25 years of being a catechist.

Mrs Rule also knows a thing or two about teaching the faith. She was a teacher of religious education in Canberra Catholic schools for over 20 years.

During their pilgrimage they were particularly moved by a talk

given by Undersecretary for the Pontifical Council for the Promotion of the New Evangelisation, Monsignor Graeme Bell.

The subject for Monsignor Bell's talk was 'contemplating mercy' reflecting on the theme of 'showing mercy and choosing' where he used the example of Caravaggio's painting The Call of Saint Matthew.

"In the painting Christ is standing by a window with the light coming into the room, not through the window, but from behind Christ, in effect Christ's light shining in the darkness," Mr Rule said.

"The first point he made was that the calling of all of us is to love God. He did, however, also point out that we are free to reject God's love.

"He also spoke of Christ calling – pointing to – Matthew, who points to someone else in the room as if to say 'You mean him don't you?

"Monsignor Bell made further points that we often try to avoid God's calling, that all of us are weak and vacillating, and thus in need of God's mercy."

A special Mass for catechists at the Vatican took place as part of the pilgrimage.

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Namora looks forward to serve

DEACON-in-waiting Namora Anderson understands that life as a clergyman is largely about service.

What he is most looking forward to following his coming ordination to the diaconate, is being able to serve the people of God in a more official capacity.

Being ordained a deacon is the next step on his way to the priesthood.

For the past seven years, he has spent a large portion of his training at the seminary in Sydney.

He has also spent several months in both the Cootamundra and Young parishes as part of his pastoral training.

"Time spent in the seminary is invaluable and is very much needed in order for us to have a sound theology and a thorough understanding of what we are undertaking," he said.

"But it's also important for us to get a feel for what happens in the parishes and to learn the day-to-day



Namora Anderson.

operations of the Church.

He says it can be a labour of love being in a seminary hundreds of kilometres from where he will be ministering.

But he knows the exercise is a sacrifice for a greater good.

"When you are in Sydney, it can feel at times like you are distant," he said.

"But when Jesus taught His Disciples, he would often take them away from the crowds and so it is a similar thing, I guess."

Mr Anderson says he is looking forward to spending more time in parishes throughout the Archdiocese.

He is continuing his formation in Gungahlin Parish and will remain there after his diaconate ordination.

"The parish here is really vibrant and energetic, with lots of young families and people from a diverse range of cultures, and they have been most welcoming," he said.

Reflecting on his own vocation story, Mr Anderson, 28, said he was an ordinary person who felt the call to the priesthood in a gentle way.

"My story does not involve

some kind of lightning bolt moment where it changed suddenly," he said.

"Mine was more of a gnawing or nagging feeling, where I felt that I wanted to do something meaningful with my life. For me that was trying out the priesthood."

Although he met several challenges in the seminary, he said it was a most rewarding experience.

"Being in the seminary were the happiest and most joyful years of my life so far," he said.

"It was great because you are with like-minded men who are on fire for God. Some people think that all seminarians do is pray, study, sleep and eat.

"Much of this is true, but in between all of this, we are social beings and there is constant joking and laughing."

Mr Anderson will be ordained a deacon with Adrian Chan at St Christopher's Cathedral at 7pm on September 22. All are welcome.

Joint winners as festival hits high note

HISTORY was made at the fourth annual Archdiocesan Catholic Primary Schools Choir Festival, with St Benedict's, Narrabundah, and St Gregory's, Queanbeyan, named joint winners.

St Thomas Aquinas, Charnwood, came second and St Jude's Primary School, Holder, third. St Vincent's, Aranda, 'Vinnie's Voices' earned the encouragement award.

In presenting the awards, Apostolic Nuncio Archbishop Adolfo Tito Yllana told the children that, unlike soccer (which cannot be played in a car) or other sports (which cannot be played in a shopping centre), singing is the only activity that can take place anywhere.

He encouraged them to enjoy

singing and thanked the competition organisers including the Canberra branch of the Knights of the Southern Cross, Catholic Education and the Canberra Southern Cross Club as a supporter.

Coordinator Bob Perkins from the Knights also gave a vote of thanks.

"The success of the event was due to the tremendous work of the choir directors and the behind-the-scenes work of the staff of St John Paul II College," he said.

"They arranged the setting-up of the hall, the catering for 400 people and the printing of 400 event booklets for the day."

He said the enthusiasm of the children and the smiles on their faces was what the whole event was all about.



Apostolic Nuncio Archbishop Adolfo Tito Yllana with joint winners (L-R) Daniel Nganga and Julia Norgrove of St Benedict's Primary Narrabundah, with Charlie Watson and Sophia Watson from St Gregory's Primary Queanbeyan. Picture: Mike Cassidy.

Parish looks at ways to express faith

MEDIA personality, Geraldine Doogue will be keynote speaker when St Gregory's Parish Pastoral Council, Queanbeyan, hosts a gala dinner on November 28.

Carrying the theme of 'Living the Gospel Today – Next steps to re-imagining our parish communities', the event has come about as the parish seeks to discern the best way forward for parish communities after the Royal Commission.

It follows public meetings organised by the Concerned Catholics of Canberra and Goulburn group to discuss the best future model of Church.

The Queanbeyan Parish Pastoral Council includes a range of ages that reflect the community. It brings together the strengths of its

17 members.

Their 2016 to 2018 Pastoral Plan outlines various strategies that are to be promoted so that voices in the community are heard and future ideas are raised.

Leading the event is Fr Troy Bobbin, Parish Priest and Mary Dorrian, Parish Council Chairperson, Mary Dorrian. Suze Forster, a parishioner and events coordinator, is also donating her time to ensure that the dinner is a success.

"Annually the parish holds a significant event towards the end of each year," Fr Bobbin said.

"We think it is important for the community to gather for discussion, particularly in the wake of the Royal Commission and the 2016 National Church and Life Survey."

Wanting to take a proactive approach, Fr Bobbin believes it is time to look at fresh ways of evangelisation.

"Evangelisation is everyone in the Church's business and we need to look at encouraging greater engagement of parishioners."

Mrs Dorrian, a retired executive with Catholic Education in the Archdiocese is also keen to promote the gala dinner.

"Geraldine will prompt us to consider new ideas about expressing the Catholic faith in different ways," she said.

"We honour the Church's traditions and we need to make sure that the Church is relevant to all people.

"We wish to acknowledge

victims of Child Sexual Abuse and create communities where people feel welcome and safe.

"As a parish pastoral council, we ask ourselves, what kind of community do we wish to be in the future?"

Fr Bobbin said the event is open to anyone from all over the Archdiocese and beyond, Catholic and other faith traditions.

It is being held at the Queanbeyan Roos Club and tickets are available from \$60 per person via the parish website at www.stgregorysparishqueanbeyan.com

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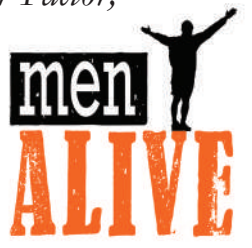
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The influence fathers have on their children should not be underestimated. But they need to be supported and affirmed in their roles. One book which is helping men right across the country is The Father Factor, written by Peter O'Shea and Robert Falzon, founder of menALIVE.



200 attend menALIVE national conference



SEARCHING for life's deeper meaning does not come easily for many men.

More than 200 men from across Australia and New Zealand took time out to attend menALIVE to the MAX, a national Catholic men's gathering in Brisbane in July.

Described as the largest Catholic gathering of men in Australia or New Zealand, attendees were a mix of Catholics, non-Catholics and Catholics "returning home".

Canberra's menALIVE leadership team of Torrien Lau, Brad Moffit and Anthony Morrison attended, as did Queanbeyan's Frank Stanford and David Sealy.

Vicar General Fr Tony Percy and Deacon Matt Ransom also attended from the Archdiocese.

Mr Lau said the conference was

a time of renewal and tuning into God as well as making resolutions to take purposeful action through talks, discussion, fellowship and personal prayer.

"Regardless of where they were on their faith journey, participants were challenged to deepen their faith in God and to explore practical ways that lead to transformation," he said.

Seven priests were available for Reconciliation.

Peter Gabauer, a member of the menALIVE founding team, reminded everyone at the conference of the mission.

"The purpose of menALIVE is to bring men together to renew their faith in God and to encourage them to be an active force of renewal of the Church," he said.

"We hope to reawaken the zeal in men's hearts by fostering daily prayer, fellowship, service and the support of our priests.

"Recognising that a man's spirituality can often flourish best in the company of other men, menALIVE provides men opportunities to share faith and review what matters most in their lives."

Since being founded in 2003, menALIVE has delivered its message to parish gatherings, conferences and retreats.

A team of lay men have run more than 350 events for 20,000 men across 26 dioceses in Australia and New Zealand.

MenALIVE holds regular events, conferences and workshops. For more information visit www.menalive.org.au

About The Father Factor

The Father Factor prompts the reader to consider the evidence on what drives success and happiness. What emerges from the research is that the relationships with father and mother tend to powerfully affect long-term happiness, financial success and work success. The resolution of relationships with father and mother, then, is pivotal to the pursuit of success and happiness. Because father-child relationships have tended to break down more dramatically in contemporary society than mother-child ones, this book gives particular emphasis to father-child ones. In seeking to help the reader to resolve crucially important relationships with parents and navigate the journey to wholeness, the book provides various evidence-based strategies, case studies and links to useful resources.

What they are saying about The Father Factor

"The Father Factor is a unique, profound and ground-breaking book. Profound because it collates the latest research on the importance of fathers in families, but not just fathers, also mothers, faith and family. Ground-breaking because it also includes personal stories, case studies and gives strategies for success and happiness. Unique because it is fresh and nothing like it has been written before." – Warwick Marsh, CEO of dads4kids, recipient of the 1998 FOL Fatherhood of the Year award.

"This book is not only a very captivating read but also a very informative one. It should be

compulsory reading for marriage preparation courses. As I read the book I was amazed at how much evidence there was on the importance of fathers, but how little has been done to help fatherless children. Fortunately this book provides some suggested remedial strategies in that direction." – Veronica Kearney, Mother of four and teacher for 35 years.

"In their encouraging and inspiring book, Peter and Robert have done Australian men (and therefore their families or future families) a great service. They write about father matters and it shows (if anyone is uncertain) that fathers really do matter in the lives of their children. Men who are searching for guidance and wisdom in terms of being a good father, and in my experience that is most men who are fathers, or who want to be fathers, will benefit from giving this book their time and attention. The authors assert that the impact of engaged and responsible fathering is felt far beyond the boundaries of the family. Indeed, society is safer and healthier for all because of it." – Dr Brian Sullivan, psychologist and teacher.

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PAUL SMITH: "To me being a father is a great privilege that carries with it huge responsibilities. It means, being a carer, teacher, provider, protector and sometimes a friend. The road is sometimes hard, but the journey is never boring, especially with eight kids!"



FR PRAVEEN PAUL: "As a priest, 'Father' reminds me that I am entrusted with a great responsibility by God to His people. In the same way a father in the family listens and cares for his children, so must a priest do so for his spiritual children, with mercy and compassion."



GEORGE WYER: "Praise God I have close relationships with all of my four children. At 91 years of age, and as the years have gone by and continue, the meaning and value of love is revealed. The love of oneself is the stepping stone for all love."



MIKE DOHERTY: "A father's role changes over time. We love and nurture the infant; teach and gently correct or chastise the child; advise and keep up the corrections in adolescence; support in adult years; and finally; accept graciously any reciprocal care that may be required."



ANTHONY DOYLE: "In one word; responsibility. I took on fatherhood simply as part of the package of Catholic marriage. I now understand that fatherhood is a sacred, sacramental call and I pray each day for the grace to discharge this call well. It means I have to live strong and wise Christian manhood."

FATHER'S DAY

Family's taste of Philippines life mission

When Canberra's Anthony Doyle returned home from a Missionaries of God's Love Philippines mission earlier in the year, he felt compelled to return. Just two months after getting back, he jetted off again, this time with sons Joseph and Samuel. Ready to witness the extreme poverty first-hand, the Doyles were also joined by Anthony's godson, Luke Hyland. Here they share their story with Catholic Voice in time for Father's Day.

WITH a Philippines mission already under his belt, Anthony Doyle knew what to expect setting off from Australia bound for Manila. Sons Joseph and Samuel, who had never before left Australia, heard of the difficult living conditions from their father's stories. This time they would see it up close. Calling on friend Luke Hyland to join the party, the young men entered their foreign surroundings keen to make a difference.

The MGL mission is based in the Quezon City area of Manila which has a population about the same as Australia's. The focus of their mission is to the poor and to young people. Fr Paul Uwemedimo serves in Payatas on the city fringe. Payatas is dominated by a vast rubbish dump towering over the area. For many years, Paul has brought the love of God to the people of Payatas by arranging children's scholarships, obtaining emergency aid, ministering the sacraments and evangelising.

The boys had to quickly find their feet, living without seatbelts, being piled on top of each other in packed Jeepneys, surviving on chicken and rice, sleeping on the floor squashed together on a mattress, and communicating where English levels vary and Australian accents are incomprehensible.

Anthony kept a mission diary. Here are some excerpts:

Fr Paul takes us on a visit through Payatas, where youth workers Kat and her husband Raymond supervise a small initiative turning old tyres into useful products. Joseph, Samuel and Luke are doing well in their first exposure to the sights, sounds and smells of a third world country

The shock of doing something new can be tiring and so the boys need some down time, whereas second time around, I don't need as much.

The boys have been taken through two Dickensian slums and have met and dined



Above: Sam Doyle enjoys the company of PNA Youth. Below left: Youth leaders conduct a children's literacy class. Below Right: One of the more 'up market' houses in Payatas. Below far right: Staying with the Acidal family in Payatas. PICTURES: Supplied

with young adult leaders who are giving back to God for what they have received. The boys are already different to when they left. They are men.

The Mass was the best example I know of the Church being amongst the people. It was enthusiastic and we were warmly greeted by the local people. It was one of the highlights of the trip.

What they said:

ANTHONY DOYLE: During my first visit, I had a strong feeling that my boys needed to be here. When we married Jeanine and I promised to raise them in the faith – "As for me and my household, we will serve

the Lord (Joshua 24:15). This has involved endless work and self-sacrifice however parenting doesn't stop at the Year 12 graduation. As a father, I still have to point them to God above all my being an example (however imperfect) to them of Christian fatherhood. The boys are committed to frequently returning to Manila.

JOSEPH DOYLE (20): The shacks and grime that many people were living in wasn't like anything I had seen before. I saw the impact that the Gospel had on their lives. Knowing God's love inspired them to make

something of themselves and improve their community. Assisting people financially or by encouragement was the most worthwhile thing that I did. I was inspired by young adults who had succeeded through education and hard work and then returned to spend a year ministering to their community.

SAMUEL DOYLE (18): I learned three key things from my time in Manila. Firstly, God's people are all the same; just scattered to different places, living in different environments. Secondly, how far an Australian dollar can go in doing good



For more than 20 years the Missionaries of God's Love a religious order of Priests, Brothers and Sisters founded in Canberra has been ministering to the desperately poor of Manila.

Fr Paul Uwemedimo MGL is in Canberra and will be speaking of his work and ways Canberrans can support this vital work.

If you are interested in supporting the mission by participating in short term missions, by prayer or by financial support, come along to hear Fr Paul share his passion for the poor of Manila.

DATE: Monday 4 September

TIME: 7:00-8:30pm

VENUE: St Benedict's Parish Centre Collins Wing Building, Tallara Parkway, Narrabundah.

Further information: Anthony Doyle 0429 782 018.

works. Lastly, how much I was able to learn about myself and to see God from new viewpoints.

LUKE HYLAND (18): When I left, I was expecting to be building roofs, but found myself using Google translator to communicate with young people. I discovered the principle of solidarity - it wasn't necessarily about what we could do - although that's important - but to bring ourselves. To be with people, playing music and basketball and helping in mostly small ways.



Archdiocesan youth given chance to SHINE

MORE than 300 young people from across the Archdiocese gathered for the first annual SHINE Youth Mass, Rally and Conference event in Canberra.

Billed as the biggest local event for Archdiocesan youth this year, attendees came with open hearts and with the aim of answering the call to Christ.

A Youth Mass with Archbishop Christopher Prowse as principal celebrant kicked off the event.

Vicar General Fr Tony Percy, Fr Loi Viviocente and youth chaplains Fr Luke Verrell and Fr Trenton van Reesch, concelebrated and took part in the rally.

"SHINE was another chance for young people to step out in faith and enter into the life of the Church," Archdiocesan Youth Coordinator Huw Warmenhoven said.

"The Cathedral was filled with young people from schools, parish youth ministries, movements and ecclesial communities across the Archdiocese."

This rally which made good use the piazza space between St Christopher's Cathedral and the Pastoral Centre was led by local music ministry leaders.

The place became a hive of activity with a mixture of music, praise and worship, dancing and games involving beach balls. A drone made an appearance above the group, while social media was abuzz as a selfie stick did the rounds.

A series of talks and testimonies were given exploring the theme of live a life inspired by love.

This theme was explored further the next day at John Paul II College in Nicholls with 350 students from year 9 and 10 following the Catholic Youth Schools Ministry Australia model of formation, taking part in workshops and panels.

St Clare's College student Elena Catanzariti, said "SHINE was so good! It was great to see so many students from across the Archdiocese unite in faith."



Youth ministers take their mission to UK

CATHOLIC Schools Youth Ministry Australia's youth-speaks-to-youth model was employed at an international level, as youth ministers from the Archdiocese took the mission to England.

Joining with other youth ministers from the CSYMA network, the two entities combined to establish Catholic Schools Youth Ministry England (CSYME).

The team of seven youth ministers ran school outreach to more than 2500 students from schools in four dioceses, Southwark, Arundel and Brighton, Northampton and Salford.

It included core sessions on the theme "Follow = Come + Go" and spoke about how living out the Christian faith involves coming into a relationship with Jesus and going forth to live out the mission of the Church.

The team also helped to lead teacher formation initiatives for more than 200 teachers that focused on equipping and empowering Catholic schools to become centres of the new evangelisation.

Stuart McPherson, a principal from the Diocese of Arundel and Brighton, said the youth ministers and CSYMA vision was "hugely impressive and a hope for the future of Catholic Church".

Archdiocesan Youth Ministry Coordinator Huw Warmenhoven said sharing the CSYMA vision across England was an exciting opportunity for the youth ministers who have all had personal experience coming through the models of student formation.



"This mission provided an opportunity to support local leaders to continue to develop CSYME following the mission," he said.

"This included building on a strong relationship already established with the Archdiocese of Southwark. Five Catholic Education and youth leaders from Southwark came over to the Archdiocese earlier this year."

Mr Warmenhoven said it will be exciting see more fruit come from this most recent Equipping School. "Our youth ministers are also preparing to lead similar cross-cultural missions to the Northern Territory and Uganda later this year," he said.

"Cross-cultural mission opportunities are a key part of the Archdiocesan Youth Ministry vision. Mr Warmenhoven said more opportunities for youth and young adults to participate in mission will be available next year in the national Year of Youth and leading into 2019 in the Archdiocesan Year of Mission for Youth.

Prayer of the Pilgrim

*Loving God,
As we prepare to depart on this pilgrimage
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who travelled this way over one hundred years ago
we ask a blessing on our travel.*

*As we journey,
may we be inspired by her life of service
and resolve to imitate her love of you
and show it in our own lives.*

*We ask God's blessing on each of us
and ask that we may travel safely
and return in safety and peace.*



Top left: Archbishop Christopher Prowse leading the pilgrims in prayer at Eden. Picture: Supplied. Middle left: Pilgrims enjoying lunch. Picture: Supplied. Bottom left: Archbishop Prowse takes a selfie with the youth at SHINE. Middle right: Confirmation photo from Bega. Picture: Supplied. Bottom right: The choir at a recent Connect Youth Mass. Picture: Supplied.



COMING EVENTS



August 31 to September 8 (5.30pm): Novena and Masses in honour of St Mother Teresa of Kolkata, being held at St Raphael's Church, Queanbeyan, in conjunction with the parish and the Missionary of Charity Sisters.

September 2 (9am): MGL Vocation Discernment Day at 6 Boake Pl, Garran ACT. Bring sports gear and \$10 to cover meal costs. Enquiries / RSVP by August 30 to Fr Chris at ceatonmgl@gmail.com or 0410 935 621.

September 9 (11am): Mass of thanksgiving in completion of the St Mother Teresa of Kolkata Novena and Masses. Held at St Raphael's Church, Queanbeyan, in conjunction with the parish and the Missionary of Charity Sisters. Principal celebrant: Archbishop Prowse.

September 10 (5.30pm): Marian Movement of Priests devotee Fr Andrew Grace, from Griffith NSW will celebrate the 5.30pm Mass and speak about Cenacles at St Michael's Church Kaleen, ACT. For more information contact Judy or Joe Mewburn on (02) 6254 6202.

September 11 (10am): Marian Movement of Priests devotee Fr Andrew Grace, from Griffith NSW will hold a Cenacle followed by morning tea at St Joseph's Church O'Connor, ACT. For more information contact Judy or Joe Mewburn on (02) 6254 6202.

September 14 and 28 (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.

September 16 (7pm to 1pm): 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 692 999, or Neda on 0415 266 019.

September 20 (2pm): Official opening and blessing of St Christopher's Pastoral Centre at 55 Franklin St, Forrest, ACT. For more information contact the Archdiocese on 6239 8500

September 30 (10am to 3pm): Secular Franciscan Order

are celebrating their annual family day at the Shrine of Our Lady of Mercy at Penrose Park. Day includes Mass, lunch and talk by Dr Alan Cadwallader. All welcome. For more information email Tony at sfo@fastmail.fm

October 5 and 26 (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.

October 6 (6pm): Movie night for 'Home' at the Q Theatre in Queanbeyan. For more information go to www.homeinqueanbeyan.org

October 6 (9am to 6pm): Youth Ministers Formation Day - TBC.

October 23: CONNECT Mass at Corpus Christi Parish, Gowrie ACT.

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

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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.

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New classroom for Gowrie

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South Tuggeranong Parish Priest Fr Warrick Tonkin assisted Archbishop Christopher Prowse at the opening and blessing of the classroom in front of the school's Year 4 children.

Principal Anne-Marie Marek said the school was at full capacity at the time of the Block Grant Authority application in 2015.

"We have two demountable classroom buildings housing four classes and we had student toilets that were a health risk," she said.

"There was no disabled toilet or staff toilet other than in the administration block, and they were built in the 1980s.

"Our initial aim was to replace these buildings with a permanent building of originally six classrooms, student toilets and disabled toilet."

Mrs Marek said the school has more expansion plans, but extra building would need to happen in stages.

"Our first stage was to build two new classrooms and new student toilets in addition to staff and disabled persons toilet," she said.



Archbishop Prowse at the opening and blessing. Picture: Supplied.

"The school community managed to contribute \$310,000, however we were unable to financially contribute the million dollars required to complete this project in one stage."

The school will soon apply for another government grant to build a further two classrooms. This would enable it to remove the existing demountable classrooms and build an additional carpark.

Karinya walk is 'growing legs'



NOW in its fifth year, the annual Mercy Walk for Women fundraiser, which raises money for Karinya House, is "growing legs", according to organiser Teena McGrath.

"Since it started in 2013, we have seen a steady increase in the number of women who take part," she said.

"It's an opportunity for women to walk and talk while raising much needed funds for Karinya House for mothers and babies."

The Boorowa mother of three puts the walk's success down to its universal appeal.

"Although the walk has Catholic origins, it is not specifically

Catholic," she said.

The 23km walk will again start at the intersection of Cunningar and Campbellfield Roads, Boorowa, and finish at St Clement's Retreat Centre, Gelong.

On arrival at St Clement's, women will enjoy a champagne lunch and pose for a group photograph. Morning tea, water re-fills and sunscreen will be provided on the way.

Support cars and portaloos are available throughout the day, and transport back to Boorowa is offered at the end.

Executive Director of Karinya House Marie-Louise Corkhill

reiterated the importance of the event.

"During the 2016 and 2017 financial year, our community-based donations and fundraising supported more than 300 women in our community, and their babies, as well as their toddlers and partners on occasion," she said.

"Together we have been part of many stories of resilience, courage and perseverance. We thank you for sharing in our purpose of supporting vulnerable pregnant and parenting women in our community."

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Many reasons for us to sing the Mass



LITURGY MATTERS
BY JENNY ANDERSON

ONE might say that there is singing at Mass, or that people sing for Mass, but it would be more accurate to say that we sing the Mass.

There are many reasons music is such an important part of our liturgy. Singing is enjoyable; it connects us with our emotions; it is good for us, for our breathing and better blood flow; it is a form of communication; and it helps us to remember texts more easily.

Scripture tells us that God wants us to "sing a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth... tell of God's salvation from day to day" (Ps 96:1-3). Scripture is full of references to singing and contains many direct commands to sing, eg, "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God." Col 3:16.

The liturgical documents also speak about the importance of music in liturgy.

The Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy describes music as "a necessary or integral part of the

solemn liturgy" (Sacrosanctum Concilium, n.112). The Instruction on Music in the Liturgy says that "one cannot find anything more religious and more joyful in sacred celebrations than a whole congregation expressing its faith and devotion in song. Therefore the active participation of the whole people, which is shown in singing, is to be carefully promoted." (Musicam Sacram, n.16).

Singing the liturgy is integral. It contributes to good celebrations which help foster faith.

It adds beauty and solemnity to the liturgy, assisting and encouraging the assembly to take part in the celebration.

Music in the liturgy is a ministerial action –the music serves the liturgy, it should never dominate. Music acts to bring people together; it is unifying in nature, uniting us to Christ and to each other. It is also accompanying, enhancing the liturgical action and supporting it.

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NATION IN BRIEF

HOMELESS ON THE RISE

THE rate of homelessness in Australia is increasing Bishop Terence Brady, chairman of the Bishops Commission for Pastoral Life, said. Speaking during Homelessness Week, he said it extended "beyond our major cities to rural and regional Australia. On any given night in Australia 1 in 200 people are homeless."

SUPPORT MANUS REFUGEES

PARRAMATTA Bishop Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv has urged the Australian Government to provide support services for those on Manus Island who are awaiting a resolution to their situation. "The Australian Government needs to listen to the concerns of these people and treat them with dignity," he said.

'NOT ENOUGH' HELP ON POWER

JACK de Groot, CEO of the St Vincent de Paul Society NSW, was underwhelmed by the outcome of a recent meeting between Malcolm Turnbull and Australia's largest energy retailers: "It's about better prices, not better offers," he said. "Just notifying customers that there will be a change to their discount power plans is not enough."

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Exclusion of the poor reveals lack of justice

THIS year's Social Justice Statement from Australia's bishops considers the nation's economic priorities.

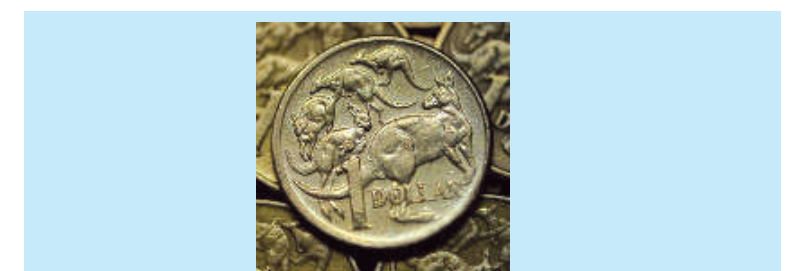
Everyone's Business: Developing an inclusive and sustainable economy will be launched this month.

Produced by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, it draws from the teachings of Pope Francis and his predecessors to highlight how the exclusion of poor and vulnerable citizens from the benefits of economic growth, reveals a lack of justice in the economic system itself.

It reflects on new understandings of development in the spheres of social and economic policy to highlight how the wellbeing of humans and all of creation must be an economy's central purpose.

The statement calls for a new approach that prevents exclusion from the outset and engages all people as dignified contributors to sustainable and economic growth.

Australian Catholic Bishops Conference President Archbishop Denis Hart said the statement was a response to calls by Pope Francis for economic justice for societies



IN the Gospel (Matt 20:1-16) for this year's Social Justice Sunday on September 24, Jesus tells the parable of the workers in the vineyard, where all become active contributors and are recognised for their human dignity.

Social Justice Sunday liturgy notes as well as a PowerPoint presentation and resources for schools and social justice groups will be available at www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au/publications/social-justice-statements

that are founded on justice, offering dignity and inclusion to every person.

"Australia has been fortunate to have enjoyed a quarter of a century of continuous growth," he said.

"Yet not all Australians have experienced the benefits of that good fortune.

"Inequality has been increasing, employment and working conditions have become more insecure for many, unemployed people have

to subsist on incomes well below the poverty levels and housing is becoming less and less affordable for buyers and renters."

Copies of the statement may be ordered through the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council website www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au or by telephoning (02) 8306 3499.

It will be available for download on the bishops conference website at www.catholic.org.au

WORLD IN BRIEF

MONTH OF PRAYER FOR MISSION WORK

VATICAN CITY. Pope Francis has dedicated October 2019 as a month of prayer and reflection for the missionary work of the Church. The announcement came as part of an audience with the Pope to conclude the annual General Assembly of the Pontifical Mission Societies. October 2019 was chosen because of its proximity to the centenary anniversary of Pope Benedict XV's November 1919 apostolic letter, *Maximum Illud*, calling for renewed missionary zeal following World War I.

PATHWAY OF JOY AND LOVE

NAPA, California (CNA/EWTN News). In a world that can sometimes seem disheartening, Christians have a path to the future in lives of joy and love, Archbishop Chaput said. "We can't let the weight of the world crush the joy that's our birthright by our rebirth in Jesus Christ through baptism," he said.

DIVORCE ON THE RISE

LILONGWE, Malawi (CNA/EWTN News). Divorce rates in Malawi have increased in the past few years, leading the Catholic Church locally to emphasise the importance of family life and marriage preparation. "The family is under attack by many influences which the church must take seriously and address them," Bishop Peter Musikuwa of Chikwawa said.

DON'T SINK INTO FORTUNE-TELLING

VATICAN CITY (CNA/EWTN News). Pope Francis has warned against people putting their trust in horoscopes and fortune telling rather than Christ. Pointing to how Peter begins to sink when walking towards Jesus on the water, the Pope said the same thing can happen to people when they put their trust in false securities. "When we do not cling to the Word of the Lord, but consult horoscopes and fortune tellers, we begin to sink," he said.

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Regina a Lynch-pin for Church's charity



Phillip Collignon, Archbishop Adolfo Tito Yllana and Regina Lynch at the Nunciature in Canberra. Picture: Supplied.

THERE would be few people more qualified to comment on the state of the Church in the world's war-torn regions than Regina Lynch.

In 36 years as project director for Aid to the Church in Need, Miss Lynch has spent most of her life dealing with devastating human suffering.

This includes being close to extreme poverty, homelessness, violence and persecution for faith.

She says the current plight of the Christians in Iraq and Syria is as big a crisis as she has dealt with.

Based in Konigstein, 20 minutes north of Frankfurt, Germany, she was in Canberra to visit Apostolic Nuncio Archbishop Adolfo Tito Camacho Yllana.

She also met with the Australian branch of the charity, managed by Phillip Collignon.

Mr Collignon himself has spent 27 years working for the organisation.

It is a role that his father carried out for 20 years before him.

Miss Lynch said it was her 10-day visit was her first to Australia.

"My time in Australia was brief, but packed full of meetings; Australians are very hospitable," she said.

"It was wonderful being able to meet with benefactors and Catholic media outlets, informing them of the ever present need for pastoral and humanitarian aid overseas."

In her meeting with the

Apostolic Nuncio, Miss Lynch discussed the situation of Christians living in regions faced with ongoing corruption and turmoil.

"Although I had never previously met him before, I knew of His Excellency when he was the Nuncio in some of the places where I have been on mission, including Pakistan and South America," she said.

"He took great interest in what Aid to the Church in Need are doing and offered his encouragement and support."

Born and raised in Northern Ireland, Miss Lynch grew up amid political and religious unrest.

She gets home "approximately four times a year".

She has practically given her whole life to Aid to the Church in Need and has no plans to retire soon.

"Our foremost duty is to provide spiritual and material work through the local Church to those who suffer persecution or repression for the sake of their Christian faith," she said.

"In all our project work, what is important for us is dialogue with the local Church."

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Archdiocesan stalwarts farewelled

TWO long-serving employees of the Archdiocese were farewelled as the organisation moved into its new home at St Christopher's Centre, Manuka.

Employees and other members of the Archdiocesan community gathered for a cocktail evening to see Matt Casey into retirement, and a morning tea was held for Marinko Ludovic.

Mr Ludovic worked for the Archdiocese for more than a decade as grounds and maintenance officer at the Rheinberger Centre, Yarralumla.

Mr Casey spent nine years as the Institute for Professional Standards and Safeguarding (IPSS) Manager.

His departure comes in the lead-up to the Archdiocese and the nation recognising Child Protection Week (September 4 to 10) and Child Protection Sunday (September 10).

He played an integral role for the Archdiocese before during and after the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse where he prepared and accompanied Archbishop Christopher Prowse at the hearings in Sydney.

He was instrumental in coordinating the Liturgy of Lament as well as the Archbishop's Listening Sessions.

At the farewell, Vicar General Fr Tony Percy spoke of his long



Matt Casey is farewelled by Helen Delahunty and Fr Tony Percy.

association with Mr Casey going back to 2003 and highlighted him as a faithful man to family, career, community and Church.

"I've known Matt for quite some time," he said.

"Matt was in the parish of Goulburn and I was after someone to head up the pastoral council.

"We chatted and I asked him to take up the job of being head of the pastoral council [because] I realized Matt had this terrific ability of being able to bring people together."

Fr Percy also spoke of their time together in the parish when

they hosted 1800 World Youth Day pilgrims bound for Sydney in 2008.

He congratulated Mr Casey on his career before wishing him and his family well.

"You can look back at your career and be extremely proud," he said.

In reply, Mr Casey paid tribute to the people he had worked alongside and said it was a joy to have worked for the Archdiocese.

He was supported on the night by wife Pam and daughters, Jen and Kate. He says he leaves the position of IPSS Manager in the capable hands of Maria Hicks.

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South Korean bishop visits community



Bishop Lazzaro and Archbishop Prowse pray before the grave of Dr Evatt at the Woden Cemetery. Picture: Supplied.

SOUTH KOREAN Bishop Lazzaro You Heung Sik, has a real affinity with Canberra.

He recently visited the Korean Catholic community for the fourth time and met with chaplain Fr Thomas Jin and Archbishop Christopher Prowse.

Last year, Archbishop Prowse visited Bishop Lazzaro in his home Diocese of Daegon.

He spoke of the Archdiocese and the Diocese of Daegon being sister dioceses.

On his recent visit, Bishop Lazzaro said he was delighted with the Korean Catholic community's progress, and listened to and learned their main concerns.

"Most of the concerns centred on visa and immigration restrictions of the South Korean people, coming to and from Australia," he said.

"I was able to offer some encouragement to members."

Bishop Lazzaro spent time praying with Archbishop Prowse

in the crypt of the Cathedral and at the Woden Cemetery.

Canberra is the final resting place for two important hidden figures in the recognition of South Korea as an independent country.

Eris O'Brien, archbishop of the Archdiocese between 1953 and 1967, is buried in the crypt. Dr Herbert Vere Evatt, president of the United Nations Assembly in 1948, is buried at Woden.

Both men contributed in a small but significant way to the acceptance of South Korea into the United Nations and the greater international community.

This little-known fact was revealed recently in an article titled, 'Diplomatic Efforts and the UN in the establishment of the Republic of Korea' by Prof Dong-hyun Huh, director of the Kyung-Hee University Korean Institute of Modern History.

It was written for the 30th edition of the Soong-Sil University Historical Review, which

celebrated 50 years of diplomatic relations between South Korea and the Vatican.

The article highlights the previously glossed-over role by the Vatican in the international recognition of South Korean independence and sovereignty.

On their latest exchange, Archbishop Prowse was also able to show Bishop Lazzaro through the newly completed St Christopher's Pastoral Centre building at Manuka.

It struck a chord with the visiting bishop, so much so, that he requested photographs to be sent to him in South Korea upon his return.

Fr Jin, a keen photographer, was able to take some photographs of his own.

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Polish envoy farewelled

CANBERRA'S Polish Catholic community and the Archdiocese has farewelled Polish Ambassador to Australia Pawel Milewski.

On his goodbye rounds, Mr Milewski thanked Archbishop Christopher Prowse and the Archdiocese for their support.

Before returning to his home country, the ambassador took time out to tour the new St Christopher's Pastoral Centre, alongside ACT Polish Catholic chaplain Fr Edmund Budzilowicz.

The ACT Polish Catholic community is based at the St Pope John Paul II Centre, which opened in Goyder Street, Narrabundah in 1993.

Mass is celebrated there on Saturdays at 6pm and Sundays at 11am. Polish Mass is



Pawel Milewski with Archbishop Prowse. Picture: Jeanine Doyle.

also celebrated at St Gregory's Church in Queanbeyan each Sunday at 8am.

Last month on August 14, the parish celebrated the feast of St Maximilian Kolbe.

Inspired by Blessed Peter

CATHOLICS across the Archdiocese can take inspiration from Blessed Peter To Rot as they celebrate Catechist Sunday.

As a catechist, Bl Peter was strongly committed to the teachings of the Catholic Church. His life was honoured in Canberra when about 80 people attended Mass in St John the Apostle Church, Kippax, to celebrate his feast day.

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Papua New Guinean Christian community, Mass was followed by lunch, which featured a range of favourite and traditional PNG dishes.

Fr Isaac Koi MSC reflected on the life of Bl Peter, who

was known for promoting traditional marriage, while teaching against polygamy.

Fr Koi recommended Fr Adrian Meaney's book 'Sincere Gift of Self'. Bl Peter was martyred for his faith during World War II and was beatified by St Pope John Paul II on January 17, 1995.

PNG Acting High Commissioner to Australia Sakias Tameo spoke on the day of the importance of the community coming together.



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