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Archbishop's Message

Archbishop Christopher Prowse

Some immediate priorities following the Royal Commission

FOLLOWING from the publication of the Final Report of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse (Dec 2017), some immediate priorities must be set to ensure that our Archdiocese is the safest possible place for our beloved children. Three such priorities come immediately to mind. First, we need to scrutinise our policies/ protocols regarding professional standards to see how they shape up in the light of the Royal Commission's recommendations.

Secondly, using the key terms of the Royal Commission – especially “transparency” and “accountability” – we need to review the governance and consultation structures of the Archdiocese. I have already initiated a working party to advance these two priorities. Thirdly, in the light of all that has taken place in the Royal Commission, the present challenges facing the Church in Australia in general, and the upcoming Plenary Council of the Church in Australia in 2020/2021,

we need to articulate together the lights and shadows facing the Archdiocese today. This ought to be accomplished within the parameters of our continual need for conversion, our Catholic understanding of the Church, and our mission in the world. Starting in this edition of the Catholic Voice, I wish to articulate over the next few editions some reflections on these three parameters. I start today with a reflection on our continual need for conversion.

1.PILGRIMS' ENCOUNTER OF BEAUTY

Whatever we might state as the challenges facing the Church in Australia today, our reflections are to be seen from the panorama of our deepest need: conversion afresh to the centrality of Jesus.

PILGRIMS

Written on her tomb in North Sydney, St Mary of the Cross MacKillop offers us an essential wisdom. She said, “Remember we are but pilgrims here.” Christians are never nomads, or wanderers. We are pilgrims. We know what our ultimate destiny is: happiness with God in the Father's House. We are led to this destiny by Jesus, “the Way, the Truth and the Life” (John 14/6). Like the disciples on the Emmaus story (Luke 24/13-35), we walk together alongside the

Lord. From this image the word “SYNOD” is derived.

ENCOUNTER

Christianity is an encounter religion. Our way forward on pilgrimage is by encountering Jesus continually in mercy and humility. It is the path of conversion that we choose. There is no room for egoism, gossiping or narrow ideologies. Pope Benedict expresses it wonderfully: “Being Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction”. (Deus Caritas Est, 2005, n.1) The Kingdom of God is already upon us in the Grace of the Lord's Death and Resurrection but no yet fully realised. In

Faith we allow Jesus to lead us, just like Mary, St Joseph and all the Saints, into the fullness of the Kingdom of God along with the entire cosmos.

BEAUTY

This saving encounter as pilgrims is the opposite of the predominating context in which Australians live today. All that draws us to see life in terms of power and competition, of egotistical individualism and gratification must be avoided. Although we need to deal with this societal context every day, succumbing to such forces is not worthy of our human dignity. This is why our journey ahead is crafted as a path of conversion. It is a “conversion from” all this chaos but a “conversion to” all that is of beauty. This leads us to all that is good and true.

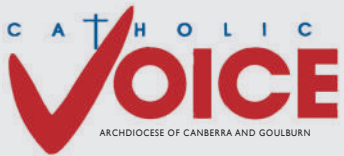
All that is beautiful truly moves the human heart and brings us into the presence of God – the author of all beauty and present in the Holy Trinity. The saints are beautiful. Icons are beautiful. The scriptures are beautiful. The Sacraments are beautiful. Prayer is beautiful. The fragrant rose is beautiful. The sunrise and sunset are beautiful. True love and forgiveness is beautiful. Selflessly working to alleviate poverty and misery is beautiful. A community/ diocese trying to live in the truth and goodness of Jesus in the middle of our grave challenges in Australia is beautiful.

God is all beauty – the purest light “in whom there is no darkness”. (1John 1/5). Let us let God lead us forward! *(to be continued over the next few months).*

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- SATURDAY, 3 4.00pm**
Equipping School, Youth Ministry International – Haydon Hall, St Christopher's Pastoral Centre
- SUNDAY, 4 5.30pm**
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- THURSDAY, 8 6.00pm**
Catholic Women's Mentoring Program – Merici College
- SATURDAY, 10 6.00pm**
Mass St Thomas Aquinas Parish, Charnwood
- FRIDAY, 16 11.30am**
Blue Door, SvdP
- SATURDAY, 17 11.00am**
Installation Mass St Joseph's Parish Merimbula
- SUNDAY, 18 9.00am** Installation Mass Fr Martins – St Bernard's Parish, Batehaven
- MONDAY, 19 5.00pm** 5 Year Anniversary Mass Pope Francis Pontificate - St Christopher's Cathedral
- TUESDAY, 20 11.30am**
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- WEDNESDAY, 21 2.00pm**
ACU Official Opening 'Veritas' Building – Watson
- FRIDAY, 23 12.30pm**
Oakes Estate, SvdP
- SATURDAY, 24 6.00pm** Mass Mary Queen of the Apostle Parish, Goulburn
- SUNDAY, 25 11.00am** Mass Knights & Dames of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of the NSW/Vic Lieutenancy – St Christopher's Cathedral
- MONDAY, 26 7.30pm**
Chrism Mass – St Christopher's Cathedral
- FRIDAY, 30 11.00am** Stations of the Cross – Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture



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Walkers offer message of life for society at the crossroads

HIGHLY VISIBLE in their loud shirts, this year's Crossroads Pro-Life walkers represent a growing number of young people ready and willing to take a stand for life. Seeking to be as a voice for the voiceless, their latest visit comes months after Youth For Life visited the ACT delivering a similar message The 2018 Crossroads group of 10 left their mark in Canberra en-route to Melbourne, having begun in Brisbane. It is the sixth year in-a-row that the annual pilgrimage has taken place. O'Connor Parish Priest Fr Paul Nulley joined the Crossroads crew for their 2014 pilgrimage. Benedict Slee, 24 , a graduate from Sydney's Campion College, said the message and witness they bring is a vital one. “We are trying to help build a true Culture of Life in Australia,” he said. “And we're walking to encourage others to do the same in whatever way they are able to.” For more, go to <http://crossroadsaustralia.org/>



Project Compassion

A challenging task of compassion

LOCAL Caritas Australia Director, Lulu Mitshabu, has set the Archdiocese with the challenging task of raising an extra \$40,000 on last year's Project Compassion effort.

In 2017, the Archdiocese raised \$359,492.00. This year the aim is \$400,000.00.

"If everyone gives and raises just a little more money, I am sure we will reach our target," Ms Mitshabu said.

To help reach the figure during this Lenten season, she enlisted the help of Archbishop Christopher Prowse, Michael Maguire and Sr Ivy Khoury through promotion.

The trio joined her at the official 2018 project launch on Shrove Tuesday at St Mary MacKillop College Canberra.

Later that evening, St Christopher's Pastoral Centre's Haydon Hall was home to 'Caritas Kitchen'. It also featured as part of the launch. Following this, Ash Wednesday Mass was celebrated at Holy Spirit Parish Gungahlin, while St Clare's College, St Francis of Assisi Calwell and St Benedict's Primary Narrabundah all hosted the crew from Caritas.

Speaking at the launch, Archbishop Prowse, appealed to everyone to support the work of Caritas Australia as we celebrate 'A Just Future' for all in conjunction with the Year of Youth.

"What motivates us is essential," he said.

"With Jesus alive in us, it means going out to the poor and marginalised, the periphery people becomes automatic. It's in our DNA."

The Archbishop said 'practical charity' were two words with which he wanted to wanted to launch this year's Project Compassion on.

"Practical charity is essential to living out the Christ life in us [and] we are outward looking," he said.

"Jesus said you are the light



L-R: Michael Maguire, Lulu Mitshabu, Archbishop Prowse, Thomas Cooper-Logan, Sarah Purcell and Sr Ivy Khoury. Picture: John McLaurin.

of the hill, salt of the earth and that's what we proudly do at Caritas.

"As the Archbishop of this Archdiocese, here at MacKillop College amongst the young people of this place represented, I officially now open Project Compassion for 2018.

Student leaders and staff from St Mary MacKillop College, Daramalan College, John Paul II College and Goulburn's Trinity High attended the launch where Mr Maguire, a former NRL player and coach and current Caritas Ambassador, provided a professional presence.

He spoke passionately about those in developing countries, less fortunate than many of us and offered some insights into his time being involved with elite sport.

He recalled meeting Sr Ivy Khoury at South Sydney Rugby League matches and how she persistently recruited him to become involved with Caritas.

He also presented about his recent experience in Zimbabwe, the focus country for this year's Project Compassion campaign and discussed his ongoing support for the work of the organisation.

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RCIA

Adeline just can't wait for Easter

EASTER is the destination of choice for Gowrie's Adeline Potter.

The Holy Family parishioner, is one of 21 RCIA candidates to be received into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil this year and she really can't wait.

"Undertaking RCIA has been a way of expanding my understanding of Christianity and its rich and complex history," she said.

"It has made me appreciate my Protestant roots and allowed me to embrace Catholic teaching with a renewed understanding of the Christian faith.

"It has also consolidated my belief that even though Protestants and Catholics may have different traditions, our unity in our common faith and God's love for us are what transcends our differences."

Mrs Potter's faith journey started when she was a child.

She says she is blessed to have "amazing parents".

"They have a strong belief in God and have guided me in my Christian walk ever since I can remember," she said.

"I was raised and baptised as a Protestant, and was encouraged to explore aspects of the Christian faith [and] through this, I gained a fairly deep understanding of God's Word and teaching."

The public servant, says that although she was aware of Catholicism, she never had any direct exposure to it until she met her Catholic husband, the man who will support and sponsor her during the RCIA journey.

"Robert has always been a strong supporter of the way I

practise my faith and my Protestant upbringing," she said.

"But I was also interested in learning more about Catholicism, and attended some Masses with him and we got married in a Catholic church.

"It was important to me that the person with whom I chose to spend the rest of my life also shared the same values and beliefs."

Mrs Potter, says she and husband Robert are planning to have a family and would like to join in sharing the same rituals and traditions that they partake of as Catholics.

She also says in her experience that while she has found there to some differences in the practice and understanding of some teachings between the Protestant and Catholic denominations,



Adeline Potter is one of 21 people in the Archdiocese who will become Catholics at Easter. Picture: Amber Maher.

the core doctrine of salvation through belief in Jesus Christ, His Passion, Death and Resurrection, was the same.

RCIA is the acronym for Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. If you would like to learn more about the process of becoming a Catholic please contact your local parish.

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The following Sunday after mass a young man approached me, saying, "I want to thank you Father for what you did for my Aunt. We were all telling her not to worry, Uncle is in heaven now. You just held her, let her cry and said nothing. That's what she really needed. Thank you Father."

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

— Fr Patrick Sharpe msc

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Catholic identity is priority

The new Headmaster of Marist Canberra, says his first aim is to ensure that the College continues to put Jesus front and centre.

"I believe we are in a period of uncertainty and disruption in terms of our faith," he said.

"There can be a real danger that Catholic schools like us can lose their colour and identity simply by trying to meet the demands of parent expectations based on the narrative of achievement."

The new mentor recently completed a theology degree and is passionate about Catholic identity in schools.

"I want every student being able to leave Marist Canberra to be open to having a relationship with Jesus," he said.

"If we don't succeed in this goal we fail to fulfil our mission."

"Part of our success will be how schools like Marist change the expectations of the people they serve."

"Schools must engage the prevailing secular culture of success

while placing more emphasis on the distinct and counter-cultural aspects of the Christian message.

"It is no easy task and requires constant and sustained effort."

Mr Hutchison says that a great culture already exists at the College, thanks to former Headmaster Richard Sidorko.

Namely, that the school has a wonderful reputation for its work with those on the peripheries of society.

"It's breadth of co-curricular activities and its academic suc-

In my experience, religion classes in schools can sometimes be akin to a cocktail party in that they can lack depth

cess is well documented, while discipline and good order are its hallmarks," he said. "However, we need to always ask ourselves, what it is that makes us different?

"I believe faith formation of our staff is the key for us moving forward and at the same time appreciate that everyone is on a different continuum, so we can't be too rigid."

The new College leader is clear about young boys having an innate yearning for encounter, a searching; and says there is a need for them to be challenged in their faith.

"In my experience, religion classes in schools can sometimes be akin to a cocktail party in that they can lack depth," he said.

"We need to stop giving the boys baby food and start offering them a substantial meal."

"What we have at the moment is a wonderful opportunity to re-contextualise our Catholic identity in schools through provoking and asking the tough questions and permitting them to respond."

Having been educated at Daramalan College by the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart Fathers, Mr Hutchison's appointment to Marist is a homecoming of sorts for him and his wife,



New Marist Canberra Headmaster, Matthew Hutchison is putting Jesus first. Picture: John McLaurin.

Anna. The couple have three adult children.

Mr Hutchison has held senior leadership positions in Sydney and Melbourne. He brings a number of charisms from the Jesuits, Christian Brothers and Augustinian schools, where he has taught. Last year, he was the Head of School at St Augustine's

College in Brookvale, Sydney.

Twelve months ago he decided to come home to Canberra. "Once they knew I was coming, the whole Marist family really went out of its way to ensure that I had a good formation in the Marist tradition by way of a pilgrimage and visiting other Marist schools," he said.

You don't retire from a vocation says Fr Michael

"YOU don't retire from a vocation," Fr Michael Mullen said after celebrating his last Mass as parish priest on December 31.

"Everybody has a vocation," he says.

"Every person is equally called to be who they were created to be by God."

The former parish priest of Page and Aranda says Baptism is the visible sign of this awesome reality.

"It's all God's doing, God's work," he said.

Fr Mullen says his final celebration of Mass as parish priest on December 31 marked the end of a role.

He places emphasis on the word 'parish', illustrating that he still has a role to play as priest.

"A new phase begins for me," he said. "While no longer having the responsibility and all that goes with that title, the underlying vocation remains."

"Christian, priestly people, priest – this is what we are. What we do follows on from this, who we are. To do, follows to be."

Born and raised in Forbes, Fr Mullen was ordained a priest at St Laurence's Church, on August 22, 1975, by Archbishop Thomas



Fr Michael Mullen has begun a 'new phase'. Picture: John McLaurin.

Cahill.

"Bishop Douglas Warren (then bishop of Wilcannia-Forbes) made comment at the ordination about his diocese sending missionaries to Canberra," he recalled.

Fr Mullen said the emphasis for the Church today should be on a renewed sense of listening, one of contemplation.

He says it is important to seek answers to questions about what the vocation to be Church is.

"We need to discuss what it

means to be co-workers, being co-responsible," he said.

"As Church we are one and we share the journey, helping one another carry our burdens."

Fr Mullen says Christians minister God's kindness and gentleness to each other, moreover, that every day we experience and share, joy and sorrow, light and darkness, death and life. And humour is important. "We don't take ourselves too seriously," he said. "But we do take God seriously."

College has new cyber weapon against bullying

ST CLARE'S College is using a new cyber tool to address anti-social behaviour intended to intimidate students.

Through an anonymous online reporting portal Safeguard, students can report anything from bullying and mental health concerns, to more curriculum-based issues.

The reporting tool allows students to contact the school's pastoral team directly.

Assistant Principal Pastoral Care Bridget Bandle says benefits of the program include being more proactive when dealing with poor online decision making as well as providing students with another channel of communication.

"SafeGuard has provided us with an opportunity to support our students in a new way allowing us to address anti-social behaviours that intimidate others," she said.

"The information shared through this portal has led to peer support and many successful mental health interventions."

"No longer are our parents playing catch-up with their daughters around apps and new technologies."

Tom Zinkel, of Perimeter Guardian, said the company was able to complement the St Clare's pastoral program.



New head admires strong community

NEW St Edmund's College Principal Joe Zavone is most impressed with the College's strong sense of community.

"My initial impression is that this has been a tangible quality amongst both students and parents," he said.

"Their welcoming of me as a new principal has been warm and friendly, and their sense of support for each other is very strong."

Mr Zavone, takes the reins from Daniel Lawler, and has come to St Edmund's, supported by his wife of 22 years, Louise.

Born to Italian parents who migrated to Australia in the 1950s, he grew up in the St George area of Sydney, is a keen collector of model Australian cars, and has also fostered an interest in design and aesthetics.

He was appointed to the position late last year and brings with him over three decades of experience in Catholic schools.

He has been deputy principal of Christian Brothers High School in inner-west Sydney and of St Scholastica's College, Glebe.

He has also been assistant principal (teaching and learning) at St Patrick's College Campbelltown.

At St Scholastica's College, Mr Zavone, was also on the Good Samaritan Schools Mission Team.

Here he developed a teaching and learning framework for all Good Samaritan schools in Australia, using the Rule of St Benedict as a foundation.

Professionally, he has a particular interest in teaching and learning - aligning pedagogy to a school's charism to create a way of learning that is authentic to the background and founder of



Joe Zavone, the new principal at St Edmund's College. Picture: Supplied.

"Consultation, collaboration and communication are essential factors in the building of Eddies' sense of community."

the school.

He is also passionate about 'academic care' which focuses on the way positive relationships are developed in the classroom between teacher and student and how this can be developed to support a school's pastoral care structure.

Mr Zavone, believes that at their core, Catholic schools in particular have positive relationships and a vibrant community.

"Obviously one of my objectives as a new principal is to build on this wonderful community spirit and continue to foster relationships and partnerships in the wider school," he said.

"Consultation, collaboration and communication are essential factors in the building of Eddies' sense of community."

Daramalan furthers its reputation in science

DARAMALAN College has furthered its reputation of excellence in the field of science with three of its students among 26 national finalists at the BHP Billiton Foundation Science and Engineering Awards.

The awards which are Australia's most prestigious in school science and engineering are a partnership between the CSIRO, BHP and the Australian Science Teachers Association.

Gabrielle Jarvis, Emma Johnson and Kavinya Welikala, drew on their scientific knowledge as well as the expertise of specialists in their area of study, Daramalan Principal Rita Daniels said.

"Miss Welikala's engineering project was an integrated mobile heart monitor that automatically alerts emergency services via an Android phone app in the event of a heart attack," she said.

"She was mentored by Daramalan's Information Technology

teacher David James."

The projects of the other students were mentored by ANU scientists. Miss Johnson explored how soil micro-organisms re-populate after bushfires in an attempt to find a way to aid the recovery of national parks and grasslands. Miss Jarvis researched the impact of increased temperatures on crop production and food supply.

In 2017 Daramalan opened a new building with contemporary science facilities.

Mrs Daniels says the college has produced more finalists and semi-finalists in the BHP Billiton Science and Engineering Awards than any other school in Australia over the past four years. Two previous Daramalan finalists, Terence Johnson and Lachlan Wilson, were selected to attend the 2016 International Science and Engineering Fair in Phoenix, where they achieved success. Miss Welikala has been selected to attend the event this year in Pittsburgh.



(L-R): Kavinya Welikala, Emma Johnson and Gabrielle Jarvis. Picture: Supplied.

Iraq: It's now or never - please help Iraqi Christians return home

FOR displaced Iraqi Christians forced from their homes and living in displacement camps, the moment they have been longing for has finally come.

After three years of occupation, the terrorist group Islamic State (IS) has been driven out of the area. Now, thousands upon thousands of people have the chance to go back to their villages in the Nineveh Plains - their families' homeland since before the time of Christ.

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Displaced communities in Erbil and elsewhere in Kurdish northern Iraq have been totally dependent on their fellow brothers and sisters in Christ to survive. Bishops and faithful alike are encouraged by the recent successes against IS in Mosul.

Thanking Aid to the Church in Need, Syriac Catholic Archbishop Petros Mouche of Mosul, whose flock make up 60 percent of the displaced community, said: "I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to all those who can assist this work. **With your help, we will be able to rebuild our houses. It is a great mercy to know that we can count on your support.**"

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‘Jexit’ brings Jesuit to serve at Young

BY FIONA VAN DER PLAAT

THE LOCATION lottery that landed Fr Steve Astill, SJ at the Young Mission in January after spinning him through possibilities in Bega, Narooma and Manuka since arriving in the Archdiocese in December was hardly anything new for the Jesuit priest.

He has spent his life wondering where he is going to end up next.

From the moment he was born, when his father’s job with Shell took the family from Brunei to Iran and the three capitals down Australia’s eastern seaboard, he has moved with

God’s will.

Even one of his longest stints – 17 years in Nigeria until 2008 – came from the roll of a dice, when he responded to the Jesuits’ call for volunteers to work in Africa without knowing where he would be assigned.

There he worked at the Lagos University Teaching Hospital, where he ministered to patients, students and health care professionals, guided by the hospital’s mission “to identify the presence of God through their encounters with sickness, accidents, disease and even death itself”.

Back in Australia, he ended up in parishes in Western Australia’s

Hamilton Hill and East Fremantle after short stints in South Australia’s Clare Valley and North Sydney.

In Perth, he taught theology to medical students at Notre Dame University – an increasingly challenging job as a new generation of students focused on “strategic learning” rather than the liberal approach that embraced religion as part of the bigger picture.

It was what Fr Astill tagged “Jexit” – the Jesuits’ decision to pull out of Western Australia and Queensland because of flagging numbers – that brought him to Canberra.

“I would have preferred a soft

Jexit, but it was more like a hard one,” he says, adding that it was nevertheless the right call.

Fr Astill would put none of this, including his decision as a young man to divert from a career in law to the priesthood, down to luck or fate, however.

A believer in the “greater glory of God” and “finding God in all things”, he also subscribes to the notion of empowerment and individual liberty.

Those beliefs will guide him when he takes a sabbatical at a Jesuit silent retreat in Canada later this year, “looking for what the future might hold for me”.



Fr Steve Astill has landed at the Young Mission. Picture: Supplied.

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Five Minutes with Maria Hicks

Manager, Institute for Professional Standards and Safeguarding

How long have you been in the role and what was your previous role in the Archdiocese?

I have been with the Archdiocese for nearly 4 years. I previously worked in the Marriage Tribunal and prior to that I was a director in various roles within the now Department of Social Services. I took over from Matt Casey in July 2017.

What does the near future look like for you in terms of implementing safeguarding practices?

Very positive. In 2018 we will work with clergy and parishes to implement the 10 child safe standards and the ACT Reportable Conduct scheme. In addition, a Professional Standards Advisory Board, will also commence which will among other things review and critique existing safeguarding strategies and programs protective and ethical practice towards children, young and vulnerable people by all Church workers.

What do you see as the key aspects to your role?

Continuing to implement reform in safeguarding our most vulnerable, being accessible to the Parishes, supporting our clergy and parish leaders.

What other industries have you worked in before joining the Archdiocese?

I worked at Stewart House (home for disadvantaged children) and then in the

Australian Public Service in various policy roles covering disability, homelessness and childcare and in the delivery of programs that supported seniors, people with disability, disadvantaged communities and victims of the 2002 Bali bombings. In addition I have always done some type of volunteering - from being the Defence Force families advocate for NSW, member of the St Jude School Board, president of the St Jude School fete committee, high school marching band parent committee (USA), president of the Weston Pre-School Parent Committee, netball coach and/or manager, to most recently member then president of the Marist Australian Football Club.

What is your favourite sporting team?

GWS Giants - love having Aussie Rules in Canberra; just need more of it.

Which is your favourite saint?

I’m not sure if these are my favourites, but I tend to call on St Jude and St Anthony the most.

What is your favourite dish or restaurant in Canberra?

Maestral at Cooleman Court would be one of my favourite restaurants.

What is your favourite beverage?

A nice glass of red wine (Pinot Noir)

Have you got any pets?

Oskar von Trojan Hertz Hicks



– my 10 year old baby Purebred Rottweiler.

What inspires you?

Young people today; I have three children aged 25, 23 and 21. I have seen them and their friends develop their talents to become confident, enthusiastic young people, with a strong commitment to social justice.

What kind of music do you like listen to?

80s music – definitely the best era for music.

What are some of your favourite hobbies?

Spending time with my grandson, travelling with my husband and friends, doing crosswords, netball, bike riding, reading, walking around the lake; and Netflix!

Greta a high note of Galong celebration

BY ROBYN SYKES

ONE of Australasia’s most illustrious operatic and concert artists, soprano Greta Bradman, will stretch her vocal chords on March 10 to help celebrate 100 years of Redemptorist service to the community at Galong.

When the first students arrived at the newly minted St Clement’s Monastery in January 1918, ‘Galong Castle’, the famously hospitable home of the Ryan family, had been transformed into a spartan juvenate.

Until the boys carried their own beds upstairs, not a single stick of furniture adorned the dormitory. They carried hot water in kerosene tins for their weekly

bath. Over the years around 900 boys received an education that was, for many, otherwise out of reach. Living conditions gradually improved.

On graduating, a smattering of the boys entered the order, but most returned to families, jobs and secular life.

One of the boys in the hardy first intake was John Kennedy, who became a chaplain in World War II. The small field Mass kit he carried while working on the Thai-Burma Railway is now displayed in the museum of the extensively renovated Galong House. In 1975 the juvenate closed. Renovations began and St Clement’s Retreat and Conference Centre was born. Far removed



Greta Bradman sings at Galong on Saturday March 10.

from its spartan beginnings, its reputation for hospitality has come full circle: those who seek spiritual nourishment in the serenity of the gardens, grotto and rural surrounds are assured of palate-tempting nourishment as well.

One hundred years after the first boys sought education at St Clement’s, people still come to the Redemptorist Monastery seeking sustenance for mind, body and soul.

You can be part of the festivities to mark this centenary

of community service. Tickets for Greta Bradman are \$60pp, including pre-concert chicken and champagne from 6pm. Performance begins at 7.45pm. Tickets are selling quickly. Phone St Clement’s (02) 6380 5222. Accommodation available.



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Sisters shout out to the Lord

HILLSONG’S’ Darlene Zschech, will lead up to 300 Catholic women in a rendition of her infamous ‘Shout to the Lord’ song later this month.

She is the main speaker at this year’s 10th annual Sisterhood National Conference at Stanwell Tops, NSW from March 16 to 18. The conference carries the overarching theme of ‘What it means to be a Catholic woman in the Church today’.

Mrs Zschech, will share her passion for worship and a deep love for Jesus over a weekend which will encompass prayer and formation.

The acclaimed author and singer, headlines a significant group of keynote speakers which includes Sr Mary Rachel Capets OP from the St Cecilia Sisters of Nashville Tennessee, Jo Hayes, Jonathan Doyle, Francine Pirola, Justine Cumbo, Margaritha Shakhovskoy and Laura K Roland., Mrs Roland, coming all the way from Washington DC, is known for her passion towards Catholic women’s ministry. Her mission is to see women living in the truth of their dignity as the beloved daughters of God.

Canberra’s Karen Doyle, the national director of Sisterhood, is delighted to have some ‘big names’ at the conference but says the real strength is in the friendships, solidarity and support that is formed by spending time together.

She says Sisterhood is a rapidly growing national movement of Catholic women with several connect groups now in most states of Australia.

“Sisterhood has now been operating for the past 12 years and we are always keen to support more connect groups,” she said.

“Its popularity comes from the



Women from all over Australia will attend Sisterhood between March 16 and 18. Picture: Supplied.

ongoing support and available resources in helping women to deepen in their personal relationship with Jesus Christ and those they do life with.”

Mrs Doyle says members of the National Sisterhood team had a recent leaders training day with Archbishop Christopher Prowse.

“He was very supportive of this movement, describing it as a movement of grace of the Holy Spirit,” she said.

“He listened to many women share how being connected with Sisterhood really impacted their lives for the better, namely through their marriage and families, in the workplace, as well as in ministry and parish life.

The movement welcomes women of all ages.

For more information about the movement and to register for the conference, visit www.sisterhood.org.au

Things women can expect at the conference

- Practical as well as spiritually enriching talks and workshops.
- Daily Mass, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Reconciliation.
- Quality sisterhood time with other women.

Historian is honoured

RESIDING at Calvary Haydon Retirement Village in Bruce, Fr Brian Maher is in a more contemplative phase of his ministry these days.

However it hasn’t stopped him from accumulating another accolade.

He was recently presented with an award of merit by the Federation of Australian Historical Societies.His latest award comes after he received an Order of Australia Medal in 2009.

Associate Professor Don Garden, national president of the federation, travelled from Melbourne to make the presentation.

The recipient is widely known for written his works on Archdiocesan history, much of which is detailed in his books, Planting the Celtic Cross and A Slice of Tipperary. Brendan O Caolai,

Ambassador of the Republic of Ireland, was a special guest at the presentation.

He equally acknowledged the breadth of Fr Maher’s work which concentrates largely on the significance of the Irish Catholic communities that settled in and around the Archdiocese.

Dr Richard Reid, Vice President of the Canberra and District Historical Society, and a significant colleague with Fr Maher in the conduct of the Shamrock in the Bush events at the Redemptorist Monastery, Galong, and fellow researcher in Irish history, was present for the occasion.

In response to receiving his award, Fr Maher, thanked the many people who have helped him publicly and privately with his historical work over a long period.

God’s moment of assurance for Amy



Amy McCabe said yes to God at her initial vows. Picture: Supplied.

MISSIONARIES of God’s Love postulant Amy McCabe said she experienced Jesus’ reassurance in the lead-up to making her initial vows. Originally from Perth, the 21 year-old reflected on the commitment she was making.

“I noted that as I said ‘yes’ to God with my whole life, God was also giving his whole self to me in a profound way,” she said.

“It something speaks of the intimacy that God desires to have with each and every person.”

The Mass and vows ceremony was a celebration of the joy and gift of consecrated life.

Amy recounted that

she felt deeply encouraged and graced to live out her vocation, especially as some of the experiences which had led her to the point where she was able to say yes to God’s invitation entered her mind like a slideshow of memories.

She reflected that far from being focused on herself alone, she believed that the celebration was as much for everyone else as it was for her, because it was really a celebration of the goodness of God.

Her profession comes a couple of months after MGL brothers - Mario Dabera, Michael Last, Terrence Shanaka, Don Etienza, Suraj Jose, Yendi Pederson and Buddhika Jayawardana took initial vows.

A slice of Tipperary in the offing

Tobin Brothers Funerals in Belconnen is seeking to re-configure the area where its historic 'Boorowa chapel' lies.

Many of the chapel furnishings are being made available for collection towards the end of the year and are 'free to a good home' - preferably to that of a parish or religious community which could make use of them. Some of the more prominent items seeking a new home include century-old stain-glass windows, a wooden reredos and altar; a presider's chair, a lectern and 16 pews. The chapel, which was initially built at St Joseph's convent at Boorowa is mentioned in Fr Brian Maher's recent book called *A Slice of Tipperary*. Craig Morrison, a director at Tobin Brothers, says it is with some disappointment that they are doing away with the old, but acknowledges that it is a sign of the times in the industry. "More and more people are opting away from traditional funerals these days," he said.

"Due to public demand we are re-configuring our main chapel and viewing area to reflect what they want. "This is a rare opportunity for any parish or religious community to come and see if there is anything that they could use for their own chapel."

Vocation Matters

BY FR PAUL NULLEY
(ARCHDIOCESAN VOCATIONS DIRECTOR)

Seminary prospects to 'Come and See' at Open Day

During this Year of Youth and as the Church journeys towards the Synod of Bishops on Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment to be held in Rome in October this Year, there will be a focus on Vocations promotion in the Archdiocese of Canberra

Mr Morrison, said the company was glad to be able to give back to the Catholic community. Helen Delahunty, financial administrator from the Archdiocese, agrees that the situation presents a unique opportunity for parishes.

"It would be good to see the furnishings find a home in the Archdiocese especially considering the history behind them," she said.

"We are not seeking any money for these items and so those who are interested in them can contact Tobin Brothers directly. If there is a dispute over any of the chapel contents then we will give it out purely on a needs basis."

Anyone wanting to view the chapel furnishings should contact Craig Morrison at Tobin Brothers Belconnen on 0409 856 799.

Chapel history

The original chapel was built in Boorowa, as a private place of worship for the Sister-Superior of St Joseph's Convent, Catherine Donovan, after she became too infirm to take active part in the life of the convent.

The Donovan family of

Sydney donated the funds, and Thomas Donovan completed the chapel in 1897. It was built in the popular 19th century Gothic Revival style.

The architects, Messrs Sheerin and Hennessy of Sydney, also completed St Mary's Cathedral after the death of the famous

The English altar of hand-carved oak features paintings of the patron saints of the six Donovan daughters.

Australian architect, William Wardell in 1899.

In 1981, after many years of disuse, Paul Smith, representing ACT and District Funeral Directors, purchased St Joseph's Chapel from the Sisters of Mercy, with the intention of rebuilding it, stone by stone, at a new premises in Belconnen.

This proved too difficult, and an exact replica was built. Original fittings and furnishings, including the magnificent stained glass windows and the altar, bestow a strong sense of history, tradition and beauty.

to do great things in each one of us, but for this to happen we need to respond to His call. At the open day there will be a variety of people at different stages of their vocational journey and it is a great opportunity to meet other men who are discerning a call to priesthood. Anyone who is interested in attending 'Come and See' or are feeling drawn to the priesthood are encouraged to be in touch.

- Fr Nulley says if there is enough interest from single men wanting to attend 'Come and See' that a car will leave St Christopher's Cathedral at 5.00am on March 11; and return at approximately 6pm. For more information, or to book your spot, contact Fr Nulley at paul.nulley@cg.org.au



TOP: The altar erected by Thomas Donovan in memory of his parents. Picture: Loui Seselja. ABOVE: The chapel and its furnishings at Tobin Brothers Funerals in Belconnen. Picture: Loui Seselja.

The altar

Thomas Donovan erected the chapel altar in memory of his parents, Jeremiah and Mary Ann Donovan. The English altar, of hand-carved oak, features paintings of the patron saints of the six Donovan daughters in the altarpiece. These are Saints Ann, Catherine, Agnes, Philomena, Cecilia and Joan.

While the origins of the altar are unknown, it has stylistic similarities to the altars of other church buildings associated with the family, including St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney.

The stained glass windows

These beautiful windows are inspirational. Their artistic merit and technical brilliance are unsurpassed among examples of 19th century neo-gothic stained glass in Australia. The iconography of the windows show the patron saints of the seven Donovan brothers. These are Saints John, James, Thomas A'Beckett, Christopher, Alfred, Harry and Gregory. It is likely that the windows were imported from the English studio of John Hardman and Co, which made the windows for St Mary's Cathedral.

Seven Scripture verses for those discerning the priesthood

1. (Jeremiah 29:11-14) "For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope....."
2. (John 15:13) "Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."
3. (Matt 19:12) "There are eunuchs for the sake of the kingdom."
4. (Matt 28:19-20) "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."
5. (John 21:15) ".....He said to him (Peter), feed my lambs."
6. (Matt 4: 19-20) "And He said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fishers of men. Immediately they left their nets and followed Him."
7. (Luke 10:2) "And he said to them, The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few."

These verses are not limited to those discerning then priesthood.

Caroline Advocate for women and

BY CLARA GEOGHEGAN (MEMBER -FRIENDS OF CAROLINE CHISHOLM)

CAROLINE Chisholm's work unfolded in Australia and England in the middle decades of the 19th century. Her main focus was to alleviate poverty and the associated moral dangers.

Caroline's most pressing and immediate concern was the well being of young unaccompanied women immigrants many of whom found themselves alone on the streets of Sydney. With no contacts in the colony, no experience, and no pre-arranged employment, they often found themselves recruited into prostitution. Many of these girls were too naïve to realise what they were being lured into, others were too desperate to offer resistance. She began taking girls into her own home, but soon realised the need for more systematic measures and lobbied Governor Gipps for assistance in establishing a home where these girls would be housed until suitable employment could be found for them.

Governor Gipps was surprised when he met Mrs Chisholm. He expected:

to have seen an old lady in a white cap and spectacles, who would have talked to me about my soul. I was amazed when my aid introduced a handsome, stately young woman, who proceeded to reason the question as if she thought her experience worth as much as mine.

Sceptical of her success, he conceded to give her access to the disused immigrant barracks in Bent Street. These were no more than a 40 foot long, rat infested, draughty shed. Soon they were accommodating 100 young women.

She also became concerned with the conditions the girls had been forced to endure on the bounty ships including sexual assault and was the first woman in the colony to bring a case to court against the Captain and Surgeon of the Carthaginian for the maltreatment of a passenger. The female passenger had spoken up against the immorality on the ship and for her courage spent the night on deck, in stocks, in a wet night dress. Caroline was outraged.

She won the case, described as 'one of the most significant cases in the colony so far' by the solicitor-general Roger Therry.

She worked at reuniting the families of emancipists and free settlers by obtaining government assistance in the emigration of spouses and children left behind in England. She also assisted in the settlement of young Irish women from famine stricken Ireland. Caroline Chisholm saw immigration and settlement of families from the desperate poverty of England to the new land of opportunity in Australia as a solution to the economic problems of both

countries.

From a young age Caroline Chisholm was aware of a call to serve others. When Archibald Chisholm proposed marriage she initially refused him for fear that her call would make her an unsuitable wife for an officer and an inadequate mother. Archibald reassured Caroline that in marrying her he would also support her work in whatever manner he was able. Through marriage to Archibald Chisholm. Caroline Jones, an evangelical Protestant, converted to Catholicism.

She was ever ready to respond to the needs of those around

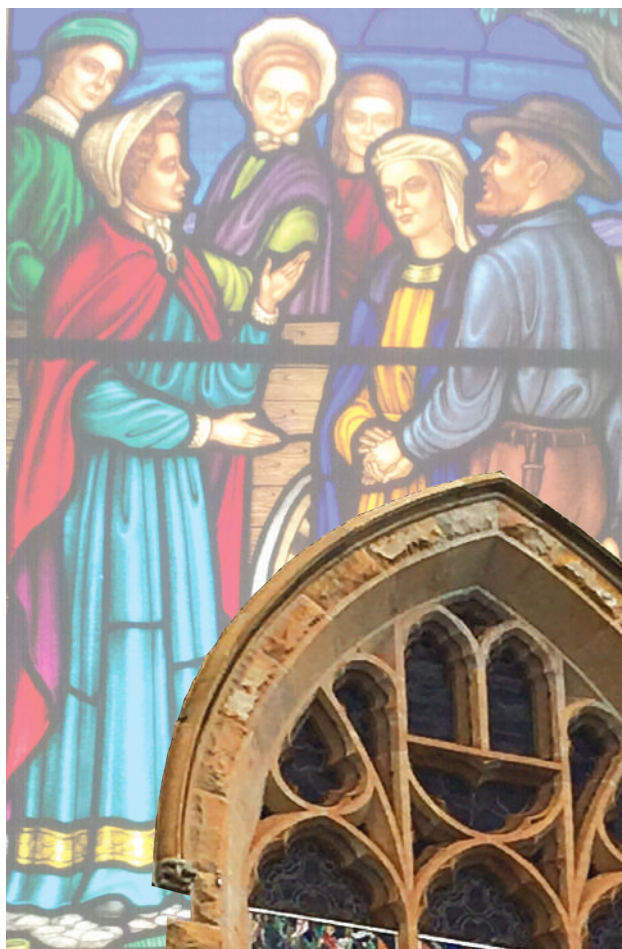
her, from visiting the elderly in her village in the north of England, to establishing a school for the daughters of poor soldiers while she was a young officer's wife in Madras. When faced with the situation of desperate young women in Sydney, she prayed and fasted in order to discern God's will for her.

The Caroline Chisholm story is relatively well known in Australia, but it is a secularised interpretation. Her religious motivation which she publicly acknowledged is omitted or ridiculed as in Anne Summer's description of women in colonial Australia as being considered either 'damned whores' or 'God's police' the latter term specifically applied to her.

Caroline undertook her early work with the single women of Sydney while Archibald was in China in the active service of the East India Company and

Australia has a assistance who he societies and the succeeded in

Caroline was responsible for the care of their three small children. She had attempted to keep the children with her in Sydney, but the conditions and the presence of



Above: Portrait by Thomas Fairland, digital copy sourced from the National Library of Australia
Left: The Caroline Chisholm mosaic at St Peter and Paul's Old Cathedral at Parramatta

Chisholm and prophet of the laity

CHISHOLM AND CO-DIRECTOR - SIENA INSTITUTE AUSTRALIA)



Library of Australia, image ID an9193363.Top Left: Caroline Chisholm stained glass window at St Mary's Church Crookwell. Goulburn. Pictures: Supplied.

diseases such as cholera forced her to send the children to their home in Windsor where she had the assistance of a governess.

On Captain Chisholm's return

encourage further immigration to Australia. A fourth child was born on board ship as they returned to England. It was a difficult birth and almost caused the death of mother

immigrants, arranging loans, and acquainting them with information regarding their endeavours. The Society chartered ships fitted out to Caroline's specification. Unable

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her aims by force of character and vigour of soul.*

to Sydney he accompanied her on a tour of NSW collecting testimonies from happily settled immigrants with the purpose of taking these to England to

and child. Another two children were born in England.

In England they established the Family Colonisation Loan Society, bringing together prospective

to afford to pay an Australian agent, Archibald undertook to return to Australia to meet the ships of the Society. The family were reunited three years later

REMEMBERED IN THE ARCHDIOCESE

In the Archdiocese, Fr Bill Kennedy and Fr Dermid McDermott, are well known enthusiasts of Caroline Chisholm and the tremendous work she did in the Southern Tablelands of NSW. Both St Mary's Crookwell and St Peter and Paul's Old Cathedral have visual images in her honour.

To support the work of the Friends of Caroline Chisholm or to become a member write to PO Box 232 Wendouree, Victoria 3355. Alternatively those interested to learn more can visit <https://mrschisholm.com/>



PRAYER CARDS FOR HER CANONISATION

Prayer cards for Caroline Chisholm's canonisation can be obtained via the link <https://mrschisholm.com/prayer-cards-2/>



SOME FURTHER READING ON THE LIFE OF CAROLINE CHISHOLM

Caroline Chisholm: An irresistible force (By Sarah Goldman)

Caroline Chisholm - A Biography: Fifty-one pieces of Wedding Cake (By Mary Hoban)

A Saviour of Living Cargoes: The Life and Work of Caroline Chisholm (By Carole Walker)

and settled in Kyneton in Victoria. By this time the gold rush was underway and Caroline undertook the construction of shelter sheds along the road from Melbourne to the Mount Alexander goldfields.

These were rudimentary buildings which provided shelter and cooking facilities for women and children travelling to join their husbands on the goldfields.

In addition to any government grants, the Chisholms used their own personal means to assist their work. At the end of their lives, Caroline and Archibald lived in relative anonymity and poverty on a pension of 100 pounds.

Caroline's work could only have been successful with a supportive husband.

Caroline Chisholm was a prophetic voice in colonial Australia. Her concerns in the 1840s-1860s are issues that still concern church and society today, not only in Australia but universally.

The principles she identified are as valid today as they were in her

own time. Hers was a prophetic voice in her ability to understand and articulate an enduring Christian vision in a colonial society that was facing new and radical challenges.

Much of her life and work embodied a view of the lay vocation which the Church did not articulate until a century after her death.

The 1960s and 70s saw a public discussion of Caroline's merits as an Australian saint. The discussion began in the pages of the Bulletin magazine and continued within the Church.

A century earlier, her holiness was declared by French historian Jules Michelet:

Australia has a saint, an English woman without wealth and without assistance who has done more for the new world than all the emigration societies and the British Government together — a simple woman who succeeded in her aims by force of character and vigour of soul.

Bombala Primary School partners with South-East Asia

St Joseph’s Primary School, Bombala has been given the rare opportunity to partner with a Vietnamese school to enable teachers and students to experience a new culture first-hand.

Th Australia-ASEAN BRIDGE School Partnership Program allows teachers in both countries to visit their partner school and learn collaboratively about each other’s values, community and school life.

Principal Noeleen O’Neill said that the BRIDGE program will align closely with the School’s Fair Education, Project

Learning and Global Education initiative that commenced in 2017.

“The BRIDGE program will open the eyes of our students, staff and families,” she said.

“Bombala is relatively isolated and our students and families have limited opportunities to learn about cultures and languages. Our students and staff will gain a much deeper understanding of Vietnamese people, history and their culture.”

Through mutual support and interaction both face-to-face and online, teachers are able to develop an intercultural understanding of teaching and

learning that is then reflected within classroom curriculum.

St Joseph’s students will then connect regularly with the Vietnamese students to enable both schools to learn about each other’s way of life. Teachers are able to share their professional experiences with the partnering School through participating in the classroom, engaging with parents, going on excursions and attending meetings.

Mrs O’Neill and Year 5/6 Teacher Sally Power are looking forward to being introduced to their ASEAN partner at a four-day professional learning program in Sydney in March.



Photo: Gillian Forrester with her children, Clare and Ben

Bombala teacher receives excellence award

A teacher at St Joseph’s Bombala has received recognition of her outstanding mentoring and creative teaching that has immersed students in real-life classroom projects.

Gillian Forrester was nominated for the John Barilaro Member for Monaro Excellence in Education Award by Principal Noeleen O’Neill for her passion and drive in implementing Project Based Learning with Year 3 and 4 students.

In her nomination, Ms O’Neill said that Ms Forrester sets high standards for herself as a professional and is always seeking ways to improve her practice.

“The learning that happens in Gillian’s classroom is the type of learning that children will always remember,” she said.

Using contemporary teachings, Ms Forrester’s students have been learning about children’s wellbeing and playgrounds through collaborative education, problem solving and creativity.

“Gillian’s students researched and visited local playgrounds and surveyed children from other schools to understand what children think is important,” said Ms O’Neill.

Gillian then invited the Local Council into her classroom to hear feedback from the students who have now begun building models of their personally designed playgrounds.

St Joseph’s will be inviting members of the community to come and see what the students have created with Ms Forrester’s assistance



Triple treat in Bombala

St Joseph’s Primary School in Bombala is excited to welcome identical triplets Liam, Nash and Kobi Guthrie to kindergarten this year. The boys are enjoying drawing, reading and climbing on the playground equipment.



Photo: L-R: Annabelle Richens, Jayda Hall, Molly Thackeray and Bridie Minehan

Hennessy student wins best actress

Year 10 Hennessy Catholic College student Jayda Hall couldn’t believe her luck when she won best actress at the world’s largest short film festival, Tropfest Junior.

The film ‘Iris’, written and produced by friend and former Hennessy student Annabelle Richens, communicates the touching story of a young girl who dreams of her sexuality being accepted in her religious community, as told through the colours of the LGBT pride flag.

Jayda said she enjoyed working behind the scenes and is hoping to gain work experience within a Sydney theatre company with assistance from Principal Trazel Scott.

“I didn’t realise there was so much work involved with making a film,” said Jayda.

“It was a great bonding experience working in a small team – especially getting to go to Sydney together to see all of the entries.”

Mrs Scott said that she’s proud of Jayda and Annabelle for trying something different, and celebrates risk taking.

“This is one of the things we try to instil in children at Hennessey, that our students can achieve anything they set their mind to and dream of doing.”



Campbell Sloane

Nicki Althaus

Sarah O'Brien

Dillon Beltrame

Meet our new teachers

The Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn’s newest teachers gathered at the Catholic Education Office last month to share in their teaching experiences at a professional learning event that focused on the importance of building relationships within schools.

The 56 first year Early Career Teachers (ECT) agreed that it has been a challenging but positive start to the year as they continue to develop professionally and endeavour to be inspirational leaders in Catholic education.

ECT Dillon Beltrame studied at the University of Wollongong before starting his professional teaching career with a Year 1/2 class at Sacred Heart Primary School in Canberra.

“I’m excited to see how my students grow over the course of the year as they realise their potential,” he said. As he gains confidence in the classroom, Mr Beltrame said he would like to

specialise in integrated science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM).

Catholic Education Office Deputy Director Angus Tulley spoke to the recent graduates about the importance of ‘doing less things, but doing them well,’ before Archbishop Prowse lead a welcoming mass to commission the ECTs into Catholic education.

After four years of studying at Australian Catholic University (ACU), Sarah O’Brien is thankful to be teaching her own Year 3/4 class at Trinity Catholic Primary School in Murrumburrah, New South Wales.

“Teaching at the end of last year helped ease me into it,” she said. “I want to inspire my students and help them to achieve their goals.”

On completion of professional placement at Holy Trinity Primary School in Curtin, fellow ACU graduate Campbell Sloane was excited to be offered a full-time teaching position at the School.

“It’s been information overload, but I’m coping well,” he said.

“There is a great support network and sense of community within Catholic Schools.”

St Gregory’s Primary School teacher Nicki Althaus said that her biggest challenge has been finding enough hours in the school day to balance classroom work with extracurricular activities in her Year 3 class.

“I’m looking forward to having a positive impact on my students learning and lives,” she said.

The professional learning day was concluded with a viewing of educator Rita Pierson’s inspirational TED Talk on the importance of building connections with students.

Rita Pierson said that “Every child deserves a champion – an adult who will never give up on them, who understands the power of connection and insists that they become the best they can be.”



Why pancakes on Shrove Tuesday?

Children in Catholic schools throughout the Archdiocese connected with the lesser known meaning behind the tradition of feasting on a batch of pancakes on Shrove Tuesday.

As students whisked their eggs, milk and butter they were mindful of Lent and its origins in abstinence from animal products as a form of penance and renewal of faith.

On the day before Ash Wednesday the children learned that pancakes were prepared and enjoyed by families as they depleted their eggs, milk, butter, as part of their Lenten fast.

Shrove Tuesday, traditionally called Shrovetide, is an important day in the Catholic school calendar, as school communities prepare for Lent.

Students at Lumen Christi Catholic College in New South Wales gathered around this much loved ritual to flip their way to more than \$300 in pancakes for Caritas Australia.

The School’s Hospitality and Food Technology classes served a feast of pancakes for approximately 700 enthusiastic students.

Mosaic of Merici inspires young women



At the Merici College Opening School Assembly, Principal Loretta Wholley inspired students to be the best version of themselves for this year’s theme, ‘Year of the Youth and Spreading Joy’, in an encouraging and motivating speech that unified the College.

Mrs Wholley said she had recently reflected with old school friends on what she had achieved and who she had become since completing secondary education at a Catholic all-girls School.

“We looked at the qualities we felt we needed to succeed in life; like being resilient, accepting, kind, community minded, loyal, adaptable, a peacemaker, hardworking, compassionate, strong, courageous, determined – just to name a few,” she said.

Mrs Wholley then challenged the students to believe that they are capable of doing anything and

to believe in themselves to learn something new.

“Use your emotional intelligence – be kind and respectful to others, never limit yourself to learning only one thing in life and never let being a woman hold you back from anything in life,” she said.

To capture the meaning of this year’s theme, students were invited to create and decorate individual square tiles that will then be used to create a wide-scale mosaic with grand significance.

“A mosaic is made up of individual pieces, each unique in their own right,” she said.

“However, when these individual pieces come together, a wonderful pattern results.”

Mrs Wholley said that each student is an individual piece in the Mosaic of Merici, working together interdependently, complementing one another to

create a wonderful masterpiece and an outstanding community.

Merici College School Leaders Olivia Straker and Bronte Alexander went on to encourage students to follow in Saint Angela Merici’s footsteps.

“We call upon every student to not to be afraid of setting out new and uncharted paths, to take a leap of faith and to uphold and discover joy within your lives,” said Miss Straker.

Mrs Wholley concluded the Opening School Assembly with her vision for 2018 by motivating students to work together to create a school environment that feels like family.

“Be a proud Merici College student,” she said.

“Listen with love, learn with hope, live with faith, and keep spreading joy.”

Coming Events

MARCH 3 (7am): MenAlive Breakfast at St Benedict's in HOME (Cnr Rutledge & Crawford Streets) Queanbeyan. RSVP to Frank on 0417664110 or by email fstanford200@gmail.com

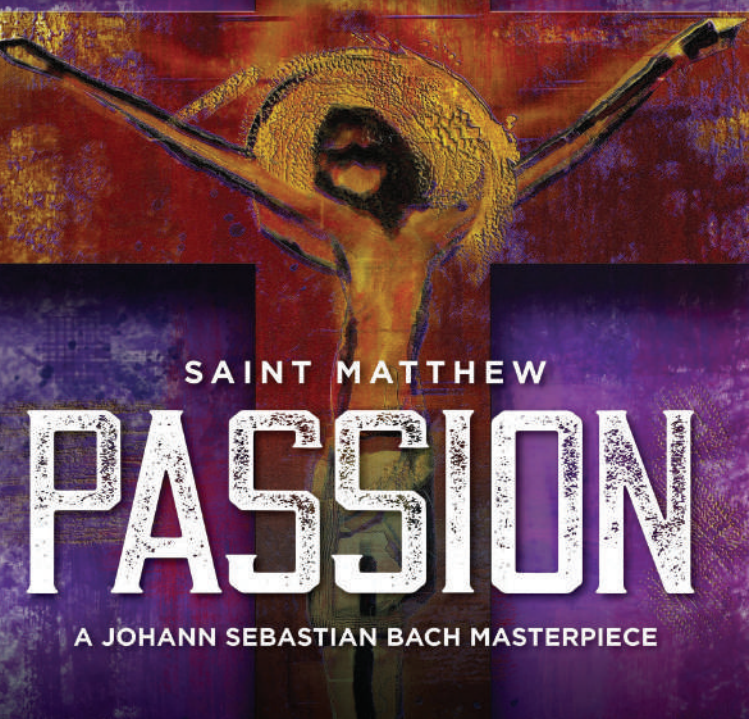
MARCH 3 to 10: The Catholic Bushwalking Club will be based in Jindabyne doing six days of graded walks in Kosciuszko National Park. Participants would have to join the Club as prospective members.

Certain fitness level required. ALL WELCOME. RSVP by February 9 to Denise Brady on 0425 378 724.

MARCH 4 (5.30pm to 8.30pm): LEAD Youth Mass and Rally at St Christopher's Cathedral and Pastoral Centre.

MARCH 9: 40th Anniversary for L'Arche in Canberra Dinner at Southern Cross Club Woden. For more information call (02) 6282

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MARCH 10 (6pm): Greta Bradman in concert at St Clement's Retreat and Conference Centre, Galong. Chicken and champagne dinner. Cost: \$60pp. Ph: (02) 6380 5222. Accommodation available.

MARCH 11 (12pm): Canberra Regional AMICUS (meaning friend) Group will meet for lunch at the Riverbank of Queanbeyan Café (4 Trinculo Place, QBN). Contact Patricia on 0412 351 548.

MARCH 16 (6pm) to 18 (2pm): Mothers Prayers retreat at St Clements Retreat and Conference Centre, Galong. To book Ph: (02) 6380 5222. For more information contact Anne Hartwell on (02) 6282 0874 or by email at bahartwell@netspeed.com.au

MARCH 22 (7pm for 7.30 start): The Concerned Catholics of Canberra and Goulburn will hold its next public forum at the Centre for Christianity and Culture in Barton, ACT. For more information go to <https://www.concernedcatholicscanberra.org/new-events/>

MARCH 24 (11am): The Legion of Mary ACIES annual Consecration to Our Lady will be celebrated with Rosary, Holy Mass

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MARCH 24 (6.30pm to 8.30pm): Wine tasting social event for Engaged and Young Married Couples at Clonakilla Winery, Murrumbateman, NSW. \$25 per head includes drinks and finger food. Numbers limited to 50 couples. For bookings and more information contact Lara on 0429 102 869.

MARCH 24 (7pm): Canberra Choral Society presents J.S. Bach's St Matthew's Passion at St Christopher's Cathedral with CCS Massed Chorus and the CCS Orchestra. Tickets available at www.trybooking.com.au/356110

MARCH 24 (7pm): Canberra Regional AMICUS (meaning friend) Group will meet for dinner and dancing at the Austrian Club in Mawson. Contact Patricia on 0412 351 548.

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60th wedding anniversary of Simon (Sime) and Radmila Seselja (front middle) with their children. Picture: Loui Seselja.
Tony and Danica Krajcar (front middle) celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary with family and friends. Picture: Loui Seselja.
Anne Hartwell receiving the ash on her forehead during Ash Wednesday Mass. Picture: John McLaurin.
L-R: Frances Brown (Mission Director – Calvary, John James) and Barb Reid (CEO Calvary, Bruce) with Archbishop Christopher Prowse. Picture: John McLaurin.
L-R: Karen Muir and Heather Grant at Caritas Kitchen. Picture: John McLaurin.
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John-Paul looks at ways to influence change

ST CHRISTOPHER'S Cathedral is like a second home for school leaver John-Paul Romano.

Having grown up in a devout Italian family under the shade of Manuka's Franklin Street trees, he is regularly seen around the place, most notably each Sunday when serving at the 11am Mass.

And he is now an 'Old Boy' of St Edmund's after having spent the past eight-and-a-half years at the College in Griffith.

If you haven't seen him on the Cathedral Sanctuary during Mass then maybe he has cooked one of your meals.

Mr Romano is currently in the third and final year of his apprenticeship as a chef at '1or2 Café' in Manuka, where he nominates the 'Turkey Club Sandwich' as his favourite dish.

He has a business portfolio as well as European experience and this year says he is open to

exploring new possibilities.

Apart from being kept busy as a chef-in-training, he is also undertaking two online university courses - one in Commerce and the other in National Security.

A passionate Canberran, the 18 year-old says he is still coming to terms with life outside the confines of the high school classroom but adds that he is hoping to open his own business and start a charity in the near future.

"I am discovering more and more the realities of adult life and 2018 is a year to grow my knowledge," he said.

"I hope while studying, working and volunteering this year I can impart some of my knowledge on others while gaining multitudes of knowledge from them."

As a long-time acolyte and Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, Mr Romano has an



John-Paul Romano is keeping himself busy after leaving school. Picture: Supplied.

obvious affection for Mass and the Liturgy. He hasn't dismissed the idea of becoming a priest one day, but at this stage his future lies in politics. "I see a career advocating for the voiceless, as

my father and grandparents have done through the legal field. Supporting those who cannot support themselves and caring for the fringes of society.

"I see an opportunity to get

people back up on their feet and I believe the most effective way of influencing change is politics."

And for those who are wondering, yes, Mr Romano is named after Pope St John Paul II.

Michael is called to youth team year

AFTER attending Summer School in Bathurst earlier this year, Canberra's Michael Seselja felt called to spend 2018 with the Youth Mission Team.

But the 18 year old is hardly breaking new ground in his extended family.

With no less than seven of his uncles and aunts having spent time with YMT, he knew much of what to expect.

Mr Seselja, says the transition from school has been mixed with work and mission and that he is getting used to living at Wollongong and being near the beach.

"Most of our year on mission is made up of going into Catholic schools and running reflection days and retreats for high school students," he said

"We aim to present the basic Gospel messages in a relatable way to teenagers who often haven't heard this in their lives.

"It is quite different because



Michael Seselja is spending 2018 with Youth Mission Team. Picture: Supplied.

I am now having to minister to students who are in some cases very similar in age to me."

The former Marist College student has ambitions to do actuarial studies with finance at Australian National University next year but thinks a gap year will be beneficial.

"At the moment I'm not entirely sure about my future ambitions; even if I do the actuarial degree I may not necessarily use it," he said.

"But, hopefully, in whatever I do I will remain committed to my faith and continue living it out in whatever way possible."

Exploring the future

THERESA Corson, reckons discerning one's future is just as challenging as the 13 years she spent in formal education.

The 18-year-old Canberran is having a gap year of work and travel in 2018 to further explore the direction she would like to take. Currently, she has a part-time waitressing job, which she is hoping to complement with more work soon. If all goes to plan, towards the end of the year, she will travel to Italy and maybe other parts of Europe. Next year she hopes to embark on a university course, her strengths being in English and languages. Both her parents are teachers, but she is not necessarily sold on that as a career.

"I would really love to see more of the world and just gain more experience working and living life outside of school," the St Clare's College graduate said.



Theresa Corson Picture: Supplied.

"I studied Italian in school, so I would particularly like to go over there and take in some of the the culture."

Miss Corson, says the transition from leaving school has been one of adjustment. "Especially when it comes to leaving behind the College community and the friendships formed with teachers and students," she said.

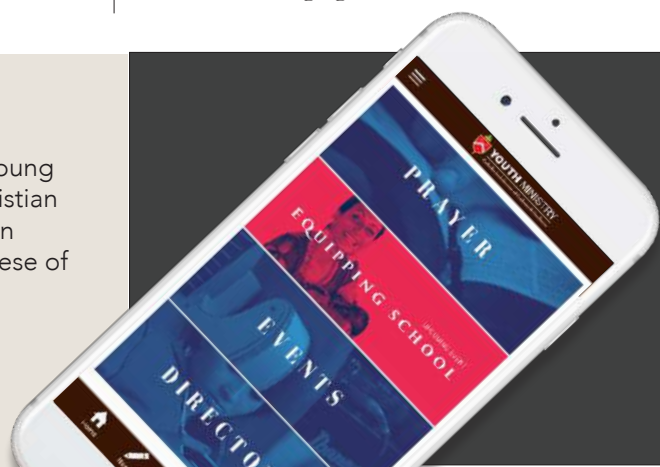
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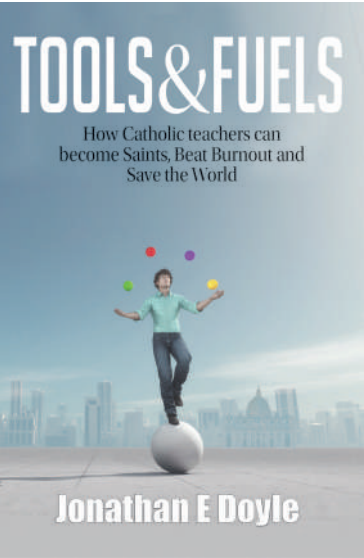
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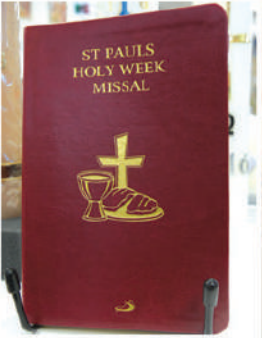

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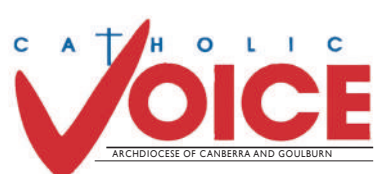
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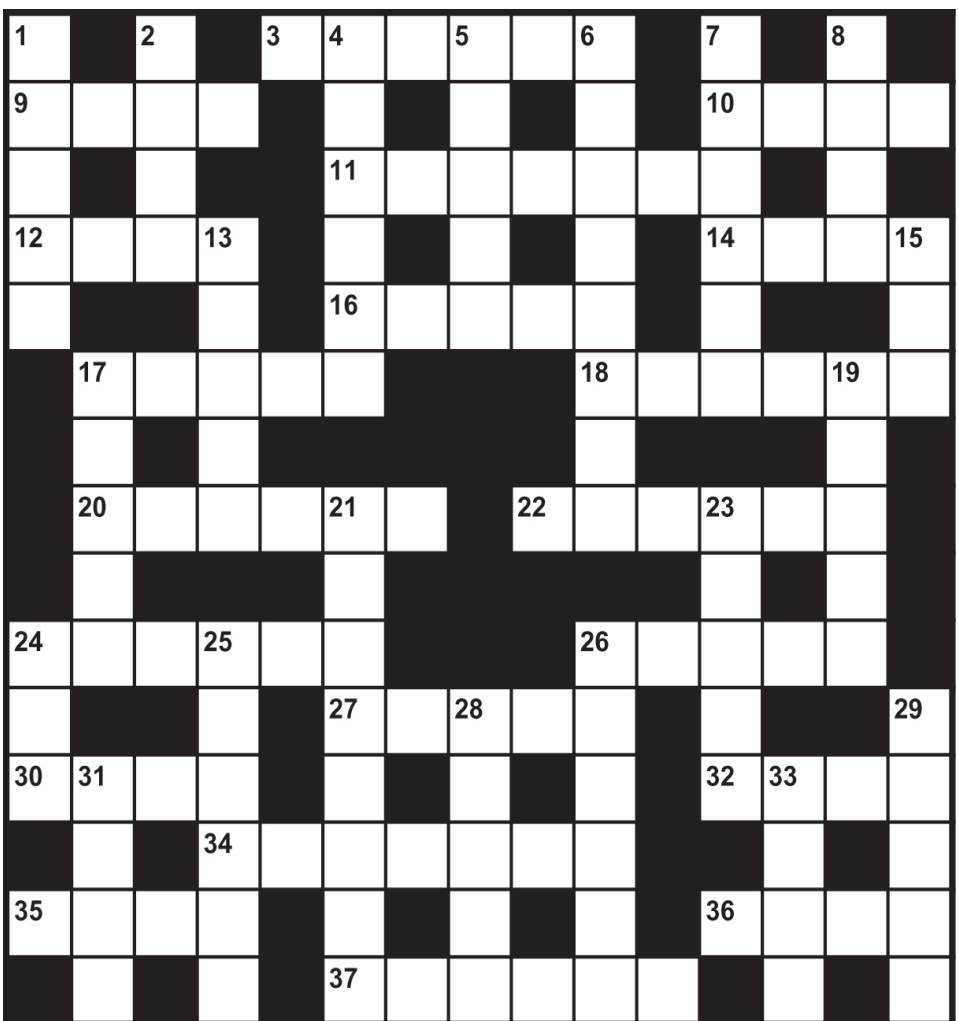
-This prayer must be said for three days and after that the request will be granted.
O most beautiful flower of Mt Carmel, fruit vine splendorous of heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. Star of the Sea, help me and show me herein you are my mother. O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to Thee (pray this 3 times). I place this cause in your hand (x3). Thank you for mercy toward me and mine.

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- 3 Number of New Testament letters that bear the name of a person
- 1 Number of humans in Noah's ark (Gen 7:13)
- 9 The Garden of Eden might have been in this modern-day state
- 2 Nod, vis-à-vis Eden
- 10 He called for justice to roll down like water
- 4 St. ___ de Marillac
- 11 Extreme ___
- 5 ___ of Christ
- 12 "What God ___ joined together..."
- 6 "Love your ___ as yourself"
- 14 French clergyman
- 7 North American country with approximately 40% Catholic population
- 16 Her tomb was the first thing bought in the Bible
- 8 "...the babe leaped in her ___" (Lk 1:41)
- 17 Number of days Jonah spent in the belly of a large fish (Jon 1:17)
- 13 They blew these outside the walls of Jericho
- 18 Saint for sore throats
- 15 Wife of 31D
- 20 St. Nicholas is a patron of this country
- 17 The Law
- 22 Nativity scene
- 19 50's Catholic televangelist-bishop
- 24 Doubting apostle
- 21 Moved by God
- 26 Color of Ordinary Time
- 23 Sacre ___
- 27 "___ Noster"
- 24 Abbr. for two NT epistles
- 30 Funeral ___
- 25 Book with the words and rubrics of a liturgy
- 32 There were 40 days and nights of this
- 26 Catholic author of The Power and the Glory
- 34 Penance ___
- 28 "And do not bring us to the time of ___." (Lk 11:4)
- 35 Mary made a request of Jesus here
- 29 One of the seraphim or cherubim, for example
- 36 Sydney's first archbishop, John ___ Polding
- 31 First man
- 37 Author of *The Models of the Church*
- 33 Cry from the congregation

Remembered as ‘mentor and friend’

BY ROBERT HIINI
(PERTH RECORD)

FATHER Bryan Tiernan SAC will be remembered as a true priest, mentor and friend following his death on December 24 last year.

Pallottine Regional Leader Fr Eugene San SAC was the principal celebrant for the Funeral Mass held on January 5 at Riverton Parish, Our Lady Queen of Apostles Church and was joined in celebrating the Mass by Perth Emeritus Archbishop Barry Hickey, Geraldton Emeritus Bishop Justin Bianchini and some 20 other priests.

In a moving homily for the funeral Mass, Fr San reflected on Fr Tiernan’s five decades of service among people in Western Australia, Victoria and India.

“Fr Tiernan opened his heart to the people and gave of himself without reservation,” Fr San told the congregation.

“As a true son of St Vincent Pallotti, (he) seized every opportunity to promote collaborative ministry, encouraging everyone to be apostles in whatever capacity or walk of life they find themselves in ...

“An innate desire to help and heal people, especially the lowly and those on the fringes, never left him.

Born in 1928, Bryan Tiernan was 20 years old when he joined the Pallottines, making his final profession – and becoming ordained – in 1955.

He then spent five years as a missionary in India, where he helped to bolster new Pallottine communities and also established the Khristsevikas Community – a secular institute for women.

Returning to Australia, he

Fr Tiernan helped not just the Aboriginal people but anyone who was down and out

spent the following five years as Provincial Bursar in Kew, Victoria, before moving to WA in 1966, where he would spend the next 27 years ministering among the State’s diverse Aboriginal population.

In 1967, he began operating Aboriginal Catholic Ministry

and Aboriginal Mobile Ministry in the Archdiocese of Perth, the Dioceses of Geraldton and Bunbury, and in New Norcia, running hostels in Albany and Mosman Park for Aboriginal students.

Fr Tiernan’s final mission field was an urban one, serving as chaplain for 10 years at St John of God Hospital in Subiaco before retiring due to illness.

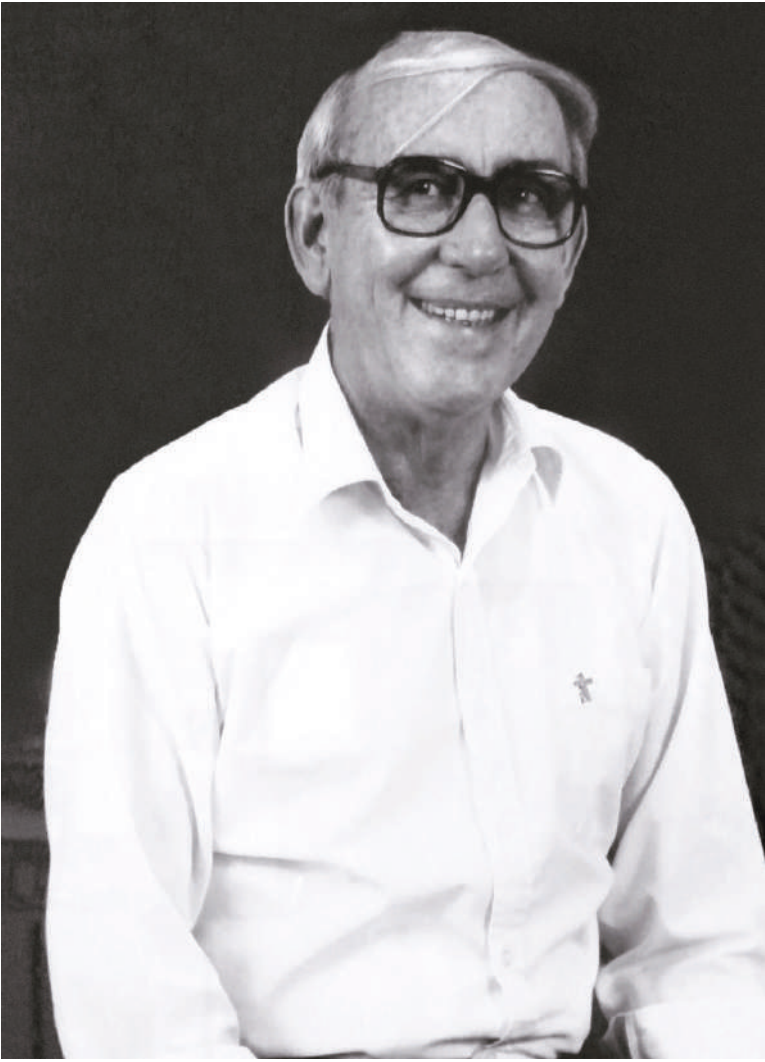
In his homily, Fr San made mention of the personal testimonies given by Robert Isaac, Marlene Jackamara, Ben Taylor and Reg Carnamah at the Rosary Vigil on the previous evening, regarding “how this gentle and humble priest changed their lives for the better”.

“(Someone) told me yesterday that Fr Tiernan helped not just the Aboriginal people but anyone who was down and out, white people included,” Fr San said.

“She said we need to acknowledge good priests like Fr Tiernan.

“Like our founder St Vincent Pallotti, Fr Bryan believed that where there is no love there is no apostolate. He realised that without love our ministries will be futile,” Fr San said.

Fr Tiernan passed away on Christmas Eve in Rossmoyne.



Fr Bryan Tiernan SAC will be remembered as a true priest, mentor and friend. Picture: Supplied.

Second miracle approved for Paul VI

Vatican City (CNA/EWTN News) - THE CONGREGATION for the Causes of Saints approved the second miracle needed for the canonization of Blessed Pope Paul VI.

The Congregation approved the miracle by a unanimous vote on February 6. The next step is for Pope Francis to also give his approval, with an official decree from the Vatican.

According to Vatican Insider, the canonization may take place in October of this year, during the Synod of Bishops on the youth. The miracle attributed to the cause of Paul VI is the healing of an unborn child in the fifth month of pregnancy. The case was brought forward in 2014 for study.

The mother, originally from the province of Verona, Italy, had an illness that risked her own life and the life of her unborn child, and was advised to have an abortion.

A few days after the beatification of Paul VI on October 19, 2014, she went to pray to him



Pope Francis is likely to canonize Pope Paul VI later this year. Daniel Ibáñez/ CNA

at the Shrine of Holy Mary of Grace in the town of Brescia. The baby girl was later born in good health, and remains in good health today.

The healing was first ruled as medically inexplicable by the medical council of the congregation last year, while the congregation’s consulting theologians agreed that the healing occurred through the late pope’s intercession.

The miracle for Paul VI’s

canonization echoes that of his beatification. That first miracle took place in the 1990s in California. A then-unborn child was found to have a serious health problem that posed a high risk of brain damage. Physicians advised that the child be aborted, but the mother entrusted her pregnancy to Paul VI.

The child was born without problems and is now a healthy adolescent. He is considered to be completely healed.

BRIEFS

SHALOM WORLD AUSTRALIA LAUNCHED

SHALOM WORLD Australia was officially launched on Australia Day by Archbishop of Hobart, Julian Porteous. This new television channel which is under the purview of Shalom Media, will broadcast 24/7 high definition Catholic content. It can be viewed online at www.shalomworld.org or on various platforms including Smart TV’s. The SHALOM WORLD app is available for free in the App Store and Google Play. For more information contact the Australian office on 0421 546 530 or by email australia@shalomworld.org

RELIGIOUS FREEDOM IS CRITICAL IN A PLURALIST AUSTRALIA

RELIGIOUS freedom must be enshrined in Australian law and recognised as a right, rather than an exception or an exemption, the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference (ACBC) has explained. In its submission to the Religious Freedom Review called by Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull and chaired by the Hon Phillip Ruddock, the ACBC has tasked the Review to recognise the increased need for a framework to support all people of faith as Australian society continues to evolve. To read more go to <https://www.catholic.org.au/>

POPE TELLS PRIESTS TO KEEP HOMILIES BRIEF

Vatican City (CNA/EWTN News).- POPE Francis touched on a topic close to home for both parish priests and people in the pews recently, offering his recipe for what makes a good homily, saying they should be short and well-prepared. However, he also pointed to the amount of complaining that happens when people are unenthusiastic about homilies, and told faithful that even when bored, they also have to make an effort by actively listening, and being patient with the limits of their pastor.

IT’S A MIRACLE: LOURDES HEALING OFFICIALLY DECLARED SUPERNATURAL

Lourdes, France, (CNA/EWTN News)- A MIRACLE was officially recognized at the Marian shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes in France on February 11, the 70th Lourdes miracle recognized by the Catholic Church. It was officially declared by Bishop Jacques Benoit-Gonin of Beauvais, France on the World Day of the Sick and the feast day of Our Lady of Lourdes. The miraculous event involved a French nun, Sister Bernadette Moriau, who went on a pilgrimage to the shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes in 2008. She had been suffering from spinal complications which had rendered her wheelchair-bound and fully disabled since 1980.



ARCHDIOCESAN EASTER TRIDUUM / HOLY WEEK TIMES

ARCHDIOCESAN CELEBRATION Monday, March 26, 7.30pm Mass of the Oils, St Christopher's Cathedral

ADAMINABY: Holy Saturday - Mass at 5.30pm.

ADELONG: Holy Thursday - Mass at 7pm. Easter Saturday - Vigil Mass at 6pm.

ARDLETHAN: Holy Saturday – Easter Vigil Mass at 6pm.

ARIAH PARK: Good Friday – Commemoration of The Lord's Passion at 3pm. Easter Sunday – Mass at 8am.

BARELLAN: Holy Thursday – Mass at 6pm, followed by Adoration. Easter Sunday – Mass at 10am.

BARMEDMAN: Easter Sunday – Mass at 8am.

BARTON: (Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture): Good Friday - Ecumenical Stations at 11am

BATEMANS BAY: Holy Thursday - Mass at 7pm. Good Friday: Stations at 10am and 3pm. Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil Mass at 7pm. Easter Sunday – Mass at 9am and 11am.

BATLOW: Good Friday: Stations at 10am. Easter Sunday: Mass at 10am.

BEGA: Stations each Friday during Lent 5:30pm. Tuesday March 20 – Second Rite of Reconciliation. Holy Thursday Mass, 7pm with Adoration to 10pm. Good Friday - Commemoration of the Lord's Passion and Veneration at 3pm. Easter Saturday Vigil at 7pm. Please contact Bega Parish Office for Easter Penitential Rite Times.

BEMBOKA: Holy Thursday Mass 6pm, Easter Sunday, 10am Mass. Good Friday, Commemoration of The Lord's Passion and Veneration at 3pm.

BERMAGUI: Good Friday – Commemoration of the Lord's Passion at 3pm. Easter Sunday – Mass at 7.30am. Thursday, April 6 – Second Rite of Reconciliation.

BERRIDALE: Good Friday – Commemoration of the Lord's Passion at 11am. Easter Sunday – Mass at 10.30am.

BINALONG: Good Friday - Stations at 10am. Easter Sunday: Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion at 10am.

BOMBALA: Holy Thursday – Mass at 6pm. Good Friday – Commemoration of the Lord's Passion at 3pm. Holy Saturday – Mass at 6.30pm.

BOOROWA: Holy Thursday - Mass at 7pm. Good Friday – Commemoration of The Lord's Passion at 3pm. Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil Mass at 7pm.

BRADDON: Good Friday – Stations at 11am and Commemoration of the Lord's Passion at 11am. Easter Sunday - Mass at 9.30am.

BRAIDWOOD: Holy Thursday - Mass at 7pm. Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil Mass at 6pm.

BREDBO: Easter Sunday – Mass at 9.30am.

BUNGENDORE: Holy Thursday – Mass at 6pm. Good Friday - Stations at 10am and Commemoration of the Lord's Passion at 3pm. Holy Saturday - Mass at 6pm. Easter Sunday – Mass at 8.30am.

CAMPBELL: Palm Sunday - Mass at 9.30am. Holy Thursday - Mass at 7pm followed by Adoration. Good Friday: Stations at 10am and Commemoration of the Lord's Passion at 3pm. Holy Saturday: Easter Vigil Mass at 7pm. Easter Sunday: Mass at 9.30am.

CATHEDRAL: Monday, March 26 - Chrism Mass at 7.30pm. Tuesday, March 27 – Second Rite of Reconciliation at 7.30pm. Holy Thursday – Mass at 7.30pm, followed by Adoration in the crypt until 11.00pm. Good Friday – See Barton for Stations and Commemoration of The

Lord's Passion at 3pm. Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil Mass at 7.30pm. Easter Sunday – Mass at 8am, 11am and 5.30pm.

CANDELO: Stations each Tuesday during Lent at 7pm. Easter Sunday - 9.30am Mass.

CHARNWOOD: Palm Sunday - Vigil Mass at 6.00pm and Sunday morning at 9am. Holy Thursday – Mass at 7.30pm, followed with Exposition until 10pm. Good Friday - 3pm Commemoration and 7pm Stations. Holy Saturday – Easter Vigil Mass at 7.30pm. Easter Sunday – Mass at 9am.

COBARGO: Easter Vigil Mass at 5pm.

COOMA: Holy Thursday – Mass at 6.30pm. Good Friday – Commemoration of the Lord's Passion at 3pm. Holy Saturday - Mass at 6.30pm. Easter Sunday - Mass at 10am.

COOTAMUNDRA: Holy Thursday Mass at 8pm. Good Friday - Stations at midday. Commemoration of The Lord's Passion at 3pm, followed by Reconciliation between 5pm and 5.30pm. Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil Mass at 7.30pm. Easter Sunday – Mass at 9.30am.

CROATIAN: Holy Thursday – Mass at 6.30pm. Good Friday – Commemoration of The Lord's Passion at 3pm. Holy Saturday – Mass at 8pm. Easter Sunday – Mass at 10.30am.

CROOKWELL: Thursday, March 22 – Reconciliation. Holy Thursday – Mass at 7pm. Good Friday – Commemoration of the Lord's Passion at 3pm. Holy Saturday – Easter Vigil Mass at 7pm. Easter Sunday – Mass 10.30am at Binda.

DELEGATE: Good Friday – Service at 10am. Holy Saturday - Mass at 5pm.

DICKSON: Holy Thursday – Mass at 6.30pm followed by Adoration until 10pm. Good Friday - Commemoration of

The Lord's Passion at 3pm. Holy Saturday – Easter Vigil Mass at 6pm. Easter Sunday: Mass at 9.30am

EDEN: Stations each Friday during Lent at 11am. Holy Saturday – Easter Vigil Mass at 7pm.

GALONG: (St Clement's Retreat Centre): Holy Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper 7.00pm. Good Friday: Passion of the Lord 3.00pm. Holy Saturday: Easter Vigil 7.00pm. Easter Sunday: Mass 9.00am.

GOULBURN: (St Peter and Paul's): Tuesday, March 20 – Reconciliation. Holy Thursday – Mass at 7pm. Good Friday – Stations at 10am and Commemoration of The Lord's Passion at 3pm. Holy Saturday – Mass at 7pm. Easter Sunday – Mass at 10am.

GOULBURN NORTH: Easter Sunday – Mass at 7am.

GRENFELL: Good Friday – Commemoration of the Lord's Passion at 3pm. Easter Sunday – Mass at 9.30am.

GUNDAGAI: Holy Thursday – Mass at 12noon. Good Friday - Stations at 10am and Veneration at 3pm. Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil Mass at 6pm. Easter Sunday – Mass at 8am Mass.

GUNDAROO: Easter Sunday - Mass at 9am.

GUNGAHLIN (AMAROO CHURCH): Tuesday March 27 – Second Rite of Reconciliation at 7pm. Holy Thursday – Mass at 7pm. Good Friday – Stations at 11am (please bring a flower) and Liturgy of the Passion at 3pm. Holy Saturday – Easter Vigil Mass at 6pm. Easter Sunday – Mass at 8am, 9.30am and 5.30pm.

GUNNING: Good Friday – Stations at 10.30am and Commemoration of The Lord's Passion at 3pm. Easter Sunday – Mass at 8.30am.

HALL: Palm Sunday – Mass at 8.30am. Good Friday – Stations at 11am (please bring a flower). Easter Sunday – Mass at 8.30am.

HARDEN-MURRUMBURRAH: Palm Sunday – Mass at 9am. Holy Thursday – Mass at 6pm. Good Friday – Commemoration of the Lord's Passion at 3pm. Holy Saturday: Easter Vigil Mass at 7.30pm.

HOLDER: Wednesday, March 21 – See Reconciliation at Weston Creek. Tuesday, March 27 - Mass at 5.30pm. Holy Thursday – Mass at 7.30pm, followed by Procession to Chapel of Repose and Adoration to 10pm (no 9.30am Mass). Good Friday – Commemoration of The Lord's Passion at 3pm Mass. Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil Mass at 7.30pm. Easter Sunday - Mass at 10am. Good Friday – Stations at 11am, followed by Confessions from 12noon to 1pm.

JERANGLE: Easter Sunday – Mass at 8am.

JINDABYNE: Holy Thursday – Mass at 7pm. Good Friday – Commemoration of the Lord's Passion at 3pm. Holy Saturday – Easter Vigil Mass at 8pm. Easter Sunday – Mass at 8.30am and 10.30am.

JUGIONG: Holy Thursday – Mass at 6pm. Good Friday - Veneration at 3pm. Easter Sunday – Mass at 10am.

EVATT: Holy Thursday – Mass at 7.30pm. Good Friday – Stations at 10am and Commemoration of The Lord's Passion at 3pm. Holy Saturday – Reconciliation from 10am to 12noon and Easter Vigil Mass at 7.30pm. Easter Sunday – Mass at 10am.

KALEEN: Holy Thursday – Mass at 7.30pm. Good Friday – Stations at 10am and Commemoration of The Lord's Passion at 3pm. Holy

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KAMBAH: Holy Thursday – Reconciliation between 5pm and 6pm. Mass at 7.30pm (with Adoration). Good Friday - Stations at 11am and Commemoration of The Lord's Passion at 3pm, followed by Reconciliation. Vietnamese Service at 7.30pm. Holy Saturday - Reconciliation between 11am and 12noon. Easter Vigil Mass at 7.30pm. Easter Sunday – Mass at 8:30am and 10am Mass, Vietnamese Service at 5pm. Easter Monday – Mass at 9:30am.

KIPPAX: Holy Thursday - Mass at 7pm, followed by prayers at the Altar of Repose and concluding with night prayer at 10pm. Good Friday - Stations at 10am and Commemoration of The Lord's Passion at 3pm. Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil at 7pm. Easter Sunday – Mass at 8:30am and 10am (no 6pm Mass).

LAKE CARGELLIGO: Holy Thursday - Mass at 7pm. Good Friday: TBA. Easter Sunday: Mass at 9.30am.

LATIN MASS COMMUNITY: Holy Thursday - Mass at 7pm, followed by Confessions until 11.50pm. Good Friday - Stations at 2pm, followed by Liturgy at 3pm. Holy Saturday – Confessions between 9am and 10.30am. Easter Vigil Mass at 9pm. Easter Sunday – Mass 8.30am at Campbell and 10.30am at Garran.

MERIMBULA: Stations each Friday during Lent at 9.15am. Good Friday – Commemoration of the Lord's Passion at 3pm. Easter Sunday: 10am.

MICHELAGO: Easter Sunday - Mass at 9.30am.

MORUYA: Holy Thursday – Mass at 7pm. Good Friday

- Stations at 9am and Liturgy of the Passion at 3pm. Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil Mass at 7pm. Easter Sunday – Mass at 10am and see Tuross Heads.

MURRUMBATEMAN: Good Friday – Ecumenical Stations Uniting Church at 10.30am.

NAROOMA: Holy Thursday – Mass at 5.30pm. Good Friday – Commemoration of the Lord's Passion at 3pm. Holy Saturday – Easter Vigil Mass at 7pm. Easter Sunday – Mass at 9.30am. Tuesday, April 4 – Second Rite of Reconciliation.

NARRABUNDAH: Holy Thursday - Mass at 7.30pm. Good Friday - Stations at 10.30am and Liturgy at 3pm. Holy Saturday – Easter Vigil Mass at 7pm. Easter Sunday - Mass at 9am and 7pm (Charismatic).

NIMMITABEL: Holy Thursday – Mass at 6:30pm. Good Friday – Service at 11am. Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil Mass at 8pm.

NORTH WODEN: Holy Thursday - Mass 8pm at Curtin. Good Friday - Stations 10am at Garran. Commemoration of the Lord's Passion at 3pm, followed by Confessions. Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil Mass 7pm at Curtin. Easter Sunday – 8.30am Mass at Garran, 10am Mass at Curtin and 5.30pm Mass at Curtin.

NUMERALLA: Easter Sunday – Mass at 8am.

O'CONNOR: Holy Thursday - Mass at 8pm, followed by Adoration until midnight. Good Friday - Stations at 10am, followed by Confessions. Good Friday – Commemoration of the Lord's Passion at 3pm, followed by Confessions. Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil Mass at 8pm. Easter Sunday - Mass at 9am.

PAMBULA: Stations each Friday during Lent at 11am.

Holy Thursday – Mass at 7pm. Easter Sunday - Mass at 8am.

PERISHER: Easter Sunday – Mass at 8.30am.

QUEANBEYAN (St Raphael's Church): Holy Thursday - Mass at 7.30pm, followed by Adoration until 10pm. Good Friday - Stations 10am and Commemoration of The Lord's Passion at 3pm. Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil Mass at 6.30pm. Easter Sunday – Mass at 9am.

SOUTH BELCONNEN: Holy Thursday – 7.30pm Mass at Page. Good Friday – 11am Stations at Aranda and 3pm Commemoration of The Lord's Supper at Page. Holy Saturday – 7pm Mass at Page. Easter Sunday – 8.30am Mass at Page and 10am at Aranda.

SOUTH TUGGERANONG: Holy Thursday – Mass at 7.30pm, followed by Adoration until 10pm. Good Friday – Stations at St Clare of Assisi Primary, Conder and Commemoration of The Lord's Passion at 3pm. Holy Saturday – Easter Vigil Mass at 7pm. Easter Sunday – Mass at 8am and 10am. No evening Mass. Easter Monday - No Mass.

SOUTH WODEN (Pearce): Holy Thursday - Mass at 7pm. Good Friday – Commemoration of The Lord's Passion at 3pm. Holy Saturday – Easter Vigil Mass at 7.30pm. Easter Sunday – Mass at 8.30am and 10am.

SYRO-MALABAR MASS (Malayalam language): Palm Sunday – Mass at 10.15am and 5.30pm. Tuesday March 27 - Confessions between 5.30pm and 7.30pm. Maundy Thursday – Mass at 5.30pm. Good Friday – Stations at 5pm. Great Saturday – Mass at 9.30am and 11pm. Easter Sunday - Mass at 10.15am.

TALBINGO: Easter Sunday – Mass at 8am.

TARALGA: Wednesday,

March 21 – Reconciliation. Good Friday - Commemoration of the Lord's Passion at 3pm. Holy Saturday – Easter Vigil Mass at 7pm.

TATHRA: Good Friday - Stations of the Cross at 10am. Easter Sunday – Mass at 7.45am.

TEMORA: Holy Thursday – Mass at 6pm, followed by Adoration. Good Friday – Commemoration of The Lord's Passion at 3pm. Holy Saturday – Easter Vigil Mass at 6pm. Easter Sunday – Mass at 10am.

THREDBO: Holy Saturday – Easter Vigil Mass at 5pm.

TUROSS HEADS (The Pines): Easter Sunday – Mass at 8am.

TUMUT: Holy Thursday – Mass at 7pm. Good Friday – Commemoration of the Lord's Passion at 3pm Mass. Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil Mass at 7pm. Easter Sunday - Mass at 10am.

UNGARIE: Easter Sunday – Mass at 8am.

WANNIASSA: Thursday, March 22 – Second Rite of Reconciliation at 7pm. Holy Thursday - Mass at 7pm followed by Adoration until 10pm. Good Friday - Stations at 10am and Solemn Liturgy at 3pm. Holy Saturday – Easter Vigil Mass at 7pm. Easter Sunday - Mass at 9am. No Evening Mass on Easter Sunday.

WARAMANGA: Wednesday, March 21 – Second Rite of Reconciliation at 7pm. Passion/Palm Sunday – Confessions between 8am and 8.45am, followed by Mass at 9am which begins with Blessing of Palms. Monday, March 26 – No 5.30pm Mass or Communion Service. See Cathedral for Mass. Good Friday – Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion at 3pm and for Stations see Holder. Holy Saturday - No 8am Mass and No 5pm to

5.45pm Confessions. Easter Sunday - Mass at 9am (No Confessions). Easter Monday – Mass at 8am (no 5.30pm Mass). Wednesday, March 28 – Mass at 9.30am.

WATSON: Holy Thursday - Mass at 7.30pm and Vigil in Parish Centre until 10pm. Good Friday - Stations at 10am and Commemoration of The Lord's Passion at 3pm. Holy Saturday - Holy Rosary and Confessions from 11.30am to 12.30pm and from 5.30pm to 6.30pm. Easter Vigil Mass at 7.30pm. Easter Sunday - Mass at 8am and 10am. No 6pm Sunday Evening Mass. Easter Monday - No Mass. For Reconciliation times, see Dickson.

WEST WYALONG: Wednesday, March 28 - Second Rite of Reconciliation at 7pm. Holy Thursday - TBA. Good Friday – Commemoration of the Lord's Passion. Easter Sunday – Mass at 9.30am.

YARRALUMLA: Holy Thursday - Mass at 7.30pm. Good Friday - Stations of the Cross at 10am and Commemorations of the Lord's Passion at 3pm. Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil Mass at 6pm. Easter Sunday – Mass at 9.30am.

YASS: Holy Thursday – Mass at 7pm. Good Friday – Commemoration of the Lord's Passion at 3pm and see Murrumbateman. Holy Saturday – Easter Vigil Mass at 6.30pm. Easter Sunday – Mass at 10.15am.

YOUNG: Holy Thursday – Mass at 7pm. Good Friday – Commemoration of the Lord's Passion at 3pm. Holy Saturday – Easter Vigil Mass at 7pm. Easter Sunday – Mass at 10.15am.

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Skater sharing the light of Christ

BY COURTNEY GROGAN WITH ADDIE MENA

Seoul, South Korea, (CNA/ EWTN News) - CATHOLIC Olympic gold-medalist Yuna Kim lit the torch at the opening ceremony for the 2018 Olympic Games in Pyeongchang, South Korea, on February 9.

The Korean skating sensation has long expressed a desire to use her public role to share the light of Christ by witnessing to her Catholic faith in international competitions and performances. She was honoured as the final torch bearer to light the Olympic cauldron for this year's games, after two athletes from the inter-Korean women's hockey team, one skater from North Korea and another from the South, passed the flame along. After making the sign of the cross as she stepped onto the ice to win gold in the 2010 Vancouver Games with a record-breaking score, Kim teamed up with Korean bishops for a national Rosary campaign. Kim was seen wearing a Rosary ring, which her fans had previously mistaken for an engagement ring, during her silver-medal performance at the 2014 Sochi Games. The Olympian converted to the Catholic faith alongside her mother in 2008, after they came in contact with local nuns and Catholic organisations through her personal physician – also a Catholic – who was treating her for knee injuries. At her Baptism, Kim took the name “Stella” after Mary, Star of the Sea, and told a diocesan paper that during the baptismal rite she “felt an enormous consolation in my heart” and



Yuna Kim lit the torch at the opening ceremony. Picture: Sfcphoto.KeunHwa. CC 3.0

promised God to continue to “pray always,” especially before competitions. She has also been active in using her position as an opportunity for charitable works, volunteering and donating funds to Catholic Hospitals, universities, and other charitable organizations, and working alongside the Catholic bishops in Korea as a spokeswoman for Catholic charities in Seoul. In 2012, she donated hundreds of thousands of dollars to

Salesian of Don Bosco to help support the missionary brothers in South Sudan and to establish Catholic Schools throughout the war-torn country, meeting with Salesian brothers in Seoul to personally deliver the gift. She told the Korean press that while visiting Africa in 2011 she “felt the need to help out children there,” and wanted “to offer what little support I can” to those in Africa. Kim is now retired from competitive skating, but the

27-year-old has served as an ambassador for the 2018 Winter Olympics in her home country of Korea. She delivered the original presentation to the International Olympic Committee seven years ago, pitching South Korea as a potential host country, and has been present at most of the official events leading up to the games. She delivered a speech to the United Nations in 2017 advocating for the “Olympic truce”

resolution. Pope Francis said earlier this week that he is praying for the people of the Korean Peninsula during the Olympic Games. “The traditional Olympic truce this year becomes especially important: delegations from the two Koreas will march together under a single flag and compete as one team. This fact gives hope for a world in which conflicts can be resolved peacefully through dialogue and mutual respect.”

BRIEFS

Joe Ward selected in Raiders under 16 team
COOTAMUNDRA's Joe Ward was recently selected in the Canberra Raiders' Under 16 Harold Mathews Cup team. The Sacred Heart Central School captain says he has his sights firmly set on making the

Green Machine's NRL side in years to come. The team had trial matches against Illawarra and Newcastle before playing their first Harold Mathews Cup game on February 10. To see the full squad go to www.raiders.com.au
Brisbane Catholic Bushwalking Club to celebrate 60 years
THE Brisbane Catholic Bushwalking Club will celebrate 60 years at St William's Church, Keperra, Queensland on March 10.

A light lunch will follow the 10am Mass. All past members, family and friends are invited to the celebrations.
Follow the link on <http://www.bcbc.bwq.org.au> and RSVP to bcbcbigevent@gmail.com or call Greg on (07) 3351 4092.
Cricket very much a Winter sport
CRICKET is not often associated with winter. But it very much is in the case of South

Australian (SA) left arm fast bowler, Nick Winter. The former St Edmund's College student, is taking all before him playing Sheffield Shield for the West End Redbacks in the latter half of the summer. He has come a long way since first signing a rookie contract for SA.. Making his Shield debut last month, he claimed 5 for 85. Since then he has taken two more five-wicket hauls at an average of 15.73 to put his name in front of the national selectors.



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