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Archbishop's Message

Archbishop Christopher Prowse

DEAR Friends in Christ,

This is the third theological/pastoral reflection I wish to offer for your prayerful consideration regarding the Australian Plenary Council (2020-2021). For the other reflections please see the March and April 2018 editions of Catholic Voice.

3. Mission of Dialogue and Co-Responsibility

(i) CO-RESPONSIBILITY

"Co-responsibility" was a key word that the Fathers of the Vatican II Council (1962-1965) used immediately on returning to their dioceses in 1965. It seemed to them a pastoral key to unlock all that had been discussed and promulgated over the years of intense listening to the Holy Spirit. It is a key term for us all as we make the journey to the Plenary Council.

The understanding of co-responsibility is that every baptised Catholic is called to take up their identity as "missionary disciples", as Pope Francis would describe it. All have a missionary role to live out in some way and at some level. We exercise this role in communion with the whole Church. It means taking seriously the Sacrament of Baptism as the gateway into the missionary life of the Church in the modern world.

Even today the words "missionary" and "evangelisation" are so misunderstood by many Australian Catholics. For many it implies some form of proselytism – a type of forcing people to convert into the Catholic Church. In fact, Catholic teaching for several generations now

has insisted that true missionary activity is the opposite of such an aggressive pastoral strategy. Several more recent Popes have used a lovely expression: that Catholics are to "propose" and never "impose" the Faith on others.

(ii) DOUBLE MISSION

A double mission is involved here.

First, we are to propose Jesus to the world and preach the Good News of the Kingdom of God. This can be done verbally when appropriate and asked for. Moreso, it is to be a non-verbal proclamation. As St Francis of Assisi is reported to have said: "Preach the Gospel at all times and when necessary use words."

Secondly, there is a social mission involved here. Pope Francis stresses this aspect so much. He talks of the mission to the "peripheries" and famously uses the image of the Church as "a field hospital in the battle field of life. It is a pastoral mission of co-responsibility to reach out the healing and helping arm of us all to the marginalised. It is the poor Jesus who we serve in the poor.

We must never underestimate the incredible pastoral efforts of

generations of devoted Catholics in Australia in the areas, for example, of education, health and social services. Here the social mission of the Church continues to shine brightly. It is hard to imagine the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn without their heroic efforts in living out their Baptisms in past and present times. What can be said of our future social mission in Australia and in our Archdiocese?

(iii) DIALOGUE

Catholics choose the path of dialogue in living out their missionary vocations. Often applied to the way we relate to other religions, but illuminating for all types of evangelisation, dialogue is based on three fundamental and simple foundations.

First, there is the duty to respect our identity and the identity of the other. When we dialogue with others there is mutual respect. There is no future in demanding that others respect me without a mutual willingness to respect the sincere opinions of others. This requires a deep listening to each other and not simply a hearing of the other.

Secondly, there must be the

courage to accept differences. Just because someone has a different opinion to me does not mean they are to be treated as enemies. In the Australian context of rampant ideological clashes in all public debates, this is sadly eclipsed in vigorous discussion. May this never be the case in our diocesan and national discussions leading towards the Plenary Council.

Thirdly, sincere intentions are needed so that we do not harbour specific end goals to our discussions before they even start. No doubt from the Plenary Council and our own local discussions specific proposals will emerge for pastoral action. Yet the journey to these pastoral plans and our accompanying each other is just as important as any arising definite plans themselves. They must be the fruit of our deep listening in humility to each other and not "the hidden agenda" of particular groups. This latter approach is manipulative and unworthy of missionary disciples. We are to trust that co-responsibility will ultimately give rise to the grace of the fruits and the gifts of the Holy Spirit needed for the pastoral way forward.

ARCHBISHOP CHRISTOPHER'S DIARY

May

WEDNESDAY, 2 3.00pm Australian Catholic University AGM, North Sydney

THURSDAY, 3-10 Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, North Sydney
6.30pm Serra Club 40th Anniversary Mass, Holy Trinity Church, Curtin

FRIDAY, 11 9.00am Blessing St Michael's Primary School/Opening of Greenhouse

SATURDAY, 12 6.00pm Mass, St Jude's Holder

SUNDAY, 13 11.00am Mass, St Christopher's Cathedral
6.00pm Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Service, ACCC Chapel, Barton

MONDAY, 14 - 17 Clergy Assembly, Galong 5.30pm Australian Catholic University, Leaders Formation Network Launch, St Christopher's Pastoral Centre

FRIDAY, 18 11.00am Opening of St Vincent de Paul Shop front, Cooleman Court, Weston Creek

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

SUNDAY, 20 11.00am Confirmation Mass, St Christopher's Cathedral
6.00pm Mass, St Benedict's, Narrabundah

WEDNESDAY, 23 9.30am Good Shepherd Primary Confirmation Retreat Day, Amaro

THURSDAY, 24 9.00am Faith Formation with REC's Primary School, St Christopher's Pastoral Centre
12.30pm Ecumenical Luncheon, Archbishop's House
5.30pm Australian Catholic University, ACT Chapter meeting

SATURDAY, 26 6.00pm Mass, St Anthony's Wanniasa

SUNDAY, 27 11.00am Mass, St Christopher's Cathedral

TUESDAY, 29 6.30am National Prayer Breakfast, Old Parliament House
6.00pm Confirmation Mass, Holy Spirit Parish, Burdekin Avenue, Amaro

WEDNESDAY, 30 6.00pm Confirmation Mass, Holy Spirit Parish, Burdekin Avenue, Amaro

THURSDAY, 31 6.00pm Confirmation Mass, Holy Spirit Parish, Burdekin Avenue, Amaro

A time for mothers to talk and heal

Where angels long to look ... (1 Peter 1:12)

ANGEL'S are God's messengers and God's warriors. Our Guardian Angel helps us in the tremendous work of saving our immortal soul. Guardian Angels pray for us and with us. They offer our prayers, our suffering and our good desires to the throne of God. Our Guardian Angel will not rest until the day our soul is introduced into Paradise, where it will share with us the never-ending hymn of praise and thanksgiving to Jesus, Lord of Heaven.

The recent Mothers Prayers retreat gave us time to rest, to contemplate, to talk, to heal and

to experience God's love. The group came together with a sense of peace and joy, anticipating the blessings of Our Lord. During the weekend there were interesting and informative talks and reflections as well as the opportunity for times of solitude and community. We celebrated Mass each day and had a beautiful healing service with Reconciliation. The mothers were blessed to receive the well-deserved hospitality and care of everyone at St Clement's Galong.

One participant emailed after the retreat saying "the serenity and beauty of the weekend have permeated the days following and encouraged me as I have taken time to reflect."



Mothers Prayers group at their recent retreat held at St Clement's Retreat Centre. Picture: Supplied.



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2018 Marian Procession

Procession stirs century of memories

THIS year's annual Marian Pilgrimage and Procession at St Clement's Retreat Centre in October will take on extra significance with the Redemptorist Order celebrating its centenary at Galong.

"St Clement's was established in 1918, with the Apostolic Nuncio of the day opening the Monastery," event organiser Deacon Matt Ransom said.

"To mark this special occasion and to link in with this historic relationship, Archbishop Adolfo Yllana, the Apostolic Nuncio to Australia, will be the principal celebrant and Marian preacher."

Archbishop Yllana will be joined on the day by Archbishop Christopher Prowse.

Deacon Ransom says being a significant occasion, the Marian Procession will have a particular focus on giving thanks to Jesus for this holy place and the Redemptorists' presence in the Archdiocese.

"Over many decades, the



procession at Galong has gathered tens of thousands of Catholics from across Australia," he said.

"It is rapidly growing and is a wonderful family day of prayer, feasting and celebration."

During the day there will be the opportunity for Mass, the Sacrament of Confession, to pray the Rosary, a procession to the grotto and to be inspired by the speakers. In addition, the Catholic Church is in the midst of the

worldwide Year of Youth, which was declared by Pope Francis. To facilitate this focus, the day of prayer and celebrations will begin at 8.30am with a Youth Pilgrimage from Galong Village to St Clement's. The hour-long

prayer walk will take place with an Icon of the Holy Family and a large Cross, being carried by the young people of the Archdiocese and Archbishop Prowse. "Last year's procession turned out to be a wonderful multicultural family day of prayer and festivities," Deacon Ransom said. We were bathed in beautiful spring weather and our numbers were close to 700 pilgrims from a variety of parishes, movements and ethnic backgrounds."

"We would love members of every Parish, every community and every school to be represented at our 2018 Marian Procession."

The Marian Procession is on Sunday, October 14 at St Clement's Retreat Centre, Galong. It will start with Confession at 10.30am, followed by Mass at 11.30am and multicultural lunch at 12.30, with the procession to the Grotto beginning at 2pm.

For more information go to <http://cgatholic.org.au/marian/>

A portrait of a young man with light brown hair and a beard, wearing a grey t-shirt and a light-colored cap. He is smiling slightly. The background is a blurred city street.

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Mother's Day Special

Lisa seeks strength amid the lows

LONELY is how Lisa* best describes her current situation in Canberra ahead of Mother's Day this year.

"I am sure this is the same for single mothers everywhere," the 22 year-old said.

"The challenges of living in Canberra as a single mother definitely focus around financial stress [and] not being able to experience the freedoms that many people take for granted such as having a car."

Lisa* has lived in the ACT for the past five years and is the main carer of her two-year old son Joey*.

"I just adore him, he is the greatest gift," she said.

"Having children is the greatest joy one can experience, however raising children by yourself can be incredibly isolating."

She laments not being able to share the highs and lows of daily life but says she draws incredible amounts of strength from her Catholicism.

Typically each Sunday she attends the 11am Mass at St Christopher's Cathedral.

"I have always considered myself Catholic but never realised how vital it was to my life until my separation," she said.

"My mother and my maternal grandmother are strong Catholics and I will be forever grateful to them for the faith and values they have instilled in me.

"I read recently 'If God gives you the burden, he will give you the strength' and I think about that a lot in my daily life.

"My Patron Saint is Mary, and I think of her often in times of duress."

The mother-of-one knows a thing or two about endurance and duress.

She recently completed 39 kilometres of a 42km marathon and is open about drawing strength from the Mother of God when she feels she has used her own.

"Temperers can often run short



as I'm sure anyone who has raised a toddler will understand," she said.

"Then I think of Mary, in all her greatness, and you can never imagine her losing her temper and scolding Jesus."

Originally from a small city in rural New South Wales, Lisa* confides that she finds

the demographic of Canberra difficult in that not many people seem to understand the difficulties of surviving on a pension as a single mother.

For more than a year she was on a single parent payment from Centrelink with the addition of a few other smaller benefits totalling around \$1100 a fortnight.

All this while paying almost \$1800 a month in rent.

"Attempting to make progress in that financial situation is a constant burden on the mind," she said.

"After living costs, bills, groceries and nappies etc; there is very little for savings let alone for activities such as travel."

Lisa* says on more than one occasion that she has tried to associate with other mothers with children of the same age as her son.

"We cannot relate to each other," she said.

"It almost becomes a competition in who can spend the most on their child, a competition in which I have no interest in participating in."

Despite the hardships, Lisa* insists that her family continue to provide excellent support alongside that of other Catholic women whom she is in regular contact with.

"Both my mother and older sister have been single mothers and they understand the pressures that can arise," she said.

"However they do not live in the state so having support that is physically present is hard to come by as are mothers groups with good values that are focused on the moral upbringing of their children and not just their material provisions."

She speaks highly of her maternal grandmother's loving gentleness.

"Everything from plants to children, seem to thrive in her presence," she said.

"I wish to replicate that in my own life."

Apart from the support of her family, Lisa* says she finds plenty encouragement through Catholic Mothers pages online.

"They often have anecdotes and useful information along with a worldwide prayer platform," she said.

"Facebook can be helpful at times as people from all walks of life have access and can provide a vast array of opinions on all things mothering."

Amidst the optimistic outlook however, for Lisa the reality is often stark.

"Even the happiest of days can feel sad when you don't have a companion to share those moments with," she says.

"And when there are tough days, as there always will be, it can be completely defeating as there is no one close by to pick you up when you fall."

**Not their real names.*

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I remember it well. A man collapsed and died at the front gate of his home after work. I was called to the hospital, anointed the man and prayed with his gathered family.

His wife wrapped her arms around me and began to weep. I held her, feeling quite helpless to do anything else.

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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Selina’s really ‘just a big kid’ herself

BY FIONA VAN DER PLAAT

SHE MIGHT have been the ACT Barnardos Mother of the Year last year but nobody calls Selina Walker Mum. “I’m just ‘Selina’ because I’m not their mother,” she says. “I’m more like a godmother.” None of that changes the fact she is a full-time parent to her 17-year-old God-daughter, the 11- and seven-year-old sons of her cousin (who died in 2015) and their three-year-old half-brother.

She also provides respite care for two young boys from her family connections and offers support to other families in the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community. And let’s not forget the love and care she gives to the cockatiel, six budgies, four quails, two dogs and two cats that also share her little three-bedroom home in South Canberra. In case that wasn’t enough, Ms Walker volunteers in various roles with St Anthony’s Parish Primary School in Wanniasa, including repaying the support the “awesome” school has given her foster children by assisting it with Indigenous issues.

She also supports Catholic Education’s Aboriginal liaison officer and sits on its Indigenous education advisory committee. When the weekend comes around, you’re likely to find her managing or coaching a rugby league or baseball team, “because I can’t just sit on the sidelines and chit-chat”.

She admits her life is “not all rainbows every day” but she has no regrets about the direction it has taken.

Meanwhile, Ms Walker is following in the footsteps of her grandmother, Canberra Ngunnawal elder Agnes O’Shea, in conducting Welcome to Country ceremonies around the region. It all adds up to a hefty workload for the 37-year-old, who took in the first of her foster children eight years ago. She has worked to establish routines and

strong communication lines with her children, and has accepted the fact she “will always be late” (which she blames on the traffic lights). She admits her life is “not all rainbows every day” but she has no regrets about the direction it has taken. “I’m very spiritual and I go with my intuition, which has led me here,” Ms Walker says. Having left school in year 9, she took a job with Big W before a cousin, who was her “bestie”, died of an overdose. That inspired her to get into drug and alcohol outreach work with the Gugan Gulwan Youth Aboriginal Corporation. When the fostering roles found her, she didn’t hesitate. “I never planned to be a carer but it’s just what you do in my community.” She was brought up in a nurturing “Abotalian” (her dad is Aboriginal and her mum is Italian) household, with “loving and caring parents whose door was always open” – and still is. She applies that grounding to her own parenting, drawing on her strong maternal instincts and the fact “I am just a big kid myself”.



‘Super Mum’ Selina Walker, holding a 3 year old and also with Ethan (left) and Jaharn 11 (right). Picture: Amber Maher.

Faith gets Nell through tough times

FAITH and family gets Nell Toscan through the hardships of life. The mother-of-six, grandmother of 12 and great-grandmother of seven says trust in God and the unwavering support of children and grandchildren works for her. Hailing from Griffith in the Riverina, Mrs Toscan’s life was ‘turned upside down’ when she lost husband Frank on November 23, 1975. “I became a single mother to four young children aged between nine and 14 years.” Mr Toscan ran a tile drainage contracting business, while the couple also owned a rice farm to the north of Griffith. “He (Frank) was down at the farm when suddenly I got a call from the manager saying that my husband had a heart attack,” Mrs Toscan said. “The paramedic was trying to revive him in the ambulance on the way to the hospital, but he was gone by the time he got there. It was a harrowing experience.”

At the time Mrs Toscan’s two eldest, Peter and Lyn were married, living in Canberra and Melbourne



Nell Toscan (pictured with dog Mason) will celebrate Mother’s Day with her family on May 13. Picture: John McLaurin.

respectively, but Michael, Karen and twins Janine and Jennifer, were living at home and still at school. “The four youngest became my sole responsibility,” she said. “I have been told that I am

a very independent person, but in the position I found myself I thought ‘where do I go from here?’ “Shortly after Frank’s passing I remember attending Mass and a feeling of peace came over me and I just knew

it would all turn out well.” Mrs Toscan believes the faith which her parents instilled in her when she was young held her in good stead and saved her from feeling sorry for herself. She continued to keep herself busy with Catholic Charismatic Renewal, St Vincent de Paul Society, Lamington drives. She also volunteered in the local Catholic school tuck-shop, and kept a close interest in the family’s two businesses. By 1980 all of her children were living in the ACT, and she joined them in 1990. The family will meet-up for lunch on Mother’s Day. It is a ritual which son Peter says everyone looks forward to. “She is an amazing mother, grandmother and great grandmother, testimony to the fact that we’re still a very close-knit family.”

Invisible Mother

IT ALL began to make sense, the blank stares, the lack of response, the way one of the kids will walk into the room while I’m on the phone and ask me a question. Inside I’m thinking, ‘Can’t you see I’m on the phone?’ Obviously, not. No one can see if I’m on the phone, or cooking, or sweeping the floor, or even standing on my head in the corner, because no one can see me at all. I’m invisible. The invisible Mum. Some days I am only a pair of hands, nothing more: Can you fix this? Can you tie this? Can you open this? Some days I’m not a pair of hands; I’m not even a human being. I’m a clock to ask, ‘What time is it?’ I’m a satellite guide to answer, ‘What number is the Disney Channel?’ I’m a car to order, ‘Right around 5:30, please.’ I was certain that these were the hands that once held books and the eyes that studied history and the mind that graduated sum a cum laude – but now they had disappeared into the peanut butter, never to be seen again. She’s going; she’s going; she is gone! One night, a group of us were having dinner, celebrating the return of a friend from England ... Janice had just gotten back from a fabulous trip, and she was going on and on about the hotel she stayed in. The author of Invisible Mother is unknown. To read the full version go to <http://cgccatholic.org.au/catholic-voice/>

Reform group calls for wider spread of leadership

TWO meetings of Catholics in Canberra have appealed for reforms, calling for all Catholics, clergy and laity, to assume leadership in the Church.

The Concerned Catholics of Canberra-Goulburn, the reform group established last year, gathered to hear Francis Sullivan, CEO of the Truth Justice and Healing Council, speak on the way ahead for the Church following the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse.

Mr Sullivan told the 200 attending the meeting that a litmus test of the Church leadership would be the degree to which it acted on the recommendations of the Commission to instigate a major review of Church clericalism, diocesan structures and governance.

He said he was heartened by a recent statement of Archbishop Christopher Prowse, recognising

that the Church needed to respond to the abuse scandal with even better protection and prevention measures, and that he had already instigated a review of governance including practical measures.

But Mr Sullivan said Catholics needed to do more to effect reforms.

"The outrage that many Catholics and the broader community had displayed during the course of the Commission was very real," he said.

"But it remains a fact that unless we all do more than attend a meeting or sign a petition, not a lot will change."

Following that meeting, representatives of Catholic reform groups from around Australia met in Canberra the next day and issued a statement advocating for systemic reform and asserting the responsibility of all Catholic people to be heard and to lead in the Church.

Rally for refugees



Anglican Bishop Reverend Stephen Pickard (far left) and Bishop Emeritus, Pat Power (middle), lead the refugee rally on Palm Sunday. Picture: Supplied.

REFUGEE advocate Tim McKenna says he was honoured to join about 3500 people at the annual Palm Sunday ACT Refugee Rally.

"The numbers were greater than last year despite inclement weather," he said.

"I think people are becoming quite fed up with the lack of progress in the re-settlement of the people on Manus and Nauru."

Mr McKenna says he was pleased with the Catholic response to the day.

"Pat Power, retired auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese, co-led the march, while a number of Vinnies banners were prominent during the rally and the subsequent march through the city," he said.

"In the lead-up to the rally, churches, schools and organisations (including Catholic ones)

put up advertising banners which we are most grateful for.

"The Catholic ones I know of included: the Cathedral and Yarralumla; the parishes of Campbell, Gowrie, Narrabundah, North Woden, South Woden, Watson and Yass; two colleges St Francis Xavier Florey and Merici; and several organisations including Catholic Care and Catholic Social Services."

Parish's hope for healing

A SOLEMN prayer gathering at St Matthew's Church Page last month will serve as an expression of hope that healing will continue.

Archbishop Christopher Prowse blessed a memorial plaque during the liturgy, while members of the South Belconnen Parish planted a weeping cherry tree in the Church grounds.

The tree is expected to bear white flowers in Spring, representing sadness, innocence and hope.

Members of the Church in Page initiated the latest gathering in direct response from the old parish of St Matthew's following stories of sexual abuse which took place in the 1970s.

These stories were brought to light in the 1990s and a healing Mass was held in 1994.

Beth Gibson, from the prayer gathering subcommittee, said the purpose of the initiative is to create a space in the garden at St Matthew's where people who told their stories of abuse can be assured they have been heard and acknowledged.

"It is also a space where families and friends of those children



L-R Marie James, Helen Baker and Beth Gibson. Picture: Jeanine Doyle

can feel remembered," she said.

"The space will be an ongoing sign to the general parish community and others, that the betrayals and failures of the past will not be forgotten, nor repeated."

Mrs Gibson says the subcommittee have also proposed a special liturgy on an annual basis to remember those who suffered abuse at the hands of clergy, furthermore that they be remem-

bered in the prayers of intercession at Mass.

- If the prayer gathering today has raised any issues for you, the following agencies can help:

Relationships Australia Canberra and Region: (02) 6122 7190 or 1300 364 277.

CatholicCare Canberra and Goulburn: (02) 6295 4300 Lifeline (24 hours): 131 114 Beyond Blue (24 hours): 1300 224 636

Coota parish enjoys an Indian summer

COOTAMUNDRA'S Sacred Heart Parish enjoyed a pleasant 'Indian summer evening' after Mass recently.

Visiting the parish from India were Fr Joshy Kurien's two sisters as well as his brother and sister-in-law.

Many locals enjoyed the ambience in the grounds of the presbytery, while also partaking in a 'delicious' meal served by the parish ladies.

Parish Secretary Leah Sutherland said a variety of Indian food was also prepared by friends of Fr Joshy who had travelled from Wagga Wagga and Canberra.

"The Indian guests in attendance lent a kaleidoscope of colour to the evening dressed in their saris," she said.



Fr Joshy Kurien and Sr. Jolly, brother and wife Paul and Jolly and sister Jolly. Picture: Supplied.

Brothers 'just knew' vocation

Identical twins, Fathers Patrick and John O'Neill CSsR, never had any doubts about what they wanted to be

BY CATHERINE SHEEHAN

IDENTICAL twins, Fathers Patrick and John O'Neill CSsR, were both present when the Sydney Harbour Bridge was opened in 1932. But they have no memory of the momentous occasion: they were only six weeks old at the time.

The 86 year-old brothers do remember, however, being ordained to the priesthood together at the Redemptorist monastery in Ballarat some 60 years ago, on March 16, 1958.

Despite the fact they had both felt called to the priesthood from an early age, the twin brothers never discussed it with each other. They "just knew" they were meant to be priests.

"It's the mystery of vocation," Fr Patrick said. "Why did I want to be a priest? I don't know.

But I know it's been a very happy life. I wouldn't do anything else."

"I always wanted to be a priest," Fr John added. "Always."

While growing up in Goulburn with their six brothers and sisters, Frs Patrick and John say they had a "wonderful" education from the Mercy Sisters during their primary school years, and the Christian Brothers at secondary school.

They entered the Redemptorists' minor seminary together at Galong when they were just 15 years old. Later they went on to the novitiate at Pennant Hills and then the seminary in Ballarat and Mayfield.

During their novitiate years, the teaching staff decided that there could only be one vocation between the two of them and set about trying to determine which twin had the vocation.

"We were like two peas in the same pod," Fr John said.

"We couldn't both have a vocation. So they said 'we have to separate them to see who's got the vocation'. I was promoted to a higher class, he was put down a class."

But it was all to no avail. Both young men were clearly being called to priesthood.

"There was no reaction so they put us back where we belonged. We finished up back in the same class," Fr Patrick chuckled.

It was soon after ordination that the brothers truly went their separate ways. After studying together in Rome, Fr John returned to Australia to teach in the seminary, while Fr Patrick stayed on to continue his course in moral theology.

The twins took the separation



Left: Fathers Patrick and John O'Neill. Both wanted to become priests, both became Redemptorists. "It's the mystery of vocation," says Fr Patrick. Picture: Giovanni Portelli. Above: New Redemptorists: the young Fathers Patrick, at left, and John O'Neill with their parents on their ordination day. Picture: Supplied.

in their stride. When their ways finally parted in Venice it was far from the traumatic event that others warned them it would be. "He said, 'well I'm off'. And I said 'good, well I'll see you when I see you'," Fr Patrick laughed.

Over the ensuing decades Fr John was sent on mission work in parishes all around Australia which he considered the most

suffering a stroke in 2007.

Meanwhile Fr Patrick served in a variety of roles for the Redemptorists including teaching, accounting and farm work at the minor seminary in Galong. But it was the three years of mission work in Townsville that he says were the "best years" of his life. Mission work has been the highlight of his vocation, he

Frs Patrick and John say they can see that God's hand has been guiding them all the way.

Fr Patrick struggles to explain how as a young men they decided to become Redemptorists—a religious order they only heard

about six months before they entered.

"How do you explain that? It's the mystery of vocation," he said again.

"God is in charge," Fr John said. "If you just follow what he wants that's it.

"He knows where you are, you don't have to make plans.

"Just wait until those that need you, want you. That's about it.

"The marvellous thing is that there's somebody upstairs looking after all this."

This article was first published by The Catholic Weekly.

***"God is in charge," Fr John said.
"If you just follow what he wants
that's it***

important part of his vocation as a Redemptorist priest.

"You're doing what you want to do, which is making the Lord known.

A bit like the Apostles," he said.

He eventually felt called to undertake missionary work in Africa and served at the Redemptorists' mission in Burkina Faso for almost 22 years, only returning home after

says. "That's what we were ordained for."

When Fr John suffered the stroke in Africa, Fr Patrick flew to Rome to meet his brother there and bring him home to Australia. And so the brothers were reunited once more.

They now live together at the Redemptorist community in Kogarah.

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Parish precinct gets burst of new life

SOUTH WODEN parishioners are delighted with their recently completed renovation and extension works next door to the Sacred Heart Church in Pearce.

After 12 months of scenes befitting those of a home makeover show, the precinct now boasts a brand new office and hall.

The garden and surrounding area is also bursting with new life thanks to the addition of some new plants and lighting, while the parish has extended its carpark space with easy accessibility for those less-mobile parishioners being the main practical feature.

Speaking on behalf of the parish, Secretary Megan Loughlin, described the new space as “wonderful”, saying that it really connects the office with parish life.

“I get to see and talk with a lot more parishioners now the

office is attached to the parish hall,” she said.

“It is great to be out of the presbytery because it now allows [parish priest] Fr Richard [Thompson] to differentiate between parish and personal time.

“It means he can make a cup of tea in peace without me walking through his kitchen.”

Fr Thompson is also pleased to have everything completed after a year being in construction mode.

He too has welcomed the changed surrounds.

“We had a working-bee recently where we planted Mary MacKillop bottle-brush trees on the grounds,” he said.

“We also planted 100 Rosemary bushes to mark 100 years since the end of World War I.

“Part of the new landscaping incorporates this memorial but will also honour past and present Defence serving members.”

The parish, along with Sacred Heart Primary School, has applied for a Department of Veteran’s Affairs grant for this part of the project.

“Hopefully we can recover some funds to install a flagpole, memorial plaque and lighting,” Fr Thompson said.

Parishioners, Matthew and Belinda Doherty of Matthew Homes, were given the building contract for the parish’s renovation and extension works.

They said it was a nice to have left their mark on a place which has been a part of their family for decades.

“My family were here when the parish first opened 42 years ago,” Mr Doherty said.

“We have practically spent our whole lives around this parish going to Mass and being involved with Antioch Youth Group among other things.

“More importantly though I think the new building shows



Parish Secretary Megan Loughlin with builder Matthew Doherty in front of the new office. Picture: Supplied.

that the parish is preparing itself to be there welcoming more people in the future.”

Matthew Homes was also contracted to refurbish

Archbishop’s House on Commonwealth Avenue in 2012. The South Woden Parish celebrates its patronal feast of Mary Help of Christians on May 24.

Five Minutes with Lisa McIntosh

Tribunal Office Manager

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

I have been in my current role officially as Office Manager since the beginning of September 2017. I started working for the Tribunal in September 2014 as a typist; two days a week during school hours typing transcriptions and other general typing.

What does the near future look like for you at the Tribunal in terms of work?

In the near future, there will always be work generated in our Archdiocesan Tribunal with new cases coming along, as well as monitoring and progressing the existing cases. It takes time and patience processing these cases. It isn’t a two minute process where you suddenly get an annulment. You have to process everything correctly, otherwise it won’t get through to judgement, which is done in Sydney. There is a lot of time spent with interviewing clients and liaising with them. It is very important to have a professional, yet warm manner, where people feel comfortable talking with you about their case. It is very rewarding when you have worked on a case from start to finish and get an excellent result for the client after the judgement has come back.

What do you see as the main challenges to your position?

There are several challenges in my position. You are dealing with people in a very emotionally challenged period of their life and you need to show empathy and understanding. It isn’t a position for just anyone. I think having maturity, understanding and patience is a major benefit working in this role. I think having started at the Tribunal in 2014; it allowed me to learn and grow into my now current role with a good solid understanding, opposed to stepping into the role in a “raw” sense with no previous experience in Tribunal work.

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

I have worked in the accounting industry with Ernst and Young and then moved into the building industry with Hindmarsh Group working as an Executive Assistant when I returned from overseas. That was a very rewarding role. I spent over ten years working for the Hindmarsh Group.

What is your favourite sporting team?

I don’t really follow a team as such. If a Canberra team gets into a major final whether it is rugby or league, then I will cheer for that team! I do follow the

horse races. I am from a racing background. No – I don’t punt!! Only on Melbourne Cup day!

Which is your favourite saint?

St Peregrine – the Patron Saint of Cancer. I went through cancer treatment five years ago along with several family members, so this Saint is particularly significant to me.

What is your favourite dish or restaurant in Canberra?

I love Vietnamese cuisine. I wish I could cook it as well as you get it in a restaurant. You can’t go past My’s at Weston Creek or Tu Do in O’Connor, they have fantastic Pho Soups.

What is your favourite beverage?

Definitely New Zealand Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc!

Have you got any pets?

Yes I have. I have two showjumpers – Henri and James. They are both thoroughbreds off the track. I have three cows – Corki, Maggie and Chloe and several sheep – Timmy, Tilly, Eris, Sheep, Ben and Spikette plus a fawn rabbit known as CJ who travels to the coast with us on holidays.

What inspires you?

Living life to the most and ap



preciating every day. I love to be surrounded by positive, upbeat people who enjoy life!

What kind of music do you like to listen to?

Its varied; everything from Neil Diamond to modern day music. I don’t like rap music.

If you could invite three people to dinner, who would they be?

The Pope, Prince Harry and Donald Trump – it would make for an interesting night!

What are some of your favourite hobbies?

My favourite hobby is show jumping. As I previously said, I have two horses. I train with Grant Hughes at Forest Parking Riding School during the week. We have a great show jumping club in Canberra who run events throughout the year. Everyone supports each other. It is the most levelling sport I know of.

BRIEFS

Save the date for MacKillop Pilgrimage
SATURDAY August 11 has been locked in as the date for this year’s St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Pilgrimage to Eden. Last year Archbishop Christopher Prowse led pilgrims to the Mary MacKillop Centre at Eden for a day which recognised the canonised saint’s contribution to the life of the Church. Pilgrims came from many parts of the Archdiocese for Mass, a walk and lunch. For information, call the Pambula Parish on (02) 9495 1880.

Trinity student named young artist of the year
COOPER Pearce, a Year 12 student at Trinity College was named young artist of the year at the 2018 Goulburn Art Awards. His felt-tip drawing, An elephant never forgets sketched skeletal pachyderm shows a hide that’s not so thick, but vulnerable to a modern state of environmental exploitation. – www.goulburnpost.com.au

Yetu wins ANZAC Day writing competition
YETU Akhiwu, a Year 6 student at St Joseph’s Primary School Grenfell has won Deputy Prime Minister Michael McCormack’s 2018 ANZAC Day writing competition for ‘The Brave Anzac’. Yetu entered in the Primary North Riverina section, along with her classmates, and was delighted an surprised to find out that her short story was the overall winner in her category.

Gaudete et Exsultate:

On the call to holiness in today’s world

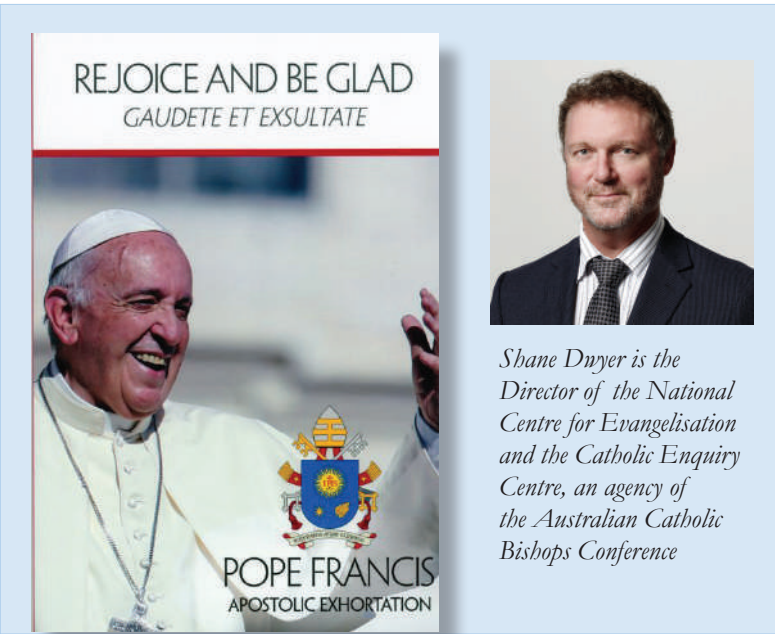
The third apostolic exhortation of Pope Francis’ pontificate was published on April 9. Shane Dwyer takes a closer look.

WHAT defines a Catholic or, more importantly, what lies at the heart of our faith?

In his latest offering Pope Francis presents his own response to that question. By his own admission, *Gaudete et Exsultate* does not represent teaching on every aspect of Catholic faith and practice. It is deliberately limited in its scope, while profound in its significance.

The Pope begins with a challenge that is also a joy: “The Lord asks everything of us, and in return he offers us true life, the happiness for which we were created.”(no.1) This sets the scene for his underlying conviction: that you have been invited into God’s life and happiness, no matter who you are, how inadequate you may feel, or how far from God you might currently experience yourself as being.

You are called to be ‘holy’. ‘Holiness’ is a tricky word, even for people of faith. We don’t



Shane Dwyer is the Director of the National Centre for Evangelisation and the Catholic Enquiry Centre, an agency of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference

tend to associate it with ourselves or even with the people we love. For many of us, holy people are canonised saints, people before our time, who didn’t live the sort of lives we live.

Helping us to expand our understanding of holiness is central to this document.

For example, we read of the witness of those who have loved us and note that while “their lives may not always have been per-

fect, yet even amid their faults and failings they kept moving forward and proved pleasing to the Lord.” (no. 3) By identifying holiness in ordinary people, Pope Francis makes it accessible to you too.

Never undervalue the significance of who you are and what you do. So often we can feel powerless to effect change in our world, our Church, or even in our own lives or the lives of the

people we love.

Instead, we need to trust the fact that the small things we do matter, and believe the little acts of kindness and love make a difference. (no. 8)

The Church exists for one reason only: to assist you to grow more and more deeply in your relationship with Jesus Christ. Church teaching, leadership and practice exists solely to assist you with this.

In *Gaudete et Exsultate* Pope Francis reminds us where our focus should be. This wonderful document deserves to be read by you.

If you would like to access some regular reflections on this document you might like to connect with the ‘Evangelise Australia’ Facebook page.

Gaudete et Exsultate is available from early May at The Catholic Bookshop in St Christopher’s Pastoral Centre at 55 Franklin St Manuka. Call (02) 6239 9888.

Alternatively the document can be downloaded at http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_exhortations/documents/papa-francesco_esortazione-ap_20180319_gaudete-et-exsultate.html

Standards set to safeguard

THE CATHOLIC Church’s new safeguarding body has released the draft National Catholic Safeguarding Standards which will be used to gauge the capacity of the Catholic Church to provide safe places for children and vulnerable adults.

The draft standards can be found on the new Catholic Professional Standards Ltd (CPSL) website which was also been launched recently.

Sheree Limbrick, CEO of CPSL, said the release and the broad consultation around the standards which also starts today is an important development in strengthening child and vulnerable adult protections in the Catholic Church in Australia.

“It is also a significant step in implementing one of the Royal Commission’s key recommendations,” she said.

“This is the first time, anywhere in Australia and among just a handful of countries around the world, where the Catholic Church will be accountable for their adherence to consistent and measurable national standards for the protection of children and vulnerable adults.”

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Church listens as youth speak

BY MARK BOWLING

YOUNG Catholic delegates have returned from a week-long meeting in Rome with Pope Francis, energised, enthused and calling for a more transparent and “authentic” Church.

“Just for us to be heard, and to speak our minds within the Church and to get feedback and a response from an older generation that was ‘Oh, yes, we’ll listen to that and we’d love to interact and help you grow’,” Brisbane delegate Lachlan Tomkins, one of 300 delegates representing young people from five continents, said.

“I came back seeing a new potential.

“I was renewed in faith, and being able to have this interaction has allowed me to see that the Church does want to grow, does want to change.

“It has pulled me back into wanting to participate and wanting to be at the forefront.”

Mr Tomkins, studying his final year in primary education at Australian Catholic University was one of four Australians who joined delegates preparing a 16-page document for the Synod of Bishops on Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment planned for October.

The document, which also drew on 15,000 online submissions, is focused on how to



Three hundred delegates from five continents gathered in Rome. Picture Supplied

better incorporate young people into the Church.

Another Australian delegate Stephanie Santos, was impressed that youth from different faiths were included in the meeting.

“It was very interesting to be part of a conversation about the Church from so many different viewpoints,” she said.

“This document offers me hope, in the sense that I hope that the Church continues to listen.

“We need to listen to everyone: young and old, Churched and un-Churched.”

Mr Tomkins was impressed

as Pope Francis spent “a good two to three hours” listening and participating in the pre-synodal meeting.

“Just the respect he had for the voice of young people. I guess he left us all with a sense of empowerment,” he said.

The “youth document” asks the Church hierarchy to “be a transparent, welcoming, honest, inviting, communicative, accessible, joyful and interactive community”.

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Hannah McMahon Youth Ministry



How old are you?
19 years old.

What school/s did you attend?
St. John Paul College, NSW Coffs Harbour

What influenced you to become a Youth Ministry Worker?
There are a range of things that influenced me to become a Youth Minister. I had my own personal faith journey through high school which

led me to wanting God in every aspect of my life. Combine that with seeing a lot of my teachers sharing their ‘yes’ to God with me and a desire in my heart was born. This desire was to invite young people into a relationship with God, this desire became a calling and I am now in my second year of being a Youth Minister.

Are you full time or part-time in Youth Ministry?
I am a part-time Youth Minister at St. John Paul College in Gungahlin

Are you studying or working elsewhere?
I am currently the Youth Missionary for CSYMA where I am organising the YMI cross-cultural missions to England, Uganda and New Zealand.

What sustains your faith in an increasingly secular society?
Prayer and people. My faith definitely has its ups and downs especially in an increasingly secular society, but I make sure that I am surrounded by people who believe the same things that I believe, because it then allows me to be comfortable and open about my faith. Furthermore, prayer is essential in my life because it allows me to delve into a deeper relationship with Christ, and if I know Christ, I can be more like Christ.

What qualities would you like to bring to this role?
Compassion, Encouragement and Commitment.

What is your message to young people?
“My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.”

I would tell young people that God’s Grace is enough. That God meets us where we are at (in our weakness), never leaves us where He finds us and takes us places that we could never go on our own.

What are you most looking forward to in the Year of Youth?
Walking with the youth in their journey of faith and Sharing the Joy of the Gospel with them.

Which is your favourite Saint?
St Jose Sanchez del Rio

What is your favourite sport-ing team?
I don’t really follow much sport, but I LOVE the tennis!

What is your favourite movie?
The Greatest Showman and Cider House Rules

What is your favourite book?
The Book Thief by Markus Zusak

What music do you listen to most?
Hillsong, John Mayer, Ziggy Alberts, James Arthur and The Wombats.

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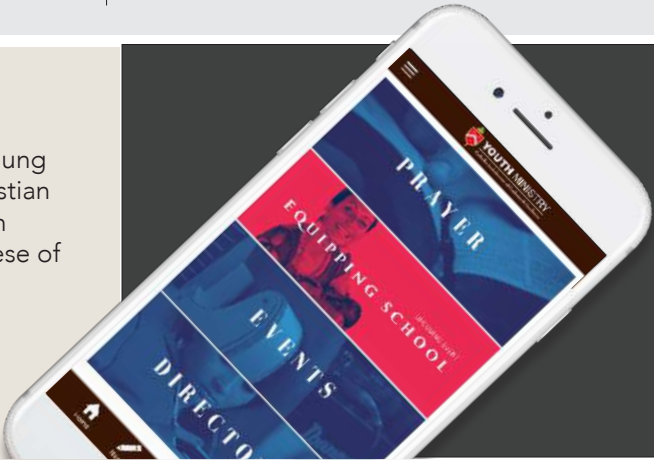
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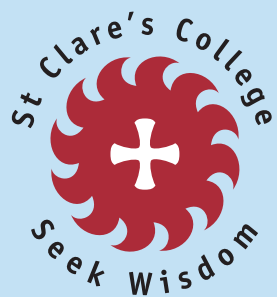
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Powerful promotion of priesthood

Fishers of Men was released by Grassroots Films in 2006 for the United States Conference of Bishops’ Committee on Vocations.

In a world dominated by the internet and full of vocation resources, it remains as one of the more powerful promotions of the Catholic priesthood.

For any man discerning a vocation as a priest, Fishers of Men is sure to leave a lasting impact due to its professional imagery and audio effect.

What makes the film so powerful is that it is fast-paced and upbeat with some key testimonies.

It highlights some of the more rewarding aspects to priestly ministry.

At one point in the film, a priest says: “It’s the priest who brings the soul home to God.”

The film also addresses the counter-cultural nature of being a priest in a post-modern society.

A ‘hair-on-the-back-of-your-neck’ scene involving a car accident illustrates the importance of priests and further emphasises that priests are often with people during the most important time of their lives.

The playtime of just 18 min-

utes makes it all the more appealing and it is a valuable resource to pass onto family and friends who are searching for purpose in their life.

All Catholics and even some non-Catholics, will get something from watching it.

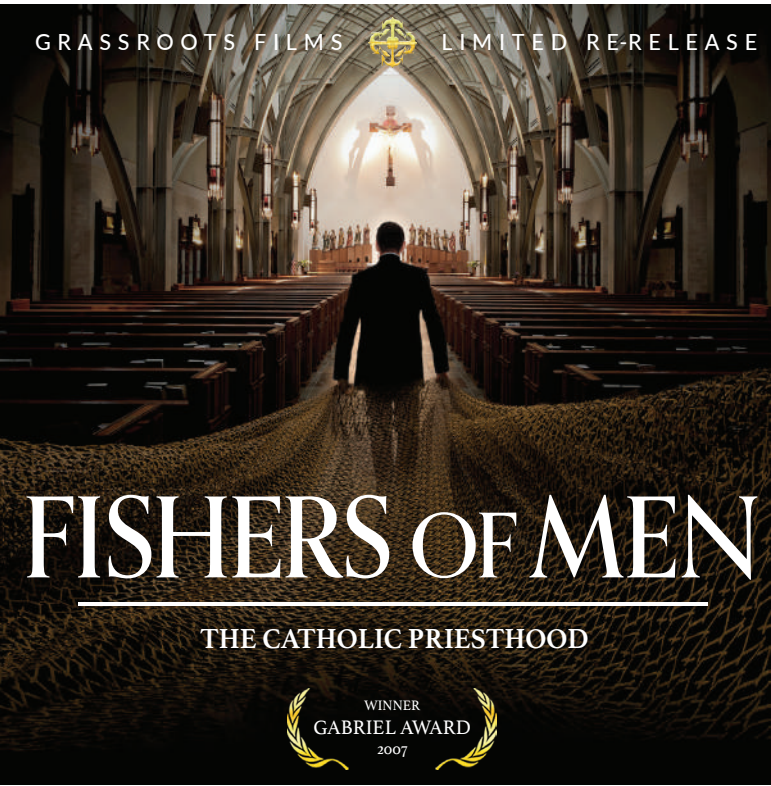
Fishers of Men is a favourite at vocation discernment weekends and is at its best when shown on a big screen in a room full of people.

It is said that the film can give a renewed sense of fulfilment to those already ordained. DVD copies of the film are available at the Catholic Bookshop in Manuka.

To secure a copy call (02) 6239 9888.

Key lines from Fishers of Men

- All young people have that deep desire to do something remarkable, to be someone remarkable.
- We need young men to give up their life for Jesus Christ.
- It’s not natural to be a priest, it’s supernatural.
- A vocation to the priesthood is counter-cultural.
- As human beings we grow in silence.



- People are searching for God, but they’re looking in the wrong places.
- Who is going to give the Sacraments for the next generation?
- It should be just a normal part of every male Catholic to consider the vocation as far as becoming a priest.

- We need priests because without them we won’t have the Eucharist.
- The world needs modern heroes.

If you or someone you know is considering a vocation to the priesthood in the Archdiocese, email vocations director, Fr Paul Nulley at paul.nulley@cg.org.au

A Journey from desperation to hope

AUTOBIOGRAPHY by Fr Rob Galea, priest of Sandhurst Diocese

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‘I Joyfully Sing’ CD and ‘Sing it Out’ Book Review

Music Artist and Book Author:
Beth Doherty

Book Reviewer:
Geralyn Anderson



I Joyfully Sing with its accompanying book, *Sing it Out: Finding Your Rhythm, Staying in Tune, Creating Your Playlist and Writing Your Song*, is a beautiful synthesis of the artist Beth Doherty’s intention: of creating and singing - “always in the pursuit of joy.”

“Canto Mi Libertad” opens the album, quite simply with a piano introduction yet somewhat strikingly, as the first words we hear from Beth, are a soulful prayer in Spanish. Readers of the book learn that the song came about, while working with the Jesuits in South America, and in remembrance of indigenous peoples, whose cry for justice and freedom ring out, and continue to do so.

But more than a tell-all the origins of each song, the book mixes Beth’s wit, love of pop culture references and insights drawn from personal experiences to form a manual or guide book for the creative heart, not limited to but inclusive

of, her Catholic faith. It is referenced with Scripture, quotes from contemporary authors and musicians, and personal anecdotes.

I Joyfully Sing can be described as an intimate portrait of Beth’s love for music, and her faith, through music. Uplifting, joyful and contemporary, it will resonate with the many young men and women of faith who are searching and coming to know their own place in the world.

The book and album are available at the Catholic Bookshop at 55 Franklin St Manuka, ACT. The Bookshop is open from Monday to Saturday excluding public holidays and can be contacted on (02) 6239 9888 or by emailing catholic.bookshop@cg.org.au For the full review go to <http://cgatholic.org.au/catholic-voice/>



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MAY 27 (12pm): Canberra Regional AMICUS (meaning friend) Group will meet for lunch at 'The Baker' (Victoria St Sutton). Contact Rosemary on 0428 599 342.

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Emphasis on family at farm-stay

“God wills that all His gifts should come to us through Mary” (St. Bernard)

WHEN Pierre and Ruth Fakhry stayed for two nights at Hillview Farmstay it was a case of love-at-first-sight.

For a couple of years the Sydne had been keen to buy a piece of land within an easy week-end's drive from the NSW capital.

As fortune would have it, the previous owners of the farm-stay were having their first open-house on the same weekend that the Fakhry's were visiting.

“We pooled our resources, made them an offer and the rest is history,” Mrs Fakhry said.

“The fresh country air and having space for their young children to run around and explore was a big factor in us choosing to buy the property. We have 950 acres fronting the Hume Highway 33 kilometres south of Gundagai.”

There is an added element of interest for Catholics with the property being home to a small wooden shrine bearing the title ‘Our Lady Queen of Families’.

Mr Fakhry, a qualified carpenter originally from Lebanon built the shrine, whilst last year it was blessed on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception by Fr Luke Joseph, the parish priest of Tarcutta. Fr Joseph is also of Lebanese descent.

‘Hillview’ is located at the base of Mount Adrah on the boundary of the Archdiocese. It is interesting to note that in Lebanon ‘Adrah’ means virgin and is one of the names which they use to address Mother Mary.

Mrs Fakhry says she and her husband saw this as a deal clincher in purchasing the property and the first thing that

they promised themselves was that they would build a shrine to Our Lady. Canberra’s Daniel De Valentin and Wagga Wagga’s Emily Shaw painted the images which adorn the shrine.

“We want the farm-stay to be a home away from home with a strong emphasis on family and hospitality,” Mrs Fakhry said.

“We thought it was important to have the protection of Our Lady, to dedicate our apostolate to her; and to offer families a nice quiet place to pray.

“We encourage Catholics and non-Catholics alike to come and visit our shrine even if just for a short time.” The Fakhry’s are expecting another addition to their family towards the end of June. For more information about **‘Hillview’** go to <http://www.hillviewfarmstay.com.au>



L-R: Francis, Pierre, Elias, Ruth and Markus Fakhry. Picture: John McLaurin.

Daniel is more than handy with a paint brush

CANBERRA’S Daniel De Valentin is not about to give up his day job as an engineer, but if he did he reckons he would be an artist.

The 25 year-old Canberran is more than handy when it comes to a paint brush.

Recently the South Tuggeranong parishioner completed a mural commission for the Australian National University.

He has had work exhibited in the National Portrait Gallery and held in several private collections.

In September last year Mr De Valentin was commissioned by Pierre and Ruth Fakhry to paint an image of ‘Our Lady Queen of Families’ for their ‘Hillview’ farm-stay chapel near Adelong and Tarcutta at the southern part of the Archdiocese.

Mr De Valentin says he was grateful for the opportunity, noting the correspondence with well-known Sydney-based artist, Paul Newton, as being one of the highlights.



L-R: Picture: Daniel De Valentin is more than handy with a paint brush. Picture: Supplied.

“My wife is very patient that’s for sure,” he said.

“A tight deadline, late nights and a one-year old daughter certainly makes for an interesting few months.”

In terms of materials, the work is oil paint on hand-stretched, Belgian linen.

He uses a slow drying paint medium to extend the drying time of the oils, allowing him to work around a busy schedule.

Originally from Griffith in the

Riverina region of New South Wales, he began drawing and painting at the age of eight.

Mr De Valentin considers his Grandfather’s woodturning as a main inspiration. “Nonno’s work on the lathe was impressive,” he said.

“I think we grew up taking it for granted a bit. I have fond memories of hours spent playing around in the bush near Darlington Point on the Murrumbidgee while he looked for burls for turning.”

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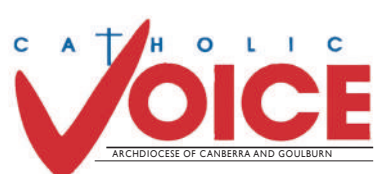
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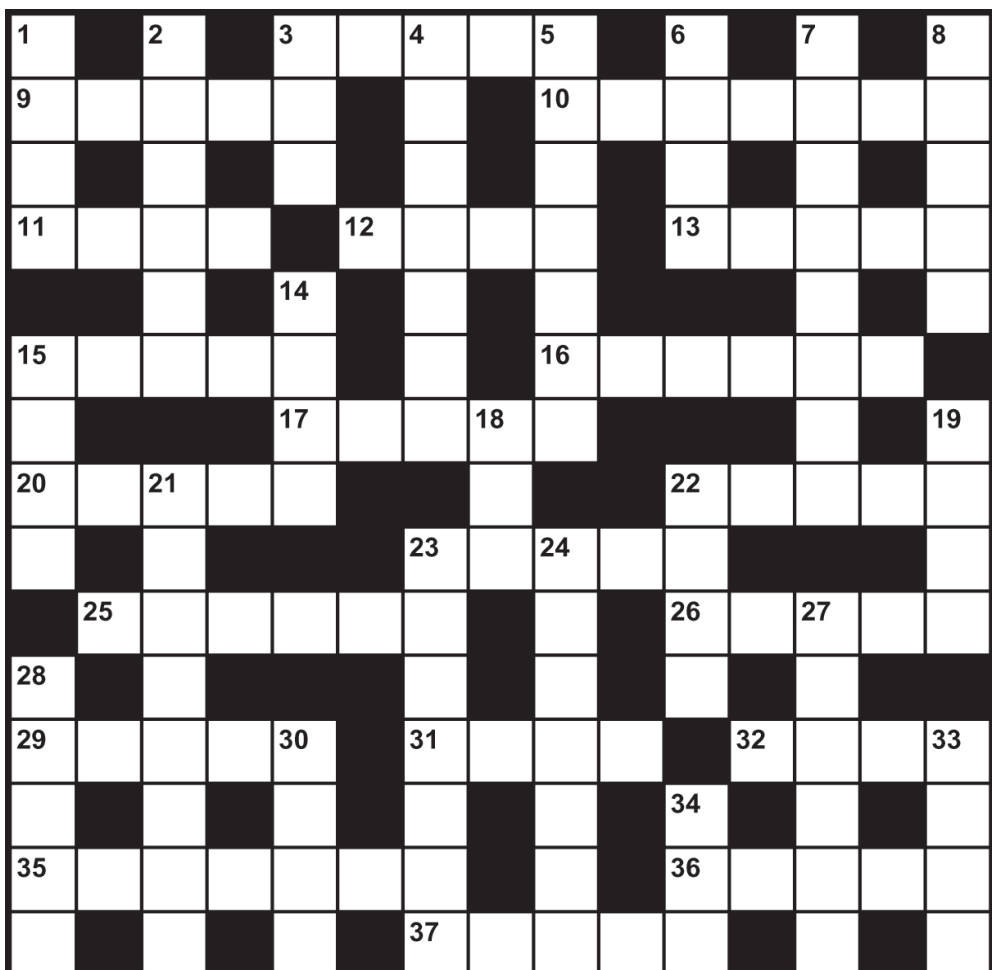
-This prayer must be said for three days and after that the request will be granted.
O most beautiful flower of Mt Carmel, fruit vine splendorous of heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. Star of the Sea, help me and show me herein you are my mother. O 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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 - 11 First of the four living creatures in Revelation 4
 - 12 "...and a ___ for every matter under heaven" (Eccl 3:1)
 - 13 The flight to here is one of the Sorrows of Our Lady
 - 15 Father of David
 - 16 Ravens fed him
 - 17 The Seven Last ___ of Jesus
 - 20 Lent markers
 - 22 Juan's clergyman
 - 23 Second word in the name of a Parisian basilica
 - 25 St. John the Baptist is the patron saint of this country
 - 26 Zechariah was the first person in the New Testament to see this (Lk 1:11)
 - 29 Bathsheba's first husband
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 - 32 Diocese opening
 - 35 St. John ___ (Basilica)
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 - 37 Patron saint of hermits
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- 1 Church divider
 - 2 Meetings of bishops
 - 3 Mercy Sisters letters
 - 4 Our Sunday ___ newspaper
 - 5 Pharaoh of the Exodus, perhaps

- 6 "___, eat; this is my body." (Mt 26:26)
- 7 Catholic colony in America
- 8 Belief
- 14 The Chosen People
- 15 ___ of Arc
- 18 "Gloria in excelsis ___"
- 19 Satan's realm
- 21 16th century saint with a flowery name
- 22 "___ for us"
- 23 Vocation
- 24 He saw the wheel
- 27 First place
- 28 Jesus said there was none of this in Nathanael (Jn 1:47)
- 30 Biblical instrument
- 33 One of the three theological virtues
- 34 Jesus entered Jerusalem this type of animal



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Exhibition explores Islamic faith and culture

DOZENS of items from the Vatican's Anima Mundi Museum are part of a new exhibition at the National Museum of Australia that seeks to explore Islamic faith and culture.

Almost 70 of the 120 objects in the "So That You Might Know Each Other" exhibition came from the Vatican's vast collection of pieces from around the world.

Most of the Vatican objects that are part of the exhibition were gifts from the Muslim world to Pope Pius XI in the 1920s, when he announced he would be holding an exposition to showcase the cultures of the world.

Fr Nicola Mapelli, director of the Anima Mundi Museum, which means "Soul of the World", was in Canberra for the recent launch. He said the Vatican's enthusiasm in supporting the exhibition shows the deep respect the Catholic Church has for other cultures.

"It is very important for us to show our commitment to the dialogue between cultures and the dialogue between religions," he said.

When the items currently in Australia are on display at the Vatican, Fr Mapelli said their



Fr Nicola Mapelli of the Vatican's Anima Mundi Museum and Manal Ataya of the Sharjah Museums Authority at the launch of "So That You Might Know Each Other". Picture: Supplied.

place alongside the great Catholic masterpieces from Renaissance masters is a demonstration that "for the Vatican Museum, beauty is a universal thing; it is something that belongs to all cultures".

A similar exhibition featuring a large number of items from the Vatican was held in Sharjah, in the United Arab Emirates, in

2014.

The Sharjah Museums Authority has provided more than 40 items for the current Australian exhibition, with another dozen items collated from Australian collections.

Manal Ataya, director general of the Sharjah Museums Authority, said "So That You Might Know Each Other" is a

"unique exhibition devised to give a glimpse of the diversity of Muslim material culture, and is intended to foster intercultural dialogue and promote tolerance and peace – among Muslims the world over and between Islam and other faiths".

National Museum of Australia director Matthew Trinca said he believes the exhi-

bition has the power to help bridge a gap in cultural and religious understanding when it comes to Islam and its relationship with other faiths and communities.

"This exhibition wouldn't happen without this great coming together of traditions and faiths, and peoples from those traditions and faiths, in ways that encourage us all to be the best we can be in creating the world we live in now and the world in the future," he said.

Fr Patrick McInerney SSC, director of the Columban Centre for Christian-Muslim Relations, said in Australia there is an overwhelming spirit of openness and dialogue between adherents of the world's two largest faiths, though there remain misunderstandings and even fears about the Muslim community.

"For the little bit of animosity that is around, the best cure, the best antidote is meeting Muslims face to face, getting to know one another, and that's precisely what this exhibition offers," he said.

The "So That You Might Know Each Other" exhibition runs until July 22. To learn more go to <http://www.nma.gov.au/exhibitions/so-that-you-might-know-each-other>

National ANZAC Day Mass

SPEAKING after the National Mass at St Christopher's Cathedral to commemorate the ANZAC centenary, Fr Tony Percy, described the ANZAC ceremony as 'profoundly Christian'.

"The ode deals with remembrance, we remember and Christ remembered at the Last Supper," the Archdiocesan Vicar General said.

"The Last Post deals with death, the reality of death, and then there's a minute's silence which I suppose honours the silence of Holy Saturday, then the Reveille (bugle call) which deals with the Resurrection, so they're profoundly Christian symbols and are fitting for the

ANZAC moment."

Bishop Max Davis AM, Military Ordinariate of Australia, was the principal celebrant at the Mass. He was joined by Archbishop Christopher Prowse and Archbishop Adolfo Tito Yllana (Papal Nuncio to Australia), while Bishop Pat Power and Msgr Peter O'Keefe AM celebrated.

The Ensign Party on the day was made up of Officer Cadets and Midshipmen from the Australian Defence Force Academy, who actively played a part in the Last Post, the Reveille and the retiring of the colours.

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Member of the Ensign Party at the National ANZAC Day Mass at St Christopher's Cathedral on April 25. Picture: John McLaurin.

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Devotion to Mary

Australia to pray a national Rosary

AUSTRALIA will follow other countries in saying a nationally recognised Rosary this month.

More than 100 locations including parishes, schools and prayer groups, have already signed on to the nation’s May 13 prayer effort which is titled #OzRosary53.

The campaign has been initiated and organised by a group in Sydney which includes former Sacred Heart Cootamundra teacher, Jane Chifley.

“The Fifty-three signals the 53 Hail Mary’s which are said during the Rosary,” she said.

“The hashtag makes the campaign popular via its social media networks.”

The initiative is under the patronage of Bishop Emeritus David Cremin and will see Australia join Poland, England, Ireland and France in praying for the welfare of the country.

Over one million Catholics recently gathered around the borders of Poland to pray the Rosary for protection of their country. Italy and France followed suite then Ireland with over 280 locations praying around their coastline.

The UK Rosary was held on April 29 with more than 300 locations.

Many priests and bishops supported the event by leading the people in prayer to local beaches, cliffs, boat piers, and coastal areas. Pope Francis has already given an apostolic blessing to this initiative, which is being called ‘The Coast to Coast Rosary’.

Some prayer groups and parishes in the Archdiocese have already signed up to the Australian campaign.

O’Connor Parish Priest, Fr Paul Nulley and members of the local Legion of Mary conference will pray the Rosary at the top of Black Mountain in the ACT, while Moruya, Temora, Grenfell and Gundagai are also taking part, as are parishes in the West Wyalong Mission.

Major centres like Sydney, Adelaide, Melbourne, Brisbane and Perth, all have multiple venues, while rural people from isolated properties are meeting with others on their farms to join in. One group of young people are in the process of organising their prayers on the Sydney Harbour Bridge.

Other groups are organising prayer at mountains, parks, beaches and lookouts and photos on the day are strongly encouraged.

To join in praying for the protection of Australia, you can either initiate your own Rosary or join in a group already happening. Locations, contacts and registration details can be found at the website <https://ozrosary.wixsite.com/ozrosary53> or go to the ‘Oz Rosary 53’ Facebook page. The phone contact is 0476 535 595.



Elizabeth Doyle praying the Rosary at Sacred Heart Church, Temora. Picture: Amber Maher.

PARISH or GROUP	LOCATION	DATE and TIME	CONTACT
St Joseph’s Parish O’Connor	Black Mountain, ACT	May 13 at 11.15am	The Parish (02) 6247 5957
Sacred Heart Parish Moruya	Moruya Heads Historic Cemetery	May 13 at 12pm	Rachel Glover (02) 4474 2024
St Patrick’s Parish Gundagai	St Patrick’s Church Gundagai	May 12 at 5.30pm	Elizabeth Maher (02) 6945 3220
St Mary’s Parish West Wyalong	St Mary’s Church West Wyalong	May 13 at 9.15am	Fr Emil Milat (02) 6972 3655
Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Lake Cargelligo	Our Lady of Lourdes Church Lake Cargelligo	May 12 at 6.45pm	Fr Emil Milat (02) 6972 3655
St Joseph’s Parish Ungarie	St Joseph’s Church Ungarie	May 13 at 7.45am	Fr Emil Milat (02) 6972 3655
Sacred Heart Parish Temora	Sacred Heart Church Temora	May 12 at 5.30pm and May 13 at 9.30am	Parish (02) 6977 2104
St Joseph’s Parish Grenfell	St Joseph’s Church	May 13 at 9am	N/A

This is not necessarily an exhaustive list of Archdiocesan parishes partaking in Oz Rosary #53.

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Our Lady’s ‘grace’ manifested in Legion of Mary

“I AM all yours my Queen and my Mother and all that I have is yours”.

With these words in a condensed St Louise-Marie de Montfort formula; the Legion of Mary’s active and auxiliary members in the Archdiocese publicly renewed and expressed their Consecration to Mary recently.

This year’s Acies, the most beautiful and profound yearly function of the Legion, was held at St Joseph’s Catholic Church at O’Connor on March 24, in an anticipated feast of the Annunciation.

The solemn ceremony and Mass was led and celebrated by the Apostolic Nuncio,

Archbishop Adolfo Tito Yllana with Fr Paul Nulley, the Legion’s spiritual director concelebrating. In his talk and homily, Archbishop Yllana explained the essence of Mary’s being full of ‘grace’ manifested in three significant events; at the Annunciation, the Wedding at Cana and at the Foot of the Cross.

As a lay movement, the main work of the Legion of Mary in Canberra is evangelisation, working for the glory of God through the holiness of its members developed by prayer and active cooperation with Mary and the Church.

The Legion of Mary is present in five parishes in Canberra with another one in Goulburn.

With the rapid growth of population in Canberra and the change in social and cultural conditions, legionaries hope to open praesidia in every parish. They also hope to use their talents, charisms and resources to support their parishes for the work of The New Evangelisation.

The Legion are having a big recruitment drive this month with an information session to be held on Saturday, May 26 at 2pm at St Brigid Parish Centre, 2 Bancroft Street Dickson.

For more information contact: Marie Lazaro on **0405669022** or email lomholyspirit@gmail.com

Graduations and ANZAC Day



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: Catholic Institute Sydney graduates (L-R) Alexander Osborne, Joseph Doyle and Deacon Namora Anderson. Picture: Jeanine Doyle



ACU graduates (L-R) Louise Osborne-Goldsbrough with Gabrielle Brewer. Picture: Supplied



Bishop Max Davis of the Military Ordinariate (middle) in prayerful company. Picture: John McLaurin.





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Canberra & Goulburn

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- Visit the sick and the housebound?
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