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Archbishop's Message

Archbishop Christopher Prowse

The Plenary Council 2020/21

- an initial impression of the journey

DEAR FRIENDS IN CHRIST,
One of my favourite passages of scriptures is from Psalms 127:

“If The Lord Does Not Build The House, In Vain Do The Builders Labor” (Psalm 127/1)

Biblical poetry often uses a dual meaning. This psalm's image is a good example. We immediately understand that “building a house” means constructing a physical edifice. But in the biblical mind, it also can mean inter-personal arrangements that are pleasing to God.

In the New Testament, Jesus, in His Life, Death and Resurrection, has inaugurated the Kingdom of God. Through our Baptism we have become co-responsible to “building up” the Kingdom of God in our own time and place.

All this is done, as the psalm directs, by placing our every confidence and trust in the Grace of God working among us and through the subtle power of the

Holy Spirit.
Ultimately, it comes down to following our own Catholic Spiritual Wisdom and Tradition perhaps best articulated by St Ignatius Loyola (1491-1556).
He is attributed to have said: “Pray as if everything depends on God, work as if everything depends on you.”

I thought of this Ignatian gem many times since we have begun in the Archdiocese our ‘Listening and Dialogue’ sessions as part of our journey to the Australian Plenary Council of 2020/2021.

My initial observation so far is that we have struggled to truly answer the essential question of these sessions:

“WHAT DO YOU THINK GOD IS ASKING OF US IN

AUSTRALIA AT THIS TIME?”

Pragmatic Australians seem to move too quickly to the “everything depends on US” aspect, without truly pondering on the other vital dimension that “everything depends on God.”

I believe finding the balance between those two poles is the vital challenge. This is a task of deep conversion. It requires a true humble and docile listening to what “God is asking of us in Australia at his time”

You may wish to read carefully my PASTORAL LETTER on this (www.cgcatholic.org.au) and other matters pertaining to the PLENARY COUNCIL (www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au)

This Grace of conversion that we are seeking nationally and as

an Archdiocese will truly test our Christian maturity. Not seeking this gift from the Lord Jesus will mean we will become increasingly polarised and reduced to mere religious ideological factions.

“Lord Jesus, deliver us from this evil!”

Our initial attempts so far in responding to the challenges of the Plenary Council have been credible. Attendances at meetings to date have been encouraging. The tone has been generally respectful. The facilitators have shown skill and are earnest.

“Lord Jesus, help us to be the people you want us to be in these troubled times for faith communities throughout Australia. AMEN.”

ARCHBISHOP CHRISTOPHER'S DIARY

August

WEDNESDAY, 8 7.30am
Ecumenical Leaders Breakfast, St Christopher's Pastoral Centre
12.15pm Mass, St Christopher's Cathedral
2.00pm Australian Centre for Christianity & Culture Board Meeting, Barton

SATURDAY, 11 8.00am
St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Pilgrimage leaves Canberra from St Christopher's Cathedral
11.00am St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Procession, Eden
12noon Pilgrimage Mass, Star of the Sea Parish, Eden

SUNDAY, 12 11.00am Mass, St Christopher's Cathedral
12noon Australian Jewish Anzac Remembrance Service, National Jewish Memorial Centre, Forrest

TUESDAY, 14 10.00am
ACU Senate Mass/Meeting, ACU Canberra Campus

WEDNESDAY, 15 11.30am
Reconciliation
12.15pm Mass, St Christopher's Cathedral

FRIDAY, 17 9.15am
ACU/CSYMA Leaders Formation Symposium, St Christopher's Pastoral Centre

SATURDAY, 18 7.30am
Men's Breakfast, St Andrew's Presbyterian Church Hall, Forrest
11.00am Blessing Syro Malabar property, 138 Narrabundah Lane, Symonston
5.00pm ACU Graduate Certificate Course, St Christopher's Pastoral Centre

SUNDAY, 19 11.00am Mass, St Christopher's Cathedral

SATURDAY, 25 6.00pm Mass, St John the Apostle Parish, Kippax

SUNDAY, 26 10.00am 180 years celebration Mass, St Augustine's Parish, Yass

TUESDAY, 28 10.40am 'Plenary Council Q & A' with Marist Year 12 students, Marist College

Upcoming Regional Listening and Dialogue Sessions in the Archdiocese

AUGUST 19 (10.30am to 12 noon): Plenary Council Listening and Dialogue for the Monaro Deanery at St Patrick's School Cooma.

SEPTEMBER 9 (11am to 12.30pm): Plenary Council Listening and Dialogue for the

Monaro Deanery at St Joseph's Catholic School Bombala.

OCTOBER 27 (10am): Plenary Council Listening and Dialogue in the Western Deanery. Session will be held somewhere in Cootamundra. Exact location to be confirmed at a later date.

OCTOBER: Plenary Council Listening and Dialogue in the Northern Deanery (Queanbeyan). Exact date and location to be confirmed closer to the event.

NOVEMBER: Plenary Council Listening and Dialogue in the Northern Deanery

(Goulburn). Exact date and location to be confirmed closer to the event.

DECEMBER: Plenary Council Listening and Dialogue in the Coastal Deanery. Exact date and location to be confirmed closer to the event.

Keepers of the Keys

STANDING by the new etched glass window in St Peter's Church Binda are Lesley Nagle, Gail Johns and Kevin King.

The new window is behind the altar and floods the church with light. The original artwork was designed by Julie Lonneman a freelance illustrator in Cincinnati, Ohio and was published by Liturgy Training Publications, Chicago. The artwork is used with permission.



Save the Date

Ordination of Adrian and Namora



The ordination of Namora Anderson and Adrian Chan will take place on **Friday September 7 at 7pm at St Christopher's Cathedral, Forrest.**
Namora and Adrian will be ordained by Archbishop

Christopher Prowse and light refreshments will be served afterwards at St Christopher's Pastoral Centre Hall. Those wishing to attend need to RSVP by August 27 to namora.anderson@cg.org.au or adrian.chan@cg.org.au.

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Cover Picture: Students from Mt Carmel Primary School Yass, join in the 180 year church celebration
Picture: Chris Gordon

Syro Malabar community finds a new home

IT HASN'T been 40 years, and they haven't been wandering in the wilderness, but the people of the Syro Malabar congregation have wondered for some time how long it would be until they'd have a home of their own.

From a home start with just four families back in 2005, their numbers have swelled to 400 families comprising around 1600 parishioners in total.

Initially their services were limited to just the last Sunday of the month. Then, with time, that grew to be every Sunday, and now they celebrate Mass every day.

Their growth has been slow and steady, and as they grew, their wish for a place of their own grew too. Their wishes, and more importantly their prayers, were answered recently when they successfully bid on a block of land in Symonston.

Prior to that, though, their home base, for want of a better

phrase, had been a movable feast.

Starting out at Sacred Heart, Pearce, Syro Malabar were next located at St Peter Chanel, Yarralumla and then to their present home at St Joseph's O'Connor.

Father Mathew Kunnappillil stressed that, although the community are very excited about the future ahead of them, they are also very appreciative of the assistance they've received thus far.

"The Community has been really blessed through two Archbishops, Archbishop Coleridge and Archbishop Prowse, who have been really supportive of the community since back in 2005," Father Mathew said.

"We are excited about our plans for the site but wouldn't have been able to come so far without the support we've been shown."

Their long term plans include options for a retreat centre,



catechism classrooms and spaces for youth and other community programs. The Community already caters to more than 350 catechism students from Kindergarten through to Year 12.

The story about how the purchase fell into place alone could fill pages, and while a short summary won't do it justice, it's worth providing as an example of the power of faith.

The Community believed the land would sell for around \$10 million, based on what they regarded as similar sales in the area. Even their best case scenario was \$7 million... about double the price it was last sold for 10 years ago.

The Community came together in an all-out attempt to purchase the land. An all-night 7pm to 7am prayer vigil was held to assist in raising the necessary funds... and in just a handful of days, the Syro Malabar community committed one million dollars. An incredible effort, but still a long way shy of what would be needed.

Loans were sort, meetings were held with the CDF, and the community braced itself

for the auction and an amount they could barely afford. But Fr Mathew saw an amount which he shared with his parishioners... \$3.81 million dollars.

That's a pretty specific figure, but Fr Mathew was sure of it.

At auction, the bids started to tumble in. Two million... two and a half... three million. Eventually the auction began to slow and a figure of \$3.7 million lay on the table, while Fr Mathew remained calm in prayer. Sensing the timing was right, the parish representative offered the figure of \$3.81 million and, after what must have seemed like an eternity, the hammer fell. Sold.

Acquiring the land at such a surprisingly affordable amount, and at the figure Fr Mathew had envisaged, has reinvigorated and recharged the already engaged community.

And the journey that has led them to this point begins a new chapter.

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Celebrating St Mary MacKillop

Building her legacy



ST MARY MacKillop College has celebrated the blessing and opening of two new buildings that honour the school's patron and the work of the religious order she founded.

The new buildings – the Providence Building and Fr Julian Tenison Woods Laboratories – were unveiled earlier this year at a ceremony at MacKillop's Isabella Plains Campus on as part of the College's 20-Year celebrations.

According to Principal Michael Lee, it was fitting to open two buildings that honour Mary MacKillop's Sisters of St Joseph and the co-founder, Fr Julian Tenison Woods, during MacKillop's anniversary celebrations.

"Each of us here belong to the story of Catholic education and these splendid buildings are the latest chapter in a story of sacrifice, toil and hope," he said.

"Catholic schools all over this Archdiocese and indeed around the country were built by our ancestors, often with their own bare hands.

"They built them so their children could go to a Catholic school, for their grandchildren, and for the children of generations beyond the reach of their



Archbishop Christopher Prowse, led the blessing and Sr Mary Ellen O'Donoghue, the Re-gional Leader of the Sisters of St Joseph, opened the buildings.

imagination.

"This school acknowledges the life's work of each of the Sisters of St Joseph who educated generations of Australian children for 150 years.

"What we want to do here is to continue their work, and to flavour the lives of our students with a story of faith, courage, hope, and of trusting in God's providence."

With more students choosing

to complete Year 12 at MacKillop, the buildings have provided the College with six modern science laboratories and six new classrooms, as well as collaborative learning areas, flexible study spaces, a new senior courtyard, and staff facilities.

The rooms of the new buildings feature images and stories of the work of Fr Julian, St Mary of the Cross, and the Josephites, as well as the leaders of Jewish,

Anglican, and Presbyterian communities of Mary's day who worked with her to support and educate those in the margins.

A range of guests came to celebrate the event, including the three past principals of MacKillop, several members of the Sisters of St Joseph, Member for Canberra Gai Brodtmann, members of the College community, the builders and architects, and staff and students of MacKillop.

Mary's gifts keep giving over 150 years later



On August 8th, parishes, schools, and Catholic communities across the ACT and Australia will celebrate the Feast Day of Australia's First Saint, Mary MacKillop. Over 150 years ago, Mary started her work which would set the course of many generations to come – and today her work is continued by Mary MacKillop Today, the new flagship ministry of the Sisters of Saint Joseph.

Like Mary, Mary MacKillop Today believes that education is the key to improving futures and one of their core outreaches is the provision of Indigenous Tertiary Scholarships.

Stewart, a proud member of the Wiradjuri people, is one of over 120 Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islanders to have graduated with a Mary MacKillop scholarship, since the program began in 1998.

After leaving school in Year 9, Stewart worked for several years before going to university to complete an Associate Degree in Indigenous Education. It was not easy being the first member of his family to attend university. Receiving a Mary MacKillop scholarship changed his and his family's life. Stewart says it was more than the alleviation of financial hardship that motivated him to the finish line.

"... this scholarship was a precious gift and one that I did not take lightly... when I was feeling overwhelmed by my studies, my work, my family and community commitments, I did sometimes struggle but then I would think... these people believe in me: I cannot let them down," Stewart said.

Stewart recently graduated and has taken up a position at TAFE NSW as the Aboriginal Engagement Coordinator. Stewart told us that he didn't think he could have done this without his scholarship, commenting that education can change lives, like his.

Please consider giving a donation at www.marymackilloptoday.org.au

High aims for coastal pilgrimage

THE CATHOLIC Parish of Pambula is keen for their St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Pilgrimage at Eden to become an annual event.

Now into its second year, the parish is again inviting pilgrims and devotees to the coastal town on Saturday August 11 to commemorate Australia's first saint.

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop visited the town on two separate occasions.

Her mother Flora drowned nearby from a shipwreck aboard SS-Ly-ee-Moon at nearby Greencape on May 29, 1886.

Archbishop Christopher Prowse will again lead the Eden pilgrimage. A few minutes before 8.00am he will give a blessing at St Christopher's Cathedral to those pilgrims who are leaving from Canberra that morning. Travel to Eden on the day will be by private vehicle. Once in Eden the Archbishop will be assisted by Pambula Parish Priest, Pale Leota.

"It is hoped that pilgrims will travel from various towns and parishes within the Archdiocese to join with the Pambula Parish



Archbishop Prowse was among around 500 people who joined last year's St Mary of the Cross MacKillop pilgrimage, and he will be taking part again this year.

community in Eden in celebrating this important event and place in the Church's history," Parish Chair, Bernadette Wood said.

As part of the 2017 pilgrimage which had over 500 people in attendance, parishes and groups were invited to bring a decorated fabric square representing their group. These have all been used to create a symbolic quilt, now displayed in the MacKillop Hall.

This year all parishes and groups are invited to bring along a small potted plant that will

become a living element in a new memorial garden.

The garden surrounds a statue of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop and adds extra significance to the venue as a place of prayer, worship and remembrance.

Fr Leota said pilgrims are encouraged to park a short distance from the Our Lady Star of the Sea Church and continue the final sector of the journey on foot, with fellow pilgrims from other parishes and mass centres, walking in prayer and solidarity.

"It is suggested that pilgrims,

where possible, park at the Eden AFL ground in Barclay Street, Eden," he said.

"During the period after lunch there will be a short talk given by Sr. Benedetta Bennett, one of the resident Sisters of St Joseph in Eden." Sr. Benedetta will outline a brief history of St Mary, her mother Flora and their strong connection with Eden.

The Mary MacKillop Hall, where there is a wonderful collection of memorabilia, will be open to all on the day.

For more information about the day contact Mrs Wood on 0429 774 119 MacKillop's Feast Day is celebrated each year on August 8.

THE DAY'S PROGRAM

8.00am - Pilgrims coming from Canberra will receive a Blessing from Archbishop Prowse.

11.00 am (optional) - Pilgrims walk from Eden AFL grounds to Our Lady Star of the Sea Church. (Refreshments will be available at Church).

12.00 noon - Concelebrated Mass
1.00 pm - Lunch (provided by the Parish of Pambula) and fellowship

Around the Archdiocese

New store to assist the poor

THE POOR and marginalized people in the Weston Creek district are the beneficiaries of a new Vinnies centre opening at Cooleman Court Shopping Centre.

St Vincent De Paul Canberra Goulburn CEO, Barnie van Wyk said the Society has a proud history in the area, having had local conferences, Holder and Waramanga, running in the Weston Creek area for 40 years.

In the last 12 months, these Conferences have provided over \$63,000 worth of emergency relief and assisted almost 1,500 people with over 1,037 instances of emergency relief provided in the immediate area," he said.

"The opening of this new centre is part of Vinnies' long-term plan to provide better services to fast-growing areas, as the population increases in the Canberra/Goulburn region."

Inaugural Centre Area Manager, Helen Curtin, gave a speech at the official opening and blessing, while centre manager, Kathryn Zwahlen, said the store had already started operating in the days leading up to the opening. The opening was attended by Deputy Chief Minister and Minister for Housing and Suburban Development, Yvette Berry, Jeremy Hanson MLA and Chris Steel MLA.

"People are loving the store, the design and the special things we've got, so it's been very well received," Ms Zwahlen said.

Archbishop Christopher Prowse, blessed and officially opened the building assisted by Weston Creek Parish Priest, Fr Michael Lim.

Archbishop Prowse also blessed the store's volunteers whilst also highlighting the



Archbishop Christopher Prowse blessed and officially opened the new Vinnies Centre assisted by Weston Creek Parish Priest, Fr Michael Lim. Picture: John McLaurin

importance of people giving some of their time or making a contribution to Vinnies in other ways.

"They can come here and get quality goods and the money 100 percent goes back into helping those on the periphery of life.

People are loving the store, the design and the special things we've got, so it's been very well received

"Here in Canberra we've got all sorts of problems with homelessness and people on the fringe and the periphery," he said.

"That's the Gospel in action."

Mr van Wyk, thanked the Weston Creek community for their support of Vinnies.

He said this includes shopping in their stores, donating pre-loved items, supporting annual appeals and the Vinnies CEO Sleepout.

"With the support of the community we will continue to provide a 'hand up' to people in need," Mr van Wyk said.

The Vinnies CEO said the support of the local community has enabled them to open a new shop to serve the needs of the wider Weston Creek area.

"Many people know of Vinnies shops as a great place to

grab a bargain," he said.

"But not many people know that their purchase or donation goes towards helping over 2,300 people in the Molonglo region every year."

The Vinnies Weston Creek Centre is located at shop 2/14 Brierly St, Weston ACT 2611, just left of the shopping centre's Parkinson Street entrance.

It is open week days from 9am to 5pm and weekends from 9am to 4pm and the store is seeking volunteers.

Renowned author visits Canberra

As part of Marist College Canberra's 50th Jubilee, the Marist community is pleased to welcome Lisa Hendey to Canberra in August for a series of events. Lisa is a renowned author and public speaker, and the founder and editor of CatholicMom.com.

During her time in Canberra, Lisa will be speaking to parents, staff and students of the College, as well as with



principals and staff in the Canberra-Goulburn Diocese. Topics covered will include: faith, family, Catholic technology and communications.

Lisa's Canberra events include: speaking to both Marist

parents and Catholic Education Office principals on the theme of: The Sacred Balancing Act: Busy Lives and Family Spirituality a Mothers' Retreat to be held on Wednesday 22 August on the theme of The Grace of Yes, and presenting to Catholic Education Office staff on Thursday 23 August on the topic of: Selfies and soul: nurturing the domestic Church in the digital age.

Lisa will also be meeting with various groups in Sydney prior to her arrival in Canberra.

Nathan Ahearne, Director of Faith Formation at the College, is available to speak on Lisa's upcoming visit. Nathan can be contacted on: 0451 681 735.

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A new era for Professional Standards

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The formation of this Advisory Panel furthers the Archbishop's commitment to implementing Child Safeguarding Standards within the Archdiocese and as recommended by the Royal Commission.

Present at the meeting were the following panel members who have agreed to an initial three year term on the Panel:

Angela McCabe is a consultant psychologist in private practice. She has held a range of executive and clinical roles, applying behavioural science principles to design, implement and evaluate a range of clinical, forensic and organisational programs, for Government, the United Nations and NGOs.

She has a special interest in mental health support, risk management and organizational transition, including the prevention of/or recovery from, betrayal of trust behaviours and traumatic injury.

Liesl Centenera is a consultant with her own business specialising in governance, policy and human resources matters. She holds a Dregree



Back row from left, Clare McNamara, Fr Richard Thompson, and Maria Hicks. Front row from left Kim Linsell, Liesl Centenera and Angela McCabe

in Economics and Law and is admitted to practice in the ACT Supreme Court. Liesl currently has appointments as Chair, Bosom Buddies Management

Committee; Chair, Music for Canberra Board; and Deputy Chair, Territory Records Advisory Committee.

She is also the current Chair

of the Sts Peter and Paul School Community Council.

Kim Linsell joined Catholic-Care in January 1995 as a Student & Family Counsellor. After working for a number of years in both primary and high schools, Kim moved into management, overseeing both the school counselling and family relationship counselling programs. She was later appointed as Director Counselling Services, which has since expanded to also include therapy services.

Kim has previously worked in Community Health as a social worker, the Disability sector, providing support to individuals and families, as well as in child protection in South Africa. Kim is a long term member of the Australian Association of Social Workers and has a Masters degree in Human Services.

Clare McNamara is an experienced litigator with a broad technical background. In over 18 years of practice she has acted for both private sector and government clients, specialising in commissions of inquiry, dispute resolution, administrative law, and regulatory compliance.

Clare has just completed working for the Truth Justice and Healing Council. In this role she was responsible for provision of legal and legal policy advice to and representation of the Council and Church leaders

nationally before the Royal Commission. Kim was also responsible for advising Church leaders on the Royal Commission's recommendations and legislation to establish the national redress scheme for survivors of abuse.

Fr Richard Thompson entered St Patrick's Seminary at Manly in Sydney in 1980 and was ordained at Temora in 1985 for the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn. He was appointed to Young as Assistant Priest and then to Canberra as Principal Hospital Chaplain. In 1988 he joined the Royal Australian Naval Reserve as Chaplain then transferred to fulltime chaplaincy in 1999.

Fr Richard entered the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn in 2005. In February 2016 the Archbishop Christopher Prowse appointed Fr Richard as Dean of the Central or (Canberra) Deanery with the title Vicar Forane (VF).

The Terms of Reference can be found at the following link <http://cgcatholic.org.au/services-directory/professional-standards/>.

Further information on the draft National Catholic Safeguarding Standards can be found at the following link... <https://www.cpsltd.org.au/media/1056/national-catholic-safeguarding-standards-consultation-april-2018.pdf>)

Child Protection Code of Conduct

The Archdiocesan Child Protection Code of Conduct is now available on the Archdiocesan website <http://cgcatholic.org.au/child-protection-code-of-conduct/>

The Code of Conduct informs and reminds all employees and volunteers of the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn of the

standards of behaviour as well as other requirements that must be adhered to when working with children.

All employees and volunteers within Parishes are asked to sign the attached declaration to the Code <http://cgcatholic.org.au/child-protection-code-of-conduct/>

and return to their Parish secretary by Sunday 2 September (start of Child Protection week).

The implementation of this Code of Conduct is a reminder that children within our community are valued and are to be loved, respected and cared for in a manner that meets both the

teachings of the Gospel and the expectations of our community.

The implementation of the Child Protection Code of Conduct also responds to recommendations of the Royal Commission, specifically in relation to the implementation of Child Safe Standards.

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Busy job no hassle for Margaret

By CHRIS GORDON

Some people look forward to slowing down, putting their feet up and finally catching their breath when they retire.

Some people just look to get busier.

Cooma's Margaret Hassall is one of the latter. After 47 years of teaching at St Patrick's Parish School, she retired from full time teaching in 2009 only to join Cooma Rotary Club to "keep contributing" as she puts it.

But joining alone wasn't enough. She likes to keep busy.

She became Club Service Director in 2012-2013, Club President in 2013-14 and Foundation Director in 2014-15. From July 2014 she was editor of the club bulletin each week and Executive Secretary for the past two years.

And if that wasn't busy enough, on July 1 this year she took on the role of District Governor of Rotary District 9710. "It's been pretty helter skelter," Margaret reflected on the role she is still getting her head around.

"The area takes in 46 Rotary Clubs so I've really hit the ground running."

Seventeen of those clubs are in Canberra, the rest are spread out from the Southern Highlands, to Gerringong, down to the Victorian border and across to Tumut and Tumbarumba.

"It does involve a lot of driving... but I get to listen to a lot of Audiobooks and I love travelling around and seeing all the places," Margaret said.

Margaret said the Cooma Rotary Club, like all Rotary Clubs, has been actively involved in many local activities throughout her time with them, but asked to pick one that stood out, she nominated the Monaro Early Intervention Service.

"The year I was president we supported a group called Monaro Early Intervention Service," she said.

"It's a service for school children, mostly aged 0-5, with developmental delays and disabilities. When the service was first set up they had a new building and the cottage next door become available for sale which was helpful for their service, and we were able to provide \$12000 to help set it up."

Margaret believes the aims and actions of Rotary are very consistent with the practice of



Margaret's induction as Governor for Rotary District 9710 took place on Sunday, July 1 at the Hellenic Club at Woden. From left: Chris Hassall (her son from Mackay), Margarete Conroy (cousin from Canberra), Ronin Hassall (her grandson from Mackay), Margaret Hassall, Judy and David Taylor (cousins from Kingston).

her Catholic faith. "Absolutely. We assist in practical ways," she said.

"Feeding the hungry, clothing the poor. We are not linked to any particular religion but the Christian ethic is very much a part of what we do. It's all about social justice."

And what does Margaret have in mind for when her year in office finishes?

Well, just at the minute she's too busy to think about it. But give her time.

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The Courage to be Catholic

Persecution of the Faith in the 21st Century

BY ANTHONY DOYLE

In 2002, prominent Catholic writer George Weigel penned a book entitled *The Courage to be Catholic – Crisis, Reform and the Future of the Church*. As the subtitle suggests, his focus was on (orthodox) reform of the Church and perhaps has been somewhat overtaken by events. The main title however has proven to be all too prescient. If the 20th Century saw more Christian martyrs than the previous 19 combined, this one sadly is set to quickly overtake it.

One of the blessings of recent years in our Archdiocese has been seeing the pews of our churches and the seats of our classrooms and parish halls being increasingly filled by Catholics from around the world. At the risk of omitting other equally deserving groups, what would the life of the local Church be without the joy, devotion, creativity and energy of our Indian, African, Filipino and Vietnamese brothers and sisters? Long may they prosper!

At the same time, many of our new parishioners, students, priests and religious have harrowing tales to tell of persecution for being Catholic in their homelands. The rise in anti-Christian, especially anti-Catholic persecution while generally being ignored by Western governments has not gone unnoticed. As Pope St John Paul II noted “At the end of the Second Millennium, the



Church has once again become a Church of martyrs”. More

weapons usually throughout the Middle East, Africa and Asia,

under the cover of the law, shutting down churches for spurious zoning reasons or whipping up mob fury over false or widely exaggerated allegations against Catholic agencies.

More surprising are the assaults on Catholics, especially clergy in traditional Catholic heartlands. At present the sometime Communist President of Nicaragua, Daniel Ortega has joined his counterpart in Venezuela in attacking the Church for opposing his authoritarianism.

In Mexico priests are murdered sometimes because their ministry to the poor offends drug gangs, other times simply as a way for drug lords to demonstrate their power.

At the end of the Second Millennium, the Church has once again become a Church of martyrs

recently noted Vatican journalist John Allen has penned *The Global War on Christians*.

Persecution takes many forms. In some places, it is simply expressed as unchecked brutality sanctioned by totalitarian states, North Korea is a prime example. Islamic regimes or terrorist groups have wielded their evil

however Fr Jacques Hamel was murdered in his French Church in 2016. Earlier this year, committed Catholic Gendarme Arnaud Beltrame was executed by an Islamist after exchanging himself for a hostage.

Elements within emerging powers India, China and Indonesia tend to hide persecutions

Anti-Catholic activities in the West operate under the cover of wider legal programs and so Catholic orphanages in Britain and the USA are shut down because they refuse to adopt out children to same sex couples and Catholic chaplains are arbitrarily driven from universities. The Irish Taoiseach (Prime Minister) has recently announced that Catholic Hospitals will be forced to perform abortions.

Now in Australia we are confronted with States and Territories requiring Priests to disclose the contents of Confessions. They won’t. Of course. However, this act foreshadows our future. That great Catholic champion of the poor, Servant of God Dorothy Day once wrote “We must prepare now for martyrdom – otherwise we will not be ready.”

All of us that are parents pray that our children will uphold the faith of our fathers and mothers. As we sit in the pews at mass and worship together; recent arrivals and long term, multi-generational Australians alike, we face a common future but it’s nothing to fear. Jesus told us to expect this and to “stand up lift up our heads because our redemption is near.” (Luke 21:28).

Perhaps the last words can be left to Dorothy Day, who certainly knew persecution for the faith: “Thank God that He has permitted us to live among present troubles. It is no longer permitted to be mediocre.”

World meeting of families

AUSTRALIAN couple, Ron and Mavis Pirola of Sydney, will be speakers at the ninth World Meeting of Families in Dublin this year between August 21 and 26.

The focus of the gathering will be Pope Francis’ Encyclical ‘Joy of Love’ (Amoris Laetitia).

World Meetings of Families were instituted by Pope St John Paul II and they occur approximately three-yearly, alternating with World Meetings of Youth.

At this year’s gathering there will be a three-day International Congress, followed by a ‘Festival of Families celebrating family life in different cultures.

On the final day, Pope Francis will celebrate a giant open-air Papal Mass.

The Pirolas have participated in the previous seven gatherings.

They have a special interest in this one, however, as they spoke at the first of the two recent Family Synods, one of the fruits of which was the publication of the ‘Joy of Love’.

In launching the preparations for this gathering, Archbishop Diarmuid Martin of Dublin referred to the family as a primary place of encounter between the love of God and daily life. “Passing on the faith within families is not just an intellectual exercise”, he said.

“Married couples pass on the faith by witnessing to the tender loving kindness of God through their mutual love as spouses – including their sexual love – and through their love of their children.”

Mr Pirola said that his hope was that all participating families



Ron and Mavis Pirola. Picture: Supplied.

would be renewed in their confidence in family life.

“We live in a period of rapid change”, he commented.

“Yet some things remain

constant. “One is the central importance of relationships; and the core training for that is in the family, the domestic Church.

Mrs Pirola pointed out that

there are two things we can all do to unite ourselves to this international event.

“One is to join in prayer with Pope Francis and with all participants,” she said.

“The other is to follow the discussion material of ‘Joy of Love’. The Pirolas were members of the Pontifical Council for the Family from 1982 to 2009.

They introduced Worldwide Marriage Encounter to Australia and established the Parish and Marriage Resource Centre.

The Sydney couple will join the Australian Bishops Pilgrimage group to the Family Gathering.

For further information contact Mark Boyd on boydebunch@bigpond.com or contact Harvest Journeys on 1800 819 156.

“I thought the weekend was a very constructive form of engaging with the numerous parishes and attempting to develop strategies for confronting the many issues the modern Church faces.”

Finding Joy in

Good Community | Good Teaching

WHAT IF we could reach those who come to Mass on the weekend?

What if we were able to craft a believing community that was; Welcoming, Worshiping, Captivating with great homilies and great liturgy?

What if young couples began to return, crying children once again appeared, and the pagans came? These questions and more were posed by MenALIVE founder - Robert Falzon at the Joy of the Gospel parish revitalisation weekend in Canberra recently.

The weekend was hosted by the Archdiocese and attracted more than 100 parishioners from across greater ACT.

It was held in the Haydon Hall at St Christopher's Pastoral Centre and compered by Executive Director at the Catholic Commission for Employment Relations, Tony Farley.

Highlights included lively and informative talks by American Catholic Psychologist, Angela McCabe, well-known local musician, Stephen Kirk and Mr Falzon.

Archbishop Christopher Prowse delivered a presentation at the sessions which took the form of nine 20 minute TED style Talk (see YouTube for TED Talks) and followed by discussions on each table.

Mr Falzon, who left his job and founded menALIVE in 2003, proved inspiring during his address calling for a renewal of leadership in the Church among the laity.

He said the Archdiocese should be congratulated on taking the initiative in facilitating The Joy of the Gospel, which has come in the wake of the Royal Commission into Institutional abuse.

Mr Falzon, who last year authored a book called The Father Factor,

He said if we think the same things - do the same things—we will get the same results.

“Don’t be infected by the inevitable by go after the possible,” Mr Falzon said.

“Jesus said nothing is impossible. Let’s go after the impossible.

“We need leadership which is looking for what isn’t yet.

“The vision is what we see, and the mission is what we do!”

Mr Falzon’s talk resonated with the theme of the weekend which



focused around good community, good teaching and preaching.

Along with good music, these are the hallmarks of a thriving parish. Well-known local Catholic musician Stephen Kirk gave a masterclass on Music in the Mass. He covered topics ranging from the purpose and power of music in the Mass right through to how we should determine which music to choose.

He said because of its power, [music] “can be incredibly helpful or just as harmful in trying to draw people into the mysteries being celebrated.

“Music is able to sneak past our defences and preconceptions and impact our souls with echoes of the beauty and mystery of God.”

Continuing on, Mr Kirk said music is a powerful medium through which to present the truths of heaven in the sounds on earth.

“The Church welcomes all forms of true art from all cultures,” he said.

“Music in the liturgy must respect the spirit of the liturgy



and possess a sense of prayer, dignity and beauty.

“Fundamentally the music must always serve and never dominate the liturgy.”

Mr Kirk said how we determine which music to choose should satisfy three criteria as follows:

Is it beautiful enough to bear the weight of the mysteries? Does it draw people into the liturgical action? Does [the music] enable these people to express their faith, in this place, in this age, in this culture?

Other presenters included Archdiocesan Vicar General Fr



“The Joy of the Gospel has brought to me a broader views about the Archdiocese. There were many points that were really helpful for me as a seminarian and enrich my vocation.”

Tony Percy, Nathan Galea, Huw Warmenhoven, Helen Delahunty, Tim Smith as well as Anthony and Jeanine Doyle.

Setting the tone for the weekend, Fr Percy opened up on the need for change in our parishes.

‘A change of era, not an era of change’ was the title of his talk which was based on teachings of Pope Francis and covered topics such as secularization, family, individualism and tomb psychology (Evangelii Gaudium, 2013)

Mr Galea, is the Archdiocesan project officer for New

in the Gospel

Bringing and Preaching | Good Music

"I thought that the Joy of the Gospel was a tremendous forum to listen to. The speakers were well chosen and made a big impact on me."

Robert Falzon's five points on leadership for mission

"I am assuming that we all take as pre-requisite for Mission; That a Leader will everyday: – pray/read the scriptures and be in relationship with Jesus."

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Let those who have eyes see.

Vision and Imagination:

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Over 100 parishioners from parishes in the Canberra region participated in the Joy of the Gospel Leadership and Mission conference. From top left: Tony Farley, Archbishop Prowse, and Rob Falzon.. Left: Catherine Cooney. Below Angela McCabe, along with



"Thank you for the email and for the great work you and your colleagues put into making the Joy of the Gospels such an interesting and informative event. Keep up the good work"

Evangelisation in Catholic Schools (Youth Ministry) Religious Education and Curriculum.

He spoke on the topic 'if you knew the gift from God?' (John 4:10), which focused on how best we can celebrate the gift of God in our parishes.

Helen and Tim Smith addressed the audience on governance and stewardship relationship between the three key parish bodies - pastoral councils, finance committees and school councils.

Archdiocesan Youth Coordinator, Huw Warmenhoven shared

about 'The Power of a Witness', while Mr and Mrs Doyle delivered a keynote on teaching and preaching examining the rich tradition of faith contained in the Word of God and Catechism and how we might present this in the 21st century with the many different mediums at our fingertips.

Several parish priests took part in the nine unit sessions and all attendees received a thank-you and de-brief email from Fr Percy.

The email encompasses a Joy of the Gospel de-brief and thanks parishioners and priests for their attendance.

A follow up review and

feedback session of the Joy of the Gospel will take place at St Christopher's Pastoral Centre on the evening of Friday, October 26.

To learn more about the parish revitalisation in the Archdiocese go to <http://cgcatholic.org.au/catholic-voice/blog/bringing-the-joy-of-the-gospel-into-parishes/>

Catholic schools to benefit

Catholic schools in Australia could see an increase of up to \$74 million a year from independent schools following a new review proposing better use of data to rank families’ socioeconomic status.

The proposal drew praise for the Catholic schools and raised some concerns from independent schools.

Ray Collins, acting executive director of the National Catholic Education Commission, said the commission was “very pleased” that the National School Resourcing Board “has recognized the inherent inequities with the current methodology.” The commission looks forward to “a new approach to ensure fair and equitable funding for non-government schools,” he said in a July 6 statement.

Collins said the report agreed with the commission’s long-standing view that the ranking methodology was “fundamentally flawed and negatively impacts a significant number of Catholic schools, as well as some independent schools.”

The socioeconomic status review board has said measures of parents’ capacity to pay for schools must become more precise and should use a “direct measure” of their income from tax and census data. This would affect the amount of government funding from 2020 onwards, the U.K. newspaper The Guardian reports.

The move could shift \$74 million to Catholic schools, at a time when Catholic school systems have made strong objections to the distribution in an \$18.2 billion funding package passed by the centre-right Liberal-National Coalition in Parliament.

Australian education minister

Simon Birmingham said the vast majority of projected school funding is not affected by the review, though he said the report made a strong case for a more precise formula.

“An effective measure of a school community’s capacity to contribute is essential to ensure the greatest taxpayer support is allocated towards those school communities with the least capacity to pay school fees,” Birmingham said.

“This approach puts school choice within reach of as many parents and families as possible.”

Colette Colman, executive director of the Independent Schools Council of Australia, was critical. She said the review’s proposal represented a “significant change” in methodology and said significant work was needed to determine “whether it would produce accurate and valid

information at the individual school level.”

“The independent sector must be assured that any direct measure will be significantly more accurate and will be consistently applied to all non-government schools,” Colman said.

Both the National Catholic Education Commission and the Independent Schools Council of Australia said more work was needed to create and test the new formula.

Despite being generally favourable to the proposed changes, Collins said a new methodology could be inaccurate in reckoning the socioeconomic status of parents of students at long-established Catholic schools in metropolitan areas that charge low fees, possibly harming these schools’ funding.

He said the commission will consider the report in more

detail. Collins voiced appreciation for the Minister of Education’s willingness “to engage in further conversation regarding the recommendations with both the Catholic and Independent sectors.”

The report suggested that the total private income of schools, including their fees, should not be included in the formula because this would “double count” parents’ income.

However, it cited new availability of privacy-protected data about parents’ income and “confidentialised” census data to create a better-targeted measure for school funding.

Though household wealth as such cannot be considered at present, it could be added to the calculation if suitable data become available.

Source: Catholic News Services

Five Minutes with Sarah Larkin

Youth Minister

How old are you?
19

What school did you attend?
I attended Daramalan College, Dickson and St Thomas More’s Primary, Campbell.

What influenced you to become a Youth Ministry Worker?
Youth Ministry is something that I have always wanted to be a part of. I want to make a difference in the lives of others, especially young people by simply being there for them in times of need. It is also a way for me to challenge myself and deepen my own faith. I am also quite involved in Campus Ministry at ACU, I was encouraged to apply for the role and I am so happy that I did!

Are you studying or working elsewhere?
I am currently in my 2nd year studying a double degree in Nursing and Paramedicine at the Australian Catholic University.

What sustains your faith in an increasingly secular society?
I come from a family who is very committed to faith. I also find that knowing there are other young people who are involved in the life of the church makes me excited to be a part of it and leaves me wanting to be more involved

myself. I find that surrounding myself with positive people who believe in the things that I do helps to sustain my faith in an increasingly secular society.

What qualities would you like to bring to this role?
Enthusiasm, commitment and kindness.

What is your message to young people?
God is always looking out for you, let Him into your life.

What are you most looking forward to in the Year of Youth?
I am so excited to be working with other Youth Ministers and young people in the Year of Youth who have a similar vision and outlook on life to me. I am even more excited to be sharing my faith with students as a Youth Minister and giving more young people the opportunity to learn about God’s love and have a relationship with God.

Which is your favourite Saint?
St Mary Mackillop

What is your favourite sporting team?
I’m not sure if I have one... I spend more time participating in sport rather than watching it.

What is your favourite food or beverage?
Fruit salad! And carrot sticks



with hommus.

What is your favourite movie?
There are way too many to choose from but I love anything Disney/Pixar.

Who is your favourite actor/actress?
Emma Watson.

What is your favourite book?
Also way too many to choose from but I’ve definitely read Harry Potter a few times.

What music do you listen to most?
I’m a big fan of musicals, Ed Sheeran and Coldplay.

What is your favourite place for a holiday?
Anywhere that I can go hiking or on an adventure.

What is your favourite quote, phrase or motto?
“I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.” (Philippians 4:13)

Archdiocese team prepares for WYD



A contingent of a dozen young Catholics from the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn have commenced planning their trip to World Youth Day in Panama early next year.

The local team of twelve and some of the organisers gathered together with Archbishop Christopher Prowse at St Christopher’s Pastoral Centre on Wednesday, July 25 to make preparations for WYD 2019.

As part of World Youth Day, which runs from January 22-27, the team will meet Pope Francis and a range of young Catholics from all around the world.

One of the participants, Beth Doherty, who has travelled to Latin America before said she was pretty excited to be going and that the location and the opportunity to meet young people of faith from around the world played a large part in her decision to go.

“Most of us are early career

teachers so this is an opportunity to grow in our faith and to really experience another part of the world,” she said.

Catholic Education Director Ross Fox, who has been to three previous World Youth Days said he was encouraged by the participation of so many teachers in the team.

“[World Youth Day] is a fantastic experience, being part of the universal church,” he said.

“I’m so pleased that we’ve got teachers and youth ministers who are part of a delegation from the Archdiocese led by the Archbishop to be part of a fantastic celebration and an opportunity to reflect on our mission together across the globe and how that translates into our local activity in the archdiocese.”

Archbishop Prowse said the team will keep the Archdiocese updated on the journey to WYD 2019.

Before Instagram there were frescoes

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HOW do we reach an uneducated, illiterate, unformed generation of young people who are missing the opportunity to discover the message of the Gospel? This was exactly the question that 16th century painters tackled head on with their adornment of chapels, depicting scenes from Christ’s life, such as the work by Corenzio in the Salerno Cathedral, which decoratively retells Matthew’s Gospel (see below). These frescoes and other forms of art were able to communicate messages which transcended literature and language, helping to cross boundaries of evangelisation.

What lessons can these masters teach us today?

Teaching religious literacy is a key aspect of Religious Education programs, but it is insufficient on its own. Evangelisation and catechesis are both important components of faith formation. Understanding key words, concepts and historical events is not equivalent to the way in which art and story can reach the heart. Over the centuries, painters, musicians and writers have been captivating the soul through their emotive works which have drawn people closer

to an encounter with God.

How well do we engage the senses as modern Religious Educators?

Do we seek new forms of art that speak to young people, or settle for the use of familiar textbooks, PowerPoint slides and worksheets?

One of the biggest challenges for ministry with young people is that of connection. Effective relationships are a fundamental element of evangelisation and it’s problematic when there is no common language or similar experience to draw from.

Youth ministers have become experts in creating modern frescoes in the digital cathedrals such as Twitter, Facebook and Instagram.

Their engaging multimedia messages captivate the imagination, proclaiming beauty, truth and goodness.

The best youth ministry frescoes are not cheap reproductions of contemporary culture, refashioned for a Christian audience. It takes genuinely original pieces of art to draw the attention and respect of an audience who has access to millions of other stimuli at the click of a button. It should be good news for artists that our ‘subject’ (the Gospel) is beautiful, challenging and timeless. How does the average youth minister create such awesome works of art amidst



the busyness of events, retreats and discipleship? The masters of the 16th Century were committed 100% to refining their practice and commissioned by the Church to share their gifts.

Where are these artists? And what is their contemporary canvas?

Catholic Creatives is a movement that believes “God is calling his Church to a culture of rebirth and creative energy, a New Renaissance in Catholic Culture to renew the world through to the Catholic Imagination”.

They seek to engage talented designers and artists in

the promotion of the Gospel by supporting ministries with effective communication, creative ideas and vigorous intellectual activity. Ultimately it is the movement of the Holy Spirit that draws people into an encounter with God, but we play a role in inviting, captivating and clearly communicating the joy of the Gospel. Some people ask what does a Director of Faith Formation do all day?

I say we should be commissioning frescoes that help young people discover the fundamental truths of the Gospel message. These translatable artworks, songs and literature should find their way into ministry drama’s,

personal sharing, interactive activities, retreat days, Facebook posts, service projects and prayer experiences.

If we are going to be relevant and engaging, it’s because we are speaking the language of the day.

We can’t expect a medium created in the early 2000’s to speak to a 2018 audience, and equally it is insufficient to transfer an American program into an Australian ministry context.

Close examination and dialogue with current and local youth culture is an extremely important role of the minister who wants to sow the Gospel in a way that reaches the good soil.

Youth in England

Over the past two weeks, CG Youth ministers joined with Youth Ministers from around the country to participate in the 2018 YMI England Mission. It was an exciting opportunity to share the growing Youth Ministry vision in the Archdiocese with Diocese across England.

Departing on the 1st of July, the team set off for England with nervous anticipation of what the next two weeks would hold. Arriving in England with an eagerness, the team spent the next day preparing the sessions for the week of school visits. The first week saw the team visiting the two schools which will be starting the Catholic Schools Youth Ministry England program in their next school year, Worth School and St Paul’s Catholic College. The team ran an initial retreat day called ‘Catch the Wave’, LEAD days with the senior students which developed a vision for their team, and multiple one hour blast sessions which focussed on the basic Gospel message.

The weekend saw us being involved with the local Wellspring Community, where the team attended their Young Adults group and barbeque after Sunday mass. It was incredible being around a community that was so interested in what the team was doing but also getting to hear the Youth Ministry initiatives that were happening in their own community.

The next week saw the team visit three more schools, Cardinal Newman, Ursuline High School and St. Teresa’s Effingham, where they ran more one hour blast sessions for their students, it was incredible to see the eagerness from not only the students but also the teachers.

All up it was an incredible mission where we reached about nearly 3000 students, launched Youth Ministry programs that are being implemented in the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn across five different schools and brought 12 Youth Ministers into the Youth Ministers International Network.



The England Mission Team with YMI Youth Ministers from the Dioceses of Canberra and Goulburn, Sandhurst and Lismore in Australia and the Diocese of Arundel and Brighton in England.

The England Mission experience was incredible and challenging for my faith. I focused on being more intentional with spending time in individual prayer along with team prayer, spending time reflecting on how God is working in my life, as well as being more proactive to make more and more time to spend with God everyday.” **Anna Cardwell, Youth Minister**

“The England Mission was an awesome experience and a great opportunity for me to grow as a person and in faith. My highlight of the Mission was getting to know the students at all the schools we visited.” **James Bertalli, Youth Minister**

“I loved this experience of mission, particularly in the school visits because it was so inspiring to go into a school where the seed of Youth Ministry had not yet been planted, but by the end of the day you can see that seed growing and how excited and hungry the students are to see and know God.” **Emily Cariss, Youth Minister**

Spirit of Ned alive in centenary

THE SPIRIT of Ned Ryan was alive when almost 80 former Juvenists, spouses and Redemptorists gathered at Galong to celebrate the centenary of St Clement's earlier this year.

They came from the USA, New Zealand and almost every state of Australia as well as the ACT.

Mr Ryan was the Irish convict and later land-owner of what is now St Clement's Retreat Centre at Galong and was noted for his generous and abundant hospitality.

In fact, at one stage, he had one of his men prepare a sheep per day for visitors and travellers as there were so many to feed.

St Clement's was founded in 1918 as a secondary school, called a Juvenate, for teenagers and young men who aspired to become Redemptorists.

It officially closed in 1975 through lack of numbers.

There have been a number of reunions at St Clement's for former Juvenists and spouses.

They began in 1992 through the foresight of Fr Keith Teefey CSsR.

The level of conversation on the Friday evening, both in the dining room and afterwards, spoke volumes of the spirit of those who gathered.

Reminiscences, stories, laughter and renewed friendships were the order of the weekend.

Noted historian and writer, Fr Max Barrett CSsR, sent a Reverie of what Galong meant to so many and those who made it so.



At the Crows Concert. Kevin Law reciting poetry to the musical accompaniment provided by George Marie. Picture: Len Regan.

One of the organisers, Louis Magee (Galong 1959-1963), unearthed the astonishing story of one of the earliest Juvenists.

He noted that St Clement's is the only educational establishment outside England which can boast of an alumnus who earned an Order of Lenin medal in WW2.

Henry Neville Gynes Ramsbottom-Isherwood was a New Zealander who, after leaving Galong, later joined the Royal Air Force and, as a Wing Commander, helped the Russians in their survival fight against the

invading Germans. He died in an aircraft accident in 1950.

Former Deputy Prime Minister of Australia, Hon Tim Fischer, and his wife, Judy, came for the celebrations. Provincial Edmond Nixon CSsR welcomed all to the reunion and introduced Mr Fischer who was the guest speaker.

He spoke about various aspects of his life and his interests.

Members found it 'riveting and inspiring,' including his time in Rome as Australia's first resident Ambassador to the Vatican.

Entering the 'Castle' for the

Reunion dinner on the Saturday evening was like entering a fairy land. The place was aglow with subdued lighting and candles on tables and window sills. Ned Ryan's face beamed down from the wall at the sumptuous meal. A former Juvenist later referred to the 'plenteous refection' of the weekend. Another organiser, Brian Daly, emceed the 'Crows' Concert afterwards.

This included communal singing from past musicals as well as former Juvenists reciting poetry or singing or playing music.

Former Juvenist and much

later Provincial, Michael Gilbert, delivered a powerful and thought-provoking homily at the Centenary Reunion Mass on the Sunday.

After morning tea, participants said good-byes to renewed friends and made their way home. It had been a weekend of abundant grace and drew significant praise from those who attended.

According to Donatus Michalka, the reunion was amazing and memorable.

"It was a standout, by any reckoning," he said.

Peter Rutherford agreed saying it was a wonderful weekend.

The Masses, the dinner, the shared meals, the reminiscing, and the guest speaker were really great," he said.

"I enjoyed catching up with guys I hadn't seen for fifty years."

John Timbs also said the reunion was special.

"In the middle of last century we were boys there," he said.

"Chubby cheeked youths, now bejewelled elders.

"I think I put on a kilo, thanks to mine host, Dominic – with whom there is plenteous refection."

Fr Nixon joined in the chorus saying every moment of the weekend was a retreat of the first order.

"It is what Galong is presently about," he said.

"So much grace abounding and it was paced so well.

"Tim Fischer's shotgun presentation brought its own witness to life and commitment."

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Safer on the road

LAST week Year 10 PDHPE students at Lumen Christi participated in a road simulator experience to gather valuable knowledge of road rules. There was also a focus on two topical and potential teenage habits of texting while driving and driving under the influence. This was all done as a part of their “Safer Celebration” unit which encompasses driver education.

The Rotary Club of Young kindly loaned their \$40,000 driving simulator to Lumen Christi with Merimbula and Bega Rotary Clubs donating funds to help subsidise costs to the school. Volunteers Frank and Di from the Young Rotary Club guided students through the simulation experience ensuring that students had the unique opportunity to experience potential dangers in a safe way.

Students at the College found the experience to be invaluable and were surprised to find out that the simulator is the only one of its kind in Australia.

Year 10 student Chloe Buckmaster said that it was good



Frank Lincoln and Lachlan Trickey

to know what it was like to drive under the influence because it changes how you drive, your responses are delayed and your sight is affected.

Annalise Piotrowski attempted texting while driving and found the experience to feel very realistic. Annalise said that it showed her that glancing away for just a second changes everything.

Lachlan Trickey also found

the experience worthwhile saying that he found it much harder to control the car when driving under the influence and he was now more confident to get behind the wheel.

Students that participated in the driving simulation developed a greater understanding of the risks associated and it is hoped that the experience may help reduce fatalities and any incidences on our roads.

Vinnies grateful for food donations

The foyer of the Deakin office of the St Vincent de Paul Society Canberra/Goulburn was overflowing with food Wednesday, as the Society received goods from the Canberra Islamic Centre’s food drive.

Muhammed Ali, from the Canberra Islamic Centre, volunteers with Vinnies at the Gungahlin Centre and also with the finance team. His commitment to the Good Works of the Society has resulted in Vinnies benefitting from the Canberra Islamic Centre’s Winter Appeal and now this latest food drive.

Barnie van Wyk, CEO of

the St Vincent de Paul Society Canberra/Goulburn said, ‘We’re extremely grateful for the generosity of the Islamic community in Canberra.

“The core work of the St Vincent de Paul Society is performed by Members and Volunteers in local areas who visit people in need, and provide a hand up to help them break the cycle of poverty.

“Services that will benefit from this donation are programs such as Blue Door, Samaritan House, Oaks Estate, and the Vinnies Night Patrol vans that feed 140 people daily,” he said.



CEO of the St Vincent de Paul Society Canberra/Goulburn gratefully accepted the generous donation of food from Muhammed Ali, from the Canberra Islamic Centre.

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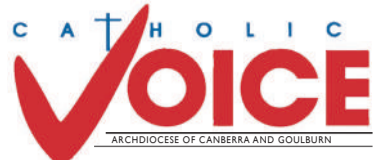
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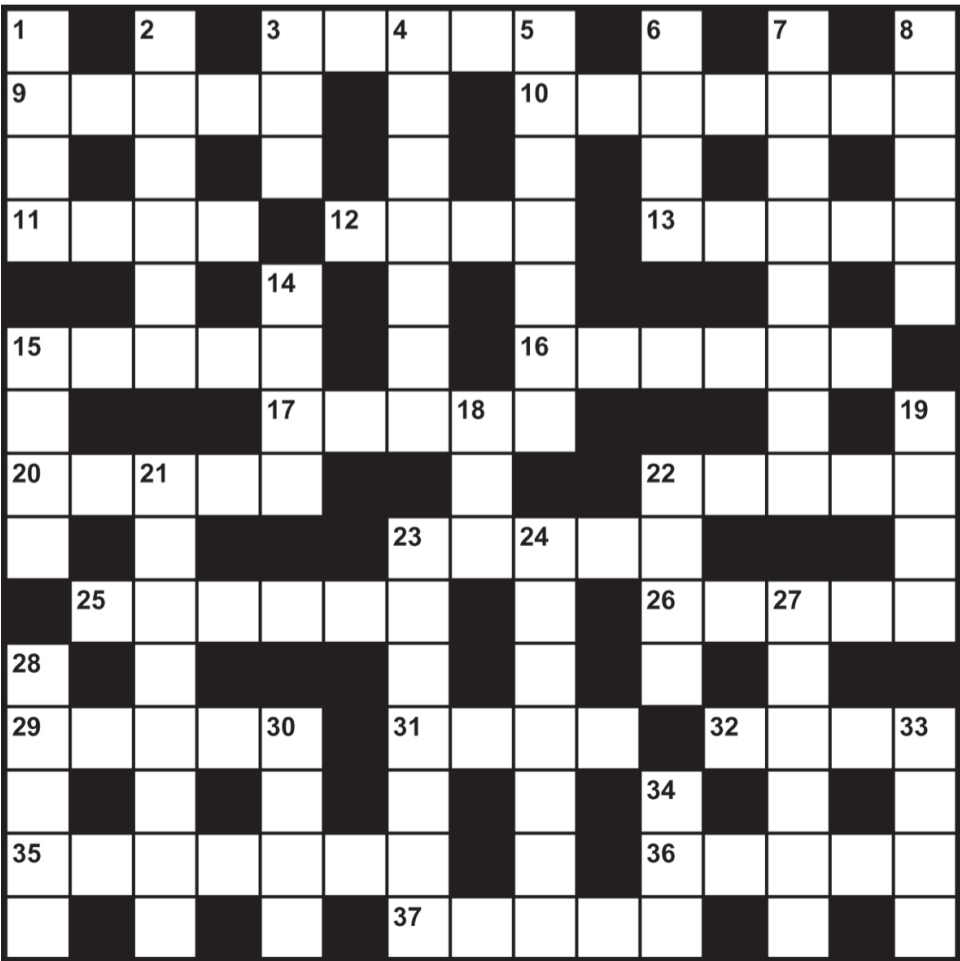
-This prayer must be said for three days and after that the request will be granted.
O most beautiful flower of Mt Carmel, fruit vine splendorous of heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. Star of the Sea, help me and show me herein you are my mother. O 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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ACROSS

3 Joseph's prison mate (Gen 40:2-3)

9 Focal place of the Mass

10 Prophet of the exile

11 Genesis plot

12 With 26A, Catholic dancer and movie star Kelly

13 Chief apostle

15 "___ not, that you be not..." (Mt 7:1)

16 St. Mark is patron of this city

17 Assist at Mass

20 Nun's wear

22 Jesus compared a rich man to this animal in Mk 10:25

23 A Doctor of the Church is from this Italian town

25 The Lord's ___

26 See 12A

29 Brother of Rebekah

31 Papal ___

32 Altar linen

35 Language of Palestine during the life of Christ

36 One of two names in a Catholic book publishing company

37 Sixteenth century Council

DOWN

1 "In the sweat of your ___ you shall eat bread" (Gen 3:19)

2 Be present at Mass

3 Male members of religious orders (abbr.)

4 It is sometimes on the back of a pew

5 Take communion

6 "Our soul waits for the LORD; he is our ___ and shield" (Ps 33:20)

7 Communion at the end

8 Friend of St. Francis of Assisi

14 "___ in peace"

15 Fourth Evangelist

18 The ___ Dolorosa

19 Feet in the image beheld by Nebuchadnezzar

21 The crowd wanted him rather than Jesus

22 Food for Elijah (1 Kings 19:6)

23 Cardinal in charge of a congregation in the Curia

24 Catholic entertainer called "The Schnozoola"

27 Miracle of the ___ and fishes

28 "If anyone wants to go to law with you over your tunic, hand him your ___ as well" (Mt 5:40)

30 He took the animals two by two

33 Our ___ of Sorrows

34 Winter hrs. in the Diocese of Cheyenne

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Coming Events

AUGUST 8: Spirituality Day: Synodality in Practice. Listening to the Spirit and leading change. St Thomas Aquinas Parish Centre, 10.00am – 3.00pm. (BYO Lunch)
AUGUST 11: St Mother Mary of the Cross MacKillop Pilgrimage at Star of the Sea Church Eden, NSW. More information to follow at a later date.

15 August 2018 - As part of the Blackfriars Lecture Series, Dan Billing will be presenting on ‘Tsunami or surfing – transforming lives in the digital age’ at the Australian Catholic University, Canberra Campus, 127 Phillip Ave, Watson. To register or for further information, please email OCD.Canberra@acu.edu.au or phone 6209 1129. This is a free public lecture.

AUGUST 19 (10.30am to 12 noon): Plenary Council Listening and Dialogue for the Monaro Deanery at St Patrick’s School Cooma.

AUGUST 24 to 26: Yass Parish 180th anniversary. A commemoration of the laying of the foundation stone of its first church, on 27 August, 1838, by Bishop John Bede Polding. On the Friday evening from 6pm

there will be a dinner at St Augustine’s Parish Hall, while on the Saturday evening a concert in St Augustine’s Church will follow on from the 6pm Vigil Mass. On the Sunday, Archbishop Christopher Prowse, will concelebrate the Mass with Parish Priest, Fr Mick Burke.

AUGUST 28: Spiritual Day: Awareness of God in our ordinary daily lives. Come and join us as we take time to reflect on how God is present in our day. St Thomas Aquinas Parish Centre, 9.30am -2.30 pm. Facilitator: Sr Ann Morrison RSJ (BYO lunch)

SEPTEMBER 5 to 7: Australian Catholic Communications Congress 2018: Communicating Hope and Trust. Held at Rydges South Bank Brisbane. The congress is open to everyone communicating the Good News across Catholic media or communication channels. For more information go to <https://www.catholic.org.au/>

SEPTEMBER 9 (11am to 12.30pm): Plenary Council Listening and Dialogue for the Monaro Deanery at St Joseph’s Catholic School Bombala.

SEPTEMBER 10 to 14: The National Council of Priests (NCP) is holding a convention in Canberra to discuss matters for the Church following the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse and in preparation for the Plenary Council in 2020 and 2021. More details to follow as they become available.

SEPTEMBER 13 to 16: The Catholic Cursillo Movement of Canberra & Goulburn is joining with the Catholic Cursillo Movement of Wollongong Diocese in holding a combined Men’s Cursillo at Hartzer Park Conference and Retreat Centre, Burradoo NSW on 13 – 16 September 2018. For further information contact: Joe Jambor at irmandjoe@gmail.com or Mob: 0401 159.852.

SEPTEMBER 21 to 23: The Australian Catholic Youth Ministry Convention (ACYMC) will take place at the Rooty Hill RSL Club. Hosted by the Australian Catholic Bishops Office for Youth and the Diocese of Parramatta. For more information go to <http://youth.catholic.org.au/>

6.45pm Southern Cross Club Woden followed by dinner, often with guest speaker. Contact: Phil Murray 0419 695 927.

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

COUPLES FOR CHRIST (CFC) CANBERRA CHAPTER: For more information contact Chris Carlile 0414 938 831.

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

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

IGNATIAN GROUP OF CANBERRA: Meets fortnightly for discussion and reflection. Based on the international movement

Christian Life Community. Contact Steve on 0407 147 540.

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

MAN OVERBOARD: A monthly gathering of young men discerning priesthood. It is a time to gather, reflect; and commune in order to feel supported during a time of such importance. Each gathering will be held on the first Friday of every month (public holidays excepted). Please RSVP to Fr Paul Nulley at paul.nulley@cg.org.au For catering purposes or follow the prompts at <http://www.manoverboard.org.au/>

MARIAN MOVEMENT OF PRIESTS: Meets to pray a Cenacle at St Joseph’s Church O’Connor each Wednesday following the 8.30am Mass. Contact Maria on (02) 6247 4026.

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

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

TAIZE PRAYER: The Canberra Friends of Taizé Ecumenical Group meets regularly for prayer every second Sunday of the month at Weston Creek Uniting Church at 5.30pm. Prayers, songs, Scripture readings and silent meditation as used in the monastery in Taizé, France. All welcome. Enquiries to Annemarie (0421 492 554) or CBRTaizeFriends@internode.on.net

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Mr Ross Power
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Ms Deborah Poulton;
Ms Jessica Adelan-Langford;
Ms Helen Delahunty;
Ms Michele Murdock.

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Ms Michele Murdock: Manager, Catholic Development Fund, Parishioner and Finance Committee Chair of St Mary's Parish, Bungendore

Since its formation in 1987 the CDF has been exempted from the relevant requirements of the Banking Act. It was granted a specific exemption by APRA in 2006. The exemption was renewed on four subsequent occasions however from 01 Jan 2018 the CDF may only accept funds from church entities such as parishes, schools, congregations, agencies and priests. All lay and non-Church related funds were returned to accountholders during 2017.

Business Model

The monies deposited with the CDF from parishes, schools, archdiocesan agencies and entities are used for the express purpose of furthering the Church's mission and the pastoral and charitable works of the Church. To this end the CDF lends these monies to parishes, schools and agencies within the archdiocese for their respective capital works programs.

The CDF funds provided for the development of the new Catholic Precinct, our multi award-winning St Christopher's Pastoral Centre and Marian Place adjoining St Christopher's Cathedral and Catholic Education in Forrest. Similarly CDF is currently working with Marymead in their extensive property development at Narrabundah, providing new administration and family assistance program service buildings along with independent living units for over 55 living.

After meeting the needs of the archdiocese funds are made available to outside Catholic entities. In the region of \$57.9m is currently on loan to Catholic aged and health care providers throughout NSW, Queensland,

Victoria and South Australia. CDF Canberra proudly provided the syndicated CDF model to assist Little Company of Mary Healthcare construct the new Calvary Bruce Private Hospital.

Archdiocesan Future Fund

The Archdiocesan Future Fund (AFF) was established in 2011 as a way of diversifying the Archdiocese's sources of income whilst growing the Archdiocese's asset base. Currently the CDF is the major source of income for the Archdiocese contributing around 80% of the operating costs.

Due to increasing financial demands, minimal financial, property and other income generating assets and declining parish revenues the CDF Board resolved that another source of long term income for the Archdiocese should be established. To this end the CDF Board recommended to the Archbishop the establishment of a separate growth fund that would be in a position to generate an additional income stream in a minimum of twenty years.

The 'Archdiocese 2020 Fund' was ultimately established. Initially \$20k per month was deposited from the CDF operating surplus. This amount increased to \$50k in 2013 and then 75% of the monthly operating surplus from 2013. In 2013 the fund was rebadged as the Archdiocesan Future Fund (AFF) and is now managed by the Archdiocesan Investment Council (AIC).

Financial Statements

The CDF is not a reporting entity. Financial statements are a special purpose financial statement prepared to meet the needs of the Archbishop and to fulfil the reporting requirements under Canon Law. The CDF is independently audited each year.

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Archbishop's Message

As the treasury of the archdiocese, the CDF furthers the mission of the church. It does so in our archdiocese and across Australia through loans made in its own right or in syndication with other CDFs. The wise stewardship of the CDF funds ensures sufficient

income to cover operational costs and to provide funding for the archdiocesan curia. The CDF manager and her staff in collaboration with the Archdiocesan Financial Administrator ensure a professional yet pastoral approach to their policies and practices.

I acknowledge and thank the primary depositors, namely, the parishes, the Catholic Education Office, Congregational Schools, CatholicCare and Marymead. In supporting the CDF they further the mission of the Church in terms of their particular apostolate and in

support of the wider Body of Christ.

Indeed, the CDF is a practical expression of John Paul II's often repeated call for 'solidarity'. In our diversity we together affirm the dignity of all in Christ.

Archbishop Christopher Prowse.

Annual Financial Statement

	2016	2017
TOTAL REVENUE	\$10,025,992	\$9,672,403
OPERATING SURPLUS	\$4,955,918	\$5,575,512
TOTAL ASSETS	\$269,037,015	\$274,089,905
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$254,600,474	\$258,840,356
NET ASSETS	\$14,436,541	\$15,249,549
Distributions		
Archdiocese	\$2,412,000	\$2,460,000
Future Fund	\$1,640,000	\$2,040,000
Wilcannia-Forbes	\$203,000	\$262,500

Loan Book

As at 31 December 2017 the CDF had \$127 m out on loan.

System schools	\$15.3m	12%	Congregational schools	\$4.2m	3%
Parishes	\$1.5m	1%	Equipment schools	\$71k	0.1%
Archdiocese	\$46.6m	36%	Aged Care	\$19.2m	15%
Healthcare	\$38.7m	31%	Other dioceses	\$680k	0.5%
Other	\$115k	0.4%	Carpool	\$1.0m	1%



Back row: Michele Murdock, Fr Tony Percy, Mark Valencic
Front row: Jeff Smart (Chair), Deborah Poulton, Helen Delahunty, Jessica Adelan-Langford



Financial Product Support

The CDF – CBA banking relationship allows CDF Canberra access to a CBA national Catholic fee structure providing discounted pricing for our account holders in a range of products including merchant and corporate card facilities. The CDF continues to work with CBA to trial and implement changes allowing clients secure and efficient methods of account operation.

The Qkr! Mastercard mobile app payment system continues to grow in usage in our Archdiocese with over 34 of our schools and 7 of our parishes now using this facility. The CDF continues to sponsor the parishes as an initiative to provide a cashless option for contributions to the plate. Some parishioners graciously provided comment on their QKR Parish experience:

“The surprise has been how interested the kids are in using it too. You know how across technology they all are! I share the fun and intent of the donation by getting the kids involved in selecting the donation amount and helping complete the process. Even the 4-year old has fun with it, and it’s great for kids to play their part in our commitment to the Parish and wider Catholic Church”.

Jennifer Lyons, Mary Help of Christians Parish, South Woden

“Using the Qkr App eliminates the problem of organising cash to put in the planned giving envelopes and it gives me flexibility to change my contribution if necessary according to our family’s expenses. Setting up your profile is super easy and making the contribution takes less than a minute. It even lets me continue to contribute to the parish if I can’t attend Mass. Love it.”

Mel Unwin, St Gregory’s Parish, Queanbeyan.

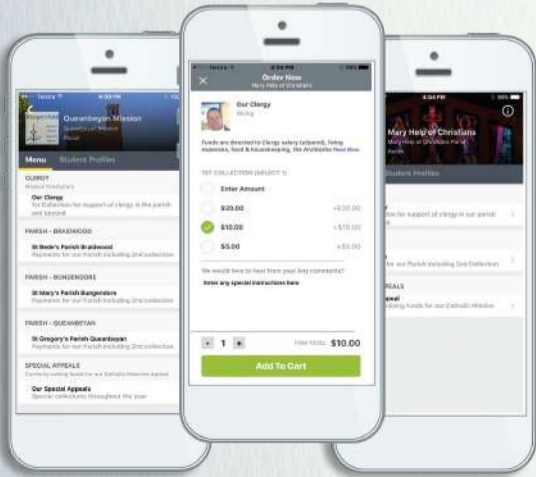
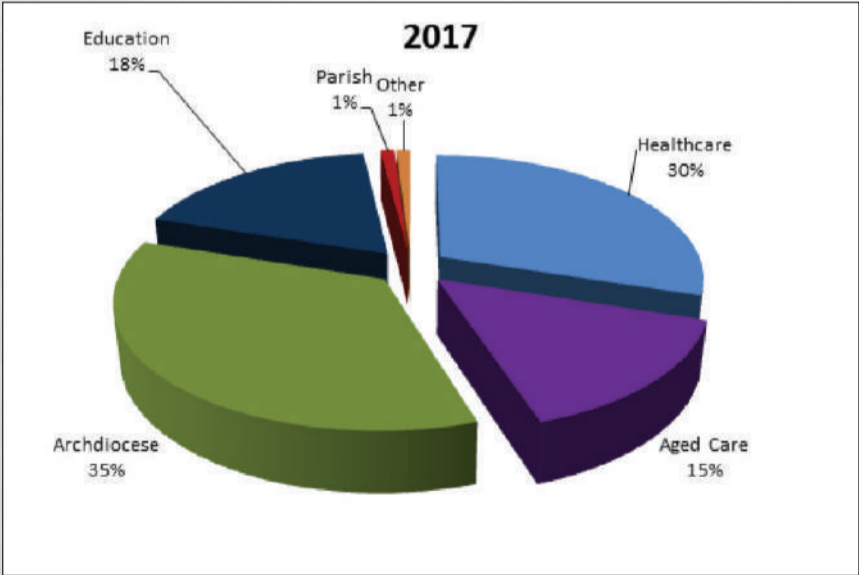
“First, I would like to say that when we started to have our second collection direct debited I did feel a little strange at having to pass the plate along without putting anything in it. But that soon passed. So when we started QKR for the first collection we were well prepared and didn’t mind not putting anything into the plates.”

Bev Wilson, Mary Help of Christians Parish, South Woden.

“I rarely use cash these days and so enjoy using the Qkr! app. I find it a convenient and easy way to make regular contributions to my parish. Unlike direct debit arrangements, it gives me the flexibility to alter my payments easily as my financial situation allows.”

Don Smith, Mary Help of Christians Parish, South Woden

Loan Comparison 2016 -2017



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About Town



Governor-General Sir Peter Cosgrove presented the Pope with a Socceroos jumper emblazoned with the words “Holy Father” on the back.



Archdiocesan Chancellor Victor Dunn, former Catholic Voice editor Geoff Orchison and Archdiocesan Financial Administrator Helen Delahunty were on hand to farewell outgoing Catholic Voice editor, John McLaurin, who leaves to take up a position with the Archdiocese of Melbourne.



Early morning meditation at the Grotto at Galong. Pat Coughlan, Adrian Com-madeur and Mary Regan. Picture: Len Regan.



Fr Joshy Kurien recently received his Masters Degree.



Pat and Veronica Coughlan celebrated Pat's 85th birthday at the Galong Cen-tenary. Picture: Len Regan.



NAIDOC week was celebrated at St Christopher's Cathedral in July with a traditional smoking cermeony and a special mass conducted by Archbishop Prowse, the Bishop of Otukpo in Nigeria, Michael Apochi and Batemans Bay parish priest Martins Aloga. On hand also were Catholic Education Director, Ross Fox and children from surrounding schools.



Deacon John Lim was farewelled from Bungendore with a morning tea after Mass in July.



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