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A good shepherd that just keeps getting bigger

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RIGHT: Children from the fast-growing Good Shepherd Primary School at Amaroo, perform during the opening liturgy.

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A safe 'home'



Fr Peter Day... "the question is 'what am I doing?'"

Queanbeyan's community, led by its churches, is taking a ground-breaking initiative to provide a safe, supportive home for people with chronic mental illness who are homeless or at risk.

Championed by the parish's assistant priest Fr Peter Day, the project aims to build a long-term home in Queanbeyan providing 24-hour care and support for up to 20 people.

"The mental health crisis in our communities is not just about governments finding solutions, but about us as human beings," Fr Day said. "The most important and challenging question we should be asking ourselves is, 'What am I doing?'"

"Home - in Queanbeyan' will seek to create a long-term home

Queanbeyan extends caring hand to its mentally ill homeless

for our most vulnerable brothers and sisters; it's not about giving clothes or money, but about being there for them and alleviating their isolation.

"The Queanbeyan community has decided that enough is enough. It is well past time to redress the situation. What we are proposing is not an option but a must.

"There are too many people afflicted by mental illness who are homeless or are left to fend

for themselves in refuges, boarding houses, jails and public housing estates throughout Australia.

"It is not so much a lack of available funding, but rather the misplaced allocation of money and the lack of appropriately targeted facilities that leaves our brothers and sisters living in squalor without care and dignity."

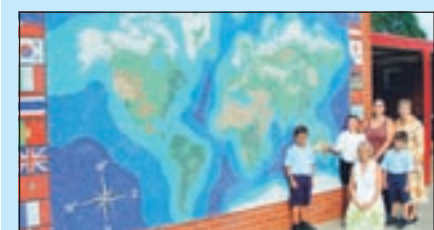
Feedback he had received from people he spoke to about the project, and many of those

who attended a Mass celebrated in February to coincide with the World Day of the Sick, suggested there was a genuine community conviction that the project was a good idea.

An area of Crown land zoned for community purposes in central Queanbeyan had been identified as a possible site.

Fr Day has asked State Member for Monaro Mr Steve Whan to take the issue up with NSW Premier Mr Morris Iemma, who had improving mental health services as part of his platform for election to the position. He also intends to ask Federal Member for Eden-Monaro Mr Gary Nairn to champion the project with Federal Health Minister Mr Tony Abbott.

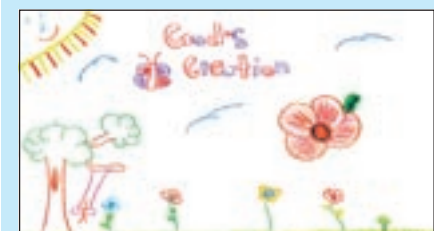
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What are you doing now?
Parent, teacher and pastoral care co-ordinator, Archdiocesan Commission for Women member, Corpus Christi parishioner.

What made you realise your vocation?

The link in all that I do now seems to lie in being a catalyst for others to realise their giftedness, regardless of age, gender, social status etc. My parents, particularly my mother, played a large part in this. I grew up aware of gender restrictions, but it was always understood that I had no reason to be demeaned by that way of thinking.

Then when I became a Catholic I was led to seeing my experiences in terms of living my baptismal dignity. The hymn "Come As You Are" continues to have the same profound and powerful impact on me that it had then - that in spite of all our mistakes we are in a loving relationship with God who sees us as we were created to be.

What are the greatest challenges of your vocation?

Sometimes the biggest challenge is to know what I'm about. I can vacillate between self-doubt and supreme

my life

The third in a monthly series on vocations of all kinds. Here we speak to Canberra educator and mother Jennie Mardel.



optimism, so I need to dig deeper in prayer and scriptural reflection to find a balance. Time is always the greatest challenge. Finding the time to meet students where they're at, addressing their pastoral needs as well as meeting the demands of the curriculum is often difficult.

Being involved with the Commission for Women puts extra pressure on my available time and energy too, but there the big picture challenge is to build networks and arrive at a long-term plan.

What are the best times for you?

It's very energising to see someone arrive at a new understanding of their giftedness so that they are confident enough

to achieve outside their previous comfort zone. Sometimes there's the "aha!" moment when an opportunity seems to come out of nowhere that affirms the newly-understood giftedness. I see that as the presence of God in others.

What leisure interests do you enjoy?

Reading, walks, visiting galleries, long dinners with friends and family.

What would you say to someone considering your vocation?

Keep coming back to God. What you might think is just you "doing", is actually you responding to God, and so brings peace and joy.

Your hopes for yourself, your family, your Church in 2006?

For me, more time for family, creative pursuits and scriptural reflection. For the Archdiocesan church I hope that this waiting time for the new Archbishop does not translate as marking time, and that the many inclusive initiatives of Archbishop Carroll remain a focus.

Parish-wise I hope that we can overcome the hurts of the amalgamations by sharing our giftedness to become vibrant new faith communities.

Mollie and Joyce take the cake

CWL stalwarts Mollie Driver and Joyce Purcell were given the honour of cutting the cake with Archbishop Francis Carroll (right) when the St Christopher's Canberra branch celebrated its 60th birthday with Mass and lunch last month. Former and current chaplains and CWL members from throughout the Archdiocese attended the celebration. Mrs Purcell joined the branch in 1952 and is the longest serving active member.

WELL DONE MIKE:

Head of the education services division of the Catholic Education Office Dr Michael Gaffney has been awarded a Fellowship by the Australian College of Educators? Michael was hailed for his "outstanding contribution to teacher education, and curriculum development and implementation for Catholic education".

PAPAL HONOUR:

Sydney couple Tony and Lorraine Grace, who have visited Canberra often and spoken in parishes as they promoted consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary over the past 16 years, have been honoured by the Pope. They received the papal honour Croce pro Ecclesia et Pontifice from Cardinal Pell at St Mary's Cathedral in Sydney.

TOP CITIZEN: One of the most familiar and trusted figures in the Canberra indigenous community, Matilda House, is this year's Canberra Citizen of the Year. Chief Minister



Mr Jon Stanhope, who presented the award, said she "embodies the living, thriving and evolving culture of this region's Aboriginal people. She is a fierce and proud living repository of the enduring history of her own people, and an advocate for the well-being and rights of indigenous people everywhere.

BMW IS AN ACHIEVER:

Co-ordinator of the parishes of Adelong and Batlow Sr Bernadette Mary Walsh has been honoured by her local community. She received an achievement award at the Adelong Australia Day ceremony. Sister BMW, as she is affectionately known, is recognised for her tireless



energy, generosity and cheerfulness by parishioners and the wider community.

ON THE RUN: As the Queens' Baton relay passed through Canberra on its way to the Commonwealth Games opening ceremony, St Francis Xavier College Year 12 student Ashley Madgwick and staff member and former Olympian and Commonwealth Games athlete Robyn Lorroway (below), were among the lucky runners.



BLESSED WORK:

St Bernard's Batehaven parishioner Tony Craddy, who has committed much of his retirement to service of parishioners, has received a papal blessing. Born in Yorkshire, Tony retired in 1993. His parish has benefited greatly from that retirement. From tending the church, acting as a senior server at funerals and taking Communion to the sick and housebound, to work as a catechist and terms on the parish pastoral council and finance committee, Tony has gained the admiration of parishioners for his tireless dedication to others.



HISTORY IN THE MAKING:

Symbolic bunches of native flora from the three schools of the parish of Batemans Bay and Moruya were presented with the Offertory gifts at a Mass on the oval of Carroll College to welcome the new school year. For the first time, the schools of St Bernard's in Batehaven, St Mary's in Moruya and Carroll College at Broulee joined for their opening Mass celebrated by Fr Ken Heffernan. He is pictured (left) processing on to the oval with altar servers Jessica and Heather Thompson and Anna Johnston.

Christians gather to celebrate Easter

A street march and open-air Stations of the Cross will add an ecumenical flavour to the traditional combination of solemn and joyful ceremonies held to mark Easter in Canberra and southern NSW.

A gathering of Christians from around the region will be held on Easter Sunday, 16 April, starting at 1 pm in Glebe Park near the rotunda.

Participants have been invited to bring a picnic lunch. A march with balloons and banners through the city streets will begin at 2 pm and return to Glebe Park for a festival with donkey rides for children, and free refreshments.

A Good Friday prayer vigil will once again be held on Mt Ainslie, beginning at 6 pm and continuing through until dawn. Those taking part may come and go when they wish.

Ian and Jill l'Anson, of Fusion, may be contacted with inquiries about the prayer vigil and the Easter Sunday march.

The annual ecumenical Way of the Cross will be held at 11am on Good Friday at the Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture in Blackall Street, Barton. Limited parking is available on site.

Good Friday worship at St Philip's Anglican Church, corner of McPherson and Moorhouse streets, O'Connor, will include readings and meditations and the beautiful Stabat Mater by Pergolesi. It will be held from 3pm to 6pm.

For Easter Mass times at churches in the Archdiocese, turn to Page 25.

A service which will intervene earlier to help young children experiencing behavioural and emotional difficulties has been launched by Marymead Child and Family Centre.

The new counselling service, launched by Chief Minister Mr Jon Stanhope, will fill a need in the ACT for specialist clinical services for pre- and primary school-aged children and their families.

Marymead chief executive officer Mr Dawson Ruhl said Marymead had always placed high value on early intervention and prevention, "but all too often that means 'early in the life of the problem' not 'early in the life of the child'."

"Of course, we must intervene at all stages of the life cycle. But the current ways of responding to developmental problems - which is to wait until problems have become established and then try to remediate them - for some children may be too late. All the scientific evidence indicates that intervening early in the life of children at risk gets better results."

There were two critical elements in achieving better outcomes for children and families: Firstly, intervening early and often in the life of children at risk, and, secondly, offering a seamless and integrated service delivery system.

Marymead aims to help out early

Research showed quality early childhood programs had the potential to create an environment that fostered children's lifetime development and educational attainment, minimised the risk of abuse or neglect and led to improved psychosocial and health long term.

Mr Ruhl said there was an enormous imbalance of government funding between the crisis end of the spectrum, which received the lion's share, and funding for family support and early childhood and early intervention programs. "I am not suggesting that the significant boost in funding for child protection is not warranted, I just point to the imbalance in light of the rate of return we now know we receive by investing early," he said.

Another major factor that inhibited an effective response to children and families at risk was the fragmented nature of the service delivery system.

In terms of improving early childhood outcomes - which is directly connected to improving society's human capital - the argument for a more integrated

service delivery system was as equally compelling as the one for early intervention.

Program co-ordinator Ms Anna Huber said the challenge for adults was to put themselves in the mind of the child; "to try and understand what it is like from their perspective; to try and understand what they are thinking and feeling. Only then can we assist when things are going wrong."

"If we do not do this, we risk mistaking the child's motives or assuming adult-like motives for troubling behavioural and emotional difficulties. Worse still, we may feel unable to focus on the needs of the child because we are so consumed by our own feelings of anger, guilt, frustration, annoyance, tiredness and stress that the child's behaviour evokes in us when we are overwhelmed by the difficulties they present us with."

Marymead was established by the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary in 1967. After they left the responsibility for Marymead was assumed by the Archdiocese, with a community-based board overseeing operations.

Jesus campaign launched



More than 60 flags heralding the Jesus All About Life media campaign have been fluttering on Commonwealth Avenue. At the launch were (from left) Fr Chris Kirwin, of St Thomas the Apostle parish, Kambah, Anglican Bishop George Browning, Bible

Society NSW chief executive Daniel Willis and the Rev Joy Bartholomew, of the Presbyterian Church. About 160 parishes and churches are taking part in the campaign which is featured on buses, television, radio and newspapers in Canberra and the region.

Close call for church

Only the vigilance of neighbours has saved a potential major fire at St Matthew's Church, Page.

A man walking his dog about 11pm raised the alarm after he smelt smoke. Two wheely bins had been placed next to a wall of the church and their contents set alight.

Parish priest Fr Phil Buckley said the quick action of the man and other neighbours had saved the day. Some windows were broken by the heat and the church had been filled with smoke, but the fire had not had a chance to take hold in the timber roof. In another incident in February 46 windows were smashed by vandals at St Francis Xavier College, Florey.



ACT Chief Minister Mr Jon Stanhope (far right) cuts the ribbon to launch the new Marymead counselling service watched by co-ordinator Ms Anna Huber and Marymead chief executive officer Mr Dawson Ruhl. The service was established with the help of funds from the Alice Cassells Estate, a bequest which is administered by the Archdiocese, and from Calvary Hospital.

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Good Shepherd just keeps on growing

A multi-million dollar extension, including six classrooms and a multi-purpose hall, has been opened at the Archdiocese's youngest school in Gungahlin.

Stages four and five of the fast-growing Good Shepherd Primary School at Amaroo, which has 473 children enrolled this year, was blessed and opened by Archbishop Francis Carroll and Catholic Education director Mr Geoff Joy.

The cost of the project was

covered by a Commonwealth Government grant of \$850,000 and a \$2.2 million contribution from the Canberra Catholic Schools Building Fund, which receives money from parishes and parents across Canberra.

Archbishop Carroll told the children that Jesus wanted everyone to be good shepherds like him, and to look after one another.

"If we do that, what a wonderful community your school will be," he said.

Mr Joy said the new facilities provided not only for the students in the hall but would benefit thousands of children in the years to come.

Principal Mr Paddy McGrath said Archbishop Carroll and Mr Joy had been "remarkable shepherds to each of us as our community has grown into existence.

Both of these extraordinary men have travelled our journey with us and offered their boundless energy and support."




LEFT: "Shepherd" Courtney Kemp presents her staff - a sign of strength, love and guidance - during the opening ceremony liturgy. ABOVE: Archbishop Francis Carroll

walks through the gathering as he blesses the new facilities. RIGHT: Principal Mr Paddy McGrath addresses the gathering of children, parents and staff.

TOP LEFT: Children of Good Shepherd Primary School enjoy taking part in the opening ritual. TOP RIGHT: Archbishop Francis Carroll and Catholic Education director Mr Geoff Joy unveil a plaque to mark the occasion. ABOVE: Parish priest Fr Bernie Patterson helps Archbishop Carroll as he prepares to bless the extensions.



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St Monica's top achievers

St Monica's School of the Sacred Heart, a Catholic primary school in the heart of the city, has celebrated the achievements of its top students. The school's principal, Ms. [Name], announced that the following students have been recognized for their exceptional academic performance:

Year 1: [List of names]

Year 2: [List of names]

Year 3: [List of names]

Year 4: [List of names]

Year 5: [List of names]

Year 6: [List of names]



Principal

An invite 'home' Christmas appeal tops \$55,000

The annual Christmas appeal, 'An Invite Home', has been a tremendous success for the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Sydney. The appeal, which aims to raise funds for the needy and oppressed, has raised over \$55,000. The funds will be used to support various charitable projects, including the construction of a new church in the Holy Land. The appeal was launched by the Bishop of Sydney, and the results were announced at a special event in the city.

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Calling young artists, writers

The Catholic Church in the Diocese of Sydney is calling on young artists and writers to participate in a special competition. The competition is open to all young people aged 12-18 and is aimed at encouraging creativity and artistic expression. The winners will receive a cash prize and their work will be displayed in a special exhibition. The competition is a joint effort between the Catholic Church and the Holy Land. The funds raised will be used to support various charitable projects, including the construction of a new church in the Holy Land.

Serving marginalised

The Catholic Church in the Diocese of Sydney is committed to serving the marginalised and needy. The Church is working to address the needs of the poor, the sick, the elderly, and the disabled. The Church is also working to promote social justice and human rights. The Church is committed to the dignity of every human person and to the common good of society. The Church is working to build a more just and peaceful world.

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

How is your Lenten journey going? Perhaps the initial good intentions for a special time of prayerful reflection, self-denial and generous giving, need to be re-visited as we draw near to the climax of Holy Week and Easter.

Of all the faith celebrations we have during the year, Easter is the greatest. Christmas and Pentecost and other great feast days we could name are profoundly significant. From Passion (Palm) Sunday to Easter Sunday marks the holiest week of the year and should engage us in deep personal prayer and reflection and a wholehearted participation in the moving liturgical celebrations of the Church community.

A less known, but richly significant celebration of Holy Week, is the Mass of the Chrism. Officially listed for the morning of Holy Thursday, we celebrate it early in the week on Monday evening. This is to enable the clergy to be fully represented and more of the faithful of the Archdiocese to

participate. The Chrism Mass is arguably the most significant celebration in the year from the point of view of our identity and unity as the local Church of Canberra and Goulburn.

In our Catholic Communion with the Holy Father and all other local Churches throughout the world, we have a profound experience of being Church.

As this will be my last Chrism Mass in St Christopher's Cathedral, I would like to dwell a little on this special celebration. For me personally, it is always a moving occasion which touches the deepest point of my own pastoral being and purpose as the Chief Pastor of the local Church.

It is a profoundly significant event for the priests and all the ordained, centred as it is in the Last Supper, from which we take our origins and find the centre of our lives and ministry in the Eucharist. It is the night on which we make an explicit renewal of our commitment to serve God and God's people in the ordained ministry and in that, it is good to have the



support of those we seek to serve. But it is also a powerful moment for all the baptised, all those called equally to be the priestly people of God.

At the Chrism Mass we sense our being that priestly people and we know the special unity that binds us together as this Diocesan Church. We should know the truth of the Vatican Council's description of the Diocesan Church. **"A Diocese is a portion of the People of God which is entrusted to a Bishop to be nurtured by him with the cooperation of the**

Presbyterium in such a way, that remaining close to its Pastor and gathered by him through the Gospel and the Eucharist in the Holy Spirit, it constitutes a particular Church. In this Church, the One, Holy and Apostolic Church of Christ truly exists and functions".

In this celebration of the Eucharistic sacrifice, we know our deepest identity as the living Body of Christ. The blessing of the oils of Catechumens, the Sick and Chrism, speaks to us of the richness of sacramental life through which the Holy Spirit brings us to birth, nurtures us at all stages of our life and empowers us in our particular vocation and personal sharing in the mission of Jesus that continues in his Church. The blessed oils are taken from the Cathedral throughout the length and breadth of the Archdiocese, to be used in the sacramental ministry and life of every parish.

The Chrism Mass sums up so much of the theme of our Archdiocesan Synod **One in Christ Jesus**. It also reflects

this dynamic unity and challenges us to become more authentically what the Synod reminded us we are meant to be - a Church committed to healing life-giving relationships.

It would be wonderful if the Cathedral were to overflow on this night, as it would be if all our churches were to be packed out for the ceremonies of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil and Masses. Then the joy of Easter will be more intense and the hope that springs from the Easter Resurrection will be refreshed.

I wish all of you that Spirit of Joy and renewal of hope that comes from our union with the suffering Christ and our faith in his rising from the death.

Yours sincerely in Christ,
+Francis P Carroll

Archbishop of Canberra and Goulburn

PS I am very grateful to the many generous people who contributed to the Archbishop's Christmas Appeal. Your offerings are already on their way to give assistance and hope to many needy people.

your voice

Not the full story

After reading the article "Historic Banner is Link to a Rich Irish Past" (CV, November 2005), our family could not wait with excitement and pride to have the opportunity to visit the exhibition "Galong - Paradise of the Ryans" in the Canberra Museum and Gallery.

We are direct descendants of the so-called Paradise of the Ryans.

We congratulate the director and curator on their well done and unique presentation and research. But to call it the "Paradise of the Ryans", telling the story of the Ryans of Boorowa, Binalong and Galong is misleading. There is no mention of any other Irish Ryans of Boorowa and Binalong, except for John Nagle Ryan and first cousins, the Corcoran family and descendants of "Ballyran".

The whole display pertains to Ned Ryan, the patriarch of Galong, and family only.

Of course, I do recognise Ned Ryan with pride because I and my family would not be here today without him.

We know from Max Barrett's book, his third on the history of the Ryans of Boorowa and Galong, that he paid the passages of many Ryan families from Tipperary over a period of 14 years before his wife and son came to Australia.

I feel disappointed in the exhibition because of the lack of research of Boorowa, especially in relation to the contribution to the history of the Ryans in the 19th and 20th centuries in and around Boorowa, Murringo and Galong.

In fact, in 1893 around the Boorowa River area there were 40 families of Ryans, one of whom were my grandparents Patrick Ryan and wife Mary Kennedy. Patrick settled in Boorowa/ Burrowa in the 1880s from Cashel, County Tipperary, and at the age of 29 he became the first mayor of Boorowa. He owned the Shamrock Hotel, two bakeries and the cordial factory.

Some facts of the Boorowa Ryans' contribution to the Colony:

Colony's first parliamentarian, John Nagle Ryan; first mayor Patrick Ryan; first medical practitioner was a Ryan; first school-teacher Michael Ryan; Waterhole Flat Ryans produced one of Australia's first international opera singers, Marie Narelle.

Bede Dalley, of the Colony's first parliament, was quoted as saying: "If you ever throw a stone down the main street of Boorowa and you miss a Ryan you will either hit a Corcoran, Dwyer or a Hurley."

When the first Archbishop of NSW Bede Polding visited Burrowa for the first time he was said to have asked a very religious lady, "Have you ever been to or come from Ireland?" The reply was, "No, because there is no need as I have been to Burrowa."

Bede Ryan, Young.

Pornographic scenes

I was disappointed to read Fr Leonard's review (CV, Feb) of the controversial film Brokeback Mountain. Despite his Catechism quotes confirming that homosexual acts are intrinsically disordered, he makes no attempt to warn us against viewing the film because it contains such acts.

He simply warns us that we will find the heterosexual and homosexual scenes "confronting". Should we not find such scenes highly offensive and morally damaging?

Or has the Catholic audience become so desensitised to sex on the screen that it no longer offends and causes revulsion, but merely confronts the viewer's beliefs regarding human sexuality?

The Catechism reveals that "Pornography consists in removing real or simulated sexual acts from the intimacy of the partners, in order to display them deliberately to third parties. It offends against chastity ... it does grave injury to the dignity of its participants [and] is a grave offence." (#2354)

Society has come a long way since the first televised sex scene and no longer views many "ordinary" sex scenes as pornographic, tending only to think of pornography in terms of full nudity, but the Catechism confirms that these "ordinary" scenes certainly are pornographic.

The Church is very clear that pornography is gravely sinful and that to view pornography is spiritually destructive.

Eva Van Strijp, Sanctuary Point, NSW.

Priesthood and marriage

I have read with keen interest the letters on priestly celibacy, primarily because it is a topic that affects the entire Western Church. That correspondence has prompted me to reflect more deeply against the background of my "two-life" experiences. For 24 years I served as a priest in active ministry.

The second stage on my pilgrim path began with a dispensation from Pope Paul VI. I have now been happily married for 29 years, still struggling to appreciate more fully the amazing providence of an all-loving God.

The law of priestly celibacy gradually evolved in the Western Church over many centuries. Even from apostolic times, though, there was no such law. Peter, first pope, chosen by Jesus himself, was a married man.

Through early centuries, priests' wives were referred to by Fathers of the Church like Clement of Alexandria and Eusebius of Caesarea (second and third centuries), and in the fourth century by Bishop Hilary of Poitiers (310-367), saint and Doctor of the Church. That custom of a married priesthood (together with voluntary celibacy) prevailed at least up to the 12th century. In the Easter Rite Catholic Church, it continues in our own times.

Even in the Western Church, exceptions to the general law of priestly celibacy are not unknown. Thus, in the 1960s, Archbishop Guilford Young ordained several married men as priests to serve in the Archdiocese of Hobart.

Such exceptions, of course, do not nullify the existing law of celibacy. It still operates. But church history together with these exceptions do offer a timely reminder and act as

a catalyst for our prayerful reflection.

Another useful reminder in this regard: as distinct from unchangeable divine laws, priestly celibacy is a church law; church authority imposed it. That same authority enjoys the God-given power to modify the law or abolish it altogether.

The 1983 Code of Canon Law notes: "Celibacy is a special gift from God by which sacred ministers can more easily remain close to Christ with an undivided heart and can dedicate themselves more freely to the service of God and their neighbour." (Canon 277#1).

Some aspects of this canon puzzle me. Certainly "celibacy is a special gift from God". However, freedom, not obligation, is an essential quality of a gift (charism). A gift is freely offered and freely accepted (or rejected). Can a gift, then, be imposed as an obligation?

I find it difficult to see how Canon 277 can be restricted to the Western Church. Does it not suggest an implied criticism of Easter Rite priests? Can they not "remain close to Christ" with generous dedication of self to God and neighbour?

It seems clear to me that a justification for a celibacy law cannot simply be based on the provisions of Canon 277#1, as if they applied exclusively to our Western Rite priests. What is the evidence for the "more easily" prerogative of the Western Church priesthood? Is it not possible that the two-fold grace source from priesthood and marriage, together with a wife's faith-fostering example and wisdom, could provide a married priest with sets of pastoral qualities to match those of his celibate brother priests?

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Where in the world?

Want to know what the Croatian or Greek flag looks like? Well, ask a pupil from Rosary Primary School, Watson. Not that their knowledge of flags and the nations of the world stops there.

A giant, 64,000-piece mosaic showing a map of the world and many nations' flags now adorns a wall of the school quadrangle, courtesy of school mum Ingrid Massa-Ward, of Tilecraft Canberra.

The idea for the mosaic came from school librarian Sandy Vincent and follows on a 40-year tradition of the school where classrooms and other areas are named after the nations of the world. The mosaic, with the title from John's Gospel "May they all be one", adds to this and also includes flags representing the heritage of the school's students.

"I love the way the kids come over and touch the mosaic," Mrs Massa-Ward said. "We are all very proud of the end result. It's truly

inspiring to walk into the quadrangle each morning and see children touching and discussing the mosaic."

The project was her first attempt at creating a mosaic, "preferring in the past to only sell tiles, but I thought it was worth a try". She discussed the project with her sister Patricia and co-worker Emily Brown, and came up with a way to achieve their goal.

Work took place on Friday nights and Saturdays over six months, totalling more than 120 hours, with "many cuts, scrapes and bumps along the way". The Spanish ensign alone, she recalls, took "four hours and tweezers".

Disaster struck three-quarters of the way through the project when heavy rain flooded the area where they had laid out the mosaic and pieces started to lift off the sheet. A few tears and plenty of hard work later they lifted the mosaic to a dry area and were able to finish it.



Creator of the mosaic Ingrid Massa-Ward (back left), Rosary principal Anne Merner and librarian Sandy Vincent (kneeling) admire the mosaic with Adam Nappo, Gabriella Macor and Ingrid's son Zachary.

Just who are we committed to?

Christians must not lose sight of the fact that they have made a commitment much more fundamental than "a mere signing our names to a petition or a membership to an organisation", Apostolic Nuncio Archbishop Ambrose De Paoli said.

He was delivering Australian Catholic University's annual Lenten lecture in Canberra.

Archbishop De Paoli focused on the scriptural text surrounding the questions Jesus put to his disciples: "Who do people say that I am?" and "But you ... who do you say I am?"

He said the Christian's commitment was to a person, to Jesus "which reaches down deep into the very heart and soul of our being, into the depths of our lives."

Time out at Galong

Josephite Associates will have a chance for time out at a weekend retreat this month.

"The Forgiveness and Compassion of Jesus" is the theme of the retreat, directed by Fr Leo Coffey CSsR. It will be held on 28-30 April at St Clement's Retreat Centre, Galong. Cost is \$150.

There will be an opportunity for Mass, prayer, reflection and meditation.

Inquiries to Sr Carmel Clear RSJ, telephone 6959 2191 before 15 April.

"The words of Paul, written to the communities for which he was responsible, still ring true; we are a new creation in Jesus and we must grow into that new creation so that it permeates all that we do and say."

The growth was neither automatic or painless, "yet not devoid of hope through faith in Jesus who has called us to come and see."

"For he came as one of us to lead and accompany us to the final rest which our hearts seek, as St Augustine reminds us, namely, rest in him for whom they were created, God."

"It is a joint effort - human and divine - a special partnership, a special relationship."

Archbishop De Paoli said the probing by Jesus of what his apostles thought of him continued in all Christians; "a probing attuned to and respectful of who we are and of what we are capable."

"The ways he chooses are many and varied, most often as subtle as the light breeze in which the prophet Eliah found Jahweh, or Jahweh found him. These ways can be events, persons who may not even be of the 'household of faith'. They can awaken in us a reminder of Jesus and of our commitment to him and open the way to 'looking again' at him. The crucial decision is ours as how to respond, if, indeed, we wish to respond."

50 years of faith at Jugiong

More than 150 people packed St John the Evangelist Catholic Church at Jugiong to celebrate half a century as a parish.

Archbishop Francis Carroll was principal celebrant at the Mass with nine other priests, Fr Bill Crahan, the only surviving parish priest, Fr Joe Staunton who was a curate at Gundagai when Jugiong was part of that parish, administrator Fr Joseph Tran, and former



administrators Fr Phil Buckley and Fr Frank Keogh, and Fr Geoff Lloyd, Fr Pat Kenna, Fr Brian Maher and Fr Pat Corbett CSsR.

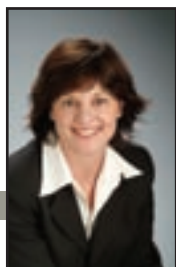
Senior parish members Judy Butt, Jim Sheahan and Bernie Purtell passed on symbols of the parish to younger members Leigh and Charlie

Butt, Michael and Jim Honner and Tony and Julia Lenehan. Archbishop Carroll congratulated the parish on carrying on a great family sense of faith.

ABOVE: Archbishop Francis Carroll presents Fr Tran and Fr Keogh with a plaque commemorating the occasion.

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12 prepare for Easter baptism

The Rite of Enrolment was celebrated on the first Sunday in Lent with Archbishop Francis Carroll in St Christopher's Cathedral.

The liturgy, part of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, marks the enrolment of those preparing for baptism at the Easter Vigil and sets the Lenten time aside as a time of retreat, when the elect prepare to celebrate their Christian commitment through the sacraments of initiation. This is a universal celebration in each diocese around the world.

The ceremony brought together catechumens and candidates from 12 parishes. While the Rite itself is specifically for those preparing for baptism, the liturgical ceremonies have been adapted around the world to include those who have been baptised in another Christian tradition and who seek full communion through the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist.

Twelve signed their name and were welcomed by Archbishop Carroll as members of the elect for baptism while 35 were welcomed to prepare prayerfully for full communion with the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil.

ABOVE: The elect for baptism stand with their sponsors at the Rite of Enrolment.

Thriving MGLs hit 20th

The Missionaries of God's Love, who began with a priest and four young men responding to what they believed was a call from God to begin a new common way of life and mission, have celebrated their 20th anniversary.

A large congregation gathered at St Peter and Paul's Church, Garran, for Mass and a turning of the sod for a new chapel in the Garran complex used as a formation house for the brothers.

At the beginning of 1986, Fr Ken Barker together with the men set up the first MGL house in Kaleen. All members of the Hephzibah community, now the Disciples of Jesus, they had been meeting weekly in the chapel of the Cathedral presbytery where Fr Barker was an assistant priest.

The young men believed God was inspiring them to move towards becoming a new religious congrega-



tion. Sr Patti Jo Crockett, who had been a Franciscan Missionary of Mary for 20 years, was inspired to follow in the same path as the brothers. At the end of 1987 she, together with Fr Barker and Steve Tynan, now serving as an MGL priest in Manila, professed their vows.

The MGL brothers have expanded to 13 priests, 10 seminarians, three consecrated brothers, 10 novices and nine pre-novices. They run missions in Darwin and Manila, a parish/ Eucharistic Centre at Narrabundah, the chaplaincy at Canberra University, and formation houses in Canberra and Melbourne. The sisters have nine members in Canberra and Melbourne.

LEFT: Archbishop Carroll turns the sod.

It's just great being green

Rosary Primary at Watson is leading the way on water conservation, but that hasn't stopped it having a well-grassed, green oval. The school took part in ACTEW's Grass Roots project which resulted in the oval being relaid with five varieties of grasses, and established and maintained using



the latest in irrigation technology. ACTEW managing director Mr Michael Costello said the aim of the project was to develop best practice watering regimes for large open spaces, using the oval at Rosary Primary as the testing site.

Water usage of more than 20 grass-irrigation combinations are being monitored by ACTEW. Principal Mrs Anne Merner said the school was committed to the success of the project, making the research an integral part of its curriculum. Students were planning activities to educate the rest of the community. "It is a very, very long time (if ever) since we have had the luxury of an oval that is so beautifully green, well grassed and inviting," she said. LEFT: Maddy Thomas and Callum Price load a time capsule at the opening of the oval.

A safe home

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"We want to get to the stage when we can approach government with a business plan, an agreed site, a design and costing for the building, and professional staff needs, and tell them all this has community support."

Fr Day said he had received a great deal of support from parishioners of St Gregory's, in particular Tony Carey and Nick Pelle, and from the Baptist, Uniting and Anglican ministers of Queanbeyan.

Fr Day lives, with the agreement and financial backing of the parish, in a Housing Commission block in Queanbeyan with about a dozen other residents. "The most crippling poverty in our society is relational poverty, and the best way for us to respond is through presence," he said. "I'm not here to convert people and I don't have the magic answers. The heart of my priesthood is to be with the most vulnerable."

If anyone would like to help Fr Day they may contact him on telephone 6297 0335, e-mail pday6@bigpond.com

Priesthood and marriage

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Priestly celibacy legislation presumably followed a judgment that such a law was pastorally appropriate and in the best interests of God's people.

Perhaps now, in the face of extremes of materialistic secularism, the time is fast becoming appropriate for the law to be changed to embrace voluntary celibacy.

This was the essence of the case presented to the Roman synod by Australian priests. Let's not forget it: our priests are the "front-line troops", the ones closest to that vast majority comprising the People of God.

They are closer than a bishop,

an archbishop, a cardinal, or even a pope. The voice of priests warrants a fair hearing.

We must support our priests. The pages of Church history speak eloquently of the power and effectiveness of the "vox populi", the voice of the people.

That voice in the past often directly affected the Church's law making. If then, why not now?

Our role, I'm sure, is praying as well as communicating with church authorities, especially through our pastoral councils.

"Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful" - yes, indeed.

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The days of schools and colleges just providing the three "R's" are long gone. Today, schools are acutely aware of the needs of the total child and formulate study and vocational paths that both interest and stimulate students for their six years of secondary education.

Daramalan College is a recognised leader in developing the individual skills and scholastic interests of each student.

Opened in 1962 by the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart, Daramalan today is a Catholic co-educational school from Years 7 to 12 staffed religious teachers, lay teachers and support staff who are jointly responsible for the education of 1450 students.

Based on the vision of Jules Chevalier (the founder of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart) Daramalan follows the belief that each student is precious in the eyes of God and must be educated in an environment where God's love can break through into the lives of the students so they'll grow "Strong in Faith" ("fortes in fide", the school motto). Consequently, Daramalan strives for excellence in all that we do with the intention of giving students a solid academic background to prepare them for life, to grow in respect for themselves and others, and to provide a well-rounded education that prepares them for life intellectually, spiritually and culturally.

An advantage of the size of the College is the capacity to offer a wide range of courses and studies, as well as a varied and diverse sporting program. Students all participate in the core curriculum that will go towards their University or trade admissions, but have the opportunity to undertake many other study and interest courses.

A wide choice of extra curricular activities is available to students. The College band is considered one of the most professional school bands in NSW and regularly performs in Sydney as well as undertaking concert tours of other schools interstate and hosting visiting schools. They are accompanied by the Daramalan school choir, which provides another level of creative outlet for

Growing
'strong
in faith'

the students. Community service programs include the peer tutoring, charity collections and visits to retirement homes.

The sporting arena is not ignored with a huge variety of activities available at the College including athletics, Australian rules football, badminton, basketball, cricket, cross country, cycling, diving, equestrian, golf, hockey, netball, rowing, rugby union, skiing, soccer, softball, squash, swimming, table tennis, touch football, triathlon, volleyball and water polo.

With technology forming an integral part everyone's lives, Daramalan in 2004 opened a million-dollar Information Technology Centre designed to be at the cutting edge of contemporary teaching. It incorporates the College and High School Libraries, an AV room which is the control centre for the Video Command System including an extensive video/DVD collection, a 24 computer cyber room for students only, as well as small and large seminar rooms, quiet room, 40 individual computers and over 250 sq metres of quiet study area.

Daramalan's commitment to pastoral care is in keeping with the spirit of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart by acknowledging that pastoral care of the students is an integral component of the education package provided at the College. The success of this "Daramalan Family" recognises each student as an individual, with this recognition reflected in the quality of the relationships between the College staff and students.

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Information Nights

Year 7 2007

Wednesday 10 May
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Year 11 2007

Wednesday 24 May
Presentation 7.00 pm

followed by Careers Expo and
open evening at the
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Let your light shine

Mackillop Catholic College is a co-educational school for students in Years 7 – 12. Our theme for 2006 derives from Matthew 5 and also from an inspiring passage quoted by Nelson Mandela.



The theme is not just words or pretty pictures; we want to make sure that every student is able to succeed in the way in which he or she is best able to succeed. We will endeavour to have this happen for two particular reasons: as Matthew says - for the students as individuals - *'you are the light of the world'* and, as quoted by Nelson Mandela: *'When you let your light shine you give permission for others to do the same.'*

We are emphasizing Academic Care in each and every one of our classes and by this we mean that we are prioritising learning by encouraging students to:

- Work at a level commensurate with their ability.
- Challenge themselves in all they do.
- Complete work fully and to a good standard.
- Meet deadlines.

We are supporting our students by:

- Offering weekly tutorials in a range of subjects.
- Enrolling them in a range of national competitions.
- Providing feedback to them and to their teachers on ACTAP performance, AST practices, gender differences in achievement.
- Running an Academic Care mentoring program in Year 11, and 'Talking Groups' for the Gifted and Talented on both campuses.

Professional Development focus for staff this year is on:

- Restorative Practices
- Literacy
- Success for Boys

Students can let their light shine by:

- Participating in the many sports offered by the College.
- Taking up the opportunity to be involved in overseas trips.
- Involving themselves in the enthusiastic and energetic SRC Leadership Team.
- Assisting with the Social Action Group.
- Challenging themselves by joining the Duke of Edinburgh Scheme.
- Enrolling in Vocational Education subjects.
- Undertaking a SNAPS or a Vocational Placement.
- Nominating to participate in the ANU College extension program for students gifted in Mathematics, Physics or Chemistry.
- Auditioning for the 2006 musical: Annie.
- Joining the Band; Debating groups; Mock Trial; Double Helix Club; Tournament of the Minds; Engineering and Science Challenge; Robocup or a host of other co-curricular activities.



Students making a positive difference to others



Saint Francis Xavier College (SFX College) is a Years 7 to 12 co-educational Catholic College with 1130 students. The College is a Christian school in the Catholic tradition.

This year our religious theme is "Building People of Faith" and we are working with members of the school community as they deepen their own faith and to reach out to others in faith.

The College prides itself on being a community school and a safe school. Staff work hard to provide to provide opportunities for success for all students.

We encourage students to enjoy the privileges of childhood but also to prepare for life after school.

SFX is a place where we attempt to get "the little things right" while also address-

ing major life challenges for young people.

Examples of recent initiatives include:

- New junior kitchens and textiles classrooms and a Senior hospitality kitchen
- Study support programs for Year 11 and Year 12, including AST preparation
- Mentoring programs (Seniors with Junior students, staff with students)
- Challenge Program to give students in Years 9 and 10 the opportunity to research and present an area of interest
- SNAPs and work placements for students in Years 10 to 12
- A Retail Studies course for Seniors
- Fundraising for St Francis Xavier School, Lake Cargelligo
- Optional weekend retreats for students in Years 10 and 11.

- Year 11 Conference at Jindabyne in Term 1.

- Year 7 Study Club after school on Monday

- SFX Radio Controlled Car Club after school on Thursday

- SFX Strategic Games Club after school on Friday

This year we have also been involved in a major building program and early next term our new middle school centre will open.

The new building comprises eight classrooms, each with ICT (Information Communication Technology) access, interactive whiteboards and adjacent break-out areas.

Later in the year the classrooms in the main building will be refurbished, and stu-

dents and staff will enjoy new walls, carpet, ceilings and greater access to technology through ICT facilities placed in pods throughout the building.

When prospective students and their parents tour the College they to remark on the sense of calm and quiet about the place. We always recommend that prospective students ask our students what they think of their school.

At a recent Senior Leaders retreat the Year 12 students said that they would remember the following about their time at SFX College:

- friends and teachers
- the very strong community
- good times - community days, carnivals, camps and retreats
- discos/socials
- learning life lessons
- sporting events
- lunchtime chats and classroom antics
- meeting great people
- jamming in the music room
- sad times

They would like to be remembered for being people who contributed to the lives of others.

They also wanted to be known for their ability to work with others, for their involvement and their ability to appreciate the talents of others.

Our leaders are well and truly representative of all our students.

We aim to develop students who are aware of their gifts and talents and passionate about making a positive difference in the lives of others.



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YEAR 7 & 11 2007 INFORMATION EVENINGS

Parents and prospective students are cordially invited to attend the following information evenings to be held at the college:

Year 7 2007

Wednesday 24 May 2006

6.00pm - 9.30pm

7.30pm Formal Information Session

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Year 11 2007

Wednesday 17 May 2006

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The strength of Mt Carmel is the excellent partnerships that exist between the students, their families and the teachers. It has built a reputation on fostering meaningful relationships centred on achieving the best outcomes for its students.

Mt Carmel is a Kindergarten to Year 10 School where all students grow and achieve success.

A Welcoming Community

Right from day one students and their families are welcomed into a nurturing and caring community. Teachers work closely with parents to ensure that students' individual learning needs are met and that achievements are celebrated within an affirming community.

Pastoral Care

As a Catholic school, Mt Carmel values each individual student through the creation of an environment where students feel that they truly belong. Each student belongs to a House which have an historical and geographic link with the school.



Our Houses names are McAuley, Hartigan, Fielding and Mullungang. Peer Support and a Peer Mentor Program brings our Year 10 Students together with our Primary students.

Our Student Representative Council is modelled on parliament where each year our SRC elect to stand for a portfolio.

We work with all of our students to develop their faith, confidence, resilience, compassion towards others and individual talents. Underpinning our efforts to build strong relationships is our whole school implementation of the Restorative Practice Program.

We acknowledge that parents are the first educators and our endeavour is to work in partnership with families to unleash the creative potential within each child. Mt Carmel is an inclusive school where all are welcome.

Outstanding Academic Achievement

Students at Mt Carmel are encouraged to strive



for excellence in their studies. Our policies for homework, assessment, independent learning, collaborative research, use of technologies and literacy and numeracy enhancement ensures that no student can slip through the system.

Small class sizes as well as a dedicated teaching staff contribute to our high academic standards. Our School Certificate results consistently place our students well above state-wide averages.

Excellence in Sport

In providing a rounded education Mt Carmel encourages students to aim high in various sporting endeavours. Underpinning our success in sport is a philosophy of participation, fairness and praise. Many of our students achieve representation in swimming, athletics, cross-country, football codes, golf and tennis.

Co-curricular pursuits

Debating, Public Speaking, UNSW English, Maths, Science, Computing and Writing Competitions, Duke of Edinburgh Award, Dance, Chess Competitions, Student Representative Council, Peer Support, Leadership Training, Band, Drama, Double Helix Club, Tournament of Minds Movie Club, Homework Club are just some of the pursuits available to interested students.

Music, Dance and Drama

The school provides a strong Music, Dance and Drama program within the curriculum as well as opportunities to participate in the School Band and Choir.

Recently the school entered the Southern Area Adolescents Girl's Dance Program with performances in Young, Harden and Yass.

The school also entered the Wakikirri Festival for Story and Dance achieving high acclaim for its performance. 2006 will see the return of a school Musical.

Our Instrumental tuition is provided for guitar, keyboard, trumpet, flute and clarinet through our after-school Music Program. Music, Dance and Drama are a feature of our assemblies, liturgies and community service.

Refurbishments

Recently the school completed Stage 3 of a Refurbishment Program that commenced in 2001. This has included the construction of two Year 5 classrooms, refurbishment of the Secondary Boy's toilet and the relocation of the Music Room in a newly refurbished Music Centre.


Additionally the school has upgraded its ICT facilities with its second fully networked Computer Lab. The school has also installed a Smartboard, refurbished the Study Hall and has just completed work to upgrade disability access.

Through the Investing in Our Schools Government Grant the school will enhance its hospitality and textiles classroom resources.


Our successful Australian Community Water Grant application will also mean significant improvements to our lawns and gardens.

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- Focus on Life Long Learning
- Community oriented
- Celebrating 130 years of Catholic education
- Fostering stewardship of our environment
- Refurbishment and grounds programs.






Over the past few years St Clare's College has undertaken a series of major building projects to upgrade its teaching and learning spaces.

These projects have ensured that all students and staff have access to quality learning environments.

In May 2005 the Assisi Wing was opened, providing new Dance, Music Visual Arts and Design rooms as well as a Drama theatre.

In 2006 the College has expanded significantly its IT resources with the opening of four new IT labs and the refurbishment of three older labs in order to meet the growing demand for access to ITC in all subjects.

Apart from offering students high quality facilities and a diverse curriculum, the College provides a rich tradition of student participation in a wide range of cultural, sporting and community activities.

Student leadership is promoted through an active SRC and various opportunities for leadership training.

St Clare's College teams compete with success in sports ranging from Netball

Building on success



and Hockey through to Dragon Boat and Skiing.

Participation is the key word that is used to engage students in sport, House activities and extra-curricula programs covering Science, the Arts, debating and music.

As a Catholic secondary school for girls on the south side of Canberra for the

past forty years, St Clare's College has built strong links with a variety of community and Church groups.

The College actively supports organisations such as Marymead, Caritas, Catholic Missions and St Vincent de Paul through the House charity and other fundraising activities which are designed to promote students' awareness of the work of these organisations as well as to raise money to support them.

For more information visit our website: www.stclaresc.act.edu.au
Enrolment Enquiries:
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St Clare's College

A Catholic school for girls in Years 7 to 12



ENROLMENT SCHEDULE FOR 2007

INFORMATION EVENINGS:

Year 7, 2007	9 May 2006	6.00 - 7.00pm
Year 11, 2007	16 May 2006	7.30 - 9.00pm
OPEN EVENING:	11 May 2006	4.30 - 7.00pm



K-12 Catholic Education on the Coast



St Mary's Parish Primary School Moruya

Our Vision

At St Mary's we believe in an environment where each person is able to achieve and celebrate their personal best through a friendship with Jesus.

Our Learning Community

In recent years there has been a strong focus on the development of literacy & numeracy in the school. This has been supported by the professional development of staff and parents and the purchase of resources for all classrooms. This emphasis will remain through the continued implementation of literacy & numeracy blocks. Guided Reading & Count Me in Too strategies and activities form a key part to these sessions.



Catholic Life and Mission

St Mary's is committed to nurturing the Christian ideals in a caring friendly and safe environment,

so that the children have respect for themselves, others and the community. The Sacramental Programs at St Mary's are parish based. This means there is close consultation and cooperation among the parish priest, teachers and members of the local parish in the planning of each of the Sacraments.

Parents and other community members are always welcome at the school and the

opportunities for active participation are many. They are encouraged to join the P & F, School Board, Tuckshop, working bees, fund raising activities, assist in classroom activities for reading, writing, Maths, Art and craft, Computer and sports. Through this cooperation, a positive and busy working atmosphere is created for the children to grow and learn.

Enrichment Program

Debating: Students are involved in debating & chess experiences within the school and with other schools in our district. Competitions: The University competitions in English, Maths, Science and Computing. Throughout the year students are also provided with information and opportunities to enter a range of Australia wide competitions, for example the Dorothea McKellar Poetry Competition and the Nestle Writing Competition.

Key dates to remember

Friday 12 May
St Mary's School Open Day 9.30-1.30pm
May 15-2 June, 2007 Enrolment period.
November 7 & 14 Kindergarten 2007
Information sessions and orientation

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St Bernard's School BATEHAVEN

"That All May Be One"

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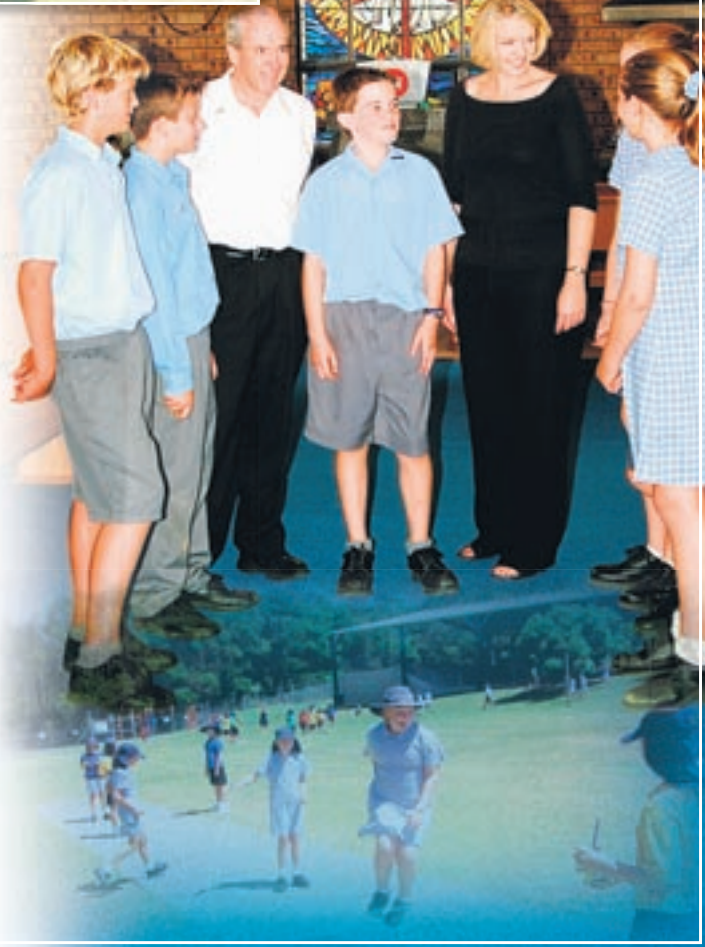
The children will have co-operative skills which will enable them to work harmoniously as a member of a team.

They will be able to make healthy lifestyle choices. They will be able to cope effectively with change and see themselves as part of our dynamic

and changing world. They will take responsibility for their own actions and decisions.

The children will be able to access, acquire and apply information. They will have literacy, numeracy and problem solving skills and will use critical thinking skills to assess information, make decisions and solve problems in all areas of their learning

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Combined School Mass with all three schools.

Carroll College is a dynamic, vibrant, faith community which offers quality teaching and learning based on spiritual and Catholic values. The beginning of the 2006 school year saw the introduction of a Targeted Literacy Program (TLP) for students in Years 7 and 8 at Carroll College, Broulee. This major educational initiative provides a middle school model for teaching and learning under the Quality Teaching banner. The new literacy program aims to accelerate literacy development, increase work ethic and engagement levels of students and develop independent and higher order thinking skills. It is an integral part of our whole College focus on personal excellence.

Carroll College provides comprehensive curriculum choices allowing opportunities for students to excel in both academic and vocational education pathways. New courses on offer for 2007 include Certificate II in Information Technology, Certificate II in Business Services and Certificate II in Sports Coaching.

A brand new Commercial Kitchen/Restaurant and an expanded Industrial Technology Centre have recently been added to the College's extensive facilities. The stainless steel, commercial kitchen and restaurant allow students to experience a commercial



environment while learning key skills with which to succeed in the Hospitality industry. The College is hosting a major fundraising dinner in June to support the KOTO (Know One Teach One) initiative, through which street kids in Vietnam are given the skills to work in hospitality related businesses.

The College has a strong social justice program that reaches out to people in need and, as part of this initiative, a small group of students and staff will be attending a Peace Symposium in Manila, Philippines in September.

Carroll College's commitment to excellence is supported by dynamic staff who foster a friendly, safe, secure atmosphere and provide pastoral support for students and their families.

CARROLL COLLEGE



A Catholic co-educational regional College

"Learning for Life"



Carroll College Broulee is a year 7 - 12 Catholic co-educational school, committed to quality teaching and learning. The College is committed to faith, academic excellence, personal growth, and social justice. Students are challenged by a range of educational and co-curricular opportunities relevant to their needs, interests and abilities.

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**SENIOR INFORMATION EVENING for YEAR 11
Students in 2007:**

MONDAY 15 MAY 7:00 p.m. for 7.30 p.m.

**JUNIOR INFORMATION EVENING for YEAR 7
Students in 2007:** WEDNESDAY 17 MAY 7:00 p.m. for 7.30 p.m.



Educating the whole person

At Merici College in 2006 both the educational climate and the pastoral care program are continuously evolving in challenging and exciting ways. Through our teaching and learning initiatives in 2006, Merici's commitment to Catholic education for girls grows ever stronger in 2006.

Be Stronger

Merici is recognised for its strong and innovative Pastoral Care program. Following the implementation and integration of successful new anti-bullying and harassment strategies and the theme "Be Strong" in 2005, the college is continuing this idea with the theme "Be Stronger" in 2006.

Merici is pro-active in the field of student wellbeing and "Be Stronger" focuses on the issues of resilience and adolescent mental health and the development of personal values.

Innovative Teaching and Learning

After successful development of the Merici Principles of Powerful Learning in 2005, staff are continuing to implement Powerful Learning pedagogies and practices in their classroom teaching.

This Powerful Learning Project taps into cutting edge research to facilitate ideas and techniques enabling innovation in classrooms to maximise learning and promote, higher order thinking skills for students. Merici's commitment to on-going professional development of all staff sees a particular focus on meaningful assessment in 2006.

Technology Enhancing Learning

Merici's unique laptop computer program continues to be an exciting feature of the curriculum with dedicated classes in Years 7, 8 and 9. Whereas once computers were seen merely as a way for students to acquire computing skills, in the Merici Laptop Program they are so much more than this: a light-weight, multi-media, networked, wireless educational tool which provides an interactive educational experience which is enriching and engaging for students. This program allows for students to develop independent learning skills and to develop the ability to recognise their individual learning requirements.

Flexible Access to Technology

Portable laptop trolleys, well-equipped computer labs, including a brand new lab, incorporating specific multi media software, and flexible classroom teaching spaces ensure that the learning for all students is enriched through access to the latest technology.

From strength to strength...

In 2006 Merici College is a place for students to learn how to "Be Stronger" and an

exciting place where girls are encouraged in a supportive environment to be the best they can be, thus enabling them to "build futures more wondrous than they dare to dream." (*Merici Mission Statement*).



Making good Christians and good citizens

The Marist style of educating is based on a vision that is truly holistic. While Marist College shares such a vision with many, especially in Catholic school circles, we use a distinctive pedagogical approach which Marcellin and the first Marist Brothers initiated. We share their intuition that to bring up children properly, *we must love them, and love them all equally.*

What guides the staff at Marist are the twin aims given by St Marcellin Champagnat to his Brothers almost 200 years ago, "*good Christians and good citizens.*" Those words were spoken in the shadow of the French Revolution and the severe trials of the Catholic Church in France. Today, though neither society nor the Church is in such turmoil, the words are as relevant as ever and are even beginning to be heard in the phrases of political discourse.

In pursuing these twin goals, Marist College is aware that we depend on the support and involvement of parents, the primary educators of the child. When a boy enrolls at Marist, a member of the College executive interviews the family and stresses to them the importance of their role in the success of the undertaking.

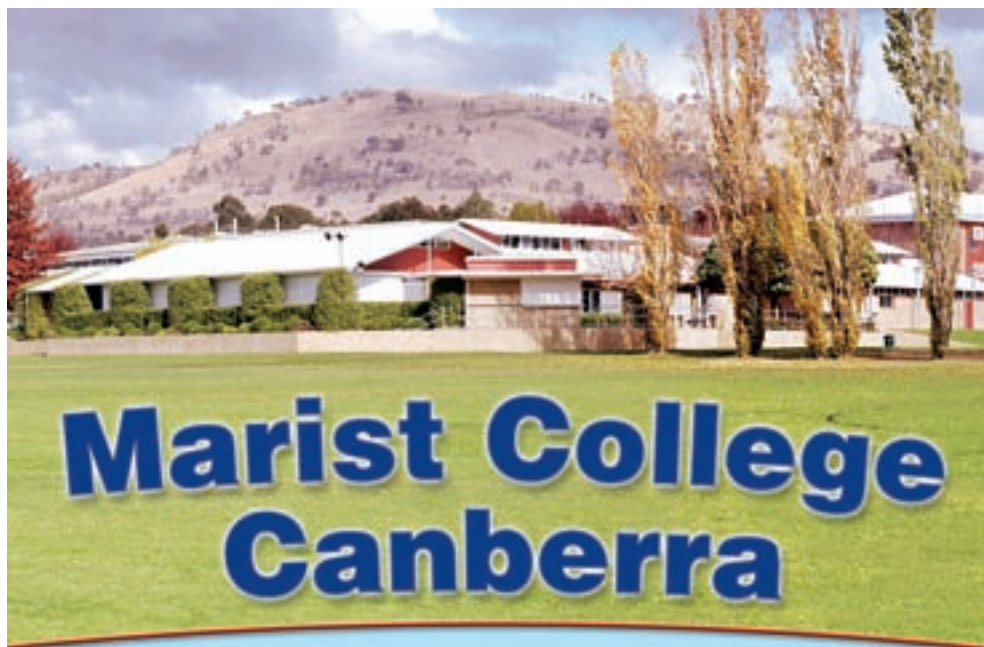
We welcome families at the many liturgical, academic, sporting, cultural and artistic events that constitute the school year.



Marist is proud of the reputation it has in the Canberra community. It is a reputation which it does not take for granted and which it is determined to build upon. For almost 40 years, the Brothers, lay staff, parents and students have laid a foundation of excellence in a physical environment which is outstanding even in Canberra.

We continue to take seriously the responsibility placed on us to guide the students in their development from shy, tentative Year Four boys into confident, well-rounded young men.

We would be delighted to have your son join us in whatever stage they are at in their schooling.



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TRINITY CATHOLIC COLLEGE GOULBURN



SECONDARY BOARDING AND DAY SCHOOL

We can't give you the whole Trinity Goulburn picture in this space, but we hope you enjoy these snapshots!

Boarding

Now that the foundation has been set, the Sisters of St Joseph and the Christian Brothers have relinquished responsibility of Trinity Boarders to the Archdiocese, and are focusing their energies on different missions. Ever grateful for their commitment to the College in our early years, the change has brought new challenges, in tandem with new opportunities, for our 100 Boarders. Mr Chris Douglass (Yass), a previous teacher at the college, and an experienced Boarding Master, has been appointed Head of Girls and Boys' Boarding. Whilst the boys and girls reside on different campuses, integrating activities have already proven popular this year.



Trinity Goulburn Boarders on a recent bushwalk whilst resting above Bungonia Gorge.

Academic

We work very hard at maintaining a wide range of subjects from which our students can choose. In addition to choices, as Religious Education is the foundational element of Catholic schooling, all students at Trinity study RE. Whilst 1 Unit RE is compulsory, many of our students choose it as a 2 Unit subject for the HSC, as it introduces topics which are both challenging and formative. Our Religious Education Co-ordinator is responsible for organising an annual Year 12 Retreat.



Mitchell Lindgren from Tumut holding a banner, which he and his class mates created. We think the photo "says it all"!

Extra-Curricular

Although not compulsory, extra curricular sport is enjoyed by a vast number of students. Rugby, cricket, soccer, hockey, cross-country, netball, basketball, equestrian, athletics, swimming, tennis, cadets, debating, public speaking, drama and the Duke of Edinburgh Scheme are options.



Trinity's 1st XI receiving a "motivating address!" by Master in Charge of Cricket, Rod McCabe.

General

Trinity is a friendly school, where courtesy and respect for people and property is an expectation. The parent body, staff and students, really care about their school, and a balance between academic and recreational pursuits is encouraged.



Pictured is Amy Campton-Smith, with parents Jenny and Neil, after receiving the prestigious Premier's Award this year for all-round excellence in the HSC.

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Going out to make a difference

By St Edmund's College Headmaster Christopher Hayes

A pride in achieving, a pride in belonging and a pride in serving.

The above statement captures the essence of what we want each boy at St Edmund's to live, on a daily basis. After 14 months as Headmaster, I am very pleased with the spirit of renewal and the positive development that is taking place within the school community.

Our focus is on ways to promote learning, leadership and service opportunities for the students.

My strongest first impression of our students was that they were proud to be Eddies boys. This pride in achievement translates into producing one's personal best whether it is in academic and/or co-curricular activities.

St. Edmund's has the reputation as a fine sporting College throughout Australia.

Over the last year we have asked the boys to transfer the same preparation, dedication and desire they have put into their sport into their studies.

We are attempting to build a cul-



ture where whatever a student's ability, if he achieves, we as the College community, want to recognise, respect and applaud his efforts."

We want each boy to feel proud of belonging to St Edmund's. The expectation is the boys will display this pride in how they conduct themselves both within and outside the

College. This pride is then transferred into simple expression such as how they wear their uniform and their personal grooming.

As an Edmund Rice school we pride ourselves on serving the wide community.

Our teachers are inspired by the example and charism of Blessed

Edmund Rice and wish to pass onto the boys, service as a vocation for all. The tangible ways in which this is done is through the fund raising activities, the Big Brother program, and the social justice program; help with St Vincent de Paul Society, Red Cross and night patrol. We want our boys to benefit by giving to others. Our philosophy is that "the heart of education is education of the heart."

As a school community this year we have adopted a "restorative practice" model for dealing with discipline and pastoral matters.

Why we exist as a Catholic school is to educate the boys to act justly and with respect. We have found a framework for staff and students to build justice into our everyday interactions.

I very much look forward to the challenges and growth of St. Edmund's College.

I am confident that over the next three years the school will become a centre of excellence producing educated young men motivated by Christian ideals to go out into the world and make a difference.



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CATHOLIC SECONDARY COLLEGES

Catholic Schools are often in the news. This is not surprising as there are some 1700 Catholic schools in Australia with 45,000 teachers and 15,000 support staff enrolling some 680,000 students. One in every 5 primary and secondary students in Australia is being educated in a Catholic school.

In the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn there are 58 Catholic schools with 1600 teachers and 425 support staff enrolling 25,000 students.

Catholic schools continue to develop and grow in quality and public esteem. They seek to contribute to the creation of an Australian community that is well educated and skilled, compassionate, passionate in seeking truth and justice and energetic in promoting the common good. They challenge students to find meaning and value in their lives through experiencing the personal, loving and challenging God revealed as Abba Father by Jesus.

The Catholic Voice supplement is a snap shot of very lively Catholic Secondary and Central schools in this Archdiocese. They are significant parts of the Church's gift to society.

Geoff Joy
Director

Catholic schools proclaim the Good News of Jesus, says Director

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(boys only) 6239 0621

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Half century since first Mass

Parishioners of St Augustine's, Yass, this month will celebrate the 50th anniversary of the first Mass in the main church of the parish.

Clergy from around the Archdiocese and beyond who have had an association with Yass, as well as many Sisters of Mercy who once belonged to the Mt Carmel community, will return to Yass for the Mass at 8.30am on Sunday, 30 April.

Former parishioners, clergy or religious would be welcome to attend

At 8.30am on Sunday, 30 April, 1956 Archbishop Guildford Young celebrated the first Mass in the church, following its official opening and dedication the day before.

As Parish Priest of Yass, Bishop Young was responsible for the initial design and he kept a close watch on its construction until he was appointed Archbishop of Hobart. The church was designed by Messrs Fowell, Mansfield and Maclurkan, a firm of architects from Sydney.

Renowned sculptor Tom Bass was responsible for the magnificent crucifixes on the front of the Church and behind the main altar, the figure of St Paul adjacent to the sanctuary, and the figure of St Augustine at the entrance to the Church.

Lenore Bass completed the mural of the saints, which now forms a backdrop to the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. The saints depicted in the mural form a group around the central figure of Christ and each saint is an emblem of a particular state of life. They are St Francis Xavier, St Aloysius, St Louis, St Maria Goretti, St Therese, The Cure of d'Ars, St Thomas Moore, Elizabeth of Hungary and St Patrick.

J C Fowell designed the carved stone plaques around the crucifix at the front of the Church, as well as much of the interior fittings and touches. It was his idea to have the shields bearing coats of arms of both deceased and living prelates high on the sidewalls where they join the ceilings.

Looking back from the altar the south side honours the living (in 1954) prelates: Pope Pius XII, Archbishop Gilroy, Archbishop, Eris O'Brien, Archbishop Guildford Young and Archbishop McGuire. On the north side are the deceased prelates: St Augustine of Hippo (patron saint of the Church), Archbishop Polding, Bishop Lanigan, Bishop Gallagher and Bishop Barry. All the archbishops and bishops were closely associated with St Augustine's.

On Bishop Young's move to Hobart, the completion of the church was handed over to Fr Michael Casey. At the time of his move to Hobart, Bishop Young wrote in a letter to Tom Bass: "To have been deprived of sharing with you and Mrs Bass the vital and unique experience of bringing some of its (the church's) beauty into being is one of the heaviest little chips of God's great cross that



has ever cut into my heart."

The church was designed to seat 600, used 250,000 bricks, 12 cubic feet of concrete, 5 tons of reinforced concrete and seven rolled trusses to hold the roof covered in silky oak and silky ash panels. The curved footpath leading to the front entrance was copied from St Peter's in Rome, symbolising the arm of God reaching out inviting his people to join Him.

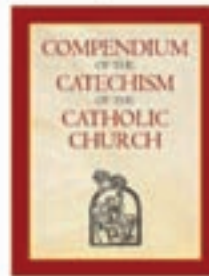
Following the anniversary Mass this month, morning tea will be served in the parish hall.

Inquiries should be directed to parish secretary Irene Carr, on Mondays, Thursdays or Fridays between 9am and 3pm, or e-mail sta.yass@cg.catholic.org.au

More generous

Catholics in Australia last year gave more than ever to Catholic Mission. Total net donations from all dioceses were up 4.7 per cent to \$9.67 million. Melbourne gave \$3.14 million. Donations from the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn totalled \$269,850, roughly on a par with the previous year. Schoolchildren gave more than \$26,000 for children less fortunate than themselves.

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Women's view of Jesus' time

Two Women of Galilee, by Mary Rourke. Chatswood, NSW: Mira Books, 2006. rrp \$22.95.

I've enjoyed a number of successful novels set in Jesus' period: Theissen's "In the Shadow of the Galilean," Speare's "The Bronze Bow," Spence's "Me and Jeshua," even Jackson's "The Davidson Affair."

Rourke's "Two Women of Galilee" will swell the ranks.

The two women are Joanna, wife of Chuza, Herod Antipas' chief steward and Jesus' mother Mary. Rourke has a good understanding of the history, geography and social setting of the period, and imagines Joanna as a first cousin of Mary.

While Mary's family was loyal to the Hebrews and their God, Joanna's (and Chuza's) family had given its loyalty to the Romans.

As the socially well-to-do but sick Joanna is slowly drawn into the circle close to Jesus, the conflicts and tensions develop, both within and beyond her marriage.

Rourke draws on many of the stories and characters in the gospels to create a realistic portrait of the period and personalities.

Her concentration on Joanna allows her to bypass much direct description of Jesus and his actions, as much of her knowledge of Jesus is obtained from Mary and others' reports. Mary is presented sensitively and believably.

The book is very suitable for adults and high school students: an easy and interesting read.

Its particular perspective allows insight into some of the social and political backdrop of the period, and its Christian truth emerges naturally and reasonably subtly.

Rourke is a journalist from the Los Angeles Times and has a master's degree in religion from Yale. This is her first novel.



What if the wrong ones are dying?

The Death of Innocents: An Eyewitness Account of Wrongful Executions, by Sister Helen Prejean. Canterbury Press, 2006, 310 pp, rrp \$39.95. Reviewer: Janet Moyle.

The title of the book is a fair indicator of what is to come. If in any doubt then the name of its author is confirmation.

Sr Helen Prejean, a Catholic nun from Louisiana, is the writer of Dead Man Walking. This best seller was later made into the 1995 movie starring Susan Sarandon.

Sr Helen's second book The Death of Innocents takes the debate about the morality of capital punishment to new heights. What if, she asks, we are killing the wrong person?

To answer this question she uses the stories of Dobie Gillis Williams and Joseph Roger O'Dell. She accompanied these men to their deaths but firmly believes in the innocence of them both.

Using evidence not seen by their juries she tells an awful tale of how incompetent defence lawyers, prosecutorial ambition, poverty and race all played a part in the state-sponsored killings.

The reader is taken inside the cells of death row and to the death chamber itself with Sr Helen as chaplain and guide. She describes the

appalling drawn-out appeals process which is punctuated by multiple and excruciating trips to the death chamber and last-minute stays of execution.

The second part of the book details her meticulously researched challenge to the whole judicial system and to Congress for the repeal of the death penalty.

She believes that, to date, more than 100 wrongfully convicted persons have been released from death row. She asks how it is possible that they were condemned in the first place. How can Americans continue to accept a system so unjust and rife with error? Why the difference in prosecutions when all states are bound by the same Constitution?

I have a clear memory of the storm of protest that occurred when Ronald Ryan, the last person to be hanged in Victoria, died. More recently we faced the grim reality of Van Tuong Nguyen's death in Singapore.

We can give thanks that there is no death penalty in Australia. However there are other inequities extant in our society not the least being that of mandatory detention.

Sr Helen Prejean is to visit here on a lecture tour in August. This book goes before her as a beacon of her passion and commitment to social justice for all.

Reflections with local flavour

Sundays Under the Southern Cross, by Mary Coloe. John Garrett Publishing, 2005. 93 pp, rrp \$7.95.

Mary Coloe PBVM would be well known to

some Catholics as the writer of the short commentary on the back of "The Saving Word" Sunday bulletins.

Her tiny book "Sundays Under the Southern Cross" contains excellent gospel reflections with an Australian flavour (each less than half an A4 page).

Her contemporary responses emerge from good theology and her personal spirituality. There is one reflection for each of the Sundays for Year B (2006).

Wonderful world

The Wonderful World of C.S. Lewis'

Narnia, by L and R Banks. The Bible Society NSW, 2006. 43 pp, rrp \$5.95.

Linda and Robert Banks have written a five-part study guide and workbook for the wonderful world of Narnia.

They explore the connections between The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe and scripture, for adults and teenagers.

The questions draw out the subtleties of the book, which features space for reader's responses, for a scripture study group, personal reflection, or a creative basis for discussing the film with primary children.

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Prayer book with something for all

Heartlines: Prayer resources for a Contemporary Spirituality by Maurice Ryan [ed.] Melb: Thomson/Social Science Press, 2004, 187 pp, rrp \$29.95. Reviewer: Janet Moyle.

Heartlines is a little gem. It is a compilation of traditional and contemporary prayers in a mix with reflections from spiritual guides and poets.

There are the familiar ones like the Our Father and Hail Mary given also in Latin and other languages. There are wonderful choices from the poetry of Gerard Manley Hopkins and William Wordsworth balanced with the simplicity of Michael Leunig and Bruce Dawe.

There are blessings and graces from other cultures and religions including the Muslim and Jewish faith tradition. There is even a list of the Islamic Ninety-Nine Names of God.

There are Justice prayers, Spirit prayers, Prayers for Seasons and Occasions like Anzac Day, World Environment Day and the International Day for Women.

I cannot recommend this compilation highly enough. It is perfect for those who claim they are not religious but spiritual and for those who are both.

Edited by Maurice Ryan from ACU Brisbane, the layout is open with wide margins, introductory notes and illustrations. There is an index of authors for quick reference. It is overwhelmingly user-friendly.

Heartlines is a must for those who prepare for liturgy, for retreatants, for RCIA, for families, for individuals and, of course, for students and teachers. No school should be without a copy. I'm making sure I hang on to mine!

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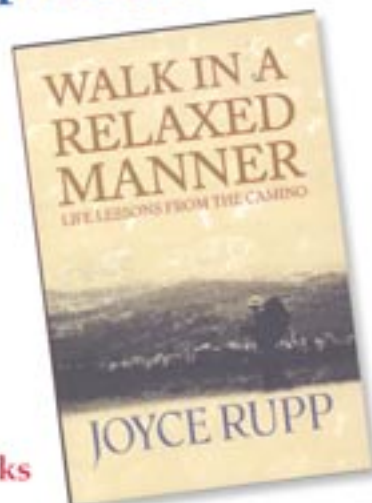
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THIS MONTH'S MOVIES

Match Point: Highlights the patronising British upper classes. M.
A History of Violence: A well-crafted mainstream drama. MA 15+
Lassie: Nice, even the critics liked it. PG.
The Pink Panther: A few easy laughs. PG.
Proof: Interesting, thoughtful. M.
The King: About God, faith, testing of faith and loss of faith. MA 15+
 All reviews may be found at www.catholicvoice.com.au

So nice that even critics loved it

It is more than 60 years since Roddy McDowell and Elizabeth Taylor shed their tears over Lassie. They were war refugees from Britain, working in Hollywood, and their film was a wartime morale booster.

The war is still the time frame of the story but veteran director Charles Sturridge who also wrote the screenplay, takes his team to Ireland, Scotland and northern England to recreate the Yorkshire and Scotland of the story.

It's a very nice and enjoyable film, especially with its Christmas setting. In fact, it is somewhat miraculous. The film critics enjoyed it!

The dogs portraying Lassie are marvellous-looking Collies. The

Lassie.

Starring Peter O'Toole, Samantha Morton and John Lynch. Directed by Charles Sturridge. PG. 100 mins. Reviewer: Fr Peter Malone*.

little boy (Jonathan Mason) who plays Joe is very little but very believable, Hester Odgers plays Cilla, the Duke's granddaughter.

Joe's parents, a miner and his hard-working housewife, are played with strength by Samantha Morton and John Lynch.

Peter O'Toole is as eccentric as ever as the Duke. Steve Pemberton (from the League of Extraordinary Gentlemen) is one of the most convincing 'hiss the villain' types for some time.

The bulk of the story is Lassie's hard journey from Scotland back to Yorkshire, managing, surviving. There is a very pleasing interlude where she meets a tinker (Peter Dinklage from The Station Agent) but not everybody is kind to Lassie.

It's hard to go wrong with Lassie. In fact, it's hard to go wrong with a boy and his dog story. This version of Lassie succeeds on all counts (well, Peter O'Toole is very mannered - but he means well).

* Fr Peter Malone MSC directs the film desk of SIGNIS: the World Association of Catholic Communicators, and is an associate of the Australian Catholic Film Office.

More British than British

London has given Woody Allen a new lease of life. He obviously loves London, with more than enough sights of well-known and unknown locations. He also communicates differently from his New York stories despite similarities in characters and themes through a principally British cast, their different accents, vocabulary and voice inflections. At times, Match Point is more British than British.

We enter the upper class Hewett family with Irish tennis coach, Chris Wilton (a surprisingly effective Jonathan Rhys Myers). While we find them pompous, he finds them fascinating and soon throws in his lot with them, friendships, opera and the arts, business positions, marriage.

Match Point.

Starring Scarlett Johansson, Jonathan Rhys-Meyers. Directed by Woody Allen. M. 124 mins. Reviewer: Fr Peter Malone.

Early on we catch him reading Dostoevski, so Allen is giving us the lead for further plot developments. It is Crime and Punishment and Crimes and Misdemeanours revisited, English-style.

Some of his cast have suggested that it is a British kind of Chekhov family and society.

There is an opening light reflection on luck when a tennis ball served balances on the net and could fall either way, win or lose. Allen uses this image with relish in the closing section of the film. He reflects on luck, planning and working. In the meantime, Chris has married Chloe Hewett (Emily Mortimer) and continued an affair with aspiring American actress Nola (Scarlett Johansson).



Jonathan Rhys Meyers and Scarlett Johansson in Match Point. Icon Film Distribution.

Matters end badly or well, depending on who won the match point. Allen highlights the patronising banality of the upper classes and the selfish banality of Chris, leaving the audience to provide its own moral anchor for judgments.

FACTS ON FUNERALS

What should I wear to a funeral?

Etiquette has changed much this century in all facets of life, but none more so than in the conventions of mourning.

As late as the 1920's, etiquette for mourning precisely dictated what a person should wear according to their relationship to the deceased. For example, young widows were required to wear deep black crepe for a year, followed by a six month period of lighter mourning (usually still black but not necessarily crepe) and then second mourning (with colours such as lavender, purple or magenta being acceptable) until the second anniversary of the death. In those days, mourning clothes bore no relationship to the feelings of grief one did or did not have. It was a sign of respect for the deceased, and indicated to the community that a person was bereaved.

Since then, the social attitudes on clothing worn to a funeral have changed significantly. With the exception of some immigrant groups, there are no longer any "hard and fast" rules about the appropriate colour or style of mourning clothes, nor the length of time these should be worn.

As funerals are still events of significance, people will tend to wear their "best" clothes (even is this amounts to an open necked shirt and jeans).

Despite the many changes in etiquette over the years, one thing remains unchanged - the support you show to a bereaved family by attending the funeral. It goes without saying that your presence is much more important than what you wear.

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Easter through eyes of artists

Easter in Art [DVD], (66 min, ages 12 - adult).

Presented in three parts: the Betrayal, the Crucifixion and the Resurrection, this program looks at the Easter story as depicted by artists through the ages. The detailed analysis of each art piece by art historian Tim Marlow, gives the viewer an insight into the theological and historical background of these events and a description of the artistic techniques used. Suitable for Treasures New and Old Stage 6 Units, Religion and Artistic Expression, and Jesus of History, Christ of Faith.

Matthew [Video] (30 min, Year 9 - adult).

A documentary that examines the life of and legends surrounding St Matthew, highlighting the significance of the apostle in the modern day as well as how he has influenced Christianity.

Videos



Dennis Granlund

The Passion : The Last Days Of Christ [Video] (Topical Bible series, 45 min, ages 12 - adult)

Using excerpts from the Visual Bible of Matthew, this video presents key parts of the last days and passion of Christ. Lanell Harris provides a commentary and personal reflections on the story. A musical reflection concludes the video.

The Easter Story [Video] (30 min, ages 7 - 12)

Seen through the eyes of the Apostle Mark, this story begins with Jesus' joyful entrance into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. The

story continues with the drama of Christ's betrayal, arrest and crucifixion - and his triumphant resurrection and ascent into heaven.

The Legend of the Three Trees [Video] (30 min, ages 4 - 10)

An animated retelling of the legend of the three trees who dreamed of greatness but were disappointed by their existence until they each played a role in the birth, ministry and passion of Jesus. The trees learn God has a special purpose for each of us.

The Passion and The Cross and Afterward [Video] (Vols. 9 & 10 In the Footsteps of Christ Series, notes, 30 min. per video, ages 15 - adult)

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It's not a straightforward journey for many. Darius Modi, a seminarian when civil war erupted in southern Sudan, had to flee. On giving himself up to the Sudan People's Liberation Army he had to train as a soldier for three months before Bishop Taban of Torit could persuade the SPLA to return him to the seminary.

To support these and other works of Catholic Mission, a Food for Life cookbook has been produced; 160 pages of recipes from donors and celebrities including Sir William Deane. This A4, full colour book was created by top designers pro-bono. At \$30 plus P&H it's a great present. To obtain one, call Kate, Ruth or myself.

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insites

A column in which we ask readers to share their favourite sites. We speak to Boorowa woman and former CWL national president Thora Regan.



My reason for logging on to the Internet is to locate information about topics I am researching or have a special interest in.

www.abc.net.au

ABC News On Line provides up-to-date international and national news of general interest with links to television providing for special interests, and radio featuring well-researched political, cultural and religious programs, analysis and interviews. An easy read of fresh news.

www.deh.gov.au/water/wetlands/publications/policies

The Australian Government Department of Environment and Heritage site for the National Wetlands Program is exciting in that it contains policy that promotes the conservation and ecologically sustainable use of wetlands functions. The site links to relevant Commonwealth legislation and international conventions and gives extensive detail of its purpose.

www.csiro.au

Australia's National Science Agency website is a fascinating showcase depicting diverse science and innovative research being conducted in Australia and around the world for industry, society and the environment. Related areas and links complement this site.

www.cwla.org.au

The Catholic Women's League Australia Inc. website focus is information about the activities of a non-government, non-profit organisation of members who volunteer their time and expertise to work at local, national and international levels on issues that affect women, children and family life. The site is attractive, easy to navigate and user friendly.

● If you have well-worn destinations on the 'net, e-mail us at ed.voice@cg.catholic.org.au

All you want to know about Easter

Easter is considered to be the principal feast of the Church's ecclesiastical year, the most holy day for Catholics around the world.

Did you know that the English term Easter is actually derived from Eastre or Eostre, the Goddess of Spring?

And that the word Easter in Greek is Pascha and that it is the Aramaic form of the Hebrew word pesach or Passover.

New Advent Catholic Encyclopedia (www.newadvent.org/cathen/05224d.htm) offers these little snippets.

Many other facts about Easter can be found on the Internet.

For example, if you wanted to plan ahead so that you knew when Lent and Easter were going to be for 2008 or 2010, you could go to Catholicism. About (<http://catholicism.about.com/od/holidaysfeastdays/a/cathliturg0511.htm>) and find all of these dates, as well as the dates for Advent and Christmas, Pentecost and Ascension Sunday from 2005 to 2011.

There are many different types of Easter pages on the Internet.

They range from very simple Easter activity pages with Easter Bunny colouring pages, to complex theological Easter pages with the in-depth meaning of Easter from a Christological point of view.

There are also many Easter pages that fall within these types of web pages.

Here are some interesting and informative Easter websites that I found while searching the Internet:

1. A very useful Easter web page is called Easter in Cyberspace 2006 (www.easterincyberspace.com/). It

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Paul Jenkins

counts down the days until Easter at the top of the page. This website contains "No Bunnies - Just The Good News! A Christ-Centered Holiday Directory."

2. A Holy Easter 2006 (www.rockies.net/~spirit/sermons/easterpage.html) is from Kir-Shalom who also produce a useful Christmas website each year. This web page is divided into two main parts.

In a Holy Easter Part I, you will find a wide variety of links related to Easter sermons and lectionary resource pages. You will find liturgical information about Ash Wednesday, Lenten calendars, Good Friday, the Crucifixion and Easter Sunday.

In a Holy Easter Part II, you will find many Easter activities and resources aimed at children. For example, an eggs-ellent Easter Word Search Puzzle (www.kate.net/holidays/easter/wordsearch.html).

This part of the web page also contains links that adults might also find useful such as Easter and Passover clipart.

3. Annie's Easter Welcome Page (www.annieshomepage.com/easter.html) contains Easter information and links to many other Easter pages. Annie's website looks simple, however a great deal of research and time has gone into the design and the information presented about all the different parts of Easter.

There are lots of Lent and Easter activity pages for children and this site has a lot to offer adults as well.

Wishing you all a happy and Holy Easter for 2006.

Taking worry out of retirement

By Zilla Lyons, Regional Manager, Catholic Superannuation and Retirement Fund

One of the pleasures of my position as a regional manager with the Catholic Superannuation and Retirement Fund is meeting and supporting wonderful people in their plans for retirement.

John and Jean Tanzer are great members of the Townsville community - they are the "givers" to a society that make Australia great. Not many people can boast that they have served tuckshops for 32 years and very few builders take up a hammer in retirement to assist in the restoration of a Catholic cathedral.

Jean and John are no slackers. They have worked long and hard to raise their nine children and provide them with a first-class Catholic education. They are proud of the accomplishments of their talented offspring, but even more so, they are proud of the people their offspring have become.

When it came to planning their retirement, the Tanzers were in almost foreign territory - they were forced to think about themselves for a change. They looked at options on where to live.

Apartment living was not for John and Jean, as they needed space to share with visiting family and friends. They had always enjoyed their own family home, so it was not a tough decision to renovate with their retirement needs in mind.



Without all the work stresses, retirement provides a time when you can enjoy having friends over for a long lunch and a chat. What better way than in the surrounds of the home you love. John and Jean are very young-at-heart and wanted their home to reflect their warm and welcoming personalities.

Financial retirement decisions were a little easier than house renovations. John and Jean wanted a stress-free income stream that was flexible, tax effective and left them in control of the nest egg they had worked so long to accumulate.

Jean and John had heard about allocated pensions. They liked the idea of a tax-free investment fund that could provide exposure to all the investment classes. They wanted access to their money in the case of emergency, so they looked no further than the Catholic Superannuation and Retirement Fund Allocated Pension Plan.

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Propers of the Day. Ordinary: Missa Brevis (Palestrina). Motet: Haec Dies (Palestrina). Processional: At The Lamb's High Feast. Recessional: The Day of Resurrection. Sunday, 23 April, Propers of the Day. Ordinary: Chant Mass. Motet: Pueri Hebraeorum (Victoria). Processional: At The Lamb's High Feast We Sing. Recessional: Jesus Christ is Risen Today. Tuesday, 25 April: Anzac Day: Sung Requiem Mass 9am. The choir sings at the Traditional Latin Mass at Ss Peter's and Paul's Church, Garran at 11.30am on Sundays and 7pm feast days.

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Curtin: Holy Thursday 6.30pm Mass, Good Friday 3pm liturgy, Easter Vigil 6pm Mass, Easter Sunday 8.30am, 5.30pm Mass.

Evatt: Holy Thursday 7.30pm Mass, Good Friday 3pm liturgy, Easter Vigil 9pm Mass, Easter Sunday 8am, 9.30am Mass.

Garran: Good Friday 10am Stations of Cross, Easter Sunday 9.30am Mass.

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Pearce: Holy Thursday 7pm Mass, Good Friday 3pm liturgy, Easter Vigil 8pm Mass, Easter Sunday 8.30am Mass St Augustine's, 10.30am Sacred Heart.

Queanbeyan: Holy Thursday 7.30pm Mass, Good Friday 3pm liturgy, Easter Vigil 7.30pm Mass, Easter Sunday 8am, 10am Mass.

Wanniassa: Holy Thursday 7.30pm Mass, Good Friday 11am Station of Cross, 3pm liturgy, Easter Vigil 9.30am liturgy prayer, 7pm Mass, Easter Sunday 9.30am, 6pm Mass.

Waramanga: Good Friday 3pm liturgy, Easter Vigil 6pm Mass, Easter Sunday 10.15am Mass.

Watson: Holy Thursday 7.30pm Mass, Good Friday 10am Stations of Cross, 3pm liturgy, Easter Vigil 7.30pm Mass, Easter Sunday 8am, 10am Mass.

"In his anguish he prayed even more earnestly, and his sweat fell to the ground like great drops of blood."

Luke gives us this picture of Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane. What's happening inside of Jesus here?

When we look at the accounts of Jesus' passion and death we see that what the gospel writers highlight is not Jesus' physical suffering but his emotional anguish.

Indeed, in the gospels, his physical sufferings are almost underplayed. In Mark's account, for instance, the entire aspect of physical suffering is written off in one line: "They led him away and crucified him."

What's emphasized instead is that Jesus was alone, abandoned, betrayed, morally lonely, hung out to dry, unanimity-minus-one.

Moreover, the fact that Gethsemane is a garden (rather than in a temple, a boat, or a mountain-top) tells us something too.

Archetypally a garden is a place of love, a place of delight, a place to drink wine with friends, a place of intimacy. Conversely, that also makes it the place where love is lost, where one feels the deepest kind of loneliness, and where one suffers emotional crucifixion.

Thus, it's Jesus, the lover, who sweats blood in the garden. What he suffers there is the emotional agony that sometimes comes on us as the price of love. What Jesus sweats there is a lover's anguish. What is that?

Several years ago, there was a TV series entitled, *Thirty Something*. One of the episodes ran this way:

A group of men had gathered for a "men-only" party at a hotel. One of the men at party, a married man, found himself attracted to one of the hotel managers, a young woman who was on duty that night, in charge of the hospitality.

He had to deal with her all evening in terms of making arrangements for food, drink, and music. She was attracted to him too and as the evening went on their bond grew and, though nothing but practical conversation was exchanged, the romantic chemistry between them began to intensify. Each sensed it without, of course, revealing it to the other.

As the evening drew to a close, both did what comes naturally, they lingered near each other and found every kind

Not my will ...

Ron Rolheiser

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of practical excuse to prolong their contact, without really knowing what to say to each other, but sensing that there was a special connection that they were reluctant to break off.

Finally, it was time to part. The man stalled, thanking her one last time for what she'd done for the group.

She, not wanting to lose the moment, took the risk and said to him:

'I'm sorry, but I'm married. I need to go home to my wife.'

"I very much enjoyed meeting you. Would you like to get together again sometime?"

He, guilty fingering his wedding ring and apologising for not being more forthright, did what too few of us would have the honesty and courage to do.

He sweated a little blood and then said to her: "I'm sorry, but I'm married. I need to go home to my wife."

My dad used to say to me: "Unless you can sweat blood sometimes, you will never keep a commitment, in marriage, in priesthood, or in anything else. That's what it takes to be faithful!"

In essence, at least in miniature, that was Jesus' agony in the garden. The blood he was sweating was the blood

of emotional crucifixion, the price of being faithful in love.

To be faithful, to love beyond day-dreams, requires that sometimes - in hotel rooms, in gardens, at parties, in our workplaces, in places where wine is drunk, and in every place where people gather and intimacies are exchanged - we have to enter a great loneliness, the loneliness of moral integrity, the loneliness of fidelity, the loneliness of duty, the loneliness of renouncing an overpowering desire, the loneliness of losing life so that we might find it in a higher way.

And that isn't easy. Jesus didn't find it easy and neither do we.

What love and fidelity ask will sometimes drive us to our knees in anguish and, like Jesus in Gethsemane, we will find ourselves begging God for a means to still have our own way in this, to have our cake and eat it too, to find some way around fidelity, vow, promise, and duty.

This is a lover's anguish because the part in us that's agonizing and resisting is that part of the heart that stewards intimacy, romance and embrace.

The lover in us is having to let go of some very precious things; it's having to die to something for the sake of something else, and that's emotionally crucifying.

The account of Jesus sweating blood in the Garden of Gethsemane is, among other things, a powerful mystical image that tells us it's not enough simply to be sincere and follow the heart's desires.

Sometimes love and fidelity demand that, like Jesus, in anguish and tears, we say to God: "Much as I desperately want this, I can't have it! Not my will, but yours, be done!"

Quiet man's huge contribution

Braidwood was saddened late last year with the passing of Eric Ffrench, a man of deep faith and in his own quiet way he made a sustained contribution to the local community.

In many ways Mr Ffrench's real legacy is the service he provided to the St Vincent de Paul Society. He attended his first meeting as a 17 year old and was honoured late last year with a plaque from the society acknowledging 70 years service.

The Braidwood conference of the St Vincent de Paul Society is one of the oldest in Australia and the role that Mr Ffrench played in keeping that flag flying in the Braidwood district cannot be overestimated. Many acknowledge that only he would have known just who he had helped.

His involvement in many ways reflected his approach to life - just to quietly contribute where he could to support those less fortunate than himself, but never seeking to grandstand or receive acknowledgment.



Mr Ffrench was a man of deep faith, attending daily Mass when possible and taking Communion to the sick for as long as any in the Braidwood community could remember.

His pragmatic approach to his faith and life journey provided a great example to all.

He was born in the Braidwood district on 9 January 1918 and attended St Bede's school before he started a life-long occupation as a baker in Braidwood.

His early baking days were interrupted by World War 2 during which he saw active service. He married his soul mate Connie and they lived all their married life in Braidwood. He was an active sportsman and played cricket, tennis and golf for many years, and was proud to represent the Braidwood district in these fields.

Mr Ffrench was not one to seek accolades, but the Braidwood community congratulates him on a great job well done. He leaves a difficult gap to fill.

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Coming Events



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CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME - St John the Apostle Catholic community, Kippax, program begins 7.30pm-9pm, 8 May. Inquiries: Parish Office, telephone 6254 3236, website www.stjohnkippax.org.au "Faith Formation" page.

CENTRING PRAYER WORKSHOP - Marian Hall, St Matthew's, Page, 9.30am-4.15pm, 29 April. Inquiries: Peter Ahern, telephone 6254 7168.

COAST MEN'S CURSILLO - Karinya Retreat Centre, Bateman's Bay, 22-25 June. Inquiries: Peter Hofman, telephone 6254 5204.

COURAGE CANBERRA - Group for those experiencing same-sex attraction and desiring to live sacramental life of the Church. Meeting 13 and 27 April. Confidentiality assured. Inquiries: Telephone 6254 2408, e-mail couragecanberra@hotmail.com

CURSILLO - Northside Ultreya, Marian Hall, St Matthew's, Page, 8pm, 27 April.

CURSILLO CANBERRA WOMEN - 25-28 May, Greenhills Conference Centre, Cotter Road, ACT. Inquiries: Margie Doyle, telephone 6288 0309 for information or applications.

DIVINE MERCY FEAST DAY MASS - St Clement's Monastery, Galong, 3pm, Sunday, 23 April. Confession from 2.15 pm and end of Mass. Chaplet 2.45pm. Veneration of Divine Mercy image during celebrations. Afternoon tea after Mass. Bring a plate. Inquiries: Gus or Ellen, telephone 6385 5225.

ECUMENICAL WOMEN'S WORKSHOP - The Audacity to Hope, Women Dreaming Together, hosted by Commission for Australian Catholic Women, held in conjunction with Young Catholic Women's Interfaith Fellowship. 10am-3.30pm, Saturday, 6 May, Australian Catholic University, Watson. Cost \$15. Register telephone 6201 9864, e-mail admin@cacw.catholic.org.au

HEALING LITURGY - Our Lady of Fatima Church, North Goulburn, first Friday of month 7.30pm-9pm, including scripture readings, homily, prayer, blessing, Sacrament of Penance, adoration, benediction.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER - Day of Growth, presenting Men Are Like Waffles, Women Are Like Spaghetti, 10am-4pm, Sunday, 14 May, Our Lady of Mt Carmel, St Andrews Road, Varroville, NSW. Married and engaged couples, priests and religious welcome. Bring lunch. \$5 donation. Inquiries: Cheryl and Eugene Gabin, telephone 9820 7107, e-mail ecgab@bigpond.net.au

MEDITATION ON JESUS - In style of Fr Gilbert Carlo, meets Thursdays 7.30pm, St Thomas the Apostle, Kambah. Inquiries: Trish Jarzynski, telephone 6231 8468.

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or divorce. Canberra Beginning Experience weekend 11-13 August. Inquiries: Kath, telephone 6292 6195, or leave message on 0419 210 543. E-mail be_canberra@yahoo.com.au, or www.geocities.com/be_canberra/index.htm

PRAYER IN THE SPIRIT OF TAIZE - 8pm 1st Friday of month, St Alban's Anglican Church, Lyons. Ecumenical gathering. Inquiries: Annemarie Nicol, telephone 6232 7173(bh).

RAPHAELS - Canberra-based singles social group for Catholics and Christian-minded people, aged 24-40. Meet people for social activities, including dinners, dancing, movies, social sports, coffees and monthly Mass. Inquiries: E-mail raphsgroup@yahoo.com.au

ST JOSEPH'S JUBILEE - 50th anniversary celebrations for St Joseph's School, O'Connor. Register interest in jubilee dinner and other events, e-mail school.secretary@sjc.catholic.edu.au or Dilys Ketley, telephone 6247 9609.

ST THOMAS MORE'S FORUM - Themes "The Family Under Threat" and "What is Being a Parent all about?" Presented by Bill Muehlenberg, and Paul Monagle, Australian Family Association, 7.30pm-9pm, Wednesday 5 April, St. Thomas More's School Hall, Campbell. Entry \$10, \$3 student. Bookings e-mail sttmforum@homemail.com.au telephone 9294 8345.

SCHOOL REUNION - St Francis Xavier Lavender Bay, NSW, school reunion dinner dance to celebrate sesquicentenary of parish. 7pm-midnight, Friday, 21 July. Castel D'oro Function Centre, Five Dock, NSW. Cost \$55 pp. Inquiries: Grace Macchia, telephone 9674 7414, e-mail lavenderbayreunion@hotmail.com

STUDY OF CATHOLIC CATECHISM - With Fr Michael Fallon MSC. Tuesdays 10am-noon, Spirituality Centre, Weston Street, Yarralumla, repeated 7.30pm-9.30pm Parish Centre, St John's Kippax. www.cangoul.catholic.org.au Go to Our Newsroom, then What's On.

THE PATRICIANS - Discussion group, a work of Legion of Mary, meets 3pm third Sunday of month, St Joseph's parish hall, O'Connor. Afternoon tea served. Inquiries: Daniel, telephone 6249 8321.

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ABOVE: Easter is a time to rejoice, says Caroline Hendy, year 5/6, at St Gregory's, Queanbeyan.

Dear Children,
We celebrate Palm Sunday by holding a blessed palm branch. The branch reminds us that we follow Jesus and honour him. During the Commonwealth Games people waved flags and signs to show their support for the athletes. When we hold our palm, remember that this is our sign, our flag, that we follow Jesus.
Put your palm in a place where you will be able to see it through-

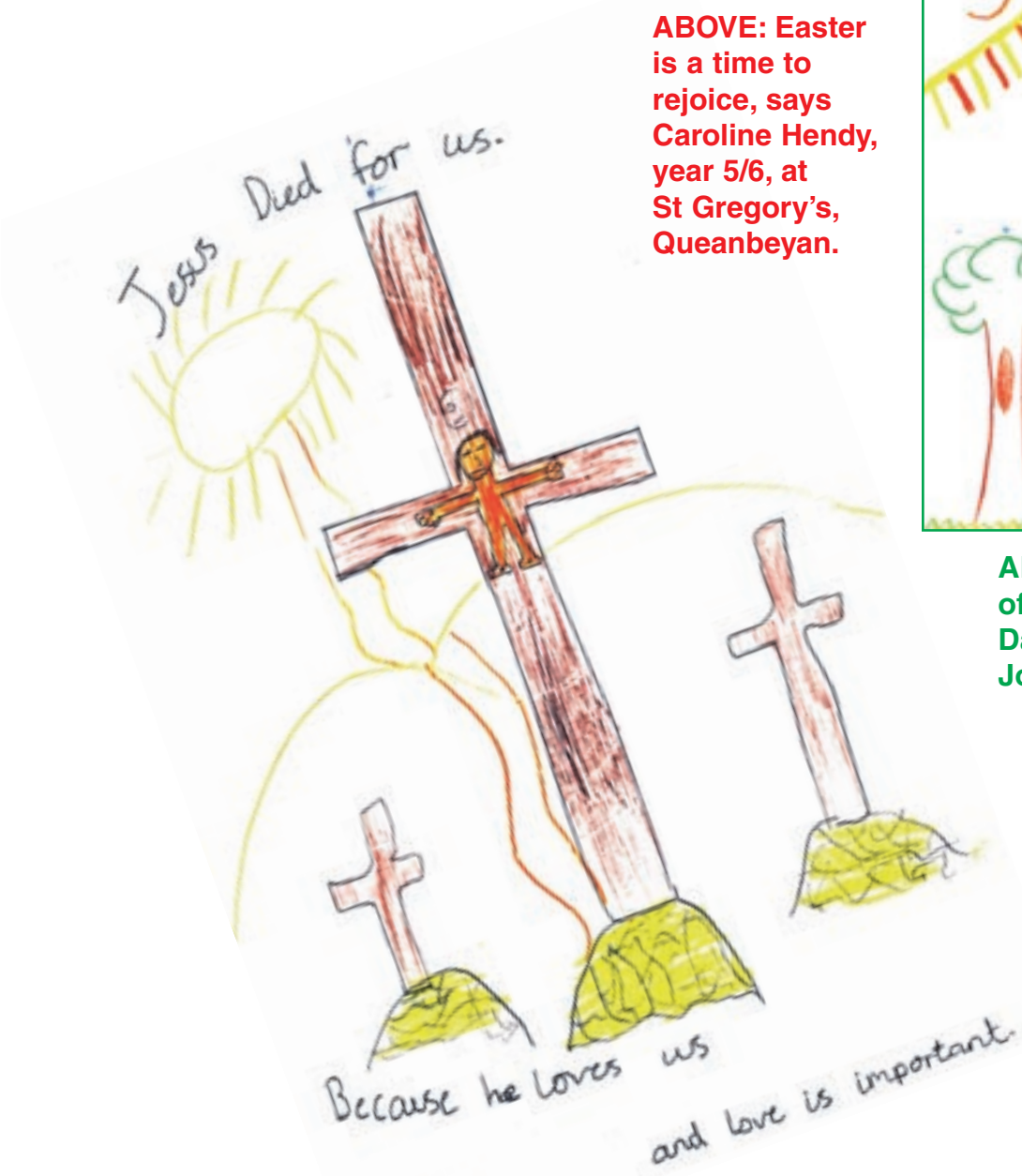
out the year to remind you that you are a follower and a child of Jesus. During Holy Week listen to the readings with special attention, knowing that Jesus loved us so much that he did whatever was necessary so we could have life to the full. Have a happy, holy and safe Easter Season.
God bless you
Sue



ABOVE: A beautiful picture of God's Creation, by Molly Davidson, aged 10, of St Joseph's, Eden.

MY DOG ABBY
Always running around
Bursting with energy
Bubbles of fun
Yap yap yap all day long

- from Sandy Snakie, aged 10, of Sunshine Bay, NSW.



Rachael Short, Sacred heart Parish Moruya.



FAR LEFT: Now there's a Goofy Face ... by Shania Aldridge, aged 7, of St Joseph's, Eden.
LEFT: Rachel Short, aged 9, of Sacred Heart parish, Moruya, sent us this important message about Lent.
ABOVE LEFT: Daniel Marshall, aged 9, of St Francis of Assisi, Calwell, also has something very important to tell us about why Jesus died for us on Good Friday.

Catholic aid welcomed by Muslim 'family'

Australians may see the people of East Timor as recipients of aid, but it's not all one-way traffic.

The Timorese themselves are looking outward and are lending a hand to those in need, even in neighbouring Indonesia whose military supported widespread violence and destruction in East Timor in 1999.

This year's Caritas Australia Lenten visitors to the Archdiocese are an example of this. Fernando Da Silva and Joao Domingos Corbafo spent most of last year in the Indonesian territory of Aceh organising an emergency shelter program for the

tens of thousands of Indonesian victims of the Boxing Day 2004 tsunami.

Although the situation for most people is not as dire as it was when the two men landed in Aceh in January last year, living conditions are still enormously challenging.

Aceh was the closest point of land to the epicentre of the Indian Ocean earthquake that triggered the tsunami.

Access to clean water is difficult, many people still live in tents as the land is not stable enough to build on or building material is not available.

Many who gained a liveli-

hood through fishing before the tsunami have resisted being moved away from their familiar coastal land.

Mr Da Silva remembers arriving at the airport. "It was unbelievable, very sad. Everything was gone, buildings destroyed, people dead.

Whole villages had disappeared under water. Mostly children and women died because they did not know how to protect themselves."

Mr Corbafo said people would tell them that they could not believe they had come to help because "our government destroyed your country".



"I say, 'what has happened is in the past. You are part of our family. Maybe you will be able to help us one day'."

Mr Da Silva said the people of Aceh, who are 99 per cent Muslim, welcomed them warmly. It was a special experience for him coming from a nation that is 99 per cent Catholic.

ABOVE: Lenten visitors Fernando Da Silva and Joao Domingos Corbafo talk about Project Compassion with Caritas Australia diocesan director Deacon Joe Blackwell in Canberra.



Fr Francise Kolencherry, outside Our Lady of Fatima Church, North Goulburn. Picture: Leon Oberg.

By Leon Oberg, of the Goulburn Post

A former Indian soccer star and coach has joined the parish staff at Goulburn. He is Fr Francise Kolencherry, the second priest of the Syro-Malabar Rite to come to serve in the Archdiocese.

In addition to working in Mary Queen of the Apostles parish, he will look after the spiritual needs of Syro-Malabar members living in the Archdiocese. After working with tens of thousands of underprivileged people in his homeland, he Australia is something of a culture shock.

Born and educated in India's south and ordained in December 1980 after being "head-hunted" on the soccer field, he studied spirituality in Canada and organisational management in Holland. He also undertook Indian studies in people management, specifically in respect to improving their quality of life. With these credentials, Fr Kolencherry spent 16 years working as the director of Catholic charities in India.

During that time he built 100,000 homes for the homeless, introduced toilets into homes that did not have them, established education programs for children of the poor and developed self-generating employment programs for 60,000 out-of-work adults. At the same time he oversaw the establishment and development of 2200 individual people's organisations, each one consisting of 200 members, and introduced a credit union to further help them.

Fr Kolencherry also found the time to be secretary director for the India's nationwide Save a Family Plan which saw Canadian families sponsor the poorest Indian families in a bid to improve their standard of living. During his time, 25,000

Soccer priest sets a few new goals

Canadian families signed up for the program.

Another of his successes was as founding president of an ambitious program to reorganise orphanages in his home state of Kerala.

"We had 798 separate orphanages containing some 44,000 children belonging to the poorest of the poor and we felt we could improve their rights if we could bring them together beneath a single umbrella," Fr Kolencherry said. Because he sat on the government board that determined the bringing together of those orphanages, vast improvements in food, clothing and education resulted.

Fr Kolencherry's appointment to the Archdiocese follows four years working in the US in pastoral ministry.

"My spiritual role with Syro-Malabar Catholic Church followers within the Archdiocese will be part time, but already I have made contact with 25 individual families that follow this arm of the Catholic Church which dates back to 52AD," he said. One of his aspirations is to "bring inspiration" to Goulburn youth.

● The Archdiocese's other Syro-Malabar Rite priest Fr Varghese Vavolil is working as assistant priest in South Tuggeranong parish.



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