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# Proud school wants to be on the move

In the grip of drought and suffering the deprivations of rural decline, the community of St Francis Xavier's Primary School, Lake Cargelligo, is a proud group that works hard to support itself.

SFX, or the "blue" school as it is affectionately known in the district, reflects the cultural diversity of the town with the Aboriginal community bringing a richness to the school which is acknowledged and valued.

Its 74 students suffer another challenge unfamiliar to city families; their isolation. Nearest "large" centres to the Lake's 1300 population are Condobolin 100km away, West Wyalong 116km and Griffith 132km.

"One thing our school really needs is a school bus," says principal Mrs Noreen Dick.

"We had to sell our old bus last year, and the children really miss out sometimes because we simply can't round up enough pri-

vate cars. Parents are generous, but there are risks involved in private travel, and the cost of petrol is a real blow.

"The natural talents and abilities of the children shine through in drama, art, music and sport. The enthusiasm of these young men and women often takes them far beyond the Lake representing their school in district eisteddfods, public speaking and sporting events.

"Because of our location, the children are by necessity great travellers, and families and staff provide continuing support."

The cost of a 20-seater bus - \$100,000 - is daunting. "We would accept any donations towards this with open hearts and hands," Mrs Dick said.

And the school doesn't need to hire a driver. The principal has a bus driver's licence.

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The entire school population of St Francis Xavier, Lake Cargelligo.

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# Budget cuts set to hit homeless

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Some of Canberra's most vulnerable people are in the firing line as a result of ACT Government budget cuts that are forcing Vinnies to revamp their services to homeless families.

The 30 per cent cut in Supported Accommodation Assistance Program funding means a drop of about \$320,000 to the St Vincent de Paul Society's special works of Caroline Chisholm and Monica House for women and children, and St Jude's Family Services.

The society has been directed to amalgamate the two houses for women and children and St Jude's. It is in the process of exploring how to maintain the quality of service to the affected families.

Some Vinnies' staff, including the three co-ordinators of the facilities, face redundancy because of the cut-backs.

Three or four women with children are accommodated at Caroline Chisholm, five women with children at Monica House and six families at St Jude's Family Services. They stay for between a couple of weeks and a year depending on their needs.

Vinnies' vice-president for special works Mr Rollo Brett said the facilities were "always full, and the need is significant, desperate and increasing, particularly because there are so few alternative opportunities for accommodation, let alone support and recovery for families."

The society will appoint a co-ordinator of the new service, which will need to be up and running by 1 January next year.

Archdiocesan president Mr Tony Thornton said the society had yet to determine whether the welfare of the families it served would be met by the

proposed more restricted service.

Mr Brett said the society was concerned that the close engagement between staff and families would be eroded by the reduction in staff numbers and resulting access to families. "Our experience suggests this engagement has been an important factor in overcoming loneliness, despair, trauma and the everyday crises of families with children. Our ability to be available at every opportunity to assist and advise in resolving issues brought about by homelessness is of critical importance.

"We aspire to do the best for these families despite the changes.

"We are particularly concerned about the children and their well-being. We try, in effect, to help them through their parents' crisis in mundane ways such as homework clubs and offering educational and recre-

ational activities, and the opportunity to learn skills for life."

Mr Brett said families in every part of society could experience episodes of conflict resulting in financial difficulties which could lead to eviction and homelessness.

The consequences for the poor were much more significant. Once they were homeless, their ability to return to stability was made doubly difficult due to their inability to access private rental accommodation and the restructured allocation of limited ACT public housing resources.

Mr Brett said the society was greatly concerned about the future of its staff, some of whom had worked for years applying the Vincentian spirit and were passionately devoted to helping families, but now faced losing their jobs.



Winners of the DVD “Have No Fear”, based on the life of Pope John Paul II, and distributed by Ninth Dimension Home Entertainment, are:  
Mrs Helen Price, of Batemans Bay, Fr Greg Beath, of Boorowa, Maureen Landy, of Red Hill, M Maloney, of Young, and Win Ryan, of Boorowa.

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**What are you doing now?**  
I am teaching Religious Education and Science at Marist College. I also teach Year 12 Senior Biology. I am preparing to take final vows as well which will probably happen next year.

**What made you realise your vocation?**  
The day it dawned upon me that I had to live my own vocation. The brothers who taught me were inspirational, compassionate and down to earth men. I wanted to be like them. As time went by and my religious formation 'kicked in' I realised that if God was calling me to be Marist brother and I was called to be myself - a human being trying to do some good in the world. Now I realise I am called to live Marist Brotherhood because I love what I do and it makes sense to me.

**What have been your greatest challenges in your vocation?**  
Often being a religious under the age of 30 in a culture that finds commitment and Religion difficult to comprehend can be difficult. My family also found me joining the brothers very difficult and I found that hard at the start. Things have changed for both my fam-

my life

In the ninth in a monthly series on vocations of all kinds, we speak to Marist Brother Anthony Robertson.



ily and me and things are much better now. I've grown now to see that I don't have to justify what I do to others when they say 'Why did you do it?'

**What are the best times for you?**  
Being in community and being in ministry. I thoroughly enjoy teaching but also interacting with the boys through sport and community activities at school. The best times for me are seeing the potential of the boys and them achieving their best. Being with the brothers and sharing our common faith and charism is fantastic. The brothers have taught me much about religious life and myself.

**What leisure interests do you enjoy?**

I enjoy socialising with people and going out to catch up over coffee. I enjoy being in big cities and seeing as much as I can and soaking up the atmosphere.

**What would you say to someone considering the religious life?**  
We are still here, we are still alive and we are as relevant now as much as we were 30 years ago. I would also tell them to be courageous and open to where God was calling them. You can't swim unless you get in the water!

**Your hopes for yourself, your order/ community, your Church in 2006?**  
My hope for the brothers is that we still take the risks to stand up for our faith and our work within the Church and maintain our standards for what we see is the vision for Catholic Education. I hope the Church continues to be open to the Holy Spirit moving through the Institution and working through us to challenge and change God's people. I hope I can remain authentic to my call and my own sense of being a true brother to the members of my order and those who I work with in ministry.

Not just another birthday

Like every other day of the week, Tuesday, 25 July, found Sr Mary Fabian Mills (pictured right) - a sister of St Joseph of Goulburn - beginning her day with 7am Mass in the convent chapel. This day was sister's birthday and during the day she graciously smiled as many sisters and friends called in to say hello and wish her well. The usual photos were taken, a balloon heralding the joyful day could be seen and a special birthday cake was cut and eaten. There was even a card from her beloved Swans football team to mark the occasion.  
It was no ordinary day, however, but the celebration of Sr Fabian's 104th birthday. It is no surprise to find her engaged in various activities in the aged care facility at the convent. A game of bingo, an and exercise program, a stroll around the garden (in her wheelchair), the occasional drive and watching the Swans are all features of her weekly routine.  
It would seem that Sister's answer to a long, healthy and contented life can be found in her daily devotion to Mass and prayer, a constant interest and participation in what is happening around her, and an appreciation of the care and love of her sisters, her family and those who care for her.

**LUKE’S STORY:** Australia's bishops are looking to publish a book of good news stories on the full par-



ticipation of people with disability and their families in the life of the Church. One such active person is Canberra's Luke Mowbray, who this year started to help with the delivery of Catholic Voice each month. His story will be in the book, "We Have a Story". Here is a preview:  
*My name is Luke. I deliver the Catholic Voice once a month. My boss is Geoff Orchison. We meet Geoff at the Canberra Times very early in the morning and pack up the car. Mum drives me around to the drop off places. I put the papers on my trolley, sometimes it is very heavy.*  
*I deliver the papers to the Cathedral, to the Catholic Education Office and to the bookshop and some other places. The Catholic Voice tells everyone about what is happening in our Church in Canberra and Goulburn.*  
*I like working for Geoff, he is a good boss. Geoff pays me some money and then I go to McDonalds and*



*buy a thick shake. I also collect paper to shred from all the Catholic Offices in Canberra. Everyone is very nice to me and they save lots of paper for me to shred. I shred the paper and then I sell it to the pet shops.*  
Luke is pictured (above) with Catholic Voice editor Geoff Orchison.

**NEW LEADER:**  
Br Greg McDonald will be the new community leader of the Marist Brothers in Canberra next year. He will succeed the much-loved Br Mark May, who is completing his term in the position.

Br Mark will continue to be a member of the Canberra brothers' community and is looking forward to a break after nearly a lifetime of Marist leadership.

**WITH THOSE WHO HAVE LITTLE:** Central Canberra parish priest Fr Frank Fuchs (below), a long-time advocate for the impoverished and disadvantaged, holds the prize he won in Caritas Australia's OzSpirit survey competition. The handcrafted basket was made by weavers from Tjanpi Aboriginal Baskets, one of Caritas Australia's indigenous partners. Fr Fuchs spent more than 30 years in PNG where he learnt much about those who have little economic wealth.



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# Backers big and small for old cathedral appeal

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A project patron and former Commonwealth Bank head Mr David Murray and Archbishop Mark Coleridge were due to meet with Mr Howard late last month in the wake of bipartisan support from federal politicians for restoring St Peter and Paul's Church, described as the only greenstone cathedral in the world.

This month the appeal hits Sydney with a lunch which NSW Premier Mr Morris Iemma is expected to attend.

Organisers hope federal, state and local government will provide something in excess of \$3.5 million to the appeal.

Backing has come from across the community ranging from \$10,000 given by a Goulburn parishioner, to \$106.52 from a group of elderly shut-in parishioners who are unable to attend St Peter and Paul's but wanted to show their support and \$25 from a Riverina man who was an altar server in the church in 1927. Businesspeople in Goulburn and beyond are being asked to contribute.

Archbishop Coleridge, who celebrated Mass in St Peter and Paul's on the Sunday following his installation, says the restoration work is a way of "saying thanks for the past and saying yes to the future".

Goulburn parish priest Fr Tony Percy said the project was about "restoration and maintaining what we have that is good."

"We are asking people to consider our one thousand club; 1000 people giving \$1000 equals \$1 million. Because contributions are tax-deductible through the NSW division of the National Trust of Australia, giving is attractive. Of course many won't be able to afford a thousand bucks, but they can consid-

er prayerfully what is within their means.

"We are not asking people to just give money willy nilly. Rather, giving in the Church has a real theological meaning. Giving generously is symbolic of the gift of self. So many before us have given of themselves and symbolised this by giving financially. We are simply asking our generation to step up and take the 'baton of faith', run with it and then hand it on to the generation in waiting. For this reason, this project is extremely exciting.

"This building has local, national and international significance and is the only greenstone cathedral in the world."

The first part of the cathedral was completed in 1871, 10 years before the first stage of the current St Mary's Cathedral in Sydney.

Fr Percy intends that displays will be mounted to give schools, tour groups and other visitors an idea of the part the old cathedral and Goulburn played in the early history of the diocese and the Church in Australia, stretching back to the visits to the district of pioneer priest Fr Therry in the late 1820s and later by the legendary Archbishop Polding.

Although the project is due to be complet-



TOP: Fr Tony Percy discusses the project with committee member Trish Groves. ABOVE: The damaged statues of St Peter and St Paul. ABOVE RIGHT: An ornate lectern which will be restored.



ed in 2009, much of the work will be done in time for an expected large influx of young visitors for World Youth Day in 2008.

The original sanctuary lamp, tabernacle doors and brass objects have already been sent away for restoration. This month the old altar rails, Pugin lectern and baptismal font will follow.

The fleche, an ornate spire, a cross and the statues of St Peter and St Paul will be taken down off the roof in coming weeks and repaired.

● See appeal details, Page 11.



## Vicar General appointed for Archdiocese

Administrator of St Christopher's Cathedral Fr John Woods has been appointed Vicar General of the Archdiocese. He succeeds Fr Joe Rheinberger, who died suddenly in early July while on a visit to the country parish of Barellan.

Fr Woods, who will retain his position at the Cathedral, will share the duties of Vicar General with Auxiliary Bishop Pat Power. Archbishop Mark Coleridge said his responsibilities would include liaison with parishes and in particular with priests,

arrangement of supply priests in parishes, registration of marriage celebrants, delegation for the celebration of marriage and child protection clearances. He will be deputy chair of the Archdiocesan Finance Council. Fr Woods will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation, install parish priests and represent the Archbishop when required.

Archdiocesan Chancellor Fr Julian Wellspring will take responsibility for marriage dispensations, consulting with Archbishop Coleridge in complex cases where there may be uncertainty. Fr Wellspring will assist at the Cathedral while continuing to live at Archbishop's House. Fr Warrick Tonkin will serve as Archdiocesan Censor.



Fr John Woods assists Archbishop Francis Carroll during the installation of Archbishop Mark Coleridge in St Christopher's Cathedral.

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Doctor of the Church

**Sunday 1st October**

**11.00am Mass and Homily**

**Celebrant: His Grace Archbishop Mark Coleridge**

The Traditional blessing of Roses will take place during this Mass  
And the Nuns would be grateful for Roses sent the day before the Feast

**St. Teresa of Avila**

Doctor of the Church

**Sunday 15th October**

**3.00pm Mass and Homily**

**Celebrant: H.E. Archbishop Ambrose De Paoli**

Apostolic Nuncio

**Monsignor Jude Okolo**

During the nine days preceding these feasts, the Nuns will offer Masses and Prayers for the Priests and People of the Archdiocese of Canberra Goulburn.  
Those who wish may forward their intentions to be placed in the Chapel of the Carmel.

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The Catholic Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn has a Catholic population of about 160,000 in 22 ACT parishes and 35 NSW parishes over an area of 88,000 square kilometres, from the Coast to the Western Plains, from the Tablelands to the Snowy Mountains. Archbishop Mark Coleridge, recently appointed as the sixth Archbishop of the Canberra and Goulburn Archdiocese is seeking to expand his Pastoral Support team by the appointment of a Director.

The Director will be responsible for expanding the work of our small but highly motivated teams from the Centre for Faith & Ministry and Catholic Youth Ministry already providing pastoral support services within the Archdiocese. Overall the Director will have responsibility for the development and implementation of a broad range of pastoral care activities, programs and initiatives designed to support the work of Parish Priests and Parish Pastoral Councils throughout the Archdiocese. An exciting new development will be the Archdiocesan response to World Youth Day 2008.

**Applicants must demonstrate:**

- Leadership experience, preferably within Catholic Church ministry
- A strong personal commitment to the Catholic Faith
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# Big Mac champs



Winning Year 10 students with team supervisor Mr Matthew Pearce and trophy ... looking to be national champions.

A group of Year 10 students from MacKillop Catholic College will compete in the National Science and Engineering Grand Challenge Cup after winning the NSW/ACT leg of the competition.

The MacKillop team added the NSW/ACT series win, to its victory in the ACT regional series in May. The group of 40 students and three teachers are preparing to contest the finals in Tamworth this month.

The challenge is aimed at inspiring Year 9 and 10 students to study science in college and beyond.

It is presented by the University of Newcastle, the ANU,

Engineers Australia, national ICT Australia and Business ACT.

It is an initiative supported by the Australian Government through the Department of Education, Science and Training.

Team supervisor Mr Matthew Pearce said the victory was a testament to the science program at the college.

"We beat some of the best schools in NSW," he said.

"We missed out narrowly last year, but we have such dedicated students and staff that we were always going to be a big presence in the competition. Now, we definitely aim to win it."

# Pray and reflect: call to women

Women of the Archdiocese have been called to prayer and reflection. The challenge was one of the initiatives emerging from an archdiocesan Commission for Women meeting, attended by Archbishop Mark Coleridge.

A women's prayer day and workshop will be held in Canberra on 22 November, providing both a time for reflection and a message which organisers hope will be taken back to parishes across the region.

Archbishop Coleridge was very positive about the contribution that could be made by the Commission for Women to the life of the Church in the

Archdiocese.

He commented on the evangelising and charismatic contribution women have always made in the life of the Church in Australia, and their particularly strong gifts of reconciliation, interfaith dialogue and peace-making.

Archbishop Coleridge spoke of his desire to "stir up energies of prayer" in the Archdiocese, vitally necessary in what he described as "the deep and confusing time of transition" being experienced in the Church in Australia.

He encouraged the commission to think imaginatively about women's leadership roles.

The commission's recently released vision statement includes a focus on providing opportunities for critical reflection on who Catholic women are in the contemporary church by creating opportunities for prayerful reflection and scripture study. It also intends to affirm the role of women in ministry, particularly in pastoral support of each other by promoting opportunities for women's ministry formation.

The prayer workshop will be offered in two sessions, 10am to 12.30pm and 7.30pm to 9pm on 22 November. Inquiries: Margaret Ryan, e-mail [adult.ed@cg.catholic.org.au](mailto:adult.ed@cg.catholic.org.au)

## Science whizzes

Lumen Christi students during Science Week were involved in daily quizzes to challenge their knowledge on the theme of "Our Dry Continent" focusing on the precious resource, water.

There were also lunchtime activities ranging from goo making to slime production and eutrophication of water ways.

Year Ten students explored motion, designing and testing balloon power vehicles.

An amazing display of ingenuity and craftsmanship was present at the initial test run of the car challenge.



Georgia Carr and Lil Costello enjoy playing with goo.

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## YCW fun weekend for young adults

Canberra YCW is holding an introduction camp from 10-12 November for young adults aged 18-30 years at Caloola Farm, Tharwa.


It will be a weekend to relax, fun, share stories and learn about the YCW. Cost: \$35 unwaged or \$45 waged.

Inquiries: Emma, telephone 0408 076 373 or e-mail [emma.wells@ycw.org.au](mailto:emma.wells@ycw.org.au)

Canberra YCW is also looking for young adults to get involved in the movement in social activities, fundraising and services.

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# Divorce still 'hard' question

Divorce, remarriage, annulment and reception of the sacraments has headed the list of issues in the Church which people across the Archdiocese have signalled cause them concern.

A wide range of topics have been on the agenda of six pastoral forums held in city and country parishes to continue the conversation on the "hard questions" identified during the 2004 Archdiocese Synod process.

Another session will be held from 7pm to 9.30pm on 17 October at Evatt parish.

The panel addressing issues about Catholic Church teaching or practice which causes concern has included Bishop Pat Power, Fr John Woods, Fr Julian Wellspring, Fr Brian Lucas, Sr Elizabeth Delaney, Gemma and Bill Duffy and Ms Margaret Ryan.

They have run forums at Nimmitabel, Temora, Gundagai, Narooma, Yarralumla and Goulburn. At each venue, a process was used to collect questions and to record them for all to see.

By far the most common topic raised was that of marriage breakdown with many participants being personally involved or having a family member affected.

Other issues have included:

- the meaning of "keep holy the Sabbath";
- sacraments (the order of receiving the sacraments, the Third Rite of Reconciliation, parish sacramental programs, baptism and godparents, possible venues for marriages, reception of communion by people who are not Catholic, and reception by Catholics of communion in other churches, people with disabilities being prepared for and receiving the sacraments);

- how to be more hospitable and welcoming (eg, of single parent families, alienated Catholics);

- how to live the Church's mission (how to support families/ people in distress, in times of drought);

- the priesthood (concern for the ageing and dwindling number of active priests, possible roles for laicised priests, married priests, women priests);

- youth (young people's appreciation of, and attendance at, Mass; how the Church can engage with youth, how to address moral issues with young people);

- attitudes of the "churched" (towards single parents and those in defacto relationships, judgemental and prejudiced attitudes versus encouraging loving relationships);

- life issues (homosexuality, use of natural family planning, contraception, fertility and embryonic stem cell issues);

- need for formation (how to become and remain informed about one's faith);

- inclusive language;

- the new missal.

Evaluations were conducted at each venue.

Many people expressed their appreciation for "the intelligent and clear format" (Bombala); "listening to each other" (priest); "excellent panel feedback" (Monaro); "the process used" (Cootamundra); "the open, honest discussion" (Temora); "good interaction between participants and presenters" (priest); "everyone's concerns were received and dealt with in a way that was respectful and non-judgmental" (Gundagai); "many questions I had had for some time were answered" (Gundagai); "the openness of answers to all questions" (Narooma).

Sr Elizabeth Delaney wrote short brochures on homosexuality, the divorced and remarried and sharing in sacraments to give to participants.

Anyone who would like a copy may contact Ms Margaret Ryan, Centre for Faith and Ministry, telephone 6201 9802 or e-mail: [adult.ed@cg.catholic.org.au](mailto:adult.ed@cg.catholic.org.au)



Participants at the forum on the "hard questions" at Narooma included (from left): Lena Phillips, Ricci Robinson, Tony Young, June Robinson, Alma Brice, Isabel Whitty, Larry Phillips, Fr John Woods, Ann Wall, Peter Brice and Fr Michael Mullen.

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### PROGRAMME

**Meet at St. Benedict's Church, Tallara Parkway, Narrabundah**

**3:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

**4:00 pm Procession to St. Christopher's Cathedral, Franklin Street,**

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**5:00 pm Procession arrives**

**5:15 pm Benediction**

**5:30 pm Mass celebrated by Archbishop Coleridge**



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# Prayer, the most natural thing of all

For the first time I put pen to paper for Catholic Voice, and I want to begin by thanking Geoff Orchison who is the key to its production. I also want to encourage all of you to read of it regularly. The Voice is a unique way of staying in touch with what's happening in the Church beyond our own backyard.

The Catholic Church is much bigger than we think, and the Catholic press is one way of tuning into that bigness. So read on. We're also working on the website, so check that out, too.

In these years, the Holy Spirit is calling us as a Church to become more missionary: of that I am sure. But we can become more missionary only if we become more mystical, by which I mean open to every dimension of human life, including God above all.

That's why, as I said at my installation, we have to learn to

pray in new and deeper ways. Otherwise, we will end up shrinking into one little corner of human life, thinking that that's all there is. The world will grow too small.

So I ask: How might our families, our schools and our parishes become genuine schools of prayer? Prayer is the most natural thing of all for the human being. We long for God, often without realising it; our hearts cannot rest until they find God, even though we often seek rest elsewhere. Looking for the right thing in the wrong place is St Augustine's brilliant definition of sin. Prayer is our true rest, as the human heart finds its way back to God from whom it came. That's why it's the most natural thing of all.

But we are like people who have had a stroke. We have to re-learn the most basic and natural skills of living. Sin is like a stroke, and that's why prayer



often feels unnatural. A school of prayer is a place of post-sin therapy, where we re-learn the natural language of the heart. We re-learn the greatest and most basic of all arts, the art of listening and speaking to God whom we love.

Family prayer is not what it once was, and given the rhythms of family life these days, it can be very hard work. I have no illusions on that score.

But can we imagine new ways of family prayer? Are there other ways - visual perhaps - of evoking the presence of God in the home?

The patterns of prayer in schools are also different than they once were. But can our schools find new ways of teaching the young how to inhabit silence comfortably and even to love silence in the midst of an incredibly noisy world where silence seems a threat?

Can we create in our schools through the day moments of awareness of God, a growing sense of his presence? Can we find words of prayer to place on the heart of the young?

In our parishes, can we open in new ways the treasures of the Catholic tradition of prayer, the mystical tradition so luminous in many of the great saints?

Can our experience of the liturgy become more contemplative, wrapped in the silence of God from which alone come words of praise worthy of the mystery we celebrate at the altar?

These are questions that have been much in my mind and heart - and in my own prayer - since I said "yes" to the call to be Archbishop of Canberra and Goulburn. I urge the entire archdiocesan community to join me now in grappling with these questions.

Any suggestions you may have to make our families, schools and parishes more effective schools of prayer would be welcome. As St Benedict says, God may speak even through the youngest. But before we can speak, we must listen. That's why it's important that each of us look to our own prayer-life and, in new and deeper ways, listen to God who is communicating now no less than he did in the past, even if he is speaking perhaps in accents that are new.

+ Mark.

## your voice

### Israel the victim

We can all echo the horror at suffering expressed by Bishop Power and the Anglican Bishop Browning when they said it was impossible to remain silent in the face of so much pain and suffering in the Middle East. (CV, September).

However, how is it that they ignore the fact that for years Israel has been the victim of constant bombardment from Hezbollah rockets and suicide bombers? They seem to ride a populist wave which ignores the origin of this latest conflict.

I would like to know how Bishop Power would react if he lived in northern Israel and were the victim of the constant bombing. For my part I have written to the parents of the kidnapped Israeli soldiers saying that my Catholic friends and I stand in solidarity with them. They wrote back thanking me for my care.

I also stand in solidarity with the Lebanese victims of war. But Hezbollah are the well funded, Iranian-supported origin of it all.

Why did Bishop Power not stand at the Lebanese Embassy and demand the disarming of Hezbollah by the Lebanese leaders? Unlike Bishop Power and Browning at least that is what the Lebanese have recognised they have to do now.

Alice Larkin, Maroubra NSW.

### Holy Spirit alive

I am writing to express my strong support for the views expressed by Archbishop Coleridge in his installation homily.

God's call for the renewal of the Church's work in the world was clear from time Pope John XXIII first announced his intention to summon the Second Vatican Council.

Sadly, there were many voices at the time and since which opposed that view. In fact, in more recent years, there have been attempts by more conservative parties to reverse the positions taken by the Council.

Not that the Council's work was ever complete in itself. Renewal is

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an ongoing process, as life in the Church bears witness.

The Holy Spirit is alive and speaking vigorously in the hearts of all, both within the Church and in the wider world. My hope and prayer is that God may also give us the willingness to listen to the Spirit, and the courage to act in response to the message. I wish Archbishop Coleridge well as he participates in that process.

Stephen Baggaley, Fairfield Qld.

### Married Apostles

I refer to the letter by JL Smith (CV, July) headed "Mutually Exclusive". May I remind the author that there is biblical evidence that some, if not all, of the Apostles were married; there was a married clergy in the Roman church up to the Middle Ages; and that the Eastern Rites have always had a married clergy.

Brigadier Peter J A Evans (Retd), Garran.

### Jarring note

The ceremony to welcome our new Archbishop was marred by the choice of hymns and by the volume of the musicians.

I have always understood that the function of the choir was to encourage the community to sing. The function of the musicians is to accompany the choir in such a way as to assist the choir and the congregation in their singing.

The hymns appear to have been chosen to showcase the choir. It is so many years since the Creed was sung in Latin at a High Mass that practically no-one, apart from the choir, knew the words.

Certainly there would have been very few there who would have been able to understand the meaning of the words, and it is trivial to say that we should all know the Creed.

But, further, there were hymns in the ceremony which were dedicated to choir only. There are instructions in the liturgy documents that this should not happen. Lastly, for most of the ceremony the musicians were so loud that the words of the hymns sung solo by the choir could not be understood.

I am surprised that the choir-master from the Cathedral is not aware of the restrictions placed on both the choir and the musicians.

I sincerely hope that this is not the start of a trend in music that we will hear at the Cathedral or at any other church.

Larry Phillips, Narooma.

### No music, please

I recently availed myself of the rare joy of attending a Sunday Mass where devotion to the service and quiet contemplation were afforded due to the absence of people to whom the words "choir" and "musicians" could never be aptly ascribed.

Why is it that congregations must be commonly assailed by the cacophony of persons unable to sing either in tune or in time with each other, and whose selection of hymns are unfamiliar to the majority of those obliged to listen to them?

Moreover, their choices invariably contain notes and chords unattainable by themselves let alone other worshippers, who are often more embarrassingly amused by the solo and joint efforts than imbued with any feelings of seraphic elation. A visitor from overseas once commented to me that if beautiful music is intended to glorify God, couldn't what he had just heard be classified as an abuse of the Almighty? Parishes should seriously consider having at least one choir-free service each weekend and advertise it for the benefit of all.

John Murray, Fadden.

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# Trinity girl boarders on move

Students at St Joseph's Primary School in Goulburn will get much-needed extra space next year when the city's Catholic college girl boarders move.

The Sisters of St Joseph at the end of this year will hand over ownership of the Marian boarding residence in Reynolds Street to the Trustees of the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn for educational purposes.

This follows a decision by Archbishop Mark Coleridge, on the recommendation of the Archdiocesan Catholic Education Commission, to co-locate all Trinity Catholic College boarding students at the St Patrick's campus in 2007.

The commission took on responsibility for the management of boys and girls boarding from the Christian Brothers and the Sisters of St Joseph at the beginning of this year.

Commission chairman Mr Daryl Smeaton said co-location of the boarders was "a great opportunity to keep the boarding option at Trinity College open and accessible to people in surrounding NSW. "We are thrilled by the great generosity of the Sisters of St Joseph in handing over the Marian Residence property to support Catholic primary schooling in Goulburn."

The safety and well being of the boarders was of paramount importance in the decision to co-locate them. He assured parents that appropriate supervision, support and upgraded facilities would be provided to ensure the continuity of care previously given by the Sisters of St Joseph and the Christian Brothers over many years.

Josephite Congregational Leader Sr Noelene Quinane said the transfer of the property to the Archdiocese was an extension of the spirit of the Sisters' mission. "The Sisters of St Joseph have supported Catholic education in Goulburn for 125 years. The use of these facilities by St Joseph's school will ensure our presence and our service to Catholic education in Goulburn will continue well into the future."

Goulburn parish priest Fr Tony Percy said the Sisters' decision would "significantly enhance the education facilities for St Joseph's Primary School. The property will also provide extra playing space for students."

Planning is under way to refurbish St Patrick's boarding residence to make it suitable for male and female boarders.

# No need to duck the kitchen heat for Eddies' winning chefs

Heat is obviously no problem for two St Edmund's College students James Carter and Anthony Magro.

The pair have taken to hot kitchens and the pressure of hot competition like, well, ducks to water.

In recent months, they won gold at the ACT Schools Culinary Championships and then went on to repeat that success at the Australian Culinary Championships for school students.

On 28 October on the Gold Coast, they will tackle even tougher overseas competition when they represent Australia at the International Secondary Schools Culinary Challenge.

Their special dish? Duck. Its full description is assiette of duck featuring twice cooked leg, lacquered crown roasted breast and duck neck sausage served with a mushroom cream essence, cashew nut and capsicum chutney, petit melange of vegetables and duck

mushroom and chive wonton

Anthony and James spent countless hours preparing for the national competition, planning the menu, practising cooking the dish many times and preparing as much of the food as allowed in the lead up, under the watchful eye and expert guidance of Mr Dean Parkes and Ms Paula Moeller.

They took much of their own cooking equipment and spent the afternoon before the contest checking kitchen facilities to ensure that they were fully prepared for what lay ahead.

On competition day James and Anthony stunned judges with their



Anthony Magro (left) and James Carter ... a winning combination in the kitchen.

knife skills, menu design and the complexity and skill level required to produce their dish.

Ms Moeller said the dishes presented beautifully and judges described the students' skills as incredible.

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# School fee claim slammed

A newspaper report that Catholic school fees will soar next year is a gross exaggeration, the ACT Catholic Education Commission says.

Commission chairman Mr Daryl Smeaton said the body would make a recommendation on tuition fees to Archbishop Mark Coleridge after its next meeting.

The reported change from a family fee to a per-student fee in Catholic primary schools had been made to distribute the cost of education more equitably, he said.

The commission recognised the impact of school fees on families and aimed to keep any increase to a minimum.

The article in the Canberra Times rightly pointed out that the ACT Catholic schools system received the lowest level of per-student funding from the Commonwealth and Territory/ State governments, but incorrectly implied the ACT Government indexes funding by 4.8 per cent.

This was the territory's official inflation rate for the last financial year, but the Government only applied indexation on the basis of its original estimate of inflation which was 2.5 per cent.

"The commission trusts that the reported comment by Education Minister Andrew Barr that 'there were no plans to review the ACT Government's funding formula for private schools' is also a reporting error," Mr Smeaton said. "A review of the funding formula was one of the Stanhope Government's commitments to Catholic school parents prior to the last election."

## Wallabies show life skills

Students from St Francis Xavier College joined students from more than 30 ACT schools in a forum on learning life values with three members of the Wallabies rugby team.

Tala Sefo, Matthew Ryan, Tom Robbins and Patrick Turnbull attended the launch of the "Spirit of Rugby" program, an Australian Rugby Union initiative to teach life values to young Australians

through forums with players and sportsmanship awards for students.

As part of the Wallabies Stirling Mortlock, Al Baxter and local product Guy Sheperdson spoke of their experiences as school students and Wallabies, and how using values such as pride, teamwork, camaraderie, doing your best and respect for others had shaped aspects of their personal lives and playing careers.



Chatting with (back) Stirling Mortlock, Guy Sheperdson and Al Baxter are Matthew Ryan, Tala Sefo, Thomas Robbins, Patrick Turnbull and Peter Marrapodi.

## World is a sacrament

Treasure all aspects of life and take nothing for granted was the message of US author Kathy Coffey, who visited the Archdiocese. She is the author of books including "Experiencing God with your Children", "Hidden Women of the Gospels", and "Children and Christian Initiation". She quoted St Augustine: "If you have an eye for it, the world itself is a sacrament." Small "s" sacraments are ways of encountering God, of being in touch with God's extravagant love and affection.

### \$22,000 for 'home'

Hospitality students from St Edmund's, St Clare's, MacKillop, Merici and Daramalan colleges worked together to raise more than \$22,000 at a fund-raising dinner for 270 guests. The money went to the "Home in Queanbeyan" project, to provide accommodation for people affected by mental illness.

## Clergy and cultures Fathers appeal nears target

A US sociologist who has written a book on the challenges of importing priests from different cultures will give a talk in Canberra this month.

Prof Dean Hoge, from the Catholic University of America, will speak on Future Church Fewer Priests: Options for Mission will speak in the Blackfriars Room at Australian Catholic University's Canberra campus at 6pm on Thursday, 12 October. Prof Hoge has spent three decades researching American religion, producing 16 books and 100 scholarly articles.

During his visit to Australia, he will draw on the findings of his studies to discuss topics such as young adult Catholics, how they are different, and what they think of the institutional Church; international priests serving in the US, the problems and the possibilities; the priest shortage and options for carrying out the mission of the Church; and trends in priestly life.

His latest book, International Priests in America: Challenges and Opportunities, examines the phenomenon of bringing in priests from developing countries to work in American parishes as priestly vocations decline. He is brought to Australia by the Pastoral Projects Office of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference.


The inaugural Father's Day Appeal to support retired clergy has had a wonderful response across the Archdiocese.

Secretary of the Clergy Retirement Foundation Mr Kevin Croker said parish and individual collections had almost reached the appeal target of \$40,000 which was indicative of the high regard the Catholic community has for its retired priests. "Many people have commented that the appeal allows people to show their appreciation for the many years of service retired priests gave to their parish," he said. Donations may be left with parishes or sent to the Secretary, Clergy Retirement Foundation, GPO Box 3089, Canberra 2601. All donations will be acknowledged with a tax deductible gift receipt.

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## Indigenous plight plea

"How can it be that in this land of plenty, the average life expectancy of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people is 17 years less than for non-indigenous Australians?" Australia's bishops ask in the annual Catholic Social Justice Sunday Statement.

The statement, The Heart of Our Country, draws on the historic Alice Springs address of Pope John Paul II to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples of Australia.

The statement invites reflection

on what Australia has achieved in responding to the Pope's challenge to support indigenous culture and pursue true reconciliation.

"In a nation that enjoys a vibrant economy, where governments boast of their careful financial management, the question remains: why have we not been able to eliminate these dire circumstances from the everyday experience of many indigenous people, they ask."

The statement may be read at [www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au](http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au) or [www.acbc.catholic.org.au](http://www.acbc.catholic.org.au)

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World Mission Month 2006 will be celebrated in every Catholic community around the world, culminating in World Mission Day on Sunday, 22 October.

This year's theme, "Life for All?", questions whether it's possible for the entire world's people to be given the opportunity to develop their full potential, both physically and spiritually.

Inspired by the Bible passage above, celebrations will focus on how God calls everyone to work

for the liberation of humanity as part of God's plan of salvation for all.

There are many ways in which people can mark World Mission Month.

One of the simplest is to wear a "Life for All" sticker. This is a public way of saying that people commit themselves to actively promoting fullness of life for all.

Stickers are available through schools and parishes and by contacting Catholic Mission directly.

Catholic Mission has produced school and parish kits to assist with fundraising, education and animation.

In his message for Mission Sunday, Pope Benedict XVI says the occasion provides an opportunity to reflect on the theme "Charity, Soul of Mission".

However, he cautions that unless charity flows from a profound act of love, it risks being reduced to a mere philanthropic

and social action.

Mission is for everyone. While missionaries serve on the front line of evangelisation, they are accompanied and helped by the prayers and sacrifices of many.

Catholic Mission national director Fr Terry Bell says there can only be one answer to the question "Life for all?".

"We ask whether it is really possible to bring about 'Life for All' in a world where so often access to the Good News is restricted or stifled by the circumstances of life; starvation, lack of medical care and basic education, just to name a few," he said.

"However, the resurrection of Jesus in his situation of death and hopelessness tells us to never give up.

"Our faith gives us hope, not just for ourselves but for every person on the planet, regardless of how difficult their situation may be."



ABOVE: Face of hope. A young Zambian woman with her child receives a health check at a Catholic Mission-sponsored clinic.



RIGHT: Dorothy Makasa (centre with glasses and yellow headwear) speaks to local villagers in Zambia.

## Giving people reason to hope

Imagine living in a country in which the average life expectancy is just 37 years. One in five of your friends and family members is HIV positive. Your children are at risk of succumbing to malaria. Health and education services are grossly inadequate. Privatisation means it's too expensive to grow your own food and unemployment is high. Where do you turn?

When Dorothy Makasa was growing up in Zambia she turned to the local mission - it was so integral to her community that it served as both the school and the hospital.

St Therese's Ibenga Mission at Luanshya cared for those with tuberculosis and leprosy and the blind and disabled, including one of Dorothy's brothers who was crippled with polio.

"I just took the missionaries and the money to run the projects for granted," Dorothy said. "Now that I know Catholic Mission I understand where this money is coming from and why it's so important."

After many years of working for non-government organisations for the improvement of her people, Dorothy immigrated to Australia. Now her mission is to help those left behind, including her 11 brothers and sisters and their families. "I started collecting five-cent pieces to buy pencils for my nieces and nephews. But my brothers and sisters said there were so many people worse off than them," Dorothy said. "When the children and mothers

see somebody buying them a pencil or a pen they know they're not the forgotten people."

The situation in Zambia is not hopeless - the country is now almost debt free and the government is trying to improve services. But they need help. Last year Catholic Mission supported Zambia with more than \$1.6 million through the work of Partnering Local Churches and Communities. For example, in the Livingstone Diocese, Catholic Mission funded the formation of 26 full-time and 100 part-time catechists.

People in the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn can help the Church to remain a beacon of hope in Zambia, and in 159 other countries, by supporting the World Mission Month appeal.

Dorothy will launch World Mission Month in dioceses around Australia this month.

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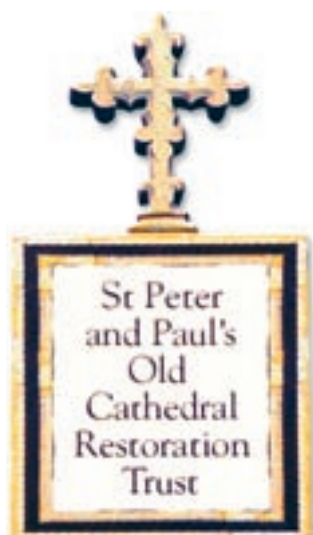
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As the green of the stone flashes in the sun, the Cathedral speaks of the Irish in the Antipodes who built it.

May the planned restoration give new life not only to a grand old church but also to the community of faith that gathers there still to celebrate the mysteries of Christ.

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## Laughter to tickle the soul

Live, Laugh and be Blessed, by Anne Bryan Smollin. Sorin Books, Indiana 2006. 123pp, pb, rrp \$28.95. Reviewer: Margaret Ryan.

Yes, it's another book encouraging us to review our priorities, to help us "feel good" and act more authentically and positively. It's about laughter. Laughter and joy help us to appreciate the beauty of the moment. When shared, they bless us and others, make connections, suspend worries, relieve stress, improve imagination and creativity, keep us in control of ourselves.

In fact, laughter lightens the load, avoids negativity, unites hearts, gathers people together, heals heartache, tickles the soul, energises the human spirit and restores us to wholeness and holiness. Laughter is a gift and a choice.

Sr Anne has interwoven many cultures' proverbs and stories to illustrate the benefit of laughter, and is not afraid to laugh at herself. At times mildly instructional, the predominant tone is one of commonsense, gentle wisdom and shared fun. She believes, quoting Julian of Norwich, "The fullness of joy is to behold God in everything."

# More Nouwen gems amid life's busyness

Spiritual Direction. Wisdom for the Long Walk of Faith, by Henri Nouwen with Michael Christensen and Rebecca Laird. Harper San Francisco 2006. 172pp, hb, rrp \$36.99. Reviewer: Margaret Ryan.

Henri Nouwen, university lecturer, priest, writer, gentle pastor, soul friend and resident of L'Arche community, died in 1996.

A new publication is a posthumous book on spiritual direction compiled by two editors, both former students of Nouwen. They draw on his sermons, articles, journal records, class lecture notes, published writings and unpublished manuscripts to produce the book just before the 10th anniversary of his death. It is written in the first person as if Nouwen was speaking.

The intention is to provide an experience of doing spiritual direction with Henri Nouwen, mediated through his writings and recommended exercises. The book was designed both for spiritual

directors and those seeking direction, and aims to encourage personal reflection and engagement with others.



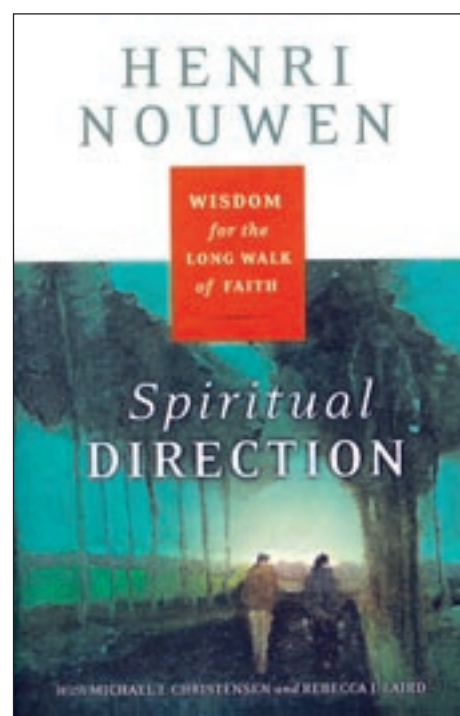
## Books

about how to live spiritually in a world of ambiguity and distraction."

The book is structured around 10 questions for living the spiritual life (eg, Where have I been and where am I going? Who is God for me? How can I be of service?). Each question is linked with parables, personal stories, scriptural reflections as well as exercises for spiritual direction and journal responses.

In the midst of life's busyness, many of us can forget the really important questions: eg, Do I live my life as a beloved of God? Do I surrender to the temptation to

How did Nouwen think of spiritual direction? As "a relationship initiated by a spiritual seeker who finds a mature person of faith willing to pray and respond with wisdom and understanding to his/her questions



be independent, compulsive or to reject my true self as seen by God? How well and how regularly do I make time and space for prayer?

Nouwen writes passionately yet gently, vulnerably and inclusively. He challenges the reader because the questions he raises are pivots for a full human life as well as eternal life. Highly recommended.

## Average person's guide to understanding Jesus

A Spectator's Guide to Jesus - an introduction to the man from Nazareth, by John Dickson. Blue Bottle Books, Sydney 2005. 161 pp, pb, rrp \$22.95. Reviewer: Margaret Ryan.

The Jesus of public imagination in modern Western societies is often based on false information and assumption.

John Dickson, Australian Anglican priest, historian, academic and author, sets out to provide some balance. Was Jesus peasant, radical, sacrificial lamb, God?

After establishing his parameters and briefly outlining historical sources for Jesus' life, the author examines a dozen facets of Jesus ("the 'business cards' of Jesus are many and varied"): as Teacher, Healer, "Israel," Christ, Judge, Friend, "Temple," Saviour, "Adam," "Caesar," God and Servant.

Dickson writes for a contemporary audience, whether Christian or not. He does not assume much knowledge of scripture or life in Jesus' time.

His easy conversational style draws on aspects of his own journey, including his "interesting" youth, and these form parallels with, and back-

drops to, an understanding of Jesus.

While he draws on professional theologians, Dickson's aim here is to connect with the average person. ("Rising from the dead was simply not part of anyone's job description for greatness.") The foreword comes from Peter Garrett.

He writes with an Australian audience in mind. "The huge Jerusalem temple, a site approximately the size of Stadium Australia."

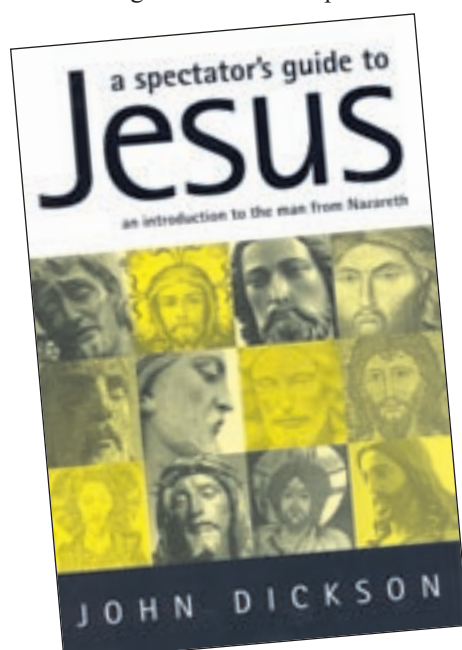
At the end of each chapter are some reflections (personal or with a group) and when looking at the Australian (lack of real) response to the needy, he quotes 2005 statistics.

In passing, the author responds to some aspects of Brown's DaVinci Code, and indicates a difference between a Christian's and a Muslim's idea of God.

What emerges in the book is not a "tidy, monolithic Jesus, but ... a complex, multi-layered and, at times, contradictory figure."

This is a great book, giving some historical and theological introduction to Jesus the Christ.

If readers are disturbed and intrigued, Dickson will count himself successful.



The Future of Jesus: Boyer Lectures 2005, by Dr Peter Jensen. ABC Books, 2005, 128 pp, rrp \$ 22.95. Reviewer: Janet Moyle.

When the days were longer and warmer I was pottering in the garden and listening to Radio National where I heard a couple of the 2005 Boyer Lectures.

My interest was piqued first by the title, The Future of Jesus, and then by the speaker, Dr Peter Jensen, Anglican Archbishop of Sydney, theologian and historian.

Dr Jensen addresses a number of rather startling questions. Was Jesus a failed prophet or a religious genius? Can we believe in his miracles? What about the coming of the Kingdom? I enjoyed the immediacy of the radio talks more than the written record, but there are some pearls within.

## for children

By Dennis Granlund, of the Catholic Education Office Resource Library, Narrabundah.

Rise With Me, by Jane Tanner. Penguin/ Viking 2006. Ages 8-12.

Accompanied by lovely crayon illustrations in blues and greens, this picture book introduces the topic of death to young readers. It is the story of a young woman coming to terms with the death of her mother by re-establishing her connection with the horse on which they both used to ride.

The Boy in the Striped

Pyjamas, by John Boyne. Oxford: David Fickling Books 2006. 216pp. Ages 12-15.

This novel, set in Germany during WWII, follows the experiences and thoughts of Bruno, a German boy, whose father is a concentration camp commandant. Bruno's misunderstanding of his world is gradually dispelled as he observes activities in the camp and befriends Samuel, a Jewish boy on the other side of the fence. The book illustrates the effects of oppression and hatred.

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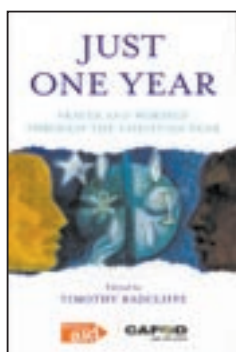
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## THIS MONTH'S MOVIES

Kenny:

Not just another crude comedy. M.

Alex Rider: Stormbreaker:

Over-the-top escapades. PG.

The Wind that Shakes the Barley:

Best film at Cannes. M.

Nacho Libre: Stupid, pretty stupid. PG.

The Wild: Partially funny, not so hip. G.

The Ant Bully: Ant-agonists and others with a message. G.

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## Films

## Skin-of-the-teeth stuff

Understandably, the film's marketers are sick of hearing of the James Bond parallel and prefer that Alex Rider be seen as a hero in his own right. But, given the plot and the espionage action, the comparisons are inevitable. Was James Bond like this when he was 14?

At this age and stage of his life, Alex is a presentable and sturdy schoolboy. As embodied by Alex Pettyfer, he is a handsome, blonde and curly haired young British potential hero, to be imitated by the boys and something of a heart-throb for the girls. But the film doesn't have time for that kind of emotional or sappy goings on.

The film also has a PG rating which means that the action is

**Alex Rider: Stormbreaker**  
Starring Alex Pettyfer, Ewan McGregor, Mickey Rourke and Bill Nighy. Directed by Geoffrey Sax. 93 minutes. PG. Reviewer: Fr Peter Malone MSC\*.

suitable for its audience. Violence is more suggested than actual, although Alex is not bad at some basic but effective martial arts. At first he uses his wits and a fast-paced chase through London on a bicycle. But, then, his quiet uncle (Ewan McGregor) dies and he discovers that this uncle was a secret agent and had really been grooming Alex since he was little to follow in his footsteps.

Alex Ryder's first mission is

to infiltrate the baddies headquarters in Cornwall, discover their secrets, and combat various villains (Andy Serkis, Damian Lewis and Miss Pyle as a latter-day Nazi-type assistant). Will he save the day - of course! But how will he do it? This leads to some over-the-top escapades and some split-second timing.

Just when you think it is all over, it isn't and there are some more chases through central London and deadly confrontations. And skin-of-the-teeth cliff-hangers.

\* 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.

## One that simply entertains ...

From Australia's biggest festival to the smallest church social, Kenny Smyth delivers porta-loos to them all.

Ignored and unappreciated, he is one of the cogs in society's machinery; a knight in shining overalls taking care of business with his faithful "Splashdown" crew.

Kenny tackles every septic challenge that comes his way, culminating in a pilgrimage to that mecca of waste management, the International Pumper and Cleaner Expo in Nashville Tennessee.

In the style of a fly-on-the-wall documentary, the film lifts the lid on one of Australia's roughest diamonds as he juggles family tensions, fatherhood and sewage with charm, humour and unflinching dignity.

Given the subject matter, there are some people who could live without seeing this film.

It is probably self evident that the script is replete with toilet humour, coarse language and religious cursing.

But it would be a mistake to think that Kenny is just another crude, ocker comedy.

It raises our consciousness about people who care for our basic needs,



Kenny and son Jesse at the Melbourne Cup. Madman Cinema.

## Kenny

Starring Shane Jacobson, Eve Von Bibra and Ronald Jacobson. Directed by Clayton Jacobson. 103 minutes. M. Reviewer: Fr Richard Leonard SJ\*.

but whom we rarely see and appreciate.

The core of the film is the man himself, and Kenny is a thoroughly decent Aussie battler, who is doing it hard at home and at work, but always tries to take pride in his work, himself and his family.

For those of us who like films that simply entertain, Kenny will fill the bill.

\* Fr Richard Leonard SJ is director of the Australian Catholic Film Office.

## Some more animated fun

In 2005, we had a group of animals in a New York Zoo (with comic voices by prominent stars) who were discontent with having to perform for humans and who yearned for getting away to the wild. In 2006, we have a group of animals in a New York Zoo (with comic voices by prominent stars) who are discontent with having to perform for humans and who yearn for getting away to the wild.

In 2005, this was partially funny, partially too hip for a genial comedy adventure. In 2006, this is partially funny but not quite so hip.

Ryan, a meek young cub, listens to stories of bravado and adventure in the wild from his Lion King father - who in fact is just throwing him a line. Poor Ryan can't roar, is mocked and bullied - and runs away. Great deeds of derring-do and rescuing Ryan. A bit take-it-or-leave-it.

The villain in The Any Bully is the pest controller (voiced by Paul Giamatti) who is called in to destroy a front lawn ant hill. Our point of view is that of the ants. They are afraid but try to survive the onslaught.

Lucas Nickle (voiced by Zach Tyler) is bullied by the local kids, especially Steve who keeps pointing out that he is bigger than Lucas and can force him to do anything. The trouble is, as we know, that those who are bullied can then take it out by bully-

## The Wild

The Wild. Animation film voiced by Kiefer Sutherland, James Belushi, Eddie Izzard. Directed by Steve Williams. 82minutes. G.

## The Ant Bully

The Ant Bully. Animation film voiced by Nicolas Cage and Paul Giamatti. Directed by John A Davis. 88 minutes. G. Reviewer: Fr Peter Malone MSC\*.

ing others weaker than themselves. Lukas does this to the ant colony.

Zoc (voiced by Nicolas Cage), the ant wizard, is experimenting with spells and potions and one of these is successful in reducing Lucas to the size of an ant. The Ant Queen (voiced by Meryl Streep) sentences Lucas to work with the ants and to learn what it is like to be an ant. He has to work with the ants (and collaborate with former antagonists, the flies and other insects) to save the colony. The film was released at the height of the conflict between Israel and Hezbollah. One can't help noticing the similarities in this little fable - and its message of tolerance leading to understanding and collaboration.

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## Visiting the saints and sites of Rome

**Saints in Rome: A Journey Through the History of Christian Rome.** (DVD, 60 min, ages 15- adult).

Archbishop of Canberra and Goulburn Mark Coleridge presents this fascinating look at the some of the saints of the Church and the history of the Church in Rome.

Archbishop Coleridge was a Biblical scholar in the Vatican and came to know Rome's history very well. He takes the viewer to various sites and architectural wonders in Rome and comments on their historical importance to the Church and the significance of well-known saints to the history of the Church in Rome.

**Hunger in the World Explained to My Son.** (DVD, 53 min, ages 15-adult).

This program explores the regions of the world that have suffered catastrophes, natural disasters and famines, such as Somalia, Afghanistan, Cambodia and North

Korea, whose governments subject their populations to poverty. The contrast is made to the developed world with its tremendous wealth. The program goes on to illustrate the efforts of world development and aid organisations and individual people who are working to end this injustice.

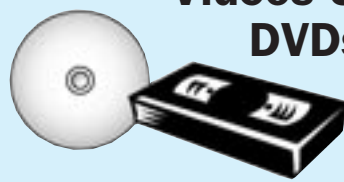
**Bernadette** (DVD, 120 min, ages 10- adult).

This motion picture recounts the true story of St. Bernadette who in 1858 saw a spring bubble up from a grotto and was blessed by a visit from Our Lady, who left the world a message of health for body and soul. The production was filmed on location in France.

**The Alpha Course: A Practical Introduction to the Christian Faith** (2 DVDs, 300 min, Leader's guide, ages 15 - adult).

The Alpha Course, produced in the UK, is a 15-session practical introduction to the Christian

## Videos &amp; DVDs

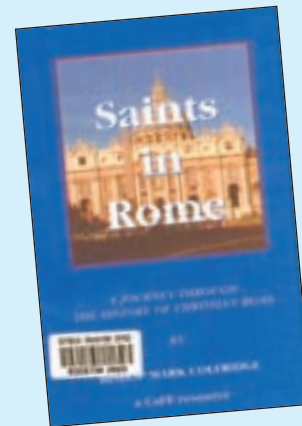


faith. The video programs include a series of short talks with Scripture reflections. The book "Questions of Life" by Nicky Gumbel is the basis for the The Alpha Course.

**Managing Shame, Preventing Violence** (DVD, 67 min, adults).

This documentary, produced by the Silvan S Tomkins Institute in the US, analyses the characteristics of shame and discusses the link between shame and violence.

Film clips are used throughout the program to illustrate how the different types of emotions that result from shame are manifested through behaviour. The



presenter suggests strategies for managing shame and associated behaviour.

A detailed explanation of the strategies outlined in the program and group discussion questions, may be downloaded from the DVD or accessed through [www.tomkins.org](http://www.tomkins.org). Suitable for parents and clergy.

**Two Brothers** (DVD, 101 min, ages 8 - adult).

This motion picture was directed by Jean-Jacques Annaud

(The Bear) and stars Australian actor Guy Pearce and the main stars, two Bengal tigers. The story is set in the south east Asian jungle in the early 1900s. The two tigers are brothers who are separated from each other and their mother after hunters (Guy Pearce) kill their mother. The story evolves until the brothers confront each other and recall their past. A theme of brotherhood and friendship interweaves through this heart-warming move. Rated PG (Low level violence).

All parishioners may borrow resources from the Catholic Education Office Resource Library for a small annual membership fee. The library holds an extensive collection of VHS videos, DVDs, sound recordings and books for all ages.

The library catalogue can be accessed on the internet at <http://vision.cg.catholic.edu.au/teaching/library/catalogue.htm> - By Dennis Granlund





October is World Mission Month with Mission Sunday on the 22nd, when, throughout the world, Catholic parishes are asked to support the Church's global mission. Our school communities' mission celebrations with Archbishop Mark Coleridge will continue in the Cathedral on the Tuesday.

The theme ponders the challenge and possibility of achieving "Life for all"; a question that calls for an affirmative answer and the involvement of all Christians. Faith communities, throughout the developing world and remote areas of Australia, need the assistance of the wider Church to reach out to the communities they serve.

Working among the poor of Quezon City, Manila, is Fr Brian Steele of the Missionaries of God's Love. Recently back in Canberra, Fr Brian spoke of his ministry among the young people, the youth group he is involved with, and their work among the community which had their houses destroyed by fire last year. With the houses now reconstructed and the people resettled, thanks to the generosity of many within our diocese, they are undertaking follow up pastoral and sacramental care within this community.

God bless,  
**Deacon Joe Blackwell**

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# Just what should 'the assembly' do?

*Dear Liturgy Commission, When reading about liturgy, I sometimes see references to "the assembly." What does this mean? M.P.*

It's a good question. At school, gathering as an assembly was a way of reminding everyone of the "big picture" that existed beyond individual classrooms: there was a whole community, unified by commitment to certain principles and practices, with a common motto and uniform. In the Church, the assembly is the whole People of God,

ordained and lay people, gathered together at each sacramental celebration to praise God.

It's an important question. "Assembly" comes out of a long civic and scriptural tradition. The Hebrew words (edah, qahal) meant the whole community and those whom God had called together into worship. The Greek equivalent (ekklesia) meant the living, assembled congregation, those with full membership in the Body of Christ (even if they were slaves).

## Word and Sacrament



### From the Archdiocesan Liturgical Commission

The assembly contains people of different ages, ethnicity, gender, social, economic and academic back-

grounds gathered for a common purpose. It is, we are, "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation." The assembly is a place of God's hospitality, where everyone needs to feel welcome. The liturgy is the place where we Christians bond deeply in Christ, recall our sense of being people of prayer, and recapture our missionary enthusiasm.

There are no spectators in liturgy, no audience, no passive element. All who are present are doers of the liturgy. We gather, speak, respond,

sing, listen, praise and thank, remember, offer, proclaim, process, affirm, bless, break bread, share, attend, intercede, exchange peace and accept a commission to mission.

Why is the assembly so involved and active? We are given this right and duty because of our baptism. The shape and quality of worship, then, does not entirely depend on the priest presider, musician or liturgy planners, but on the whole assembly.

## Final Confirmation Goulburn like 'home' Latin Mass choir program



ABOVE: Sixty four children, who celebrated the sacrament of Confirmation in St Mary's Parish, Young, were privileged to have Archbishop Francis Carroll officiate at his last Confirmation as Archbishop of Canberra and Goulburn.

He spoke about the fact that some candidates had taken the name of his mother and his recently deceased sister, Rose, which touched him.



Only days after his installation, Archbishop Mark Coleridge visited Goulburn to celebrate Mass in a packed Sts Peter and Paul's Church. The ceremony was marked by the attendance of members of the Knights of Malta and the communities of the Sisters of St Joseph and Sisters of Mercy.

"I came to Goulburn as a stranger, but as I drove into the city and saw the church, I had a strange and deep sense that this was home," Archbishop Coleridge said. While it was the first time he had set foot in the city, and he did not know the people, he already felt that they were his flesh and blood. Archbishop Coleridge is a conventual chaplain ad honorem of the Australian Association of the centuries-old Sovereign Military Order of the Knights of Malta and of Rhodes.

ABOVE: Archbishop Mark Coleridge with Dr Michael Tyquin, Brig (Retd) Peter Evans and Mr Richard Caesar-Thwaytes.

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The Vikings sometimes buried the dead under the thresholds of their houses. This was because they believed that the souls of the dead could defend their houses against evil spirits.

Today, burial in the Canberra region occurs in public cemeteries.

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# Changing face of retirement planning

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

Retirement planning is destined to change. The goal posts are being realigned so that retirement planning can no longer be left to the last minute. Seventy may be the new 40, but the most successful retirees in the future will be those who start retirement planning in their 20s as part of an entire wealth creation program. People who fail to plan may not be able to afford to grow old happily. Thankfully, the Centrelink system exists at present to make up the shortfall, but commonsense and the aging population tells us that this may not always be so.

Many property and share market investors intend to sell up just prior to retirement and place the money tax-effectively into the superannuation system. Using retirement income streams, particularly allocated pensions, is widely acknowledged as the simplest and soon to be tax-free method for retirees over the age of 60 to fund their lifestyle.

The Government is trying to encourage people of all ages to contribute to superannuation and have announced that the age-based limits for deductible contributions to super will be abolished and replaced after 1 July, 2007.

Apart from the transitional arrangements (where a \$100,000 deductible limit will apply to over 50s until June 2012), a standard annual global limit of \$50,000 of deductible contributions from all sources will apply to everyone in the future. Deductible contributions include all Superannuation Guarantee and salary sacrifice contributions and contributions from self-employed persons claiming a tax deduction. Employers and the self-employed will be entitled to a full deduction on any contribution made on behalf of employees or themselves respectively. However, any contribution above the \$50,000 limit will be taxed at the top marginal rate (45%), which is a significant penalty on the standard contributions tax rate of 15%.

The recent Budget announcements have also placed restrictions on amounts that can be contributed to superannuation on an after-tax basis. Prior to commencing an allocated pension many people have chosen to deposit sig-

nificant amounts of money into superannuation on a post-tax basis. The budget proposals include a restriction on the level of post-tax contributions made in one year of \$150,000 with an averaging arrangement allowing a person to contribute \$450,000 over a three-year period to provide for larger one-off post-tax contributions. It should be noted that the individual making the \$450,000 contribution in year one must not make after-tax contributions for the rest of that financial year or the two that follow, but must remain eligible to contribute to super by satisfying the work test if over 65.

Someone aged over 65 who intends retiring permanently in that financial year will only be able to contribute \$150,000 as they will not be able to satisfy the contribution work test for the years that follow. Recent media announcements said if someone makes an extra 3% contribution to super, their retirement balance will swell by 30% compared with someone who only receives the compulsory 9% Superannuation Guarantee. This 3% contribution will be further enhanced where the employer or the Government makes a co-contribution.

Queensland Catholic Education employers, as part of an enterprise arrangement, are already matching employee contributions of 5% with a co-contribution of an extra 3.75%. This arrangement alone will ensure the contributing member has often doubled the amount in super on retirement compared with a non-contributing member. With 5% being close to the average annual wage rise or budget tax cut savings, the message is that a small, but persistent, sacrifice to superannuation started early will take the worry out of retirement for even lower paid employees.

It is important that younger people develop a saving plan. This small contribution to super is just one part of their wealth creation plan designed to take the worry away from retirement so they can concentrate on building secure families and homes.

Disclaimer: This superannuation article is for general information only. It does not take into account your personal objectives, financial situation or needs. As a result, you should consider its appropriateness to your own situation and obtain independent financial advice before making any decisions about your superannuation.

If you've never read Christopher De Vinck, you owe yourself a favour. He is, I believe, one of the truly moral essayists writing today.

Like Henri Nouwen, with whom he was friends, he often uses his own story as a springboard to highlight something universal within the human condition.

Several years ago, he wrote an essay, Faith in Marriage, within which he shares this story:

As a young college student in New York City, he found himself at one point particularly lonely. Part of that loneliness, understandable in itself in a young person, was the dream he nurtured about marriage. He idealised about the woman he one day hoped to marry, a woman who would not only take away his youthful loneliness, but would be like the woman described in the Book of Revelations, clothed with the sun, have the moon under her feet, and a crown of stars on her head.

College life is not kind to that type of idealism and one day, submitting to peer pressure, he consented to go along to a river party, not knowing exactly that this was an arranged tryst between a number of hormonally over-charged college boys and some bored working girls from a neighbouring town. The mathematics had been carefully done and there was a girl, Linda, selected for him.

As everyone else disappeared into secluded spots, Chris was left by himself with Linda, a decent enough girl, probably as ambivalent about what was expected as he was. As she began to undress, he took a step back, then another, and suddenly, impelled by something deeper in him, he (in his own words) "ran and ran", away from the party and away from that particular initiation.

But his essay doesn't end there. He adds this brief, but brilliant, commentary: "I did not know that I would be married six years later, that Roe [my wife] and I would be married for 20 years, that we would have three children, but running away from that river that night I hoped that someday Roe would be there, my Roe, clothed with the sun, having the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars."

Another friend shares this story: During his last year in high school he had been painfully and hopelessly obsessed with a girl who looked upon him with disdain.

Helpless to fight his obsession, hoping against all hope, he devised a rather elaborate (but pathetic) scheme to try to impress her at a public gathering. It backfired and he was left humiliated, a laughing-stock. The rejection shredded his self-image and left him depressed for months. In that dejected condition he left his home-town for college.

Ten years later, now happily married, he brought his wife back to his home-town and they went one evening and sat at the place where he had been so humiliated. He retold the story as they sipped on sodas and he nursed a cigar and they laughed as the reliving of that painful memory

# Chastity and a dream for the future

**Ron Rolheiser**

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made something suddenly clear. Namely, that those moments when we are young and foolish and obsessed are seen in an entirely different perspective and are healed when we are held, feel more whole, and are secure beyond the dangerous loneliness of youth with its in-built temptations against chastity and the future.

I'm not sure exactly how we need to challenge our age, especially our youth, in terms of the beauty and importance of chastity. I only know that it needs to be done. Virtually everything in our culture and within youth today militates against it.

Chastity is seen as a naivete, a timidity, a stance against life, not one for it.

Our culture has unconsciously inhaled, and misunderstood, one of William Blake's, Proverbs from Hell: "Sooner murder an infant in its cradle than nurse unacted desires."

We try all kinds of approaches to try to convince the world that chastity is important: It's worth waiting until marriage. Your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit. You are worth more than this.

All of those are right, and important. Deep down, beyond the bravado, people actually know the truth of these. At our core, we all intuit the value of chastity.

But that inchoate moral sense, it seems, isn't always enough to make a young man walk away when there's a river party. The deep-down sense that something is not best for us doesn't always, nor often, make us resist temptation when our loneliness and insecurity are high and the time and temperature are right.

What does? I'm not sure, but perhaps the clue lies in Christopher De Vinck's appeal to idealism, to a vision, to a dream deep inside each of us for a soulmate who will come into our lives and be so clothed with the sun that we can renounce a momentary compensation for a future within which we can sit with someone at the place of our youthful longing and humiliation, sip a soda, and laugh about how painful it once was.

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## Living with the net



**Paul Jenkins**

# How to choose best ISP for you

Ever been in a crowd of people talking about computers and the internet and someone says "who's your ISP?" Then thought to yourself, how do I answer this, or what's an ISP?

ISP stands for Internet Service Provider. These providers are companies that supply your access to the internet, whether it be a dial-up or a broadband connection. There are many companies in Australia that provide internet connections.

In Canberra, some of the ISPs we have access to include: Telsta Big Pond ([www.big-pond.com/](http://www.big-pond.com/)), CyberOne ([www.cyberone.com.au/](http://www.cyberone.com.au/)), OptusNet ([www.optusnet.com.au/](http://www.optusnet.com.au/)), IPrimus ([www.iprimus.com.au/PrimusWeb/](http://www.iprimus.com.au/PrimusWeb/)), Velocity ([www.velocity.net.au/](http://www.velocity.net.au/)), TranACT's Grapevine ([www2.grapevine.com.au/](http://www2.grapevine.com.au/)) and Netspeed ([www.netspeed.com.au/](http://www.netspeed.com.au/)). There are many more.

As there are many ISPs available to choose from, so too are there many connection plans. Here are some tips to help you choose a ISP.

Choose an ISP that offers free help with setting up your internet connection as well as free advice 24 hours a day if you have a problem with your connection or the modem you use to connect to the web.

Choose an ISP that offers a wide range of plans. You may wish to upgrade your connection plan.

Always check the fine print of your contract to see if there is a cost involved with upgrading.

Check and compare the internet plans of several ISPs to ensure that the plan you eventually sign up for matches all your requirements.

Check the costs of internet connection plans to see if there are hidden costs, such as paying for exceeding your monthly megabyte download quota.

Some ISPs will charge you 15c a megabyte for each megabyte you exceed your quota. If you use the internet a lot, this can really add up.

Other ISPs will slow your internet connection from broadband speeds to dial-up speeds if you exceed your quota.

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Catholic Voice	<a href="http://www.catholicvoice.com.au">www.catholicvoice.com.au</a>
Catholic Weekly	<a href="http://www.catholicweekly.com.au">www.catholicweekly.com.au</a>
Christian Media Association	<a href="http://www.ChristianMedia.asn.au">www.ChristianMedia.asn.au</a>
Ignatius Press	<a href="http://www.ignatius.com">www.ignatius.com</a>
Independent Catholic News	<a href="http://www.indcatholicnews.com">www.indcatholicnews.com</a>
Jesuit Publications	<a href="http://www.openplanet.com.au/home/">www.openplanet.com.au/home/</a>
Kairos	<a href="http://www.kairos.com.au">www.kairos.com.au</a>
Majellan Publications	<a href="http://www.majellan.org.au">www.majellan.org.au</a>
Marist Messenger	<a href="http://www.maristmessenger.co.nz">www.maristmessenger.co.nz</a>
National Catholic Reporter	<a href="http://ncronline.org">http://ncronline.org</a>
NZ Catholic	<a href="http://www.nzcatholic.org.nz">www.nzcatholic.org.nz</a>
One Way FM Canberra	<a href="http://www.1wayfm.com.au">www.1wayfm.com.au</a>
Pacific Islands Religious	<a href="http://www.relpac.org.fj/">www.relpac.org.fj/</a>
Pakistan Christian Voice inet magazine	<a href="http://www.pakistanchristianvoice.net">www.pakistanchristianvoice.net</a>
Radio Notre Dame	<a href="http://www.radionotredame.com">www.radionotredame.com</a>
The Far East	<a href="http://www.columban.org.au/TFE/TrevorTrotter/FarEast.htm">www.columban.org.au/TFE/TrevorTrotter/FarEast.htm</a>
The Pastoral Review	<a href="http://www.thepastoralreview.co.uk">www.thepastoralreview.co.uk</a>
The Tablet	<a href="http://www.thetablet.co.uk">www.thetablet.co.uk</a>
The Universe	<a href="http://www.totalcatholic.com">www.totalcatholic.com</a>
The Word Among Us	<a href="http://www.wau.org">www.wau.org</a>
Wel-com(NZ)	<a href="http://www.wel-com.org.nz">www.wel-com.org.nz</a>
Zenit	<a href="http://www.zenit.org./English/">www.zenit.org./English/</a>

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PARISHES

Mary Queen of Apostles Goulburn	<a href="http://goulburnparish.catholicau.com">http://goulburnparish.catholicau.com</a>
Holy Family Parish, Gowrie	<a href="http://www.webone.com.au/~hfcp">www.webone.com.au/~hfcp</a>
Holy Spirit, Gungahlin	<a href="http://www.holyspiritgungahlin.catholicau.com">www.holyspiritgungahlin.catholicau.com</a>
Notes for Active Church Participants	<a href="http://www.giant.net.au/users/murphy">www.giant.net.au/users/murphy</a>
St Anthony's, Wanniasa	<a href="http://www.users.bigpond.com/stanthonys.wanniasa/">www.users.bigpond.com/stanthonys.wanniasa/</a>
St Christopher's Cathedral	<a href="http://www.stchristophersact.catholicau.com">www.stchristophersact.catholicau.com</a>
St Francis of Assisi, Calwell	<a href="http://act.antioch.org.au/calwell/stfranc.htm">http://act.antioch.org.au/calwell/stfranc.htm</a>
St John the Apostle, Kippax	<a href="http://www.stjohnkippax.org.au">www.stjohnkippax.org.au</a>
St John Vianney's, Waramanga	<a href="http://www.stjv-waramanga.catholicau.com">www.stjv-waramanga.catholicau.com</a>
St Jude's, Holder	<a href="http://www.stjude-holder.catholicau.com">www.stjude-holder.catholicau.com</a>
St Thomas Aquinas, Charnwood	<a href="http://site-manager.homemail.com.au/">http://site-manager.homemail.com.au/</a>
St Thomas the Apostle, Kambah	<a href="http://www.kambahparish.catholicau.com">www.kambahparish.catholicau.com</a>
St Vincent's, Aranda	<a href="http://www.svdp-aranda.catholicau.com">www.svdp-aranda.catholicau.com</a>
We Believe	<a href="http://www.webelieve.cc">www.webelieve.cc</a>

SEXUAL ABUSE

Time of Crisis, Time of Faith	<a href="http://www.daughtersofstpaul.com/church/index.html">www.daughtersofstpaul.com/church/index.html</a>
Voice of the Faithful	<a href="http://www.voiceofthefaithful.org">www.voiceofthefaithful.org</a>

SOCIAL JUSTICE

Amnesty International	<a href="http://www.amnesty.org">www.amnesty.org</a>
Aust Cath Social Justice Council	<a href="http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au">www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au</a>
Aust Council for Overseas Aid	<a href="http://www.acfo.asn.au/">www.acfo.asn.au/</a>
Aust Fair Trade and Investment Network	<a href="http://www.aftinet.org.au/">www.aftinet.org.au/</a>
Caritas Australia	<a href="http://www.caritas.org.au">www.caritas.org.au</a>
Catholic Commission for Justice, Development and Peace	<a href="http://www.melbourne.catholic.org.au/ccjdp">www.melbourne.catholic.org.au/ccjdp</a>
Edmund Rice Centre	<a href="http://www.erc.org.au">www.erc.org.au</a>
Jesuit Social Justice Centre	<a href="http://www.vicnet.net.au/~cardoner/uniya.html">www.vicnet.net.au/~cardoner/uniya.html</a>
PALMS	<a href="http://www.palms.org.au">www.palms.org.au</a>
Refugee Council of Australia	<a href="http://www.refugeecouncil.org.au">www.refugeecouncil.org.au</a>
Sr Helen Prejean	<a href="http://www.prejean.org">www.prejean.org</a>
Timor Today	<a href="http://www.easttimor.com/">www.easttimor.com/</a>
UNIYA Jesuit Social JusticeCentre	<a href="http://uniya.org/">http://uniya.org/</a>

VOCATIONS

Assoc of Religious Vocations Personnel	<a href="http://www.godknowswhere.org.uk">www.godknowswhere.org.uk</a>
Augustinians	<a href="http://www.augustinians.org.au">www.augustinians.org.au</a>
Aust-NZ Federation of Srs of St Joseph	<a href="http://www.josephitefederation.catholic.org.au">www.josephitefederation.catholic.org.au</a>
Australian Catholic Deacons Assoc	<a href="http://www.deacons.asn.au">www.deacons.asn.au</a>
Benedictine Abbey, Jamberoo	<a href="http://www.jamberooabbey.org.au">www.jamberooabbey.org.au</a>
Blessed Sacrament Congregation	<a href="http://www.blessedsacrament.com.au">www.blessedsacrament.com.au</a>
Catholic Vocations Ministry Australia	<a href="http://www.ozvocations.catholic.org.au">www.ozvocations.catholic.org.au</a>
Catholic Vocations	<a href="http://www.catholicvocation.org.au">www.catholicvocation.org.au</a>
Columbans	<a href="http://www.columban.org.au">www.columban.org.au</a>
Discalced Carmelite Friars	<a href="http://www.carmelite.com">www.carmelite.com</a>
Disciples of Jesus Community	<a href="http://www.disciplesofjesus.org">www.disciplesofjesus.org</a>
Dominican Sisters of Eastern Aust	<a href="http://www.opeast.org.au">www.opeast.org.au</a>
Dominicans in Aust, NZ, Solomon Is	<a href="http://www.op.org/australis/welcome.htm">www.op.org/australis/welcome.htm</a>
Jesuits in Australia	<a href="http://www.jesuits.org.au">www.jesuits.org.au</a>
Little Company of Mary	<a href="http://www.lcm.org.au">www.lcm.org.au</a>
Loreto Sisters	<a href="http://www.loreto.org.au">www.loreto.org.au</a>
Marriage Encounter	<a href="http://home.vicnet.net.au/~marriage/">http://home.vicnet.net.au/~marriage/</a>
Missionaries of God's Love	<a href="http://www.mglvocation.org">www.mglvocation.org</a>
Missionaries of the Sacred Heart	<a href="http://www.misacor.org.au">www.misacor.org.au</a>
Passionists	<a href="http://www.passionists.com">www.passionists.com</a>
Poor Clare Nuns	<a href="http://www.poorclare.org">www.poorclare.org</a>
Redemptorists	<a href="http://www.rc.net/redempt.au/vocations.htm">www.rc.net/redempt.au/vocations.htm</a>
Serra Club of Canberra	<a href="http://www.serracanberra.org">www.serracanberra.org</a>
Serra International	<a href="http://www.serrainternational.org">www.serrainternational.org</a>
Sisters of the Good Samaritan	<a href="http://www.goodsams.org.au">www.goodsams.org.au</a>
Sisters of Mercy	<a href="http://www.mercy.org.au">www.mercy.org.au</a>
Sisters of St Joseph of Sacred Heart	<a href="http://www.sosj.org.au">www.sosj.org.au</a>
Vincentians	<a href="http://www.vincentians.org.au">www.vincentians.org.au</a>

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Antioch Youth, Calwell	<a href="http://act.antioch.org.au/calwell">http://act.antioch.org.au/calwell</a>
Antioch Youth, Canberra	<a href="http://act.antioch.org.au/">http://act.antioch.org.au/</a>
Antioch Youth Wanniasa	<a href="http://www.users.bigpond.com/stanthonys.wanniasa/antioch%20home%20page.htm">www.users.bigpond.com/stanthonys.wanniasa/antioch home page.htm</a>
Here For Life	<a href="http://www.hereforlife.org.au">www.hereforlife.org.au</a>
International Movement of Catholic Students Aust	<a href="http://www.imcsa.org.au">www.imcsa.org.au</a>
Kids Helpline	<a href="http://www.kidshelp.com.au">www.kidshelp.com.au</a>
LifeTeen	<a href="http://www.lifeteen.com">www.lifeteen.com</a>
Reach Out	<a href="http://www.reachout.asn.au">www.reachout.asn.au</a>
The Cardijn Site	<a href="http://www.cardijn.net">www.cardijn.net</a>
YCW of Australia	<a href="http://www.adelaide.net.au/~aycw">www.adelaide.net.au/~aycw</a>

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Sails Ocean Sails

[sails.wordpress.com](http://sails.wordpress.com)  
A parishioner of St Thomas Aquinas, Charnwood, has established a project to encourage sailors in wealthier countries to donate sails to remote communities, particularly in the Pacific. Surveyor Peter Gately found his inspiration after visiting Pacific islands as a volunteer. He's trying re-introduce the concept of sails to islanders, which he says could save lives. Used sails from all classes of boats, as well as lifejackets, are among the items he collects. Peter can be contacted at e-mail: [petergately@dodo.com.au](mailto:petergately@dodo.com.au)

Choosing an ISP

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Don't just go with an internet connection plan simply because they offer a free modem.

Check the total costs for the plan, as it may be cheaper to buy a modem yourself and then choose your ISP.

Most free modems are attached to 24-month plans and the total average cost includes the full price of the modem.

Find out what extras you will get by signing up to a particular ISP such as e-mail addresses and web site space.

Most ISPs will allow you to have five e-mail addresses and about 10 megabytes of server space for your own website.

Check around as some ISPs offer more e-mail addresses and you may need them for a large family of internet users.

Make sure the ISP you choose has a local telephone number for dial-in access to the Internet. STD phone numbers are much more expensive.

Ask your friends who are connected to the internet, how they find their ISP.

Are they happy with their connection and the services that are provided? Word of mouth is good advertising for reliable ISPs.

To find out about the wide variety of ISPs available in Australia, some useful websites are:

Topology (<http://topology.org./net/isp.html>) an older site and some of the ISPs are no longer in operation.

List of ISPs: ([www.thelist.com/countrycode/61/](http://www.thelist.com/countrycode/61/)).

To find out more about the comparative costs of various Australian ISPs, a useful website is Broadband Guide ([www.broadbandguide.com.au/](http://www.broadbandguide.com.au/))

Shop around, you are bound to find the Internet Service Provider with the right deal for you.



# Classifieds

## For Sale - Coastal



**NSW SOUTH COAST BROULEE BEACH**  
OPPOSITE Beach, Superb views, 3 Bedroom duplex, Bathroom + En-suite, Fully furnished and equipped, Large entertainment deck, SLUG, Expressions of interest - \$499,000. Telephone 6242 7880 (owner), or 0428426911 (agent).

**BROULEE** - \$290,000. Two bedroom townhouse situated in a quiet street in Broulee, within easy walking distance to beach and shops. Lock up single garage. It is a great investment opportunity. 350sqm (approx) block. 6281 2349 (ah) 0413 624 847 (bh).

## To Let - Coastal

**BROULEE** - Holiday home. Excellent location near beach and shops - well appointed, sleeps 8. Available year round for that winter getaway or summer vacation - weekends too. Telephone Tony 0419 257 881.

**BROULEE** - Spectacular views near beach, 6 bedroom 3 bathroom house newly renovated. Telephone 6257 1222. [www.brouleebeachhouse.com](http://www.brouleebeachhouse.com)

**DALMENY** - Comfortably furnished house in the gum trees. Sleeps 6-8. VCR/DVD, slow combustion fire, carport, large deck overlooking reserve for outdoor entertaining. Walk to beach. Weekends, school hols, short/long term. Telephone 6248 5236.

**MALONEYS BEACH** Batemans Bay - Modern two-storey home, absolute waterfront, uninterrupted views. Sleeps 10. Telephone 0408 697 108, or view [www.montalbano.worldstays.com](http://www.montalbano.worldstays.com)

**MALUA BAY** - Spectacular beach/ ocean views, new 2 br apartment sleeps 6. Two minutes walk to beach. Linen, private courtyard, bbq, fully self-contained, DVD, TV, m'wave, laundry, cot. Telephone 0425 226 120 or 4471 2676.

**MERIMBULA** - Fabulous Fishpen Merimbula NSW, 2-bedroom fully self-contained, ground-floor unit with off-street parking. Flat, easy 5-minute walk to shops, lake, beach, park and town. Quiet and peaceful. Excellent value. Telephone 6495 7635 or 0427 069 662.

**MOLLYMOOK** - Birchgrove Apartments. 200m to beach, water view, lovely quiet location opposite reserve. Fully self contained 2 BR, lock up garage and plenty of extra parking and easy walk to Golf Club and Ulladulla shops. Please phone Craig or Kathy 0428 318 156 or 6230 3034.

**SURF BEACH** - Clean, modern, spacious 3 bdrm, 2 bathrm, fully s/c t'house. Sleeps 6, TV, VCR, DVD, m'wave, dishwasher, washing mach, BBQ. Available year round, no groups or pets. Telephone Trish 6291 8342 ah.

**TOMAKIN** - Spacious 3-bedroom, 2-bathroom, holiday house for rental. Magnificent ocean views. Short walk to beach, club and shop. Fully equipped. Sleeps 8-10. Great for families. Telephone 6285 2817.

**TUROSS HEAD** - "Ella May Holiday Flats". Renovated 2br, walk to beach. Heaps parking, fully equipped. Avail all year \$350-\$600 per week, weekends available. Telephone 0414 597 619 or 6161 7793.

**TUROSS HEAD** - 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom house, close to beach, spectacular views, large verandah, sleeps 6. Telephone 0418 627 750.

## To Let - Sydney

**SYDNEY** - Budget accommodation in student housing in Glebe near city centre. Families welcome. Book a house or a room. December 2006 to mid February 2007. E-mail: [office@terraces.com.au](mailto:office@terraces.com.au) Phone: 02 9660 6762 Website: [www.terraces.com.au](http://www.terraces.com.au)

## To Let - Qld

**NOOSA** - Spacious 3 bdrm, 3 bath townhouse. Sleeps 6. River boat fish, 3 pools. Spa, BBQ, gym, sauna. Mod kitch, balconies, linen, u/c parking, cable TV, DVD, CD. Cafes. 3 min beach. Nat park, lge shopping complex. Owner, telephone 6258 5962 - Natalie Parkin, telephone 07 5474 4447.

**NOOSA** - Stylish 2bdrm fsc townhouse by river and cafes. R/c aircon, tennis court, BBQ, heated pools/spas, VCR/video library, stereo, linen, modern facilities. Book with owners and save. For brochure, telephone (07) 3289 7178.

## Accommodation Wanted

**RELIABLE** female available for house-sitting, long term preferably but also interested in short term. Please phone 0428 290 585

## Public Notice

**THANK YOU.** The family of the late Fr Joseph Rheinberger greatly appreciated the support we received through messages of sympathy, kind deeds, practical assistance, prayers, and attendance at the Requiem Masses in Canberra and Bega. We would like to especially thank Archbishop Francis Carroll and Bishop Patrick Power, clergy of the Archdiocese, the Director and staff of the CEO, staff of Favier House, W H Cole and John Whyman Funeral Directors, Southern Cross Yacht Club, Bega Hospital Auxiliary, friends local and interstate. Please accept this as our personal thanks and may God bless you all. Marie, Carmel and Gerard Rheinberger.

## For Sale

**FREE** home delivery ACT area, garden manure, sheep, cow, chook, horse from \$5 a bag. Minimum order 5 bags. Telephone 6386 3694, 0427 053 988 (m).

**HOUSE** lot of light fittings, classy pendants etc, from \$10. Vertical blinds with fittings, good condition. VCR serviced with warranty \$50. Car Bra Toyota Starlet VGC \$125. Telephone John 6286 4454 anytime.

**KENWOOD** Chef mixer from \$100. Wanted faulty units, bowls, attachments etc. TV, microwave, electrical appliances/parts - low prices with warranty. FREE repair quote. Trade-in or free removal. Telephone John 6286 4454 any time.

## Prayers

**THOU O Mary**, Help of Christians, who once experienced the hardship and difficulties of acquiring the temporal necessities of life, look with compassion upon us now faced with the same difficulties and help us to find suitable employment. We are anxious, dear Mother, to be gainfully engaged in work that will relieve our temporal needs, without in any way endangering the spiritual wellbeing of our souls. Direct us to employment that will enable us fittingly to provide for ourselves and our families. We are confident that thou will heed my prayer. O Immaculate Mother grant my request. In return I shall publish thy goodness that others may know the favours thou enjoyest with Almighty God unto His greatest honour and glory. J G.

**PRAYER** to the Virgin Mary. O most beautiful flower of Mount Carmel, fruit of the vine, splendorous of Heaven. Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in this my necessity. O Star of the Sea, help me and show me herein you are my mother. O Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succour me in my necessity. There are none that can withstand your power. O show me here you are my Mother. O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to you (3 times). Holy Mary, I place this cause in your hands (3 times). Thank you for your mercy towards me and mine. Amen.

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**ACT RIGHT TO LIFE AGM** - 12.30pm, Sunday, 22 October, meeting room, Holy Rosary Parish, Watson. Keynote speaker: Anne Foster, executive director Pregnancy Help Australia. Inquiries: Kath Woolf, telephone 6251 5786, Carolyn Mongan 6161 0711, 0418 220 504.

**A HEALING PRESENCE WORKSHOP** - ACT Chapter Australian Health and Welfare Chaplains' Association workshop for chaplains and pastoral carers. 9am-4pm, Thursday, 26 October. Followed by annual service of commitment. Inquiries: Telephone 6244 3849 or 6244 2261. Registration closes 17 October.

**CANBERRA YCW** - Introduction Camp, 10-12 November for young adults 18-30 years, Caloola Farm, Tharwa ACT. Cost: \$35 unwaged or \$45 waged. Inquiries: Emma, telephone 0408 076 373 or e-mail [emma.wells@ycw.org.au](mailto:emma.wells@ycw.org.au)

**CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME** - Our Lady Queen of Apostles Parish, Goulburn, each Wednesday, 7.30pm-9pm, beginning 25 October. Inquiries: Telephone 4821 4754 after 5pm.

**CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME** - St John the Apostle Catholic community, Kippax, program begins 7.30pm-9pm, 16 October. Inquiries: Parish Office, telephone 6254 3236 or website [www.stjohnkippax.org.au](http://www.stjohnkippax.org.au)

**CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME** - St Anthony's Parish, Wanniasassa, each Monday, 7.30pm-9pm, beginning 2 October. Inquiries: Parish office, telephone 6231 7310, e-mail [sta.wanniasassa@cg.catholic.org.au](mailto:sta.wanniasassa@cg.catholic.org.au)

**COURAGE CANBERRA** - Group for those experiencing same-sex attraction and desiring to live sacramental life of the Church. Meeting 11 and 25 October. Confidentiality assured. Inquiries: Telephone 6254 2408, e-mail [couragecanberra@hotmail.com](mailto:couragecanberra@hotmail.com)

**CURSILLO ULTREYAS** - Southside, Gowrie parish centre, 8pm, Tuesday, 24 October. Northside, Marian Hall, St Matthew's Church, Page, 8pm, Thursday, 26 October.

**FAMILY AND FRIENDS FOR DRUG LAW REFORM** - Annual remembrance for those who lose their life to illicit drugs, 12.30pm-1.30pm, Monday, 16 October, Weston Park, Yarralumla. Inquiries: Bronwyn, telephone 6241 7118 or Marion 6254 2961.

**GUIDED RETREAT** - "To Know Christ Jesus", 10-12 November, at St Clement's Retreat Centre, Galong. Directed by Sr Elizabeth West LCM. Inquiries: Margaret

Ryan, Centre for Faith and Ministry, telephone 6201 9802, e-mail [adult.ed@cg.catholic.org.au](mailto:adult.ed@cg.catholic.org.au)

**HARD QUESTIONS FORUM** - 7pm, Tuesday, 17 October, St Monica's Primary School hall, Evatt, to express stories and concerns and ask questions of professional panel. Inquiries: Margaret Ryan, telephone 6201 9802, e-mail [adult.ed@cg.catholic.org.au](mailto:adult.ed@cg.catholic.org.au)

**MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND** - 10-12 November, for married couples, Mt. Schoenstatt, Mulgoa, NSW. Bookings: Telephone 9345 5402, website: [www.wwme.org.au](http://www.wwme.org.au)

**PICNIC REUNION** - Ex-students of St Joseph's and St Bernard's schools, Batemans Bay, 9am-2pm, Sunday, 19 November, Corrigans Beach. BYO picnic or Lions Club BBQ. Inquiries: Maureen Kinross (Devine), telephone 4472 1282, Maureen Law (Manns) 4471 1012.

**PRAYER IN THE CRYPT** - Lectio Divina, contemplative praying of Scriptures, 2.30pm-3.30pm Thursdays, in crypt St Christopher's Cathedral. Inquiries: Parish Office, telephone 6295 9555 e-mail [stchris@velocitynet.com.au](mailto:stchris@velocitynet.com.au)

**ST BEDE'S REUNION** - Invitation to girls who attended St Bede's, Braidwood, for 18-19 November. Inquiries: Carmel Waddell, telephone 4842 2226, Mary Haigh 4842 2287.

**ST JOSEPH'S JUBILEE** - 50th anniversary celebrations for St Joseph's School, O'Connor, at the school last weekend October. Information at [www.sjo.cg.catholic.edu.au](http://www.sjo.cg.catholic.edu.au) Inquiries: school secretary@sjc.cg.catholic.edu.au or telephone 6248 9818.

**ST THOMAS MORE'S FORUM** - "Peacemaking for Christians in the 21st century", by Peter Garrett MP, 7.30pm-9pm, Wednesday, 18 October, St Thomas More's School hall, Campbell, followed by light supper. Entry: \$10 per person, \$3 per student and concession.

**SERRA CLUB** - Mass, 6.30pm, Thursday, 12 October, Holy Trinity Church, Curtin, followed by dinner, Southern Cross Club, Phillip.

**WEDDING REUNION** - Couples married at St Mary's, Murrumburrah, and St Anthony's, Harden, before 1980. Harden, 28, 29 October. Inquiries: Marie (Shea) McCarthy, telephone 6386 8233.

Written entries invited for November 2006 issue to: Catholic Voice, GPO Box 3089, Canberra ACT 2601, e-mail [ed.voice@cg.catholic.org.au](mailto:ed.voice@cg.catholic.org.au) by Monday, 16 October.

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## Public Notice

"**DESPERATE Housewives Day Out**" Fundraising Raffle for St Patricks School Gundagai and their selected charity The Gundagai Hospital. Proudly sponsored by McCafe Gundagai. 1st prize; A London Holiday - return first class airfares plus 1 weeks accommodation for 2 adults, in an exclusive furnished Flat in Notting Hill Gate, London CBD Value: \$28,000. 2nd Prize; 1 nights accommodation at the Crowne Plaza Coogee beach in an ocean view room with parking and full buffet breakfast for two. Value \$400. 3rd Prize: Family

weekend getaway in Dubbo, including 1 nights accommodation for family of 4 at Abel Tasman Motor Inn, fuel voucher from Southwest fuel plus family pass for 2adults and 2 children to Western Plain Zoo. Value \$325. All proceeds go directly to St Patricks School and the Gundagai Hospital. Drawn 20 October 2006, at "The Desperate Housewives Day Out" at Gundagai Racecourse. Tickets \$20 each. Anyone interested in buying a ticket can contact Paula Butt 6945 4311 or St Patrick's School 6944 1085.

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**Dear Children,**  
Spring is such a beautiful season. God's handy work is everywhere. There are so many wonderful flowers blooming, trees blossoming and leaves are sprouting. New life is everywhere. We are told in scripture that. "All things were created by him and for him. He is before all things and in him all things hold together." You and I have to care for this world God has given us. It is important that we care for the part of the world we are in. We can do so much to help - we can recycle our bottles and papers. We can have a worm farm and feed our food scraps to them to produce rich new soil. And, of course, we can use our precious water carefully. I am sure you can think of lots of ways to help keep our world beautiful. Do write to me and let me know all the ways you can find. We will publish a list of all your suggestions. My e-mail address is [ed.voice@cg.catholic.org.au](mailto:ed.voice@cg.catholic.org.au) I am looking forward to hearing from you about this important subject. God bless you all,  
**Sue**



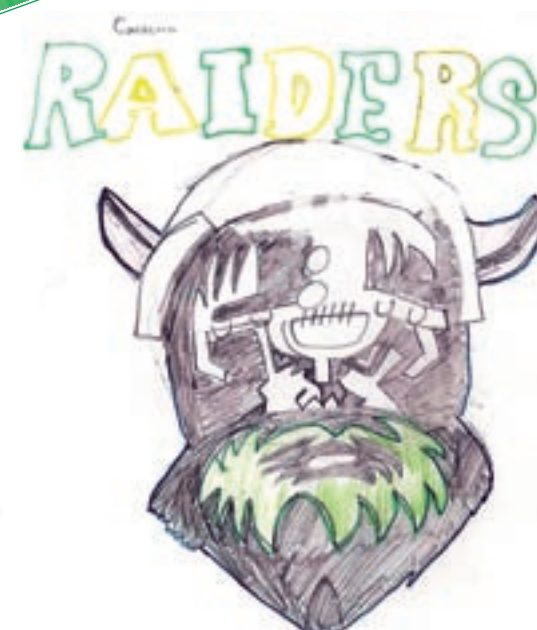
**ABOVE: Holly Shaw, aged 12, of St Francis of Assisi, Calwell, celebrates her Confirmation.**



**ABOVE: What a beautifully drawn aeroplane, from Georgia Smith, aged 10, of Trinity Primary, Murrumburrah. LEFT: Yes, it's Spring, and aren't we glad! From Maryanne Seisun, aged 10, of St Francis of Assisi Primary, Calwell.**



**ABOVE LEFT: God loves everyone. Morgan Hartley, aged 10, of St Joseph's School, Eden, is right, of course. LEFT: Sophie Hickman, aged 6, of St Joseph's says so, too. RIGHT: Wonder who Patrick Smith, aged 7, of Trinity Primary, Murrumburrah, supports!**





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# A proud school that lives 'on the edge'

Lake Cargelligo school principal Noreen Dick speaks with pride about St Francis Xavier's Primary School and community.

We are part of the Parish of Our Lady of Lourdes, Lake Cargelligo, the last parish and school on the western edge of the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn.

The township has about 1300 people with a real lake which, when holding lots of water, is the scene of water skiing, fishing and lots of picnicking.

The school, with an enrolment of 74 students, fosters the spiritual, intellectual, social, physical and emotional development of each staff member, student and indeed each family member.

The children are grouped into four stages working enthusiastically in all areas of the curriculum.

The staff of St Francis Xavier's are committed, not just to the quality of teaching they provide and present, but also to the connectedness they make between family, school and community.

This means no segment of the community is overlooked nor left out of activities. The Aboriginal teachers' assistants are a vital link between cultural groups and provide home

liaison connections.

Literacy and numeracy are major thrusts in the school, and together with religion and IT permeate each curriculum area. The individual needs of the children are attended to, with staff regularly holding discussions and interviews with parents and carers.

A real effort is made to tap into the children's backgrounds and interests to make language work relevant to them. Values education is highlighted throughout the entire school with the Stage 3 children providing peer support to all other stages.

We are proud to be here at SFX and the smallness of the school community fosters a deep sense of belonging and a real concern for the welfare of each other. The children wear the school uniform each day with pride, and the staff also their T-shirts.

For a number of years now, despite some recent rain, the district has been very much in the grip of drought. This impacts not only on those working the land directly, but on all businesses and service providers in the township.

Never say "it's too far to visit"; come and visit and share in the fun, the laughter and the learning and living which St Francis Xavier's and Lake Cargelligo offer.



TOP LEFT: Kindy kids Lainie Johnson, Ricky Kirby, Keegan Malick and Heath Lightfoot.

TOP MIDDLE: Teacher and guitarist Shannon Haase is a hit with Shanya Bell, Zac Phillips and Cameron Hall.

TOP RIGHT: Mackenna Elwin, playing Little Miss Red, and Wyatt Toole, playing the clown, in a years 3 and 4 assembly performance.

ABOVE RIGHT: "The Rainbow Fish" was a popular read with Janaia Booth, Codie Kirby and Victoria Houssenloge, of years 1 and 2.

LEFT: Years 3 and 4 students James Houssenloge, Tom Wood, Billy Kelly and Tristin Johnson hard at work with Aunty Joy Kelly.

BELOW LEFT: Years 5 and 6 students on an excursion to

Parliament House.

BELOW RIGHT: Students form a guard of honour as Robert Blight, playing the didgeridoo, Lincon Kirby on clapsticks, Sharon Thorpe with the message stick and other members of the indigenous community lead students into the pre-school at Murrin Bridge where the school celebrated the message stick Mass.



ABOVE: Bryce Elwin and Damian Clarke, of years 5 and 6, hard at work on the computer



ABOVE: Kyle Hall and Dylan Hardy enjoy painting with visiting author and illustrator Elaine Russell.