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# We're called to offer life for all

Hundreds of children from schools across the Archdiocese packed St Christopher's Cathedral for the annual, colourful Mission Mass.

The theme for the Mass, which was Archbishop Mark Coleridge's first and the last for retiring director of Catholic Education Mr Geoff Joy, was Life for All.

Archbishop Coleridge taught the children the story of St Christopher, whose name means "bearer of Christ". He is said to have carried a small child across a deep river, realising as the child became increasingly heavy, that he was, in fact, bearing Christ.

Archbishop Coleridge said everyone was called to be a Christopher who carried Christ wherever they found him in the weak and needy human beings they met.

"We are called to pick up the weak with the strength of Jesus and carry them across the deep and dangerous river. In so far as we do that, we will be missionaries."

RIGHT: Pupils from Sacred Heart School, Pearce perform a reflection at Mass.



# Bishops warn on human embryo research ... It can't be open slather

Allowing scientists open slather on human embryos for research is not the way forward, Australia's Catholics bishops say.

Their statement was made in the face of upcoming parliamentary debate on a Bill to legalise cloning.

The bishops said that it was not a religious argument. "We do not argue against destructive experimentation on embryos simply because we are Catholic, but because of basic human values.

"As a society we cannot seek to alleviate the suffering of some people by creating and then killing human life.

"All of us wish to find cures and treatments for disease or genetic conditions. Many Australians are afflicted by terrible suffering and we share with them the hope for a cure or effective treatment. But allowing scientists open slather on human embryos for research is not the way forward.

"We pray that in the upcoming conscience votes on this issue, our federal parliamentarians will consider the impact such changes would have, and reject scientific experimentation on that most precious and vulnerable of our brothers and sisters, the human embryo."

Proposals before Federal Parliament sought to radically revise a decision taken by the same parliament in 2002 to prevent human cloning.

This was prompted in part by a review of legislation chaired by the late Justice John Lockhart, which

recommended lifting almost all existing ethical and legislative constraints in this area.

The Catholic Church was not opposed to stem cell research, the bishops said.

"On the contrary, we are strong supporters of research based on adult stem cells, as well as those which are derived from umbilical cord blood.

"Our Church supports ethical stem cell research through its research institutes, health care services, teaching hospitals and health professionals."

In 2002, when Parliament passed legislation allowing embryonic stem cell lines to be extracted from viable human embryos left over from the IVF process, the bishops said they had warned the

Government had crossed a new and dangerous line by creating an expendable class of human life.

"The evidence of this is now sadly clear in the legislation currently before the Parliament.

"These new Bills seek to take us from using 'spare' human embryos, created for reproduction, to creating a new class of human embryos, never to be used for reproduction, but only for research.

"This is a complete reversal of the Parliament's decision in 2002, which unanimously rejected human embryo cloning.

"Since 2002 there have been no significant scientific developments to justify more permissive legislation and no change in the fundamental ethical issues."

● Catholic hospitals are unlikely to allow cures or treatment derived from cloned embryos, Bishop Anthony Fisher, of Melbourne, reportedly told a Senate Committee hearing in Canberra.

Bishop Fisher said the Church was likely to maintain its opposition to therapeutic cloning - that involves creating a cloned embryo for its stem cells - even if it resulted in research and cures down the track. "I think if in fact what the cures involved was using parts taken from very early human beings that had been killed to get those cells, and then lines grown from them for that purpose, we'd have to say that you couldn't morally cooperate in that activity."

## World Youth Day 2008

Randwick Racecourse has been chosen to host the largest gathering of people held in Sydney for the overnight vigil and final Mass to be celebrated by Pope Benedict XVI in July 2008.

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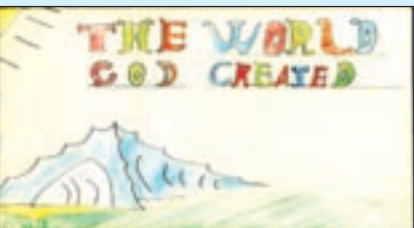
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**What are you doing now?**  
I have been married to John for 37 years, am a mother to three and grandmother to four, and involved in my local community and my parish of St Mary's, Bombala, where I am chairman of the Parish Pastoral Council, along with being a member of the Diocesan Pastoral Council appointed by Archbishop Francis Carroll. I am currently chairman of the Bombala Rural Lands Board, and a relief receptionist at the local medical centre.

**What made you realise your vocation?**  
As a married woman early in my life I was exposed to and realised many of the difficulties I saw and believed were faced within my Catholic community. As I journeyed through the years I was drawn more and more to make what I considered a positive contribution to my faith. I now realise that we have all been gifted with certain attributes and I have tried to use mine for the betterment of those with whom I live and work.

**What have been the greatest challenges of your vocation?**  
My vocation has served up many challenges to me, particularly in my

my life

In the tenth in a monthly series on vocations of all kinds, we speak to Bombala parishioner Anna Vincent



health. I have learnt to cope with these and adapt my life accordingly. I have never let my health problems stand in the way of my work and parish life and my journey through life.

**What are the best times for you?**  
Witnessing the growth and life achievements of my children and now, in particular, my grandchildren. Small milestones like first tooth, first step and first day at school of my grandchildren remind me of those experiences of my own children and are a great joy.

**What leisure interests do you enjoy?**  
My garden, reading, history - particularly local and Church - and spending time with family and friends.

**What would you say to someone considering your vocation?**  
Our changing society now places greater pressure on marriage. The pleasures achieved with your children are unique to all of us, however, we must also face the difficulties of life and that can be hard when family members or those close to us encounter problems and hardships in their life. The ability to offer support and love provides an opportunity for inner strength in my faith and my marriage.

**Your hopes for yourself, your parish, your Church in the next year?**  
The Eucharist is central to our faith and life as a community. The isolation we face here in Bombala and Delegate is a major concern. That I can continue to make what I see as a positive contribution to the health of our parish is my aim for the future. The parishioners of Bombala and Delegate are blessed to have the ability to celebrate Mass regularly. There has been much renewal and growth in this parish over the last few years and the key to our future is to be able to continue to celebrate Eucharist regularly.

Carols CD adds the sixpence

A parishioner's request one Christmas morning when no organist was available at Mass has spurred parish priest of Bungendore and Braidwood Fr Mark Croker to make a CD to fill the gap. He recorded "Carols in the South", a collection of 20 Christmas carols, in Goulburn in November 2005 with the support of musical volunteers.  
"Many priests and parishioners have commented on the need to have something that would encourage people to join in when there is no organist," he said.



"In smaller parishes particularly it is becoming harder to find musicians to fill the positions at every Mass. Christmas Mass without carols is like the Christmas pudding without the sixpence in it. An organ or other instruments is the ultimate, but it can't always be done. I have eight centres to provide Mass and Liturgy of the Word services at over Christmas. I wanted to make something available that had a local touch."  
Sacred Heart Sister Duchesne Lavin encouraged

Fr Croker in vocals while he was in the seminary at St Paul's, Kensington, in the 1990s. With her guidance they produced a recording that kept the organ sound rather than the TV concert-style presentation of carols. "Carols in the South" was made available in the week before Christmas last year and quickly sold out. This year, Fr Croker is starting a little earlier.  
Profits will go towards Queanbeyan's fund-raising effort for the proposed home for the homeless. "Carols in the South" will be available at the Catholic Bookshop Braddon, CEO Bookshop Manuka, St Gregory's, Queanbeyan, and St Bede's, Braidwood, telephone 4842 2444 for \$20 plus \$5.50 postage.  
**TEAMWORK:** This year Teams - a Married Couples Movement is celebrating 40 years in Canberra. The event will be marked by a reunion with Mass celebrated by Archbishop Mark Coleridge, followed by a bring-and-share supper. Teams (formerly known as Teams of our Lady) began in Canberra in 1966, six years after its introduction to Australia. A couple from the first Melbourne Team, Joan and Jim Bowler, moved to Canberra when Jim took up a position at the ANU and set about starting a Canberra Team.  
With its origins in pre-war France, Teams is an international movement with 37,000 couples, priests and religious members. About 1000 couples are active members in

Australia and about 100 in the ACT/NSW region.  
Past and current members are welcome to attend the reunion at 6.30pm on Monday, 4 December, at St Peter Chanel, Yarralumla. Inquiries: Faye and Kevin Noonan, telephone 6231 3200, e-mail kevin.noonan@actewagl.net.au  
**SILVER CELEBRATION:** Parishioners at Batemans Bay and Moruya have gathered for morning tea after weekend Mass to celebrate with assistant priest Fr Ken Heffernan as he marked his 25th year of priesthood. Fr Heffernan was ordained at Our Lady of Fatima Church, North Goulburn, on 26 August, 1981, after study at St. Clement's, Galong, St Columba's, Springwood, and



St Patrick's, Manly. He has served in parishes in Cootamundra, Young, Canberra, Queanbeyan and Batemans Bay/ Moruya.  
**CARMEL'S HONOUR:** Carmel and Joseph Wright (foreground) played an important part in the traditional blessing of the roses at Mass in the Carmelite monastery chapel to mark the feast day of St Therese



of Lisieux on 1 October. Archbishop Mark Coleridge celebrated the Mass, the first of two to honour Carmelite saints. Mass was celebrated on 15 October to mark the feast of St Teresa of Avila.  
**GOOD COUNSEL:** A course specially designed for people in the helping professions and as a foundation for those who want to become counsellors will be offered at St Mark's Theological College, Barton, next year.  
The course is aimed at helping people who are ministers and volunteers working in the church, educators, and supervisors and managers in the workplace who may find themselves dealing with parishioners, students, staff and colleagues who have personal, interpersonal and family problems.  
Certificate IV in Christian Counselling and Communication Skills will begin on 6 February. Admissions close on 31 January. Inquiries: Frances Marston, telephone 6273 1572 or e-mail rto@stmarksntc.org.au



# New centre honours ex-Vicar General

Former Vicar General Fr Joe Rheinberger will be remembered in the Archdiocese's new conference and meeting centre at Yarralumla.

Archbishop Mark Coleridge said the naming of the Rheinberger Centre, as it will be known, was felt to be "an appropriate recognition of Joe's contribution to education at many levels and in many parts of the land". Fr Rheinberger, who was also Vicar of Education, died suddenly this year while on a visit to a country parish.

The facility at St Peter Chanel's Church will house the Archdiocese's pastoral support services with the Centre for Faith and Ministry and Catholic Youth Ministry, the Catholic Education

Office's in-service and resource centre, which will move from Narrabundah, its computer training laboratory, and the Catholic Missions office.

The refurbishment of the old building provides three meeting rooms, including the existing parish meeting room which will remain a gathering place for the Cathedral parish. The main auditorium will seat more than 100 people.

The parish office has been removed and the old children's toilets have been taken out and new toilets built.

Archdiocesan financial administrator Mr Herbie O'Flynn said the Rheinberger Centre would be a facility of excellence which would be available for conferences and



Co-ordinator of the Archdiocese's Centre for Faith and Ministry Ms Margaret Ryan (far right) chats to archdiocesan property manager Mr Howard Lipscombe and Sr Barbara Murray outside the new centre.

meetings for all groups in the Archdiocese.

In paying tribute to Fr Rheinberger, Archbishop Coleridge

said he was influential in primary, secondary and tertiary education.

As Vicar General, he ensured that education was firmly rooted in

the life of the Church rather than inhabiting some territory on the margins of Church life.

From his years as a teacher of theology in Pius XII Seminary in Brisbane and St Paul's Seminary in Sydney, he established himself as a significant figure on the national scene and showed himself to be a mentor to some of Australia's leading theologians.

"The naming of the new centre, therefore, seeks to honour the memory of a man who valued education very highly, contributed as an educator at many different levels and in many different ways, and who always understood that the core of all Catholic teaching and learning is the Gospel of Jesus Christ. My hope is that the new centre will produce the Joe Rheinbergers of the future."

Bookings to use the Rheinberger Centre may be made at present by telephoning Favier House on 6201 9800.

# Old Cathedral gets \$1.5mil Govt nod

Goulburn's old cathedral restoration has received a massive boost with the donation of \$1.5 million to the appeal by the Federal Government.

Federal Health Minister Mr Tony Abbott first hinted at the Federal Government's support when, speaking at a tribute dinner to retiring Archbishop Francis Carroll, he signalled the Government would help "in some significant way".

It is reported that Prime Minister Mr John Howard has called on NSW Premier Mr Morris Iemma to be equally generous.

In another major step, Archbishop Mark Coleridge and Cardinal George Pell will attend a fund-raising lunch backed by the Italian community to be held in Sydney on 14 November.

The \$5 million restoration project of the Old Cathedral of Sts Peter & Paul was launched in the Great Hall of Parliament House in June with former Deputy Prime Minister Mr Tim Fischer heading an impressive line-up of patrons.

Goulburn parish priest Fr Tony Percy said the Federal Government grant "gets the snowball rolling".

"We will gather a lot of momentum from the Federal Government's generosity," he said. State and local governments would be approached as

would private donors large and small.

Giving generously to the project was made attractive by the National Trust of Australia (NSW Division) who had granted it full tax deductibility.

"The restoration of this truly historic building - built between the years 1871 and 1887 - will be a boost not only for the Catholic community, but for all people who believe in God and for people of goodwill," Fr Percy said.

"As Australia's first inland city, we have a deep responsibility to make sure the great symbols of our city and nation - such as our historic churches - are made available to succeeding generations in the best possible condition."

"Goulburn is really a city of churches. We have three magnificent church building all on Bourke Street that could become the avenue for regular weekly tours, bringing enormous benefits to the City and raising its profile.

"There is the Uniting Church, the Anglican Cathedral - one of the finest sandstone structures in the southern hemisphere - and then Sts Peter and Paul, the only greenstone cathedral in the world."

Fr Percy said that he hoped the restoration would aid the new evangelization of modern-day communities, so urgently called for by Pope John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI.

# All welcome at this month's gathering

An official launch of the Archdiocese's preparation for World Youth Day will be a feature of an archdiocesan gathering which will be held in Canberra this month.

The gathering at St Clare's College from 10am to 1pm on Saturday, 18 November, will replace a formal diocesan assembly which was due to be held. It is open to all.

In announcing the change, Archbishop Mark Coleridge said the assembly would be postponed until early next year. "The gathering will give me the chance to speak of my vision for the Archdiocese and to listen to the questions and concerns of different people around the Archdiocese," he said.

"Secondly, the gathering will be

a good time for us to have an official launch of Archdiocesan preparations for World Youth Day, which is to be a celebration not just for young people but for the whole Church."

Archbishop Coleridge said in the weeks that he had been archbishop, "I have been on a very steep learning curve. I have moved around the Archdiocese as much as I could; I have met many people; I have heard many voices. "All in all, it has been a wonderful experience of discerning the Holy Spirit among the many voices I have heard and of seeing the face of Jesus emerge from the many faces I have encountered." The gathering this month would be "another step along this path of discovery".

## OFFICE SPACE

### FAVIER HOUSE

1 Ballumbir Street, Braddon

The Catholic Development Fund is relocating to the first floor of Favier House.

Ground floor space in the building of approximately 190 square meters will become available on 1 December 2006 and includes an executive office, three other offices, an enquiry counter, large open-plan office area, work rooms and a kitchen. The tenancy is fully carpeted with window treatments.

Favier House is the Catholic Administrative Centre located on the edge of the Civic Precinct, with easy access to Civic Centre and new developments. Favier House is a Catholic property and therefore prospective tenants must be church institutions or Community based operations.

For further information please telephone Howard Lipscombe on 0417 212 517 or Ann Tunnecliffe on 6201 9870

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# Give us increase we do not deserve

Just recently in the Archdiocese we had for the first time the Fathers' Day Appeal for retired priests, and I'm delighted to say that it went better than any of us expected. Once again, the Catholic people showed themselves outstanding in their generosity and in their love for the priesthood.

On the day of the appeal, I was celebrating Mass in the parish at Queanbeyan, and I said to the people that we had a solemn duty not only to support the retired priests but to replace them. I stressed this because of one simple fact: you can't have the Catholic Church without the priesthood.

It's true of course that the Church as a whole is a priestly people, but it's also true that within this priestly people Jesus Christ himself calls certain people to be priests in the more strictly sacramental sense.

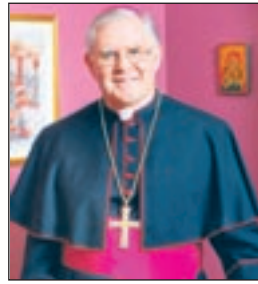
In that sense, the priesthood is a vital part of the way Jesus wants the Church to be. It's not just something we have

concocted for ourselves through the ages. At its core, the priesthood is something Christ wants.

That's why priestly vocations are right up there on my list of priorities as I begin my ministry as Archbishop. Some people seem to have raised the white flag on this front. They think that there's no real hope of recruiting excellent candidates to the priesthood, or at least not to a priesthood which is male and celibate. Well, I can only say that I'm not one of those.

I believe that the priesthood is no less essential now than in the past; that Christ is calling men to the priesthood no less now than in the past; that the call of Christ is no less overwhelmingly attractive and compelling than it was in the past.

I also see some groups and communities in the Western world - even in Australia - who are attracting excellent candidates to the priesthood; and as long as



that's happening, I won't be raising the white flag in Canberra and Goulburn.

I know that there are men out there who are thinking about the priesthood in some way or other. Some are a bit nervous and hesitant about it; others more confident and upfront. Some are young and some are a bit older.

Not long ago, I had to dinner at my house five young men who, in their different ways, are considering a priestly vocation. It was a great night for all of us. One of things that struck me most was how different they were one from another and yet how strong the sense of the bond

was among us.

What also struck me was the outstanding quality of those who sat at my table. One of them has already decided to enter the seminary; others may follow. But even if they don't, that evening showed that something is stirring among us and that vocations to the priesthood are very far from being a lost cause.

When Fr Joe Rheinberger and Mgr John Hoare died in quick succession after I'd been named Archbishop, I can remember saying to God in prayer, "Well, you've taken two excellent priests from me, so now give me at least two excellent seminarians to take their place".

The prayer was a bit cheeky but I've always found with God that it pays to ask. Every day, in fact, I find myself praying: "Give us the increase we do not deserve".

Vocations to the priesthood are always a gift from God; the only priests we'll ever have are

the priests that God gives. It's never a question of how many priests we need, but of how many priests God gives. We can never deserve them, least of all in these times when the failures of the Church and of clergy, in particular, have been so clearly set before us.

But God's generosity never depends on our worthiness. So I invite you to join me each day in that prayer: "Give us the increase we do not deserve".

And don't be too surprised if God decides to give us not just two excellent seminarians but a whole lot more.

I should add, by the way, that after Mass in Queanbeyan I was told that the parish has two young men preparing for ordination - Tom Renshaw who's about to be ordained a Jesuit and Luke Verrell who is studying at Good Shepherd Seminary. Wouldn't it be great if each parish could produce two seminarians? Think about it.

*Anthony*

## your voice

### Venue choice questioned

Archbishop Coleridge was installed at a "People's Mass" in a cathedral filled with clergy, diplomats, politicians, members of the Islamic community and very few "people". Bishop O'Kelly was installed as Auxiliary Bishop of Adelaide at the Adelaide Convention Centre, before a congregation of 5000.

An Adelaide Archdiocesan spokesperson, said the ordination will be "the most significant Catholic Church event in South Australia for some years".

This choice of venue was an extraordinary dose of insight by a church bureaucrat to allow "the people" to participate in a significant liturgical event.

I hope I can join in the next scheduled episcopal ordination at a venue like Manuka Oval, in about a decade, rather than be denied entry to another exclusive function.

**Theresa Largo, Reid.**

*Consideration was given to holding Archbishop Coleridge's*

*installation in a larger public venue. On balance, it was decided to hold it in the Cathedral which would more clearly signify the ecclesial nature of the ceremony. There were about 150 clergy: bishops from all over Australia (and two from overseas), priests and deacons from our Archdiocese and from Melbourne; there were about 10 representatives of other churches and faith traditions, five politicians and five diplomats. Each parish, ethnic group, commission and movement in the Archdiocese was invited to send two representatives. (One movement was inadvertently overlooked). There were two rows of seats for members of Archbishop Coleridge's family. After that there were at least 100 places inside the Cathedral and an outside screening of the ceremony for those who could not be accommodated inside. Those planning the ceremony were painfully aware of the limitation of numbers and tried to make them as representative as possible. - The Editor.*

### Our memorial

We will soon be remembering those who gave their lives in the

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service of their country, and rightly so. In doing so, do we overlook all those who died in war who were not in uniform? Millions have died in the world wars without the recognition we give those who served in the army, navy, air force and other uniformed services.

We forget those who died in air raids in London, Coventry, Warsaw, Dresden, Hamburg, Hiroshima, Nagasaki and a thousand other towns and cities. We forget atrocities

such as Babi Yar and Oradour-sur-Glanes. We forget the death camps of Auschwitz, Dachau, Belsen and the rest. We forget the rape of Nanking. It is time to honour their memory by truly embracing peace.

It is time for us to declare our need for true peace and our determination to achieve it, and to drive away mankind's inherent need for violence to resolve difficulties. Let peace be our memorial.

**Ralph Hampson, Hawker.**

### Good ol' days

Brig Evans's call for an about face on married priests (CV, October) is a call to selectively return the Church to the Middle Ages, or earlier. If we are to avoid the tag of "Mess Hall" Catholics, then we should wholistically embrace early Church discipline. One example is the public confession of sins, followed by a decent penance of fasting for 24 hours or more and exclusion from the Eucharist for three months.

On the other hand it might be prudent to consider the warning by Pius XII in "Mediator Dei" (1947)

concerning our desire to return to the good ol' days.

Does Brig Evans seek to make the Sacrament of Marriage available to existing priests, or does he wish to recruit married men as is the case in the Eastern Rite? What conditions of service can the Church offer? Will married priests receive a fair day's pay for their work? Will they and their wives be forced to seek secular employment to augment the shortfall from the first collection?

The workplace agreement should provide interesting reading. **Geoff Mongan, Campbell ACT.**

### Distracting

John Murray (CV, October) expressed a view that I strongly support. For many years, I have witnessed young people being turned off by out-of-tune singers and organs, and not so professional organists. It is, more often than not, an unnecessary distraction and not the least bit spiritual. I too, would appreciate the option of a music-free Mass.

**Margaret Freemantle, Turner ACT.**

## Finding a balance in the stem cell debate

The stem cell debate is confused and captured. What is primarily a consideration about how we wish to treat the human genetic structure has been cast as a battle between those seeking to advance the search for therapies against those with religious sensibilities.

This erroneous divide only serves to exacerbate division, entrench misunderstanding and heighten emotions. No wonder federal politicians shy from making conscience votes. When the calls for moderation are swamped by an atmosphere spiked by scare-mongering and personal invective, making personal decisions in such a public manner can be quite

claustrophobic.

Moreover, it was only in 2002 that the Federal Parliament held a conscience vote over embryonic stem cell (ES) research. The vote was fairly clear cut. Human cloning was unanimously banned and research was only permitted on those embryos discarded from use in the IVF program. This was a deliberately contained decision. It was very much a political solu-

tion to the pressure from some sections of the scientific community and from advocates seeking to advance the agenda for cures to debilitating diseases.

Ironically some politicians who normally would not have supported any experimentation on embryos found an acceptable compromise in the existence of frozen surplus IVF embryos. These politicians and others took the view that

the future of the frozen embryos was futile. Permitting research on these embryos would appease advocates who wanted more open access to embryos in general.

At the same time, the parliament ruled out the deliberate creation of embryos for research purposes.

That decision has resulted in around 70 per cent of the embryos licensed for research being used



By Francis Sullivan, Chief Executive Officer, Catholic Health Australia

for clinician training and the development of diagnostic tests, rather than with discovering cures.

Why was there a desire to permit ES research when well documented research was already advanced using the less contentious adult stem cells?

Possibly the only reasonable point is that ES cells are potentially more potent than adult cells and thus hold more promise.

That is ES cells have the potential to become any other cell and thus possibly be able to replace damaged cells. This is the lure for those seeking therapies for many human diseases.

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# Major buy puts Calvary to the fore

Little Company of Mary Health Care now owns two of the three major private hospitals in Canberra with its acquisition of the financially stricken John James Memorial hospital at Deakin.

LCM is best known in the ACT for its operation of the Calvary public and private hospitals at Bruce.

The Catholic Development Fund in the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn co-ordinated a syndicate of Catholic development funds to make the loan available for the purchase.

The purchase of John James caused controversy after reports that it meant IVF treatment, pregnancy terminations and sterilisation of men and women would no longer be carried out at the hospital.

John James chairman Dr Peter Yorke said IVF services would continue from their current main offices on the John James Health Care Campus, with access arranged to an alternative theatre on the campus. "We're pleased we've been able to make these arrangements, which means there will be no reduction in IVF services in Canberra."

The transfer of ownership ensured people in the ACT and surrounding regions continued to have access to high quality medical care, a hallmark of John James Hospital.

"As a stand alone hospital in a highly competitive health care market, John James has faced a number of financial challenges in recent times. The transfer of ownership to a national organisation of the reputation of LCM Health Care provides the opportunity for an exciting new beginning and the conditions to create a healthy and sustainable future.

"Importantly, it also ensures that John James will continue to operate as a not for profit, which means surpluses will be put back into services for patients rather than distributed to shareholders."

National chief executive officer of LCM Health Care Mr David Butt said if the hospital board had not taken the responsible approach to its situation, there was a real possibility the hospital would have been forced to close. All John James' employees had been offered employment in their current role, in their current location and in line with current conditions.

"Calvary has a well established commitment to the ACT and a proud history of serving the Canberra community since 1979," he said. "We look forward to continuing this tradition and working with doctors, staff, and volunteers to build on the hospital's proud history and create a strong, sustainable future." The Deakin precinct will be known as the John James Health Care Campus, while the hospital will be retained under the Calvary banner and will be known as Calvary John James Hospital.

## Scientists, wacky or just 'normal'

How do you perceive scientists? Do they have wacky hair and wear lab coats?

Students from Merici College have a different idea now after taking part in Portrait of a Scientist, a project that introduces scientists to senior art students.

Most people develop images of scientists from the media, movies or historically great scientists such as Einstein. These images are often of obscure, exaggerated people who pursue science as solitary individuals.

The Portrait of a Scientist project aimed to break down this stereotypical image of scientists through interaction of senior art students and scientists.



Shima Massoumi, Sophie Luton and Tess McGuinness with Shima's portrait of Dr Scott Keogh and Sophie's portrait of Kelly Gowland.

Merici College Year 11 art students met with research scientists from CSIRO and ANU, and during painted a portrait of "their" scientist as part of their art course. The artwork was incorporated in a public exhibition.

Students found their scientists app-

roachable, passionate and normal people, which was portrayed in the bold, colourful acrylic paintings.

One student commented, "I knew there was a possibility he'd be young, but I never thought he'd be into Hawaiian-print shirts and gardening."

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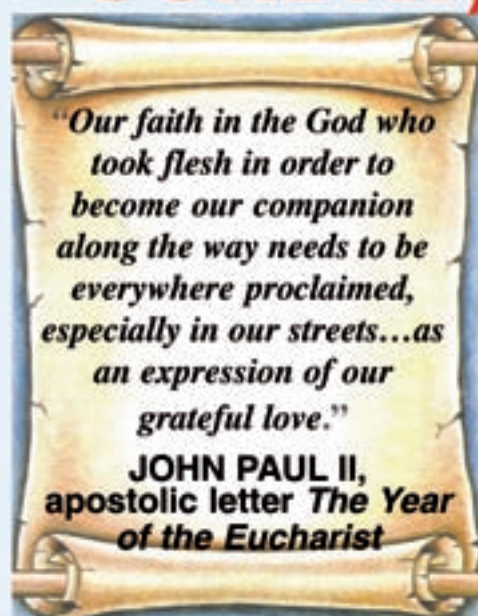
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# Netball anyone as carnival is bigger than ever

Competition was bigger than ever at this year's annual Catholic Primary Schools' netball carnival which drew netball novices and nifties alike from all over the Archdiocese.

In all, 142 teams from 30 schools making up 1250 players took to the Tuggeranong netball courts.

Friends and families provided a colourful and lively atmosphere as the teams were urged on to victory.

A committee from St Benedict's Primary School, Narrabundah, spent 12 months planning and working towards the day.

The carnival committee was particularly impressed by the



Year 3 and 4 teams from St Benedict's School, Narrabundah, set for action at the Catholic Primary Schools' netball carnival.

spirit of goodwill and friendly competition. It appreciated the efforts of NSW-based teams which travelled long distances to

take part, and all players, umpires and volunteers who contributed to the day's success.

## RESULTS

**Year 4**, Div 1, St Clare of Assisi, Conder, winners; Holy Family, Gowrie, runners-up.

Div 2, Holy Family, Gowrie; St Anthony's, Wanniasa.

Div 3, Sts Peter & Paul, Garra; St John the Apostle, Florey.

Div 4, St Thomas the Apostle, Kambah; St Michael's, Kaleen.

**Year 4/5**, Div 1, Rosary, Watson, winners; St Joseph's, O'Connor runners-up.

Div 2, St Joseph's, Boorowa.

**Year 5**, Div 1, St Michael's, Kaleen, winners; Holy Family, Gowrie, runners-up.

Div 2, St Bernard's, Batehaven; Holy Trinity, Curtin.

Div 3, St Jude's, Holder; St Francis of Assisi, Calwell.

**Year 5/6**, Div 1, St Thomas the Apostle, Kambah, winners; St Bede's, Red Hill, runners-up.

Div 2, St Thomas Aquinas, Charnwood; St John Vianney's, Waramanga.

**Year 6**, Div 1, Holy Family, Gowrie, winners; St Clare of Assisi, Conder, runners-up.

Div 2, Rosary, Watson; Holy Family, Gowrie.

Div 3, St Vincent's, Aranda; St Bernard's, Batehaven.

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## Prayer book for military

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The Catholic Prayerbook for the Australian Defence Force will be issued to all Catholic ADF members as they enter the forces, with 10,000 printed initially.

It has been provided for the Australian Catholic Military Ordinariate by the Knights of the Southern Cross, an order of Catholic men committed to promoting the Christian way of life throughout Australia.

A set of rosary beads will also be issued with the prayer book.

Military Bishop Max Davis, launched the prayer book at the Royal Military College, Duntroon, in Canberra with Supreme Knight of the Knights of the Southern Cross Mr David Huppatz.

The cost of printing and binding the prayer books and buying the rosaries was covered by the Knights of the Southern Cross and a private donation from Canberran Mrs Anne Perkins.

Bishop Davis said the prayer book was similar to one used by the US Defence Forces, but had been designed to meet Australian needs.



Bishop Max Davis thanks Supreme Knight of the Knights of the Southern Cross Mr David Huppatz.

"This is a wonderful initiative and will be a great source of comfort and support to ADF personnel as they go about their duties, particularly for those serving overseas in dangerous and difficult areas," he said.

"This is especially important at the present time when so many of our serving men and women are scattered throughout the world in relatively small groups and without the presence of a Catholic chaplain to provide them with Mass and the sacraments.

"It has been designed especially to fit into the pockets of Australian uniforms and so is portable and durable, with pages that can be wiped clean of mud or dirt or water.

"Apart from traditional Catholic prayers and the order of the Mass, it contains prayers which have been designed specifically for Australian soldiers."

\* The Catholic Military Ordinariate is the Catholic Diocese of the Australian Defence Force which has been charged with the pastoral care of the 20,000 uniformed members of Australia's navy, army and air force, their families and of the civilians employed by the Department of Defence.

## Search is on for catechists

A course is on offer to encourage recruits into the ministry of volunteer catechist in the Archdiocese.

Training and formation have become essential elements of the support offered to those engaged in the ministry, Archdiocesan CCD coordinator Ms Sabina Van Rooy said. Child protection training is now also a requirement.

The basic accreditation course is essential for any person entering the CCD ministry in the Archdiocese. The three-level course introduces recruits to the nature of the mission and ministry, the role of the catechist in relation to the State school in NSW, parish School of Religion in the ACT and the parish, and finally to the authorised curriculum.

Level 1 focuses on teaching skills, while introducing theories of child development, scripture and spirituality. Level 2 develops the Vatican II theme of The Church in the Modern World and often proves to be an eye-opener for catechists. For many it is a new experience to discuss catechetics - history and development, liturgy and sacraments.



Catechists gather (from left), Patricia Timothy and Virgina Wallens, from Narooma, Joan O'Halloran, from Cobargo, Margaret Hoffmann, from Eden, and Margery Rosevear, from Merimbula.

The study of a Synoptic Gospel forms the core of Level 3. Catechists are invited to reflect on passages which impact on them.

Parish catechist teams are now recruiting people who are prepared to give a few hours a week to teach religious education to Catholic students in their parishes.

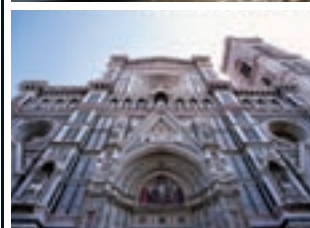
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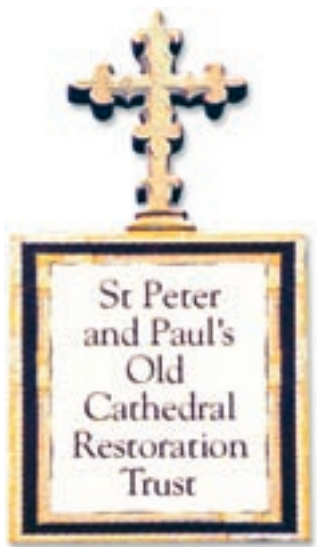
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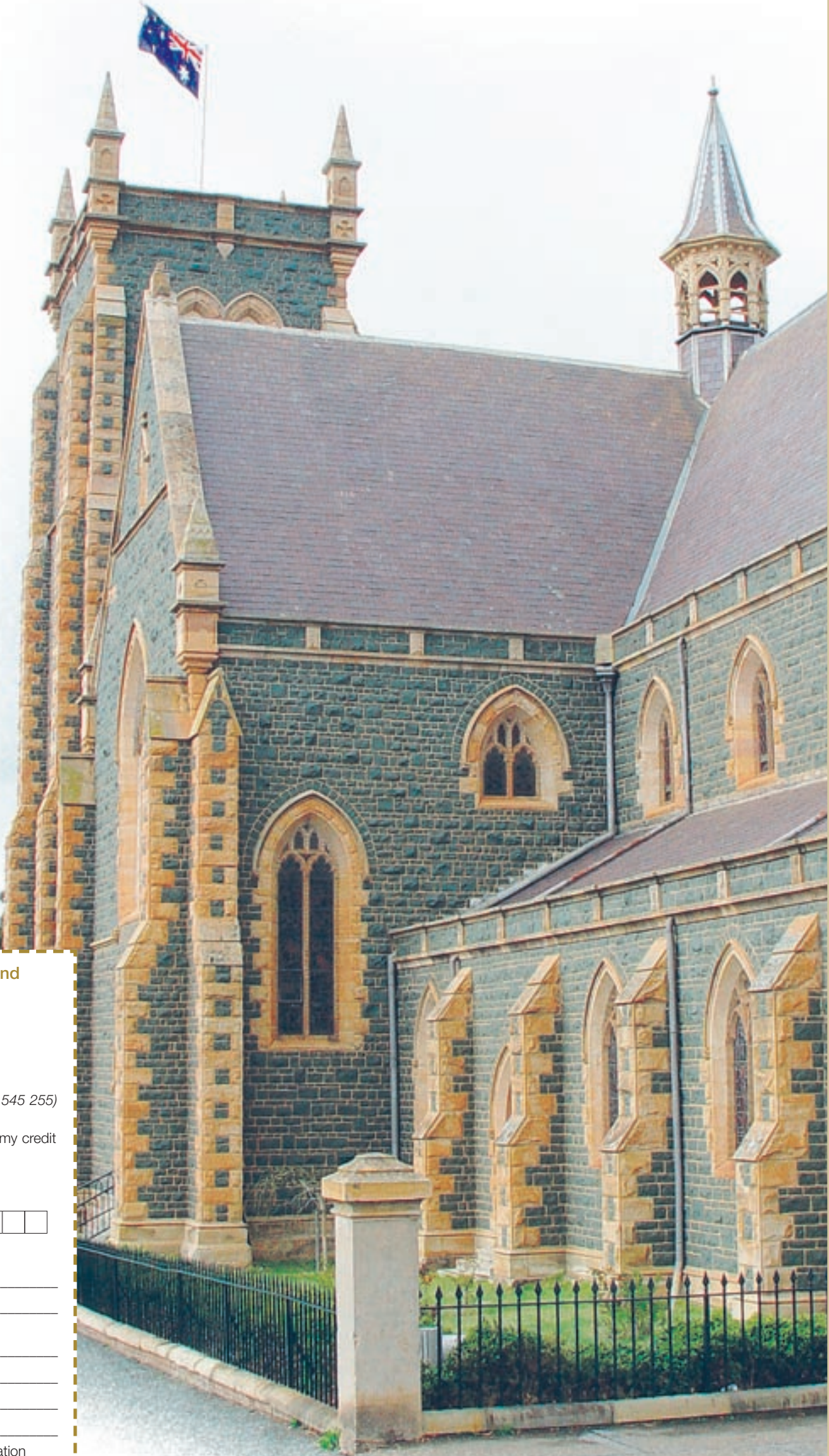
Recently I was delighted to visit for the first time the old Cathedral of Sts Peter and Paul in Goulburn, which stands as a monument to a great story of missionary energy and deep faith.

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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# ACU in boost for nursing

Australian Catholic University's Canberra campus has launched a Bachelor of Nursing degree which will boost the number of registered nurses in the ACT.

ACU National is partnering with the Canberra Institute of Technology (CIT) to offer the Bachelor of Nursing.

The two organisations signed a memorandum of understanding which aims to make tertiary education more accessible and increase the number of nurses, social workers and teachers in the ACT.

It will enable students to transfer skills and expertise gained through previous studies undertaken at CIT and begin studies directly in the second year of a three year full-time Bachelor degree at ACU National.

ACU Canberra campus rector Prof Peter Camilleri said the move signalled a significant milestone for ACT health care. Nursing graduates from the university's courses across NSW, Queensland and Victoria had a



Health Minister Ms Katy Gallagher ... "exciting initiative".

99.9 per cent employment rate.

"I am pleased to see that the education and training needs of nurses had received additional government support.

"We are delighted to have received Commonwealth support and funding to establish this course. This support reinforces ACU National's experience and

expertise in the field of nursing education and its strong links with the health care sector.

"Working with CIT, ACU National can now offer more opportunities for people to progress their careers and make a difference to our community through such important professions as nursing, social work and teaching."

ACT Health Minister Ms Katy Gallagher described the initiative as exciting for enrolled nurses in the ACT and surrounding regions.

"The ACU is the second largest provider of undergraduate nursing education in Australia with five campuses and approximately 2000 nursing students. Their Schools of Nursing have a very strong reputation for providing innovative courses and excellent graduates."

Ms Gallagher said Enrolled Nurses had not had a structured educational pathway into the university sector in the ACT, although many aspired to continue their education and to progress their career options.

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## 'Superb' result

The first Father's Day Appeal in the Archdiocese to support the Clergy Retirement Foundation has reached \$92,000. The response from lay people and clergy has been described as superb by foundation chairman and Goulburn parish priest Fr Tony Percy.

"No doubt the tax-deductibility of gifts is an eye-catcher, he said. "But obviously there is something else going on here. And that is the gratitude that people feel for the love, care, concern and work of the priests of this historic Archdiocese.

"Our recent collection took the board of the foundation completely by surprise, but on reflection it shouldn't have. It was simply the overflowing of gratitude to a body of priests who have laboured in the vineyard with deep love and compassion."

The foundation and Archbishop Mark Coleridge wanted to thank all who had contributed by celebrating a Mass of Thanksgiving in St Christopher's Cathedral at 11am on Sunday, 10 December.

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## Josephite on the road less travelled

You won't find Josephite Sr Elizabeth Denson home most Tuesdays. Sr Elizabeth, who lives in the little village of Ungarie in the western region of the Archdiocese, prepares lessons, then begins the 180km round trip over corrugated, dirt roads to state schools at Burcher and Corinella calling in to visit families along the way.

In fact, if you intend to visit her at any time it would be a good idea to phone ahead as it is quite possible you won't find her at home. The long drive to Lake Cargelligo, Condobolin or West Wyalong does not deter her from visiting people when they are hospitalised or in a nursing home.

Sr Elizabeth begins her day at 6am with prayer in the church.



Her daily activities are many and varied.

Sacramental preparation for children, liturgies in the church,

training lay people to conduct the Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion (parishioners have Mass twice a month), and helping families prepare for marriages, baptisms and funerals are a few of her tasks.

She is also invited to take part in activities in the wider community and attends ecumenical services, and co-ordinates the local Christmas gathering, the returned servicemen and Vietnam veterans' services and anything else that may be happening in the town.

Sr Elizabeth is a keen and capable gardener and cook and

finds time for both.

Her scones, casseroles and meals are welcomed by those in time of need.

Sr Elizabeth enjoys her ministry and sees herself as being spoilt and happily busy. She praises God for this great blessing.

Fr Julian Tenison Woods and Blessed Mary MacKillop -co-founders of the Sisters of St Joseph - would find their saying, "never see a need without doing something about it", fulfilled in the life and dedication of this black Josephite from Goulburn.

## Are imported priests an answer?

With importing overseas-born priests being seen by some as part of the answer to dwindling clergy numbers, a visiting US sociologist and author says the step raises many issues of ministry, mission and money.

Prof Dean Hoge, who teaches sociology at the Catholic University of America, has written 16 books, the latest, *International Priests in America*, based on a survey he co-authored of lay leaders, bishops and international and local priests in the US.

Speaking in Canberra, he said the survey - one of five of American priests he has collaborated on in the past two decades - suggested it was better to train the men after they arrived and the younger they are the better.

He believes the pressure to bolster priest numbers is so strong that there is no doubt they will continue to be brought into the US and Australia. As this is the case, "we have to do it right," he says. "We have to upgrade our preparation; if we get it right it will be a blessing for all."

Those interviewed were firmly of the view that it was better to train the overseas-born men in the US rather than bringing them in already ordained. "The training period serves as a time of acculturation; they are able to learn the language, and learn the



ropes of the US church and culture. It is also a period of observation to discern if they are suitable."

Two reasons put forward against local training were the cost and the high drop-out level.

"Asked the preferred age of men brought in, we were told 'the younger the better'." The younger men learnt the language faster, were more energetic and more flexible.

Prof Hoge said extensive programs of preparation needed to be developed spaced over a period of months to help the priests settle into their new environment.

For a priest to be a spiritual leader he needed to be able to communicate from the pulpit and in person, as well as attending to the sick and grieving. "If there is a cultural barrier, that does not go well."

The concept of a priest at any price had been universally criticised by those interviewed in the course of writing the report, which was commissioned by the National Federation of Priests' Councils in the US. The laity was sometimes faced with the prospect of receiving an international priest or no priest - "or worse, they may close the parish, and that's the last thing people want. There is something basically not in order if we have to face these things."

Prof Hoge said there were other steps that could be considered in answer to the priest shortage. These included appointing more lay ministers and empowering them more, bringing back into active ministry under certain circumstances priests who had resigned to get married, and allowing priests to resign and leave in good favour without the recriminations they currently faced.

"We must contemplate the least disruptive and most hopeful options. If we don't do something, the numbers of priests will go down so much the present structure will no longer be workable.

"Is this a way to run a spiritual community that has benefit for our people and for the nation?"

Prof Hoge said the Church needed to look ahead. "We shouldn't be afraid of doing that. The Catholic community is not dying. We have an unprecedented level of wealth, numbers are higher, the level of education is higher than ever, young people are full of fervour. We're not despairing, but there are a few things hampering us. We should look ahead and ask what does the Gospel require of us."

**'If we get it right, it will be a blessing for all'**

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Moral theologians should take a greater role in the debate on media ownership laws in Australia, a leading Catholic priest told the convention.

Secretary of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference Fr Brian Lucas, who spent 17 years as media spokesman for the Sydney Archdiocese, said he was perplexed that "our moral theologians say little about the morality of media ownership laws, although they are firm in their views about stem cell research."

Media owners were in a privileged position and with it came a responsibility to use that power for good, Fr Lucas said. The power to communicate was not something to be left to market forces.

"The business of talking about religion is very challenging in our social context that regards it as a taboo. The prevailing secularists seem to have persuaded what essentially is a pluralist society that everyone else has a right to an opinion except those who wish to base their opinion on religious values."

One of the challenges in speaking about religious topics was to convey a message in language that would be understood. A particular handicap was that very few journalists who reported on religious matters had any qualifications, in contrast to cricket or football commentators who could not get the job unless they had a long and distinguished career in that sport as a player, coach or administrator.

"It appears that anyone has the right to comment on religious matters, be they journalists or columnists, and they are very willing to share their ignorance with every one."

"It is for this reason that it is so important that we cultivate and support the Catholic media. For all their limitations, they are a vitally important means for the Church to place on record its message and provide information on what it says and does."

Fr Lucas said it was not enough to criticise the journalists and the media.

"Often church spokespeople are a problem as well. The image they project can be counterproductive. Their language can be too technical. Their style can be off-putting, although here we need to be careful as perceptions can vary. What for some Catholics is firm and decisive leadership, is for others, arrogant dogmatism."

The Church needed to find language that was accessible, and remember three rules of good communication - be clear, concise and concrete.

It was not always well understood that effective ministry in parishes involved carefully planned communication strategies.

"There are frequent complaints that 'no one told us', or 'we were not consulted' or 'I did not realise this was happening'."

The first step in developing better parish communication was to raise awareness of the need for better communication among parish clergy and leaders of parish organisations.

Communication within the parish needed to operate at two different levels - parish leaders with the wider parish and parishioners among themselves. Once this was secure, the parish was better placed to communicate with the wider society.

"The health of a parish is often a reflection of its internal system of communication."

"Some anecdotal evidence suggests there are a

## Media owners 'must use power for good'



number of common communication problems that clergy and pastoral personnel present:

- isolation from the parish community;
- lack of visibility around the church precinct;
- infrequent attendance at parish functions;
- an aura of 'being too busy' that is uninviting;
- poor contactability;
- frequent absence;
- excessive use of answer machines;
- being 'blocked' by secretarial staff;
- poor office skills in attending to messages and correspondence;
- poor homiletic skills;
- a sometimes domineering and controlling personality;
- a lack of willingness to allow and trust lay participation.

"The larger and more complex the parish, the more energy and care needs to go into ensuring clear and effective communication."

The first step in planning a communication strategy was to assess the current situation. This might involve facing the reality of present deficiencies.

One step that might bring about better communications was to establish a parish communications committee or team to be responsible for communication. "We are comfortable with parish finance councils, pastoral councils, and social committees - why not a group responsible for communication?"

The parish could nominate a specific person, with an advisory team as required, to be responsible for media liaison within the parish. This would involve identification of local media outlets, and the establishment of suitable personal relations with key staff. A regular supply of information and media releases could reinforce the link. There was scope for parishes to make use of the demand by local newspapers for truly local items of human interest. All of this material could then be made available to the diocesan newspaper as well.

"As consumers of media let us use them wisely and be demanding that they meet the highest standards of integrity," Fr Lucas said.

"Use the off switch and be discerning. Encourage good journalism and be wary of the superficial values of a passing world. Take the initiative in your parish to develop a communications team and tell the good news in your world."

## Help young people to see their options

Young adults need more help to seriously consider which lifestyle will be best for them, a Canberra convention dealing with the issue of vocations was told.

Delegates to the sixth biennial convention of the Serra Council of Australia, New Zealand and the South Pacific were urged to help foster a vocations culture.

Executive officer of Catholic Vocations Ministry Australia Sr Mary Ryan RSJ said ill-considered vocational decisions were a recipe for regret, unhappiness and disillusionment.

In today's world, more effort often was put into "spending the mighty dollar than in investing a precious life". Young people were being sold short if they were not empowered to do their homework, see what was available to them and what they were best suited to, so they became the best people they could be.

"God's call to each of us is not to a

job or a career, but to a vocation, the lifelong process of becoming fully alive," Sr Mary said.

If a young adult chose marriage it should be because they had decided it was the best option to lead them to fullness of life.

Sr Mary recounted an experience she had as a Year 12 teacher in Melbourne in the early 1990s when she surveyed her class asking them what they imagined themselves to be doing in 20 years. All but one said they thought they would be married. With the help of other Year 12 religious education teachers at the school, eventually 150 students were surveyed, of whom 148 said they would be married and the other two said they would have families.

"I am not anti-marriage, but I am anti the idea that everybody is called to be married," she said.

Sr Mary said she had found over the years that generally young adults saw marriage when they envisaged them-

## Pilgrimage of prayer



Children of St Joseph's School, Boorowa, gathered with teachers, parishioners and parish priest Fr Greg Beath to mark the visit to the town of a monstrance blessed by the Pope.

Members of the Serra club of Canberra carried the monstrance to every parish in the Archdiocese to encourage prayer before the Blessed Sacrament for vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

Members of Serra criss-crossed the Archdiocese from Merimbula to Lake Cargelligo and from Crookwell to Adelong in a pilgrimage that linked country and city parishes.

Speaking at the Serra convention,

Mr Treg Huthnance told members of the enthusiasm with which the monstrance was received in all parishes and the eagerness of parishioners to pray before the Blessed Sacrament.

He acknowledged the cooperation of parish priests and staff in organising ceremonies and liturgies.

It was particularly joyful to be with schoolchildren in parishes as they participated in the prayers.

The club would like to receive comment on the pilgrimage and future means to promote prayer for increased priestly and religious vocations. The club may be contacted at telephone 6286 1720, website [www.serracanberra.org](http://www.serracanberra.org)



"Most young people leave school without knowing their options..."

selves settled in life. They asked themselves when will I marry and who will I marry, rather than should I be married.

"We need to help them to see their options. Most young people leave school without knowing their options." Drifting was not good



Living as young Christians ... three members of the Archdiocese's Catholic Youth Ministry, Matthew Heffernan, Bernard Drum and Anna McCarthy, speak of their experiences.

## Mind your language

Watch your language ... the executive officer of Catholic Vocations Ministry Australia had this advice for Catholics. When Catholics spoke of vocation, they usually referred to the priesthood or religious life, Sr Mary Ryan said.

She challenged Catholics to think more carefully about how they used the word vocation. Priests and religious were sometimes the worst offenders in not saying what they meant when they used the word. The Catholic press also still had a way to go.

"Most people simply don't know that everyone has a vocation by their baptism," she said.

She called on Catholics to "watch your vocation language", as it was "a reflection of the theology we act out of."



of honour for the departing Year 12s.

The development of stages 3 and 4 of the college provide two large art rooms, a dark room, two computer labs, a textiles room, a large canteen, an industrial kitchen for hospitality and kitchen bays for food technology, a music classroom with two sound rooms, a drama theatre with a lighting and sound control room, and general classrooms.

Archbishop Mark Coleridge blessed the crucifixes and classrooms.

enough. Young adults needed to make conscious choices and they needed to be empowered to do the necessary soul-searching before "landing".

A vocations culture was a motif threaded through the writings of Pope John Paul II, she said.

In his message to participants of the 1st Continental Vocations Congress in Brazil in 1994, Pope John Paul II said Catholics needed to create a culture of vocations in the Church.

In his apostolic letter Novo Millennio Ineunte (At the Beginning of the New Millennium), Pope John Paul II encouraged the implementation of "an extensive plan of vocational promotion based on personal contact and involving parishes, schools and families..."

Sr Mary said a vocations culture formed people to ask: Am I called to be the husband or wife of this particular person? Am I called to live a sin-

gle life in this time and place, exercising this profession? Am I called to serve as a priest or deacon in this diocese? Am I called to life as a brother, sister or consecrated secular in this specific congregation or institute?

A vocations culture helped all people to become aware of Jesus' dream for them: "I have come that you may have life, and have it to the full." Every person was a key player in creating a vocations culture.

Parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, neighbours, family friends, priests, older siblings were all potential "vocations ministers". Vocationally aware adults were able to capitalise on precious moments with young people.

"Do I challenge young people to ask key questions, like: How will I become my best self? Which vocation will bring me peace and happiness? Which vocation is Jesus' dream for me?", she said.

**'Every person is a key player in creating a vocations culture.'**

## Hardships on road to holiness

Few know the challenges facing today's priests better than the director of the Australian Catholic Council for Clergy Life and Ministry.

Fr Frank Devoy, who works out of Canberra and travels continually visiting clergy in dioceses across Australia, outlined a little of what he sees when he addressed the convention.

"My overwhelming experience is that, on the whole, our parish priests at home in their parishes are positive, energetic and enthusiastic," he said. "They love their people and their people love them, and without reserve. There are, of course, some exceptions, but they are few."

Most parish priests he meets are grey-haired and probably balding, in their late 50s, early 60s, or more, and may well have two, or three, or more parishes to look after.

"I feel deeply for our priests around the country as numbers continue to fall in Mass attendance and interest in the faith."

"When asked about this drift from the Church, the late Cardinal Basil Hume said: 'It's not that the Church has failed; rather, the culture has succeeded!' Any priest who heard this remark, or read it, may well have sighed with relief: 'it's not all my fault after all, thank God; the culture's done it.' And perhaps he might feel a little less of the guilt that is generated about what is going on around him."

The priests minister in what social commentator Hugh Mackay describes as a nation of turbulent and relentless social change that has promoted feelings of insecurity and alienation in everyone from the children of the Depression to members of Generation X.

"That being the case, it is not surprising that priests who are in touch with their people feel the fallout from those who fear the future, those worried by instability, or those disconnected, alienated and depressed. It is clear that some priests themselves suffer those qualities."

"Fortunately, priests have at their disposal a faith-based spirituality with all that it offers: a Jesus who 'failed' but triumphed. Spirituality and holiness are works in progress and critical to today's priests."

"I believe more work has to be done in this regard, particularly making sure that whatever one's brand of spirituality, it has to be translated into holiness, and expres-



sed in true pastoral charity as defined in Pastores dabo vobis.

"More than that, I believe that there is a need for us priests to realise that our everyday hardships are not outside the realms of spiritual understanding and interpretation, not outside the road to holiness."

"They should not be compartmentalised and passed off as 'work'. No, they shouldn't bury us, but be agents of our transformation through a Risen Jesus who triumphed in the face of adversity. Each of us has to

## Priests face similar health issues as the general population

come to the realisation that there is an authentic cost built into the business of being a priest - the same cost that Jesus endured.

"A deep and reflective prayerfulness in clergy is a major challenge."

The strengthening of each presbyterate - the fraternity of clergy with their bishop - was critical. "The warm support of a presbyterate offers a great deal of substance for shaping one's priestly identity, as well as the possibility of significant healing for the fragmented identity of a priest, whatever its nature."

"The loveliness of each presbyterate is the genius of a relaxed bishop at home with his priests and vice versa, all of them together and comfortable 'in their own skins'."

"The presbyterate is integral to his identity as a priest and really his best support. And yet, it is probably the first casualty that follows the pressures of added work."

"Priests are older, often with larger parishes; they are fewer in number and with greater demands. The very things that would keep them healthy and balanced are often the first jettisoned under the pressure of increasing demands."

"Getting together with the clergy of the diocese for various events, particularly continuing education may be put off, and attending one's support group goes as well, should they belong to one."

Evaluations showed support groups and clergy continuing education gatherings were the prime sources of a healthy prayer life and of personal growth in trust.

Fr Devoy said priests also faced similar health issues as the general Australian population, with diabetes a big possibility. "The characteristics which lead to diabetes are commonly the characteristics of the modern parish priest's life: age, over work, high stress, a sedentary lifestyle, little vigorous exercise, lots of worry, poor diet."

Another issue is situational depression where senior priests run parishes that are already amalgams of two or so parishes. They find the going heavy, and, looking to the future, they see no break, no alternative, only the possibility of another parish being added to what they already have.

The National Commission for Clergy Life and Ministry, as it was previously known, was set up by Australia's bishops in 1992 drawing together two previous initiatives involving ongoing education and formation, and support, care and personal and spiritual development.

It has encouraged the development in each diocese of policy statements for priests' sabbaticals, along with guidelines for their general health and well-being.

In recent years, it has produced documents such as "Guidelines for the Permanent Diaconate" and "Some Issues to Consider when Welcoming Priests Coming from Overseas".

It is now looking at how best megaparishes - parishes with more than 10,000 Catholics - can be helped, putting together a brief history of the church in Australia between say 1880 and 1910 to give priests an idea of how the Church was managed when there were even fewer priests; and tackling issues relating to priests in their late years in retirement.



ABOVE: The first Year 12s. ABOVE FAR RIGHT: Max Cullen presents Roland Hoffman with a vice-captain's badge; Ben Jaroenwong presents Shaun Wykes with a college captain's badge; Emma Grant presents Molly Carr with a vice-captain's badge watched by Meaghan McCambridge, 2006 college captain. Emily Harper was absent. BELOW FAR RIGHT: Archbishop Mark Coleridge blesses the crucifixes watched by Mrs Eileen Reckord.

## College's light shines brightly

Fifty students, many of whom began at Lumen Christi Catholic College in 2001 as its first Year 7 students, have farewelled the Pambula college as its first Year 12 graduates.

In a special week for the college, the official opening was held of the \$5.2 million stages 3 and 4 of its development.

Over the six years, Lumen Christi has increased its student population to more than 500 and has expanded its facilities to provide quality education

On the Year 12s' final day, celebrations began with break-

fast for the Year 12 as staff served bacon and eggs. This was followed by a roll call and the viewing of a movie that celebrated the year's highlights throughout the year.

At their final whole college assembly, principal Mr Paul Carroll presented an address, using extracts from popular songs to express the college's wish for their future.

Some of the lyrics included "Cos I see the light surrounding you/ So don't be afraid of something new" (Evermore's Light surrounding you) and "Listen to

me now/ I need to let you know/You don't have to go it alone" (U2's Sometimes you can't make it on your own).

On behalf of the 2006 Year 12s, school captains Ben Jaroenwong and Meaghan McCambridge presented the school with a display cabinet. They introduced 2007 college captains Shaun Wykes and Emily Harper, and vice captains Roland Hoffman and Molly Carr and presented them with their badges

The assembly concluded with Year 11s forming a guard



## for children

By Dennis Granlund, of the Catholic Education Office resource library.

The Amazing Story Of Adolphus Tips, by Michael Morpurgo. London, HarperCollins Children's. 2005. 190pp. Ages 8-13.

A heartwarming tale of courage set in England during World War II, of a cat who survives against great odds, and whose story affects a family 60 years later. Lily Tregenze lives on a farm, close to the seaside village of Slapton. Her life is scarcely affected by the war, until one day the village and surrounds are evacuated as the area is to be used to prepare for the D-Day landings. But Tips, Lily's cat, returns to the out-of-bounds areas. Lily searches for the cat, befriending two young American soldiers, who promise to help her.

The Black Dress: Mary MacKillop's Early Years, by Pamela Freeman. Fitzroy, Black Dog. 2005. 256 pp. Ages 10-adult.

A novel about Mary MacKillop's childhood told from Mary's perspective as she lies dying. She remembers events and characters that influenced her from childhood with the birth of her younger brother, until she co-founds the Sisters of St Joseph. Conditions in colonial Australia are well described.

# Inner healing - on journey of lifetime

Healing the Hidden Self, by Barbara Shlemon Ryan. Notre Dame, Indiana: Ave Maria Press. Revised edition 2005. 128pp, rrp \$10.95. Reviewer: Margaret Ryan.



## Books

Almost none of us has been loved as fully as we would desire.

Few of us would probably feel perfectly whole (and so, holy). Many of us might agree that there are parts of us, perhaps parts of our memory or imagination, that are as yet incompletely touched by God's love and presence. Traumatic episodes in our earlier life and the pain associated with them, may be pushed to the margins, or in to hidden recesses, into the unconscious.

Unhealed hurt if left to its own desires, may fester within, and need considerable psychic energy and determination to contain. Sometimes unhealed hurt can lead to destructive behaviour, such as alcoholism, drug addiction, gluttony,

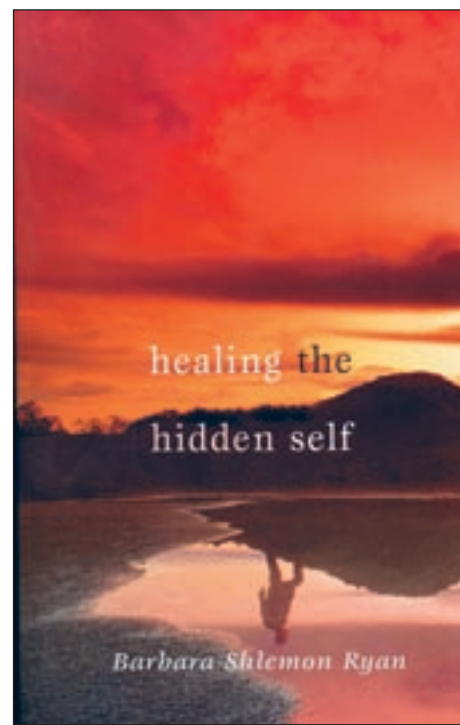
workaholism, sexual promiscuity.

If we are seeking a healthy relationship with God, such inner conflict or unhealed hurt, needs to be dealt with.

Barbara Shlemon Ryan is a Christian therapist, workshop leader, retreat director, conference speaker and author of several books on healing and spirituality. She believes that through the Holy Spirit, God empowers healing of one's hidden self (Eph. 3:16-17).

Inner healing is a process, a journey we travel throughout our Christian lives as we progressively open ourselves to God's love. It can no more be hurried than can rosebuds unfolding or a butterfly emerging from a chrysalis. Healing comes through many avenues, including scripture, sacraments and music.

After the introduction, Ryan devotes a chapter to many developmental periods of life (such as birth, childhood, maturity).



She outlines the usual problems encountered at each phase and offers a prayerful process to encourage reconciliation and healing within.

Ryan writes in a gentle, conversational, understanding and encouraging way. This reprint is also a revised edition. Highly recommended.

## Mary points the way around the world

The Other Faces of Mary, by Ann Ball. New York: Crossroad, 2004. PB 183pp, rrp \$34.95. Reviewer: Margaret Ryan.

"Mother Mary", "Mary our Helper", "Sorrowful Mother", "Good Shepherdess", "Mary - Queen". Ann Ball has collected 37 stories, devotional practices and pictures of Mary, under nine categories, from around the world. Ball is really the book's editor; she acknowledges her sources and encourages visitors to her web site, where other stories and Marian images may be found.

Ball includes the lesser known images and stories of Mary, from Lithuania to China, Scotland to India. Some tell of

devotion of cultural groups, with culture-specific statues (Our Lady of the Hmong People, Our Lady of Guadalupe of Los Angeles, The Baker Woman of Tokyo).

Many stories and traditions tell of amazing "co-incidences" associated with the establishment of shrines (at Chapi, Peru; Notre Dame du Guadet, France; Our Lady of the Garden, Italy; Penryhs, Wales; Tra Kieu, Vietnam). A number relate to Marian pilgrimages (Ina Poon Bato, Philippines; Loreto of La Bahia, USA; Nyuanglebin, Burma). Some unusual devotions concern Mary who is believed to untie the knots of poor and tangled human relationships, the Spanish

Virgin of the Caves, and the Virgin of The Three Hands.

The apparitions and traditions point not only to cultural diversity, but the universality of Catholic faith. A number of the images are in the "Madonna and Child" mould, confirming the scripture and traditional truth that Mary points the way to Jesus.



## Sharing your faith and learning at home

Generations of Faith Resource Manual, by John Roberto. Mystic, Connecticut: Twenty Third Publications, 2005. 212pp. PB plus CD, rrp \$69.95. Reviewer: Margaret Ryan.

If you read this manual you are in danger. In danger of changing your perspective on faith education and perhaps your church ministry!

John Roberto (with Mari-

ette Martineau) has researched, created workshops, online resources and publications promoting an inter-generational approach to faith education in parishes, with strong emphasis on home faith-sharing and learning.

"Catechesis" is a word often used in connection with faith education. Catechesis is focused on falling in love with Jesus Christ, and becoming

better disciples, by knowing more about him, and letting him shape our values, attitudes and behaviour.

The authors present the theological and educational bases of faith education, drawing particularly on "The General Directory of Catechesis", the "how to and why" volume that accompanies "The Catechism of the Catholic Church". They envisage, not separate parish

sacramental programs, youth faith programs, and adult faith education, but a carefully planned whole parish focus on the same topic at the same time, largely carried out at home.

One beauty of the approach is that it is events-based, founded on normal things occurring in parish life. Each parish could have a tailor-made approach to suit its needs.

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## THIS MONTH'S MOVIES

**Children of Men:** Thankful for what we still have. MA15+

**Irresistible:** Many things to commend it. M.

**The Covenant:** Very limited appeal. M.

**Shortbus:** Pornographic. R.

**A Guide to Recognising Your Saints:**

Universal look at human nature.

**The Road to Guantánamo:** White-knuckle stuff. MA15+.

**Texas Chainsaw Massacre. The Beginning:** Very grim and blood-drenched. R.

All reviews at [www.catholicvoice.com.au](http://www.catholicvoice.com.au)

# Resistible really

Successful illustrator Sophie Hartley (Sarandon) is convinced that she is being stalked.

She becomes increasingly certain that her husband Craig's (Neill), co-worker, Mara (Blunt), wants her children, her husband and her life. But no one believes Sophie.

Forced to prove her sanity, Sophie gets more and more paranoid - is she imagining things?

Sophie becomes completely caught up in her obsession, turning stalker herself - and makes a discovery more shocking than her worst fear.

A psychological-cum-supernatural drama is fairly unusual ground for an Australian film.

This film has many things to commend it, primarily its world class principal players and the assortment of well-known Australian actors in supporting roles.

But there are three major problems that make this film resistible.

The first is that it seems to take forever for the action to get going, at least half an hour of the 108 minutes.

Secondly, when the action kicks in, the so-called shock revelation is flagged so strongly and early that the final act holds neither shock nor awe.

Finally, it is often a mistake for a writer to direct his or her own work, and Ann Turner's work here, and in her previous film, *Dallas Dolls*, proves the point.

**Irresistible**  
Starring Susan Sarandon, Sam Neill, Emily Blunt, Bud Tingwell, William McInnes and Georgie Parker. Directed and written by Ann Turner. M. 108 minutes. Reviewer: Fr Richard Leonard SJ\*.

One of the themes running throughout this film is the fate of a child sent by "Mercy Family Services" to "Our Lady of Mercy Children's Home".

The scenes are actually shot at the former Good Shepherd Convent in Abbotsford, Mel-

bourne.

They are set from 1975-1985 when both the Good Shepherd Sisters and the Sisters of Mercy had made the transition from children's homes into lay-run family cottages.

This is a major lapse in Ann Turner's research.

The ending of *Irresistible* is all too quick and sweet, and not even Susan Sarandon and Emily Blunt can get us to care about their characters.

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

## A white-knuckle adventure

The Road to Guantánamo received a standing ovation at its world premiere screening at the 2006 Berlin International Film Festival, introduced by Michael Winterbottom, the actors and the real Tipton Three. On their return from Berlin, the four actors who played Shafiq, Ruhel, Asif and Monir, plus two of the Tipton Three were detained under British anti terror laws at Luton

Airport in February 2006.

Known as the "Tipton Three," in reference to their home town in Britain, the film tells the story of three British nationals of Muslim faith who were held without charges in the American military prison at Guantánamo Bay, Cuba.

After two years of imprisonment they were eventually returned to Britain and released,

still having had no formal charges laid against them.

Part documentary, part dramatisation, the film chronicles the sequence of events that led the trio from Tipton in the British Midlands to a wedding in Pakistan to their crossing the Afghanistan border just as the US began its bombing campaign, to eventual capture by the Northern Alliance to imprison-

**The Road to Guantánamo.**

Starring Riz Ahmed, Farhad Harun, Waqar Siddiqui and Afran Usman. Written and directed by Michael Winterbottom & Matt Whitecross. MA 15+. 95 minutes. Reviewer: Fr Peter Malone MSC.

ment at Camp X-Ray and later at Camp Delta in Guantánamo.

It is both a powerful indictment of an illegal and indefensible internment policy and a white-knuckle adventure.

# When everyone dies...

The year is 2027. The setting is London. However, it is a London that is recognisable but in a state of growing decay. The rest of the world has collapsed economically, militarily and even morally. Refugees, especially from Eastern Europe and Africa, are pouring into Britain only to be rounded up by hardened soldiers and police, locked in cages and transported to holding camps (with one in Bexhill). In this way the film has resonances with current British migration issues.

There is a more important factor that makes this story different. The world has become infertile. There are no more children of men and women. At the opening, there is dismay as news reaches London that the youngest person in the world, an 18 year old from Argentina, has been killed in a brawl. There is a huge outpouring of grief. This compounds the despair that when everyone dies, there will be an empty world.

On this level, the film works well, omitting large sections of the sub-plot concerning the hero's political cousin, but keeping the main narrative and P D James' themes. (A warning that the screenplay goes beyond Baroness James' literate and more refined language and relies a lot on a more frank and four-lettered vocabulary.)

The plot is complicated by the mother-to-be being an alien to be deported by the government, by the rebels wanting to



Underground opposition leader Julian (Julianne Moore) in the thriller *Children of Men*, directed by acclaimed filmmaker Alfonso Cuarón. Photograph: Jaap Buitendijk. Copyright: © 2006 Universal Studios.

**Children of Men.**

Starring Clive Owen, Julianne Moore and Chiwetel Ejiofor. Directed by D. Alfonso Cuarón. MA 15+. 109 minutes. Reviewer: Fr Peter Malone MSC\*.

keep the baby as a symbol of their fight against the authorities. It is a reminder that when all is said and done, we all respond well to a baby and can imagine our dismay if there were to be no more.

The bulk of the film consists of the dangerous journey of Theo and the girl to Bexhill to try to escape to The Human Project, an organisation that people have heard of but have never seen. It is a dangerous quest which ends up in the middle of the battles of an uprising.

# All the drama of a great pope's life

DVDs

**Have No Fear: The Life of Pope John Paul II. (2005, 84 min, ages 15-adult).**

This moving motion picture is a dramatised biography of the life of Pope John Paul II, starring Thomas Kretschmann as Pope John Paul. The movie follows Karol Wojtyla's life from his childhood in Poland, through WWII and into the priesthood. Cardinal Karol's selection as Pope John Paul II is depicted with realism and emotion, and examples of his inspirational work as Pope are featured up to his death in 2005.

**Inside the Vatican (2004, 60 min, ages 15-adult).**

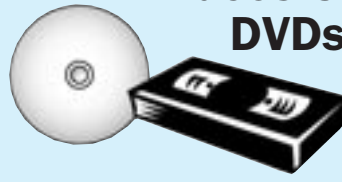
This lavishly illustrated

National Geographic guide through the Vatican people, treasures, and the inner workings of the Roman Catholic Church takes the viewer through the centuries of Vatican history people, art and architecture. Included in the tour is a visit with Pope John Paul II, to observe his daily duties, and interviews with religious leaders, art restorers and other men and women who work inside the Vatican.

**Built Upon The Rock (Animated stories from The New Testament series, 30 min, ages 5-11).**

Using quality animation, this video retells Jesus' teaching of the Beatitudes and forgiveness. Themes of stewardship and pre-

Videos & DVDs



paredness are emphasised in the retelling of the parable of the house built on rock.

**Leonardo & The Divine Michelangelo (2 discs, 205 min, ages 14-adult).**

This DVD set contains two docu-dramas produced by the BBC that examine the life and work of Renaissance artists Leonardo Da Vinci and Michelangelo.



VHS VIDEOS

**Becoming Catholic: An Adult's Faith Journey. (Catholic Update series, 33 min, ages 16-adult).**

This video explores the Catholic Church's Rite of

Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) by reflecting on the personal faith experiences of individuals. The program contains four segments: 1. Story segment; 2. Witness segment; 3. Teaching segment; and 4. Music video reflection.

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# Finding balance in stem cell debate

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It obviously buoys advocates who base their arguments for experimentation on providing a sense of hope for people with chronic diseases.

And it is this emotional tug which conflicts many politicians who feel the sense of the moment when a decision of this gravity presents itself.

Yet this occasion is different. This debate is solely the result of a federal government commissioned report which curiously has sought to artificially separate embryonic experimentation into that which is "reproductive" from that which is "therapeutic". However both procedures are more accurately defined as cloning; something the federal parliament unanimously banned.

Research advocates and major biotech commercial

companies are once again using the community's sentiment for people with chronic diseases to capture the debate and to steer it away from the fact that ES research is flawed and dangerous.

Given the lack of hard evidence to support the potential of ES research, the only resort for researchers is to play the emotional card.

Eminent Australian medical researchers, such as Prof John Martin from St Vincent's Medical Research Institute, inject some sobering facts into this increasingly fuddled debate.

He cautions legislators and others from expanding the license to use ES cells, even for "therapeutic" purposes. In brief, he notes that there is no encouraging evidence arising from ES cell research in animals that could be described as being

safe or effective.

What is more, even though ES cells have potential to adapt into other cells, the methods used to facilitate this process are far from well refined or certain. So much so, that even where a specific cell is generated from an ES cell, there are no safeguards to stop it changing back or changing again to another type of cell. This sparks major safety warnings.

A little known but extremely worrying fact is that to date when ES cells are transplanted into animals they grow cancers. This discounts their use in humans.

For many people these facts evoke an emotional response. It calls for caution. Human instinct alone would counsel to hasten slowly.

However there are even more profound considerations at hand.

The push to extend the experimentation licence, masked as a search for therapies, is really an attempt to cement the "ends justifies the means" approach. It is really "scientific fundamentalism" writ large. That is, what can be done should be done regardless of other considerations.

This may serve the commercial interests of the biotech industry, but it severely erodes our sense of community and human dignity. It also flies in the face of established medical research practice. It undermines the long accepted practice that where research involves human subjects it must firstly have been proven to be successful and safe in animal experimentation.

The unseemly haste that researchers are pressing on the parliament is not counte-

nanced by many eminent scientific and medical bodies - not the least being the British Association for the Advancement of Science.

Its president, Lord Winston, a fertility expert, said, "I think it is unlikely that embryonic stem cells are likely to be useful in health care for a long time". He went on to caution scientists against exaggeration of the potential of research as this would undermine public trust. If the search for cures is the main game, then a prudent and cautious approach is on offer. Research using adult stem cells has already been applied in up to 70 human conditions. This is where the promise lies and where the balance between scientific endeavour and ethical human behaviour can be found.

Students from across the Archdiocese gathered with Bishop Mark to celebrate this year's Mission Mass and consider the challenging implications for achieving "Life for All".

World Mission Sunday saw our parishes, in solidarity with others throughout the world, celebrate mission and combine their prayers and financial support with the global effort to enable mission activities to continue along with the faith communities and networks that underpin them.

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## Choir's program

The November program for St Caecilia's Choir is:

Wednesday, 1 November, Feast of All Saints. Sung Mass 7pm. Thursday, 2 November, Commemoration Of All The Faithful Departed (All Souls). Sung Mass 7pm. Sunday, 5 November, Propers of the Day, Ordinary: Missa Orbis Factor, (Chant Mass), Motet: Ave Verum (Wilton), Hymn Processional: O Praise My Soul the Lord, Recessional: Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise. Sunday, 12 November, Propers of the Day, Ordinary: Missa Orbis Factor (Chant Mass), Motet: Ave Verum (Byrd) Processional: Sing All Creation, Recessional: Guide Me O Thou Great Redeemer. Sunday, 19 November, Propers of the Day, Ordinary: Missa Orbis Factor (Chant Mass), Motet: Verbum Caro (Walter), Processional: Praise to the Lord, Recessional Praise the Lord, Ye Heavens Adore Him. Sunday, 26 November, Propers of the Day, Ordinary: Missa Orbis Factor (Chant Mass), Motet: Verbum Caro (Walter), Processional: Praise to the Lord, Recessional Praise the Lord, Ye Heavens Adore Him. Carol service, 7.30pm, Sunday, 10 November, Chapel of St John the Evangelist, Daley Road, ANU. The choir sings at the Traditional Roman Rite Mass at Sts Peter's and Paul's Church, Garran, 11.30am Sundays and 7pm feastdays. Inquiries: Maria Henry, telephone 6249 6278 (h).

## Top post for Passionist

South Australian Fr Denis Travers was elected Vicar-General and First Consultor of the Worldwide Congregation of the Passionists. The appointment means Fr Travers, who is Passionist provincial of Australia, New Zealand and Papua New Guinea, will serve as deputy to the order's Father General.

## Students want ACU

Australian Catholic University's Canberra campus has received a significant increase in the number of students who have applied for the next academic year. This includes an 82 per cent increase in Bachelor of Social Work as a first preference.

## Sr Jude never spared herself

Sr Jude McCormack RSM 1911-2006

Sr Jude McCormack left a lasting impression on patients and staff alike of a dedicated Sister of Mercy who never spared herself in seeing to the healing and comfort of the sick in the welcome environment she created in the hospitals in which she served. Sr Jude died at Young on 8 July after a brief illness.

The Sisters of Mercy of the Goulburn Congregation have been inspired by the memories that have been reflected to them by those who were touched through her ministry in health care.

Sr Jude was born at Crookwell and, after attending school at Our Lady of Mercy College, Goulburn, she trained as a nurse at Sacred Heart Hospital, Young. In May 1935 she entered the Sisters of Mercy Novitiate in Goulburn and made her profession of religious vows in December 1937.

For many years she ministered in Mercy hospitals at Young, Cootamundra and Albury, taking the responsibility of matron or superior of the community at various times. She continued to be known to many of the student nurses and staff as the efficient and sometimes formidable "Mother Jude". It was well known to staff that no patient should be discharged from the hospital without a gracious farewell from "Mother Jude".

When she was no longer involved in active nursing Sr Jude visited the housebound in Albury - always armed with something from the hospital kitchen or flowers from the garden. In 1990 she transferred to the retirement community at Mount



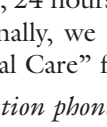
Saint Joseph's, Young, where she continued to visit residents in the nursing home or joined friends in a game of 500. Sr Jude's life was underpinned by a deep contentment which would enable her to sit for many hours with the dying, or to spend long times in prayer in the chapel or under her favourite tulip tree in the garden. Sr Jude was the sister of Fr Bill McCormack, of Wollongong Diocese, who died in 1979. She is survived by sisters Margaret McIntosh (Moruya), Anne Monger (Mittagong), Nita Clancy (Randwick) and brother Kevin (Crookwell).

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# Sharing sacred time

In late August, Sr Pauline Rae and Mrs Anne Lanyon, of the Columban Mission Institute, sent around a circular letter pointing out that this year the Muslim fast of Ramadan, the Jewish festival of Succoth and the feast of St Francis of Assisi were all to be observed in the early days of October.

Pauline and Anne suggested that Muslims, Jews and Christians might share their celebrations locally.

A group of Canberra women, Alma Armstrong (Catholic), Anita Shroot (Jewish) and Kerri Hashmi (Muslim) responded to the challenge and set out to arrange what turned out to be a very inspiring gathering at the National Jewish Centre in Canberra on 6 October.

Members of the three Abrahamic faiths were invited by Anita Shroot to take part in the Sabbath service in either the orthodox or progressive tradition.

Most visitors chose the latter because a large part of it would be in English whereas the orthodox service was entirely in Hebrew.

After 45 minutes of prayer, nearly 100 people joined in a Succoth meal before which the Muslim people prayerfully broke their fast.

Some beautiful ritual introduced the meal and there was singing interspersed throughout the feast.

A special song (Eishet Chayil) honoured the ladies and all visitors were made feel especially welcome in a warm spirit of hospitality.

The meal was hosted under the outside leafy structure of the Succah to highlight the pilgrim nature of the feast of Succoth.

Mr Harry Opperman explained the timing of the Festival of Succoth, five days after Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement.

Only after a new level of purity and atonement has been reached on Yom Kippur can there be a truly joyous Succoth.

It is feast of water (so precious in an arid land), a feast of joy and a blessing of peace

to all of humankind. It highlights the pilgrim aspect of Jewish life.

Mr Asmi Wood likened the Muslim fast of Ramadan to the Jewish fast of Yom Kippur and the Christian fast of Lent. It is a time for seeking the mercy and forgiveness of God.

Bishop Pat Power spoke on St Francis of Assisi as an inspiration for our times as a man of God and a man of peace.

As an embodiment of the best of Christianity, he is much admired by Protestants as well as Catholics (given that he lived in pre-Reformation times).

His love of creation, his simplicity of life, his embracing of poverty and his care of the sick were all part of his discipleship of Jesus.

He reached out to the Sultan at a time when the Crusaders were his deadly enemies.

The 1986 gathering in Assisi, convoked by Pope John Paul II brought together in search of peace the Dalai Lama, the Archbishop of Canterbury, representatives of Judaism, Islam and the other great religions of the world.

The Rev James Haire, president of the National Council of Churches in Australia, pointed out that 2006 is the centenary of the birth of the great German Protestant theologian, Dietrich Bonhoeffer. He spoke of how Bonhoeffer had taught that discipleship comes at a cost and that there is no such thing as cheap grace.

He denounced anti-Semitism and eventually gave his life in martyrdom.

The celebration concluded with happy Jewish songs, including one to the tune of Walzing Matilda.

As the participants dispersed there were many expressions of hope that the evening's spirit might permeate the wider world.

On the 10th anniversary of my ordination, I published a reflection on the priesthood, intending it as a challenge to the Catholic community to understand its priests more empathically. Maybe I'm more mature today, though perhaps the years have also blunted some of the courage and verve I had back then.

So, 20 years later, I share again the words I wrote when I was still a very young priest:

Ten years a priest! I can say it out loud: They've been good years, full enough of giving and receiving. I have enjoyed the ministry and have been able to help some people even as I have been helped by others. There have been too some incredibly special moments, depth moments clearly touched by transcendence, and I have also tasted sufficient agony. I've no regrets.

My initial fears on entering the seminary had centred around loneliness and boredom. These have been non-issues. The spectres of pressure, over-intensity, and burn-out cast a much more threatening shadow.

And I've survived, and survived with enough enthusiasm to hoist a few drinks to celebrate the event and to look forward to the future.

As I look ahead, I would like to offer a reflection to the Catholic community vis-a-vis its priests:

Roman Catholics still understand a priest too much in terms of his cultic role. There is undue significance given to the cultic powers a priest has been given to preside at Eucharist and administer the sacraments.

Partly because of this the priest is too easily cast in the role of the tribal medicine man. Like the medicine man, he is respected and revered because he is feared. But he is not genuinely loved, nor understood, because he is never perceived and accepted as being fully human like the rest of us. Too frequently, with all but our very closest friends, we are made to feel out-of-the-ordinary, medicine men.

More debilitating still is the Catholic community's understanding of the priest as a sexual being. Bottomline, a priest is expected to act as if we're not a being full of sexual complexity. Please do not misunderstand this: What I'm pleading for is not that the Catholic community invite or condone sexual weakness and irresponsibility in its priests. Nor should it invite a priest to be simply "one of the boys."

The issue is one of accepting a priest's full humanity, including his sexuality and the necessary complexity that follows from that. The priest need not a be handed a license to be irresponsible, but he needs to be handed the feeling that he is understood and accepted fully as he is, including his complexities and sexuality.

Unfortunately, that is rarely afforded us and, consequently, we must pretend, pretend that we are eunuchs. No eunuch can preach effectively to the full-blooded. That is why we are politely listened to, even as it is taken for granted that we have nothing vital to say about real life.

A priest generally finds himself in a no-win situation: If he seemingly understands life too clearly,

# Let your priest be himself

## Ron Rolheiser

Oblate Fr Ron Rolheiser, theologian, teacher and award-winning author, is president of the Oblate School of Theology in San Antonio, Texas.



including its earthier aspects of sex and sin, then he draws the suspicion of the Catholic community.

Conversely, if he radiates the innocence and naivete the community wants of him, he is relegated to the realm of the insignificant, still allowed to do his magic, but no full-blooded person turns to him for genuine understanding and guidance.

It's an interesting speculation as to why the Catholic community wants its priests to radiate naivete and non-complexity. I suspect it's because, deep down, we're all a little afraid our own complexity and somehow if father goes through life pre-

tending that he has no shadow, we can also more easily pretend that we haven't got one either.

Finally, we tend to leave no room for our priests to be weak. I am not speaking here of weak in the moral sense, but weak in the way Jesus was weak and in the way that any truly sensitive person is: vulnerable, not always together, emotionally overwrought, chronically over-

extended, and prone to cry very needy tears at times. We demand instead someone who projects that all is well all the time and who bleeds only ichor.

And so my plea is this: Please don't, consciously or unconsciously, ask your priest to dress in medieval clothes, to stay in the sanctuary, and to be so timid as to be unable to dare the perilous task of living. Let him be himself: complex, weak, sexed, masculine, involved, needy, and free not to pretend.

Priests are tired of being cast in the clothing of senility while everyone is crying to be young, tired of being cast as eunuchs without real blood, sinew and passion. Small wonder hardly anyone wants to join us! We need, priests and community together, to risk some new directions. There are risks in this of course, but, as Goethe once put it; "The dangers of life are infinite and safety is among them."

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## Women meet

Jacqueline Hipwell (Canberra branch) and Anne O'Neill (Watson) represented the CWL of the Archdiocese at the mid-term council meeting hosted by the CWLA national executive in South Australia. Alternate delegates Joyce Cremer and Eileen Hogg also attended. Due to ill health, inaugural Archdiocesan Public Officer Patricia Lindin resigned after 10 years' service. She is replaced by Lorraine Birch (O'Connor).

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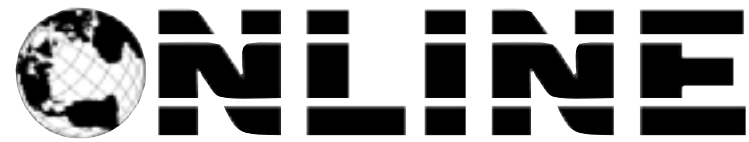
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St Gregory's, Queanbeyan	<a href="http://www.stgregorys.cg.catholic.edu.au">www.stgregorys.cg.catholic.edu.au</a>
St John the Apostle Primary, Florey	<a href="http://www.sjaps.act.edu.au">www.sjaps.act.edu.au</a>
St John Vianney's School	<a href="http://www.stjohnvianney.act.edu.au">www.stjohnvianney.act.edu.au</a>
St Joseph's Primary, O'Connor	<a href="http://www.sjo.act.edu.au">www.sjo.act.edu.au</a>
St Michael's Primary, Kaleen	<a href="http://www.stmichaelsps.act.edu.au">www.stmichaelsps.act.edu.au</a>
St Mary's Primary School, Young	<a href="http://www.stmarysprimary.com">www.stmarysprimary.com</a>
St Matthew's Primary School, Page	<a href="http://www.stmattps.act.edu.au">www.stmattps.act.edu.au</a>
St Vincent's Primary School, Aranda	<a href="http://www.svdp.act.edu.au">www.svdp.act.edu.au</a>
School Aid Trust	<a href="http://www.schoolaid.org.au">www.schoolaid.org.au</a>
Virtual Interdependent Schooling through an Interactive Online Network	<a href="http://vision.cangoul.catholic.edu.au">http://vision.cangoul.catholic.edu.au</a>

## FAITH AND SPIRITUALITY

A Prayer Experience	<a href="http://www.hop.org.au/prayer.htm">www.hop.org.au/prayer.htm</a>
A Quiet Place	<a href="http://aquietplace.info">aquietplace.info</a>
Australian Christian Coalition	<a href="http://www.acc.net.au">www.acc.net.au</a>
Australian Theological Forum	<a href="http://www.atf.org.au">www.atf.org.au</a>
Bede Griffiths	<a href="http://www.bedegriffiths.com">www.bedegriffiths.com</a>
Bible Gateway	<a href="http://bible.gospelcom.net/bible">http://bible.gospelcom.net/bible</a>
Catalyst for Renewal	<a href="http://www.catalyst-for-renewal.com.au">www.catalyst-for-renewal.com.au</a>
CathLINK Australia	<a href="http://cathlink.acu.edu.au/">http://cathlink.acu.edu.au/</a>
Catholic Charismatic Renewal Melb	<a href="http://www.ccr.org.au">www.ccr.org.au</a>
CDF Canberra and Goulburn	<a href="http://www.cdf.cg.catholic.org.au">www.cdf.cg.catholic.org.au</a>
Catholic Enquiry Centre	<a href="http://www.catholicenquiry.com">www.catholicenquiry.com</a>
Catholic Information Centre on Internet	<a href="http://www.catholic.net/">www.catholic.net/</a>
Catholic Institute of Sydney	<a href="http://www.cis.catholic.edu.au">www.cis.catholic.edu.au</a>
Catholic Online	<a href="http://www.catholic.org">www.catholic.org</a>
Catholic Prayers	<a href="http://www.yenra.com/catholic/prayers/">www.yenra.com/catholic/prayers/</a>
Catholic Truth Society	<a href="http://cts.pamphlets.org.au">http://cts.pamphlets.org.au</a>
Cursillo	<a href="http://www.cursillo.catholic.org.au">www.cursillo.catholic.org.au</a>
Easter Dating Method	<a href="http://www.assa.org.au/edm.html">www.assa.org.au/edm.html</a>
Edmund Rice Family	<a href="http://www.edmundrice.org.au">www.edmundrice.org.au</a>
Emmaus Productions	<a href="http://www.emmausproductions.com">www.emmausproductions.com</a>
EWTN Global Catholic Network	<a href="http://www.ewtn.com/">www.ewtn.com/</a>
Fish Eaters	<a href="http://www.fisheaters.com/">www.fisheaters.com/</a>
Flame Ministries International	<a href="http://www.flameministries.org">www.flameministries.org</a>
Focolare Movement	<a href="http://www.focolare.org.au">www.focolare.org.au</a>
Lay Spirituality	<a href="http://www.lay-spirituality.com">www.lay-spirituality.com</a>
Legion of Mary	<a href="http://www.legionofmary.org">www.legionofmary.org</a>
Little Company of Mary retreat info	<a href="http://www.womenreligious.org/~retreats/">http://www.womenreligious.org/~retreats/</a>

Lochinvar Resource Centre	<a href="http://users.hunterlink.net.au/~dnsb">http://users.hunterlink.net.au/~dnsb</a>
Lumen Verum Apologetics	<a href="http://www.lumenverum.com">www.lumenverum.com</a>
Mt St Agnes Theological Centre	<a href="http://msawomen.org/">http://msawomen.org/</a>
Neo-Catechumenal Way	<a href="http://members.aol.com/fatherpius/neo.html">http://members.aol.com/fatherpius/neo.html</a>
New Advent	<a href="http://www.newadvent.org">www.newadvent.org</a>
OnceCatholic.org	<a href="http://www.oncecatholic.org">www.oncecatholic.org</a>
Online Christian Network	<a href="http://www.onlinechristian.com">www.onlinechristian.com</a>
Our Lady of Mercy Penrose Park	<a href="http://www.paulinefathers.org">www.paulinefathers.org</a>
Padre Pio	<a href="http://www.abol.it/padrepio/inglese">www.abol.it/padrepio/inglese</a>
Passionist Family Group Movement	<a href="http://www.pfgm.org/">www.pfgm.org/</a>
PetersNet	<a href="http://www.petersnet.net">www.petersnet.net</a>
St Clement's, Galong	<a href="http://www.stclement.com.au">www.stclement.com.au</a>
St Joseph's House of Prayer	<a href="http://members.ozemail.com.au/~sjhop/index.html">http://members.ozemail.com.au/~sjhop/index.html</a>
St Mary's Towers Retreat Centre	<a href="http://www.ozemail.com.au/~towersretreat">www.ozemail.com.au/~towersretreat</a>
Shrine of Mary MacKillop, Scotland	<a href="http://www.gaeldom.com/mmk">www.gaeldom.com/mmk</a>
Shroud of Turin	<a href="http://www.shroud.com/">www.shroud.com/</a>
Silver Wattle House of Prayer	<a href="http://www.hop.org.au">www.hop.org.au</a>
Society of the Little Flower	<a href="http://www.littleflower.org/">www.littleflower.org/</a>
The Internet Padre	<a href="http://www.internetpadre.com">www.internetpadre.com</a>
The Lectio Divina Page	<a href="http://www.club1.ie/shalom/lectio">www.club1.ie/shalom/lectio</a>
Virtual Rosary	<a href="http://www.virtualrosary.org">www.virtualrosary.org</a>

## GENERAL

Anthony J Kelly CSsR Homepage	<a href="http://dlibrary.acu.edu.au/staffhome/ankelly">dlibrary.acu.edu.au/staffhome/ankelly</a>
Australian Catholic Discussion Board	<a href="http://vox.sparks.to">http://vox.sparks.to</a>
Australian Christian Lobby	<a href="http://www.acl.org.au/home/index.stw">www.acl.org.au/home/index.stw</a>



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Ave Maria Singles	<a href="http://www.avemariascol.com">www.avemariascol.com</a>
Australian Political Ministry Network	<a href="http://www.polmin.com.au">www.polmin.com.au</a>
Business Ethics Research Centre	<a href="http://www.berc.com.au">www.berc.com.au</a>
Calvary Hospital ACT	<a href="http://www.calvary-act.com.au">www.calvary-act.com.au</a>
Catholic Music Network	<a href="http://www.catholicmusicnetwork.com">www.catholicmusicnetwork.com</a>
Central, Southern Tablelands Weather Weather	<a href="http://www.hop.org.au/weather.htm">www.hop.org.au/weather.htm</a>
Drought, floods and prayer	<a href="http://www.hop.org.au/drought.htm">www.hop.org.au/drought.htm</a>
Fr Andrew Greeley	<a href="http://www.agreeley.com">www.agreeley.com</a>
Fr Mac's Heavenly Puddings	<a href="http://www.frmac.org.au">www.frmac.org.au</a>
John Michael Talbot	<a href="http://www.johnmichaeltalbot.com">www.johnmichaeltalbot.com</a>
Kevin Bates SM	<a href="http://www.kevinfbates.com">www.kevinfbates.com</a>
Knights of Southern Cross Aust	<a href="http://www.ksca.org.au">www.ksca.org.au</a>
Mary MacKillop Place, North Sydney	<a href="http://www.marymackillopplace.org.au">www.marymackillopplace.org.au</a>
Military Christian Fellowship	<a href="http://mcf-australia.com">http://mcf-australia.com</a>
National Church Life Survey	<a href="http://www.ncls.org.au">www.ncls.org.au</a>
National Gospel Happening	<a href="http://www.nationalgospelhappening.org/">www.nationalgospelhappening.org/</a>
Russian community in Canberra	<a href="http://members.xoom.com/Ruscan/">http://members.xoom.com/Ruscan/</a>
World Prayers	<a href="http://www.world-prayers.org">www.world-prayers.org</a>

LIFE

ACT Right to Life Association	<a href="http://www.actrtla.org.au">www.actrtla.org.au</a>
A Decade a Day	<a href="http://www.adecadeaday.cjb.net">www.adecadeaday.cjb.net</a>
Billings Life	<a href="http://www.woomb.org">www.woomb.org</a>
Family Group movement	<a href="http://www.pfgm.org/main.htm">www.pfgm.org/main.htm</a>
Focus on the Family	<a href="http://www.family.org">www.family.org</a>
Getting Married	<a href="http://www.gettingmarried.ie">www.gettingmarried.ie</a>
Jesus in Australian Art	<a href="http://www.mcauley.acu.edu.au/~yuri/jesus/jesus.htm">www.mcauley.acu.edu.au/~yuri/jesus/jesus.htm</a>
National Drugs Campaign	<a href="http://www.drugs.health.gov.au">www.drugs.health.gov.au</a>
Queensland Bioethics Centre	<a href="http://www.bne.catholic.net.au/qbc">www.bne.catholic.net.au/qbc</a>
Southern Cross Bioethics Institute	<a href="http://www.bio-ethics.com">www.bio-ethics.com</a>
Teams: A Married Couples Movement	<a href="http://www.tol-oceania.catholic.org.au">www.tol-oceania.catholic.org.au</a>
The Humanita Foundation	<a href="http://www.humanitafoundation.org">www.humanitafoundation.org</a>
The Truth Decoded	<a href="http://www.thetruthdecoded.org.au">www.thetruthdecoded.org.au</a>

MARIAN

Centre for the Queen of Peace	<a href="http://home.earthlink.net/~marianland/index.html">http://home.earthlink.net/~marianland/index.html</a>
Family Rosary Movement	<a href="http://www.familyrosary.org">www.familyrosary.org</a>
Fatima Network	<a href="http://www.fatima.org">www.fatima.org</a>
Garabandal	<a href="http://www.garabandal.com">www.garabandal.com</a>
Medjugorje messages	<a href="http://www.medugorje.org/weiblep.htm">www.medugorje.org/weiblep.htm</a>
Our Lady of Good Health Shrine	<a href="http://www.annivailankanni.org">www.annivailankanni.org</a>
The Mary Page	<a href="http://www.udayton.edu/mary">www.udayton.edu/mary</a>

MEDIA

Annals Australia	<a href="http://www.annals.com.au">www.annals.com.au</a>
Catholic Leader	<a href="http://www.catholicleader.com.au">www.catholicleader.com.au</a>
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://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>

E-mail [ed.voice@cg.catholic.org.au](mailto:ed.voice@cg.catholic.org.au)

Internet [www.catholicvoice.com.au](http://www.catholicvoice.com.au)

PARISHES

Corpus Christi Parish, South Tuggeranong:	<a href="http://www.corpuschristi.cg.catholic.org.au">www.corpuschristi.cg.catholic.org.au</a>
Mary Queen of Apostles Goulburn	<a href="http://http://goulburnparish.catholicau.com">http://goulburnparish.catholicau.com</a>
Holy Spirit, Gungahlin	<a href="http://www.holyspiritgungahlin.catholicau.com">www.holyspiritgungahlin.catholicau.com</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 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 Mary's, Young	<a href="http://www.stmarysy.cg.catholic.org.au">www.stmarysy.cg.catholic.org.au</a>
St Matthew's, Page	<a href="http://www.stmatthewspage.catholicau.com">www.stmatthewspage.catholicau.com</a>
St Thomas Aquinas, Charnwood	<a href="http://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.svd-p-aranda.catholicau.com">www.svd-p-aranda.catholicau.com</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.acfoa.asn.au/">www.acfoa.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://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>
Daughters of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart	<a href="http://www.olshaustralia.org">www.olshaustralia.org</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://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>

YOUTH

Antioch Youth, Canberra	<a href="http://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>

insites

**Catholic Mom Puppet Show Ministry**  
[catholicmom.com/puppet.htm](http://catholicmom.com/puppet.htm)

This is the Puppet Show Ministry of Catholic writer Lisa Mladinich.

The site offers puppet show scripts to families and teachers.

The script themes include the Church's liturgical calendar, gospel values, virtues, saints, the sacraments and vocations.

Available in PDF, they can be downloaded and performed for free.  
- *courtesy CathNews.*

Can you believe what you read?

● From Previous Page.

The date of publication on a website is important now that that the Internet has been operating for about 35 years. The World Wide Web is younger at nearly 16 years of age.

Some web pages have been around for nearly the whole of this time and have not been updated.

While some of the information on these pages may be factual, there are better sources of information available that contain more relevant and accurate material that did not exist 15 years ago, or may have changed.

3. The type of web page it is and its intended audience. Jan Alexander and Marsha Ann Tate, who are librarians at Widenour University, ([www.widener.edu/1/](http://www.widener.edu/1/)) have identified five different types of web pages, advocacy, business/marketing, informational, news and personal web pages.

All have different intended audiences and are written in specific ways for these audiences.

For example, advocacy web pages are usually sponsored by an organisation attempting to influence public opinion.

An informational web page, on the other hand, is one whose purpose is to present factual information.

The URL address frequently ends in .edu or .gov, as many of these pages are sponsored by educational institutions or government agencies.

Along with these suggestions, you should also remember that the Internet is only one source of information.

While it is useful for finding and researching some topics, it is not useful for others.

To research and find reliable information on a topic, use a wide variety of sources, both Internet and non-Internet.

Till next month, happy, accurate and reliable surfing.



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## 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).



### EDEN

LOCATION, quality and WOW factor! Sensational brand new 3-bedroom luxury townhouse in development of only two. Breath-taking ever-changing water views of fishing fleet, Twofold Bay and hinterland. Quality throughout. Walk to restaurants and shops. 3-hour drive from Canberra. Daily flights from Sydney and Melbourne. Asking \$620,000 Telephone (02) 6496 1206 (owner).

## 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.

**MERIMBULA** - On top lake: family home, 4 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, 2 living areas - 2 levels. Short board walk to beach and town. Great views, quiet neighbourhood. No groups or pets. Telephone 0428 694 414 (mobile), 6494 3255.

**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.

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**TOMAKIN** - Spacious 4 bedroom, 2 bathroom, games room, sleeps 8-10, close to shop, beach and boat ramp, VCR, DVD, m'wave, d'washer, BBQ, great for 2 families. Book with owner and save. Telephone 6231 2026.

**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

**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)

**STORMANSTON HOUSE** - 27 McLaren Street, North Sydney. Restful and secure accommodation operated by the Sisters of Mercy, North Sydney. Situated in the heart of North Sydney and a short distance to the City. Rooms available with ensuite facility. Continental breakfast, tea/ coffee making facilities and television. Separate lounge/ dining room, kitchen and laundry. Private off-street parking. Telephone 0418 650 661, e-mail [nsstorm@tpg.com.au](mailto:nsstorm@tpg.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.

**WIDOW** age 61 yrs requires share accommodation ACT. Good character referees can be supplied. Sue, telephone 0402 857 661.

## Tuition

**PRIVATE** School Tuition. Professional home tuition by qualified teacher. Primary School Tuition- All Subjects. High School Tuition- English. Exam Preparation. Homework Assistance. All Canberra suburbs. Katie Telephone 0401 924 204.

## 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. Garage roller door. 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.

**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, e-mail [emma.wells@ycw.org.au](mailto:emma.wells@ycw.org.au)

**CARMELITE SPIRITUALITY AND PRAYER** - Talks By Fr Greg Burke, 11am-12.30pm and 7.30pm-9pm, Tuesday, 21 November, and Thursday, 23 November, St Patrick's Parish Centre, Murray Street, Cooma.

**CATHOLIC ADULT FAITH FORMATION** - Program begins February, 2007, applications or expressions of interest by 15 December. 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)

**CHRISTIANS, MUSLIMS AND THE HOLY LAND** - 7.30pm-9pm, 9 November. With Fr John Parsons, recently returned from Lebanon. Rheinberger Centre, Yarralumla, next to St Peter Chanel's, Weston Street. Gold coin entry. Inquiries: Margaret Ryan, telephone 6201 9802, e-mail [adult.ed@cg.catholic.org.au](mailto:adult.ed@cg.catholic.org.au)

**CHRISTMAS CAROLS** - Led by St Caecilia's Choir, 7.30pm, Sunday, 10 December, Chapel of St John the Evangelist, Daley Road, ANU. Inquiries: Maria Henry, telephone 6249 6278, e-mail [mariamhenry@bigpond.com](mailto:mariamhenry@bigpond.com)

**COURAGE CANBERRA** - Group for those experiencing same-sex attraction and desiring to live sacramental life of the Church. Meeting 8 and 22 November. Inquiries: Telephone 6254 2408, e-mail [couragecanberra@hotmail.com](mailto:couragecanberra@hotmail.com)

**CURSILLO** - Christmas Ultreya, 7.30pm, Thursday, 23 November, Corpus Christi Parish, Bugden Avenue, Gowrie. Mass followed by social event in Gowrie parish centre.

**EXPERIENCES WITH INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS LAW** - 7.30pm, 4 November, Room B10, ACU, Watson. Speaker Joe de Bruyn, panel Bishop Pat Power, Prof John Warhurst, Francis Sullivan. Inquiries: Margaret Ryan, telephone 6201 9802, e-mail [adult.ed@cg.catholic.org.au](mailto:adult.ed@cg.catholic.org.au)

**GUIDED RETREAT** - "To Know Christ Jesus", 10-12 November, St Clement's Retreat Centre, Galong. Directed by Sr Elizabeth West LCM. Inquiries: Margaret Ryan, telephone 6201 9802, e-mail [adult.ed@cg.catholic.org.au](mailto:adult.ed@cg.catholic.org.au)

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## 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.

**NOVENA** to St Jude (Patron Saint of lost causes). In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. Glorious Apostle, St

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

**EXHIBITION** - Raising Lazarus (with Blue) paintings by Ella Whateley, opens at ANCA Gallery, 6 Rosevear Place, Dickson, 6pm-8pm, 15 November, until 26 November. Gallery open Wednesday-Sunday noon-5pm.

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

**PRAYING THROUGH ADVENT** - 7.30pm-9pm, 20 November. With Archbishop Mark Coleridge. Rheinberger Centre, Yarralumla, next to St Peter Chanel's, Weston Street. Gold coin. Inquiries: Margaret Ryan, telephone 6201 9802, e-mail [adult.ed@cg.catholic.org.au](mailto:adult.ed@cg.catholic.org.au)

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**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.

**SERRA CLUB** - Mass, 6.30pm, Thursday, 9 November, Holy Trinity Church, Curtin, followed by dinner, Southern Cross Club, Phillip.

**TEAMS REUNION** - Teams A Married Couples Movement (Teams of Our Lady) celebrates 40 years in ACT and NSW. Past and present members invited to Mass, 6.30pm, Monday, 4 December, St Peter Chanel's Church, Yarralumla, followed by a bring-and-share supper. Inquiries: Telephone 6231 3200.

**THANKSGIVING MASS** - Filipinos, families and friends end-of-year Thanksgiving Mass, 10.30am, Saturday, 2 December, St Joseph's Church, O'Connor. Lunch at parish centre. Inquiries: Sr Siony, telephone 6278 5551, Alma Obedoza 0432 819 520, Nellie Peiponen 0404 319 249.

Written entries for December 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 Wednesday, 15 November.

Jude Thaddeus, I praise God for all the graces He has bestowed upon you, granting you the privilege of bringing help to those in despair. Intercede for me in my great need. (Here make your special petition.) Through your merits and prayers may I receive the consolation of divine help in my necessity so that I may praise the mercy of God on earth and bless Him eternally with you and all the elect in heaven. Ever mindful of your favour, I will honour you as my heavenly patron and encourage devotion to you in what way I can. Therefore, with confidence I invoke your aid; helper when hope is fading, help me in my distress. Amen. Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be. LORD Jesus, merciful Saviour, humbly I beseech You that having honoured the eternal glory of St Jude your kinsman and apostle, I may through his merits and prayers obtain the grace of Your healing peace; Who lives and reigns, world without end. Amen. Thank you St Jude. P P.



**Dear Children,**  
What do you enjoy the most about school? What do you enjoy eating the most? What do you enjoy about cleaning your teeth the most? There are so many things we enjoy even in the ordinary events of each day. When we think about these things they make us happy. It also makes the person we are telling happy. The question, "what did you enjoy?", is very powerful. It can change you from being sad to happy. Ask mum or dad, "What did you enjoy doing today?" Children, you will be able to share wonderful moments when you ask this question. The Joy of the Lord is my strength. Joy builds us up. Psalm 30:11 says: "You have turned my mourning into dancing - you have clothed me with joy. So my heart will sing to you unceasingly, Yahweh, my God, I shall praise you forever." Love, Sue.



A beautiful message about vocations from Tayla Casey (above) and Bridget Conaghan, both from Year 4, St Francis of Assisi School, Calwell.



ABOVE: What a lovely picture from Monica Tran, aged 7, of Rosary School, Watson.



BELOW: A beautiful world, and a beautiful picture, from Harley Craker, aged 10, of St Joseph's School, Eden.



ABOVE LEFT: Now that is one scary monster, a triceratops, by Mel Kerrison, aged 8, of St Joseph's School, Eden. LEFT: Mr Bee looks friendly. From Emily Nugent, aged 10, of St Francis of Assisi, Calwell.



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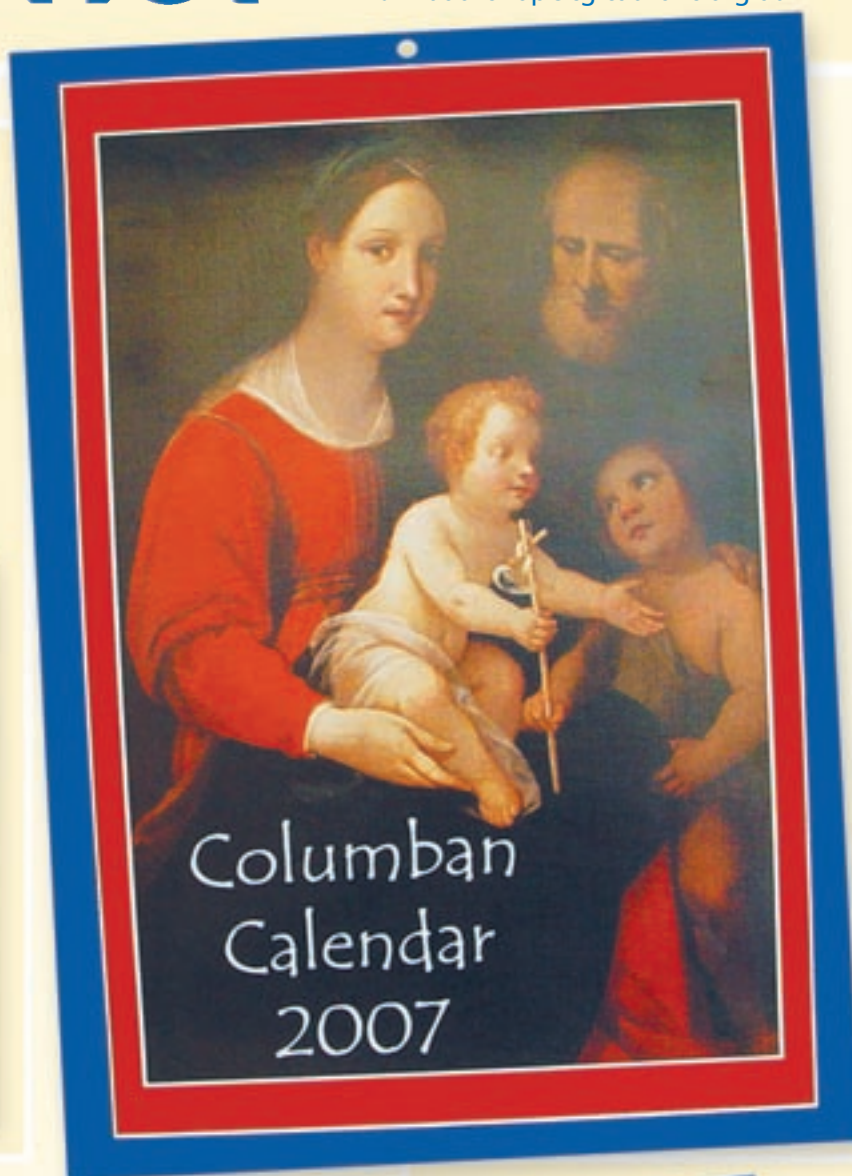
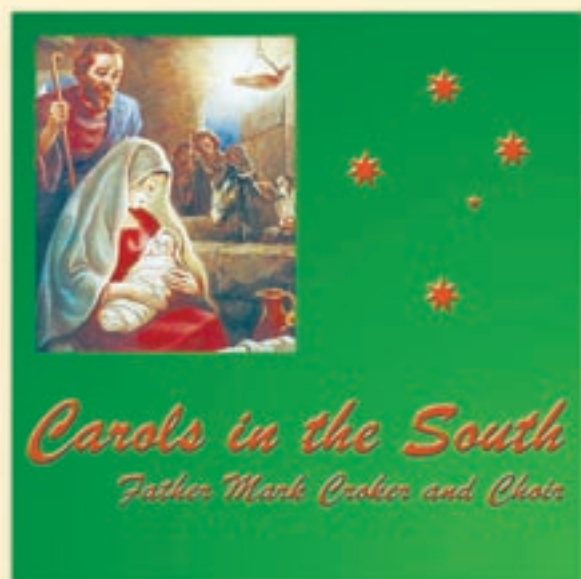
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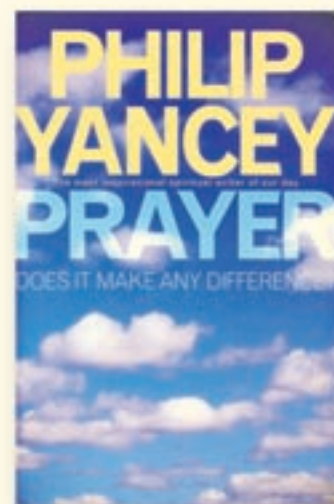
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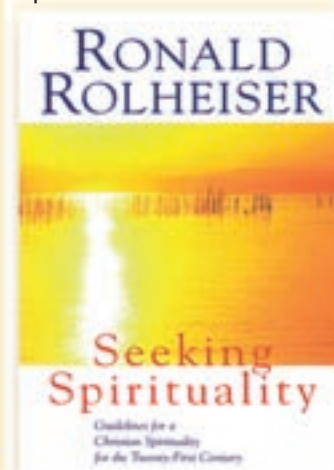
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