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The Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn has entered a new phase in its mission to communicate the Good News with the launch of a new website and electronic news bulletin service. The site replaces a former Archdiocesan website and the long-standing Catholic Voice website, combining the best of both sites with a number of new features.

A major new development stemming from the site designed by Melbourne Mercy multi-media firm Fraynetwork,

will be the introduction of regular electronic news and information bulletins which will be sent free to subscribers to keep them up to date with what is happening in the Archdiocese. The news and events segments of the website will also be updated on a regular basis providing visitors to the site with a ready source of information. You can subscribe at www.cg.catholic.org.au

Archbishop Mark Coleridge said it was crucial that the Gospel take root in the culture of the time. "For us, this means

that the Gospel has to find a voice in the electronic age. The electronic threshold we are now crossing could be as dramatic as the invention of the wheel or the alphabet or the printing-press, and for that reason the Church has to understand what's happening and to speak the idiom of this time.

"That's why it's crucial for this Archdiocese to enter the world of cyberspace. A website is not just a decorative touch which we can take or leave. It's an essential part of our mission of evangelisation. That's why I've been



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keen since I came to Canberra to have a website which is a state-of-the-art window to the world, where cyber-travellers – whoever and wherever they may be – can see something of the riches we have to offer. It's not just a form of advertising in some crudely commercial sense. Rather, it sets before the world in the idiom of today the

truth of who we are – the Body of Christ in this time and place, speaking his Gospel to anyone with ears, pointing to the Risen Jesus as the one in whom the fullness of human life is found. The website with its e-bulletins matter: they speak of hope in the midst of hopelessness and good news in the midst of a lot of bad news."

WYD cross dates set for visit

People of the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn will get to see the World Youth Day cross and icon of Our Lady for 11 days next year as it makes its way to Sydney.

A proposed visit to Parliament House is on the cards during the visit from 16 to 26 February.

The cross and icon - the international symbols of the world's largest youth event - will arrive in Australia in July this year, 12 months ahead of the huge World Youth Day celebration. The Australian itinerary starts on 1 July in Sydney and includes about 400 communities, visiting every Catholic diocese.

Some of the more significant locations the cross and icon will visit in Australia include Penola in South Australia where Mother Mary MacKillop founded the Josephites, the Great Barrier Reef, Parliament House and the Northern Territory where they will travel from Darwin to Alice Springs on the Ghan.

Canberra priest Fr Chris Ryan MGL, who is co-ordinator of the journey, will lead a team of seven young Australians travelling with

the cross and icon.

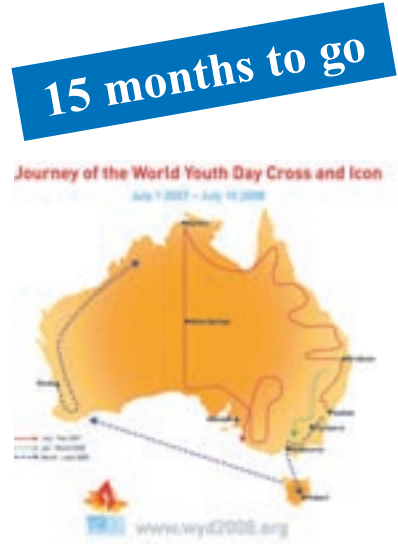
In February, the cross and icon visited the demilitarised zone that separates the people of North Korea and South Korea, where scores of young people prayed for peace and reunification. Fr Ryan writes about his thoughts on the experience on Page 4 of this issue of Catholic Voice.

Like the Olympic torch and the Commonwealth Games baton relay, the cross and icon travel the world between World Youth Days to deliver a message of hope, peace and unity.

The 3.8 metre high cross and accompanying image of Mary and Jesus have travelled the globe, most recently through Africa.

They are currently moving through 22 nations in South East Asia and Oceania on a tour that will culminate in New Zealand in June.

"Originally given to the youth of the world by Pope John Paul II in 1984, the cross has made its way around the world - behind the Iron Curtain, to Ground Zero in New York City and to the Rwandan genocide memorial," WYD08 co-ordinator Bishop Anthony Fisher said.



Proud to be women...

"I am proud to be a woman... because some of the strongest people in history were women." This was one of the sentiments expressed by Merici College students on a 10-metre long poster - the "women's wall" - created to mark International Women's Day. Natalia Pelle, Alex Jackson and Kelly Levy (pictured below) were three students who added their thoughts to the wall. Students also used the day to raise money for their charity, Caritas Australia.

The girls said they were proud also because "I have values", "we're all gorgeous in our own way", "we can change the world", and "we're smarter than boys".

Their teachers contributed a section on "I remember when..." They recalled when "women couldn't enter the front bar in a country pub", "my mother had to resign from her teaching job because she was getting married. 1938", and "getting married was more important than having a career".





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let’s talk

In a new monthly series, we canvass views on a range of issues that affect the everyday Catholic. We start with homilies. This week, South Tuggeranong parishioner Ian Moore shares his experience from the pews. We welcome your responses to his comments. Send them to ed.voice@cg.catholic.org.au marked Let’s Talk in the subject line.

Is there an ideal length of homily ?

I don't think time has a physical relevance in spiritual sharing as I've come to know it. When a homily speaks to me, I'm immersed in the image and the words - in the now. Consequently, time as a concept, doesn't make much sense. I've known some 10-minute homilies to carry me for years.

Does the presentation affect you ?

No, not particularly. I listen for the meaning in the words, so the style, voice and manner, become secondary to the insight I'm trying to see. Simple is good, complex is OK too, but genuine reflective thought is always the best.

Do you enjoy homilies that include personal experiences, or do you prefer straight teaching and no stories ?

On a purely personal level, straight teaching homilies fail to engage me. I've always been drawn to personal stories or experiences. And not restricted to the personal story or experiences of the priest either. I find short extracts or quotes from books, even references to films, also draws me into the homily, anything that lets me identify closely with the homily and the message.

Do you remember a particular homily and the occasion ?

Yes I do. It was perhaps 10 years ago when Fr Dermid McDermott gave his first homily to his new St Francis of Assisi parish at Calwell. He began by outlining his personal journey to Calwell, and he spoke about those

ordinary events that, when least expected, can have such an extraordinary impact on you. He spoke about a train trip across, I think, Canada. When he described his view from the panorama window of the train roof his voice changed. He wasn't at Calwell any more, he was deep in his Rocky Mountains, and he was sharing the "oneness" with us. As he spoke, I too was gifted with his memory-etched sight of the breath of God. I've mentioned that homily to him a couple of times since then. I don't think he remembers much about at all. But I do. Some homilies can last for years.

Over the years, have you generally found homilies confronting, thought provoking, or just ho hum ?

Over almost three decades now, I've had the gift of many wonderful insights shared by way of homily. I have to confess I find most homilies these days to be a little conventionally mild. I hasten to say that this is my perspective only. I accept completely the notion that the words that pass me by may have a totally different effect on the parishioner sitting alongside me. I also acknowledge that a priestly life these days is long and arduous, so perhaps I look for more than I should. When a homily does touch me though, it's always worth the wait

What does a good homily stir you to do ?

In lots of ways, that's what homilies mostly do - they get you to change something that's important to you and how you live out life. A homily that speaks to me will alter how I see myself, family, friends, community, and more essentially to me, how I interpret my faith journey in the context of my own life story. We all live a story; my weekly homily helps me to make sense of my unique narrative. A homily can let me see differently. And when I see differently I act differently. A homily can do that to you.

What is the purpose of the homily?

I love the sacred readings within Mass. I let the mystery and poetry take my thinking where it will. I try to see through the veil of words to grasp the invisible images that lie beneath the surface of the spoken text. I do my best to see and understand what my God is trying so hard to tell me. I try desperately to understand the gospel message that I feel sure must be so clear to everyone else, but remain blurred and at times, almost incomprehensible to me. I try my best, but I need my priest to use his study, experience, and wisdom to share the gospel message in a way that will let me see my faith journey through new eyes and deeper insight.

Is the homily important to you ?

It was the weekly homily that probably set me on the path of my Catholic faith journey. When I first attended Mass I wasn't a Catholic. I don't think I would have even made the grade as a token Anglican. It was my wife, Suzanne, a genuine cradle Catholic who got me to Mass. I was a newish father trying to appear responsible and caring. I think I may have been also trying to impress my new Catholic in-laws as well. Rather "ordinary" reasons now I think back on it. Although I may have had "ordinary" reasons for then attending Mass, I think God may not have shared my indifference. It was destined to be Fr Mick Burke who entered my life as parish priest and he assailed me week on week with a continuous barrage of perceptive and challenging homilies. I lived a conventionally materialistic life, and this was the first time I had ever been confronted so directly with issues of values, social justice, and more importantly, spirituality as faith for a personal journey. Each week, Fr Mick would draw me deeply into a new, and sometimes disturbing, personal insight in a way that I had never before experienced. I see now this confrontation by homily instigated my first confused and wobbly steps along the path to my own Catholic Easter some two decades later.

Hair, hair

St Bede's Primary in Red Hill had a lot of fun raising over \$7000 for the Leukaemia Foundation. The children sported mad hair do's while watching acting principal Doug Hodgson and seven others get their locks shaved off. The words "ugly" and "funny looking" were used by the students to describe their principal's appearance, but it was all in good fun as they chanted "Hodgson! Hodgson! Hodgson!" The school was inspired by a serious cause; principal Carol Thompson is battling leukaemia. RIGHT: The "victims"... dad Craig Stokes, Doug Hodgson and administrator of the Cathedral parish Fr John Woods, as well as Henry Cooney, Chris Kemp, Ollie Atkinson Perillo, Hugo Mahony and James Montgomery.

THERE’S a new face in the Catholic Communications office in the Archdiocese. Journalism graduate from the University of Canberra Naomi Fallon, 21, has joined communications director and Catholic Voice editor Geoff Orchison to bring all of the news to you. Naomi, who majored in German and Spanish at UC, hails from Griffith NSW where she grew up on an orange farm.

ST MEL’S Parish in Narrandera is transforming its historic presbytery into the John O'Brien Heritage House, one room at a time. The building will become a museum honouring the life and work of Fr

From
near and far



Patrick Hartigan, who served Narrandera's Catholic community from 1917 to 1944 and whose pen name, John O'Brien, is known far and wide. It is the place he penned his poetry collections Around The Boree Log and The Parish of St Mel's.

A PLAN to improve basketball at Daramalan College has seen Rob Beveridge, former assistant coach to the Australian men's team taken on as the school's first coach in residence.



The emphasis of the program is to teach Daramalan coaches how to train their players and Mr Beveridge has already organised coaching plans for each different age group. ABOVE: Dara principal David Garratt passes the ball to the new coach.

MACKILLOP Catholic College has taken out the ACT finals of the Class Clowns Competition. James Stevenson and twin Ben and Michael Byrne gave an exciting performance called "Serenade" singing and playing the guitar. The three travel to Melbourne to compete for the title of the nation's best class clowns. The college has won the ACT title four times.



All in harmony



Wickets painted on wheelie bins gave a real Aussie touch to Harmony Day at St Thomas Aquinas Primary School, Charnwood.

Students were among 100,000 nationwide taking part in Crickids Australia's Biggest Cricket Game. "Today is about everyone mixing in and having fun," Emmett Bronca from Cricket ACT said.

The school day began with a paraliturgy followed by games, a

multicultural lunch and performances by Egyptian and Irish dancers.

Principal Mr John Bourke said the school was using the game of cricket to teach children that winning isn't everything.

SRC member Jomar Gomez got the point. "It's about big kids helping little kids," he said.

ABOVE: Kyle Ewyk keeps his eye on the ball as Prya Madan looks on.

Review called on youth ministry

Archbishop Mark Coleridge has called a comprehensive review of Catholic youth ministry in parishes, schools and movements across the Archdiocese.

"Over recent years, much has been achieved in youth ministry within the Archdiocese, and I am grateful for all that has been done to sow the seed of faith in the hearts of young people at a time when that is not always easy," he said.

"But I have come to think that it is time to review our efforts in order to secure the gains of the past and release new energies in the future."

The review will take place within the context of the Pastoral

Development Project which is being conducted by Dr Rob Long and is due to be completed in the next few months.

Dr Long will conduct in-depth interviews with those most deeply involved in youth ministry. He would like to hear from anyone who wants to contribute to the review.

"My hope is that the recommendations which come from the review will serve as a solid basis for a strategy that will enable us to make the most of the opportunities offered to us in World Youth Day 2008 and the journey of evangelisation that lies beyond," Archbishop Coleridge said.

Record appeal to help drought areas

People in drought-stricken areas of the Archdiocese are the main beneficiaries of the Archbishop's Christmas Appeal which raised nearly \$77,000.

About three quarters of the \$76,752 raised has been distributed to parishes, mostly in the western deanery of the Archdiocese, to help those struggling because of the drought.

Director of the Archdiocese's Mission and Development Office Deacon Joe Blackwell described the appeal result as the best ever.

"Archbishop Mark Coleridge has expressed his gratitude for such a remarkable response and wants to extend his deep appreciation and thanks to all who have shared with such an open heart," he said.

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A further \$6750 has been given to assist St Vincent de Paul Society conferences in the western deanery parishes.

"Help may include water provision, food, education fee relief and other pastoral endeavours," Deacon Blackwell said.

The National Council of Churches in Australia also received \$10,000 towards its annual Christmas Bowl Appeal.

The appeal is run among 15 member churches and helps to fund projects in developing countries as an endeavour of ecumenical solidarity and work.

The remaining \$3000 was sent to Fr Zepherinus Baxla, a Salesian priest who is working to improve access to education in a tribal community in India's north.

New administrator for Cathedral

The following clergy appointments have been made by Archbishop Mark Coleridge, after meeting with the Archdiocesan consultors, and will take effect on 1 July:

Fr John Woods will remain Vicar General but will cease to be Administrator of the Cathedral. He will live at the former Yarralumla presbytery and will

have an office in Favier House. Fr Francis Kolencherry will move from Goulburn to become Administrator of the Cathedral.

Fr Frank Fuchs will move from Dickson to become Parish Priest of Aranda. The Dominican Fathers, with Tony Murnane OP as Parish Priest, will assume responsibility for Dickson and Campbell.

The church at Hall will no longer be the responsibility of the Holy Rosary Parish but will be attached to St Monica's Parish, Evatt.

Fr Warrick Tonkin will take up residence in the Cathedral Presbytery. Fr Varghese Vavolil will move from the Cathedral to become Assistant Priest at Goulburn.

The Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn

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The Opening of the Rheinberger Centre

Corner Weston and Loch Streets Yarralumla

Sunday 22 April, 2007

10am Mass at St Peter Chanel's Church

Principal Celebrant
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11.00am: Morning Tea

11.30am: Official Opening of the Rheinberger Centre and World Youth Day Office

12.00 - 12.30pm: Tours of the Centre

Fr Joe Rheinberger

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St. Clement's Monastery, following the call of Pope John Paul II, is committed to an environmental policy that helps people to undergo an ecological conversion whereby all live more simply, sustainably and spiritually.

The disciples were constantly devoting themselves to Prayer, together with Mary, the Mother of Jesus. Acts 1:14

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A house in need of some new friends

Brothers and Sisters,

When I was named Archbishop last year, almost the first thing I did was sit down and read a history of the Church in this part of the world - Fr Brian Maher's "Planting the Celtic Cross". I hadn't known the story, and I found it a fascinating read. It made me keen in my time here in Canberra to honour the story and gather up the patrimony.

When we eventually re-develop the Cathedral precinct in Manuka, I would like to include an archival facility where we could store, catalogue and preserve the great deal of historical material that is in Goulburn, Canberra and elsewhere - letters, documents, vestments, episcopal regalia, paintings, photographs and more.

Another part of the patrimony that has been much on my mind since I came here is Archbishop's House.

For the months I've been here, I have been unsure what to do about the house and grounds. The site is one of the finest in Canberra, but the house itself needs work and

the grounds are not in good shape. The need to do something became all the more vivid when the recent super cell storm did a lot of damage - so much so that parts of the house will need to be either demolished or extensively repaired.

At one stage, I thought of moving the Archbishop's residence to the Cathedral precinct and giving the current residence over to other uses. But it wasn't clear what those other uses might be or whether they would be permitted by the terms of the lease on the site. Then I thought of doing some fairly minor cosmetic work on the house. But that option became less attractive once the storm had done its work.

After eight months of thinking, I've now decided to do some major work on Archbishop's House in order to preserve it as part of the patrimony and to make it available not just as a residence for the Archbishop but as a facility for the Archdiocese as a whole.

I have also asked that a long-term plan be drawn up for the re-development of the



grounds. This would be done in stages over a period of years as finances permitted. All of this will have to be done within a fairly modest budget, since we are not an Archdiocese with unlimited resources.

To help support the project, I would like to establish Friends of Archbishop's House. This would be a group of interested people who would join me in raising funds for the various projects involved in re-developing Archbishop's House and who could also perhaps suggest new ideas as they come to know the house and grounds better. The Friends would meet for Mass and dinner at Archbishop's House from time to time to monitor the projects and contribute their ideas for the future.

One project I have commissioned for the House is the painting of portraits of Archbishops O'Brien, Cahill, Clancy and Carroll. Local artist Ross Townsend has already completed fine portraits of Archbishops O'Brien and Carroll. When the other two are finished, I would like to show the four portraits at a reception, and launch the Friends of Archbishop's House on that evening.

The Goulburn Parish is also very generously presenting the house with portraits of Bishops Lanigan and Gallagher, first and second Bishops of Goulburn.

These will go in the dining room with Bishop Barry (third Bishop of Goulburn) and Archbishop McGuire (the first Archbishop of Canberra and Goulburn). The four new portraits will hang in the sitting room. We will even have in the vestibule the only known depiction of Bishop Geoghegan. He was the pioneer priest of Melbourne and then was made Bishop of Adelaide before being named first Bishop of Goulburn. However, he died in Dublin

before he could take possession of the See, and there he lies buried. But at least we will have a drawing of Geoghegan in the vestibule.

Archbishop's House was built on the site meant for the National Cathedral of Our Lady Help of Christians. It was built in the style of the time (ca 1930) as the Canberra presbytery.

These were the days when the Bishop resided in Goulburn. When the Archbishop moved to Canberra in 1960, the presbytery became the Archbishop's House because there was really nowhere else for him to live. It has been modified and added to many times since then, but now is perhaps the time to secure its future not just as the place where the Archbishop lives, but as an important part of the patrimony that can help the whole Archdiocese know more of our story.

+ Bishop Mark.



Cross' message of hope amid division

Canberra priest Fr Christ Ryan MGL (left) is co-ordinator of the World Youth Day cross' journey across Australia. Here he reports from one of the most contentious pieces of land in the world as the cross and icon of Mary bring their message of freedom and reconciliation.

The locals told me it was a warm day for February, but it was a pretty cool 10 or so degrees in

Imjingak, which lies on the edge of the demilitarized zone or DMZ between North and South Korea.

The first thing I noticed when we arrived was a fairground attraction - merry-go-rounds, a pirate ship and other rides. Throughout our time at Imjingak I didn't see anyone on the rides; despite the best efforts of the entrepreneurs Imjingak is not that sort of place.

It's as far as South Koreans are able to go before they are stopped by the guards that face off between the North and South. The fairground looks a little incongruous only a few hundred metres from the guard posts and the barbed wire.

Soon after our arrival we were told that the World Youth Day cross and icon of Mary had arrived at the train station. As we pulled up at the station, a crowd of university students were listening to a priest explain the significance of the place that they had come to.

In 1953 some 12,000 POWs used a hastily constructed wooden bridge to return to South Korea in the aftermath of the Korean War. The conflict ended with a cease-fire, not an armistice, and so the two Koreas are technically still at war with each other.

The bridge is now known as the Bridge of Freedom, and has come to symbolize the desire for reunification in Korea. Of course, it no longer leads anywhere, as the DMZ is off limits.

The WYD cross has been to other significant places in the world - behind the Iron Curtain in 1985, to Ground Zero in New York in 2002, and with the icon it has also traveled through the Brandenburg Gates in 2004 and to the Rwandan genocide memorial in 2006.

When Pope John Paul II originally gave the cross to young people in 1984 he told them to carry it as a sign of Christ's love for humanity, and asked them to carry it along the pathways of humanity in order to be a sign of hope and reconciliation for the world. Imjingak was thus a powerful place for the World Youth Day cross and icon to visit, and I was curious to see what would happen.

The young pilgrims prayed the rosary as we walked through Imjingak, before we all walked up and onto the bridge. The young people then began to venerate the cross and icon in silence, placing



their foreheads against the wood of the 3.8m high cross.

The razor wire and the Korean flag provided a stark backdrop for the simple prayer of these pilgrims before the cross for the reunification of Korea. After praying the Hail Mary and the Lord's Prayer, the pilgrims carried the cross and icon back to the car park and went off to lunch.

It was all so very simple and very moving as a consequence. For me, the pilgrimage to Imjingak typifies the message of hope that the WYD cross and icon bring wherever they go.

As I stood on the Bridge of Freedom I became excited as I reflected upon the impact that these two very simple symbols will have in our country when they arrive on 1 July for their 12-month journey throughout Australia before World Youth Day in July 2008.

They will continue to be a sign of hope, reconciliation and freedom for the young people of Australia.

We may not be praying for reunification in quite the same way as in Korea, but the fundamental message of freedom and reconciliation that the cross and icon bear are no less applicable here. The divisions may be different in our country, and even within our hearts, and so the cross, the great sign of reconciliation and forgiveness, will affect people and communities wherever it goes. It's a journey not to be missed!

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\$6mil to be spent on school upgrades

More than \$6 million will be spent this year on major projects at Catholic schools in the Archdiocese.

The projects - the largest of which are at Merici College in Canberra and St Patrick's Parish School, Cooma - will be funded through grants from the Commonwealth Government and local contributions.

In the ACT, extensions to Merici College and refurbishment of the library will cost \$1.6 million, refurbishment of classrooms and other work at Holy Family Primary, Gowrie, \$1.1 million, refurbishment of classrooms, library and administration at Sts Peter and Paul's Primary, Garran \$989,000, and refurbishment of classroom, administration and staff facilities at St Matthew's Primary, Page, \$919,000.

In NSW, work at St Patrick's, Cooma, will cost \$1.3 million. It will include relocation of the infants campus, building primary classrooms, refurbishing existing classrooms, library, administration, staff and student amenities.

At St Francis Xavier Primary School, Lake Cargelligo, \$257,000 will be spent on upgrading administration and staff areas, the library, classrooms and student amenities.

Last year large projects costing more than \$3.4 million were begun or completed at five NSW schools, St Joseph's Primary, Eden, Sts Peter and Paul's Primary, Goulburn, Trinity Catholic College, Goulburn, Mt Carmel Central School, Yass, and St Mary's Primary, Young.

In the ACT, major projects totalling more than \$5.4 million were begun or completed at Good Shepherd Primary School, Amaroo, St Vincent's, Aranda, St Thomas More's, Campbell, St Monica's, Evatt, St Francis Xavier College, Florey, MacKillop Catholic College, Tuggeranong, and Sacred Heart Primary, Pearce.

This year, 20,653 students are enrolled in Catholic system schools, with 1771 kindergarten pupils beginning their first year of education.

Nineteen primary schools, five central schools and four secondary colleges serve the NSW sector of the Archdiocese, while in the ACT there are 23 primary schools and four secondary colleges. There are also three congregational colleges educating students in the ACT.

Last year, ACT Catholic school enrolments comprised 29 per cent of the ACT total of 60,142. Other non-government schools accounted for 12 per cent of total enrolments. The ACT has the highest level of non-government school enrolments in the nation.

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Renewed Galong set to open

After over 12 months of major disruption and a lot of dust the restoration and renovations at St Clement's, Galong, are coming to an end.

On Saturday, 14 April, Bishop Pat Power will celebrate an open air Mass at 9.30am. This will be followed by the official opening at 11am of the restored Galong Castle by Member for Hume Mr. Alby Schultz.

The transformation at St Clement's includes the addition of 19 ensuite rooms in the old boys' dormitory, a rejuvenated dining room to accommodate up to 90 people and the old classrooms



turned into modern conference rooms.

Galong Castle, with the castellations re-installed and new landscaping added has been prepared to be set up as a museum, bookshop and coffee shop

with a grant from the Department of Transport and Regional Services.

Everyone is welcome to celebrate the special occasion and join the Redemptorist community for morning tea after the opening.

● This year's Marian pilgrimage at Galong marks the International Year of Planet Earth. The pilgrimage begins with the traditional pilgrims' Mass at noon on Sunday, 6 May. This is followed by the procession to the Marian grotto at 2pm. Lunch is available, or people may bring their own picnic lunch.

WYD team takes shape

Two Archdiocesan World Youth Day co-ordinators have been appointed.

They are Mr Brett Anderson, who will take up the position of WYD executive officer, and Mr Nathan Kensey, who will be co-ordinator of pastoral programs and support.

Mr Anderson is a director with Insitac. In his professional life he has been involved in leadership and management roles, establishing new business and providing high level executive and administrative support. He is married with four children.

Mr Kensey is a project officer in the international branch of the Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs.

He has previously been an educator at the Australian War Memorial and is well known for his involvement in youth ministry in the Archdiocese, including pilgrimage to the Toronto World Youth Day in 2002.

Both men will work from the Archdiocese's WYD office in the Rheinberger Centre at Yarralumla with the rest of the WYD secretariat team including volunteer co-ordinators.

Wise about waste



St Francis Xavier College is the only high school or college in the ACT to receive the WasteWise Schools Program accreditation.

Over the past two years the college has made significant reductions in the volume of material it sends to land-fill.

The school recycles all paper and cardboard products as well as material such as hard plastics, aluminium and glass. Food scraps from the kitchens are diverted from general waste through the use of a worm farm and compost system.

Many teachers and students in Catholic schools throughout

Australia are responding to the late Pope John Paul II's call for an "ecological conversion".

ABOVE: Receiving the award from Ginninderra MLA Mrs Mary Porter (second from left) are principal Mr Angus Tulley, Year 10 students Perry Forsyth, Nicholas Lever and Mark Paul who are members of the school's environment club and teacher and co-ordinator of the club Ms Donella Johnston.

On song at St Greg's



ABOVE: About 110 students of St Gregory's Primary School enjoyed choir workshops with Dominic Harvey, a senior lecturer from the Australian National University School of Music. The workshops were funded by a cultural assistance grant from Queanbeyan City Council, matched dollar-for-dollar by the school's P and F. Dominic is an accomplished singer and narrator, with considerable experience in children's choral work.

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Contacts: Bill Bush 6257 1786 or
Rev Peter Walker 6295 3680

Hundreds of young people from around Australia will gather this Easter for the Light to the Nations youth pilgrimage at the Redemptorist Monastery, Galong.

Light to the Nations will include dance, drama, music, inspired talks, personal testimonies, climaxing with a celebration of the Church's Easter liturgies, all held under a huge marquee in the grounds of the historic monastery.

A feature of the event will be a walk up Rosary Hill to intercede for the youth of Australia, especially for the success of World Youth Day in Sydney next year.

In Canberra, the traditional open-air

ecumenical Way of the Cross will be held at 11am on Good Friday at the, Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture, Blackall Street, Barton

Christians will gather for a Good Friday night prayer vigil from 6pm to 6am to pray for Canberra at the Mount Ainslie and Red Hill lookouts. The segment organised by the Catholic Church will be at Red Hill from 6pm to 8pm. Inquiries: Jill McKenzie, telephone 6286 2843

The message of unity and reconciliation will be taken to the streets of Canberra for an Easter Sunday march. Christians will gather at the Akuna Street end of

Glebe Park at 12.30pm for a BYO picnic lunch. This will be followed by a 1.15pm briefing and march around Glebe Park, ending in a family festival.

For more information contact the Awakening ACT office, telephone 6162 3700, or e-mail canberra@fusion.org.au.

The traditional Good Friday collection to support the Christian people of the Holy Land will be taken up again this year. Proceeds also go towards the upkeep of the region's sacred places. The Christian community makes up two per cent of the population. Last year the people of the Archdiocese gave nearly \$21,000.

Take a friend to church this Easter

Easter ceremonies around the Archdiocese:

Adelong/Batlow: Holy Thursday 7.30pm Mass Adelong, Good Friday 10am Ecumenical Way of Cross Adelong, Liturgy 3pm Batlow, Easter Vigil 7pm Adelong, Easter Sunday 10am Mass Batlow.

Aranda: Holy Thursday 7pm Mass. Good Friday 3pm Veneration of Cross, 7pm Stations of the Cross, Easter vigil 7pm Mass, Easter Sunday 9am Mass.

Batemans Bay: Holy Thursday 7.30pm Mass, Good Friday 3pm Liturgy, Easter Vigil 7.30pm, Easter Sunday 8am & 9.30am.

Bega: Holy Thursday 7pm Mass, Good Friday 3pm Liturgy, Easter Vigil 6pm Mass, Easter Sunday 8am Mass Tathra, Easter Sunday 10am Mass Bega.

Berridale: Holy Thursday 6pm Mass, Good Friday 3pm Liturgy, Easter Sunday 10:30am Mass.

Binalong: Wednesday 6pm Pilgrims Mass, Good Friday 10am liturgy, Easter Sunday 9.30am Mass.

Bombala: Holy Thursday 7pm Mass, 5pm Mass Delegate, Good Friday 3:30pm Liturgy, 2pm Liturgy Delegate, Easter Vigil 7pm Mass, 5pm Mass Delegate, Easter Sunday 9:30am Mass.

Boorowa: Holy Thursday 7pm Mass, Good Friday 3pm liturgy, Easter Vigil 6pm Mass, Easter Sunday 8am Mass.

Braidwood: Holy Thursday 7pm Mass, Good Friday 10am Stations of Cross, 3pm Liturgy, Easter Vigil 7pm Mass, Easter Sunday 9am Mass.

Bungendore: Holy Thursday 7pm Mass, Good Friday 9am Stations of Cross Gundaroo, 11am Stations of Cross Hoskinstown, 3pm Liturgy, Easter Vigil 7pm Mass, Easter Sunday 8:30am Mass.

Campbell: Holy Thursday 7:30am Mass, Good Friday 11am Stations of Cross, 3pm Liturgy, Easter Vigil 6:30pm Mass, Easter Sunday 10am Mass.

Cathedral: Holy Thursday, 7:30pm Mass, Good Friday 10am Stations of Cross St Peter Chanel's, 11am Stations of Cross Barton, 3pm Liturgy Cathedral & St Peter Chanel's, Easter Vigil 7:30pm Mass Cathedral, Easter Sunday 8am, 9:30am, 11am & 5:30pm Masses Cathedral, 8 & 10am St Peter Chanel's.

Central Canberra: Easter Vigil 6pm Mass at St Brigid's, Easter Sunday 9:30am Mass St. Brigid's, 8am Mass St. Patrick's.

Charnwood: Holy Thursday 7.30pm, Good Friday 7:30pm Stations of Cross, 3pm Liturgy, Easter Vigil 7.30pm, Easter Sunday 10.00am.

Cooma and surrounds: Holy Thursday 7pm Mass Cooma & Nimmitabel, Good Friday 10am Stations of Cross Cooma, 12pm Stations of Cross Nimmitabel, 3pm Liturgy Cooma & Nimmitabel, 3pm Ecumenical Service Adaminaby, Easter Vigil 7pm Mass Cooma & Nimmitabel, Easter Sunday 8 & 10am & 4:30pm (Italian)Masses Cooma, 8am Mass Adaminaby.

Curtin: Holy Thursday 6pm Mass, Good Friday 3pm Liturgy, Easter Vigil 6pm Mass, Easter Sunday 8:30am & 5:30pm Mass.

Evatt: Holy Thursday 7.30pm Mass, Good Friday 3pm Liturgy, Easter Vigil 9.00pm, Easter Sunday 8 & 9.30am Masses.

Galong: Holy Thursday 6pm Mass, Good Friday 10.30am Stations of the Cross at Light to the Nations 3pm liturgy, Easter Vigil 7pm Mass, Easter Sunday 9am Mass.

Garran: Good Friday 10am Stations of Cross, Easter Sunday 9:30am Mass.

Goulburn: Holy Thursday 7pm Mass (Our Lady of Fatima) & Procession to St. Joseph's Chapel & Adoration until 9.30pm, Good Friday 9am Morning Prayer (St Peter & Paul), 10am Stations of the Cross (Junior Campus of Trinity Catholic College), 3pm Liturgy and 4:30-5pm Sacrament of Penance (St Peter & Paul), Easter Saturday 9am Morning Prayer (St Peter & Paul), 11-12noon Sacrament of Penance (Our Lady of Fatima), 7pm Easter Vigil (St Peter & Paul), Easter

Your Easter Mass times

Sunday 8am (Our Lady of Fatima) & 10am Masses (Peter & Paul).

Gundagai: Holy Thursday 6pm Mass, Good Friday 10am Stations of Cross, 3pm Liturgy, Easter Vigil 6pm Mass, Easter Sunday 8am, 10am Adjungbilly.

Gungahlin: Holy Thursday 7:30pm Mass of the Last Supper, Good Friday 11am Stations of Cross, 3pm Liturgy, Easter Vigil 7pm Mass, Easter Sunday 8 & 9:30am Masses.

Holder: Holy Thursday 7:30pm Mass, Good Friday 11am Stations of Cross, Easter Vigil 7pm Mass, Easter Sunday 8:30am Mass.

Jindabyne: Holy Thursday 7pm Mass, Good Friday 3pm Liturgy, Easter Vigil 8pm, 5pm Thredbo, 6pm Dalgety, Easter Sunday 8:30, 10 & 11:30am Masses, 8:30am Perisher Valley.

Kaleen/Giralang: Holy Thursday 7:30pm Mass, Good Friday 1pm Stations of Cross, 3pm Liturgy, Easter Vigil 7:30pm Mass, Easter Sunday 8:30 & 10am Masses, 5pm Mass (Vietnamese).

Moruya: Holy Thursday 7.30pm Mass, Good Friday 3pm Liturgy, Easter Vigil 7.30pm, Easter Sunday 10.00am, Turross 5.00pm.

Narrabundah: Easter Vigil 7pm Mass, Easter Sunday 9am Mass.

Narooma: Holy Thursday 6pm Mass Bermagui, 7pm Mass Narooma, Good Friday 3pm Liturgy Bermagui & Narooma, Easter Vigil 6:30pm Cobargo, Easter Sunday 7:30am Mass Bermagui & Bodalla, 9:30am Narooma.

O'Connor: Holy Thursday 7pm Mass, Good Friday 11am Stations of Cross, 3pm Liturgy, Easter Vigil 6pm Mass, Easter Sunday 8:30 & 10am Masses.

Page: Holy Thursday 7.30pm Mass, Good Friday 11am Stations of Cross, 3pm Liturgy, Easter Vigil 6pm Mass, Easter Sunday 8:00 & 9.30am Masses.

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Queanbeyan: Holy Thursday 7.30pm, Good Friday 3pm Liturgy, Easter Vigil 7:30pm Mass, Easter Sunday 8:00 and 10am Masses.

South Woden: Holy Thursday 7pm Mass, Good Friday 3pm Liturgy, Easter Vigil 8.30pm Mass.

Taralga: Holy Thursday 7pm Mass, Good Friday 3pm Liturgy, Easter Vigil 7:30pm, Easter Sunday 9am Mass.

Temora: Holy Thursday 6pm Mass, Good Friday 10am Stations of Cross, 3pm Liturgy, Easter Vigil 6pm Mass, Easter Sunday 10am Mass, Barmedman 10am Mass.

Tumut: Holy Thursday 7pm Mass, Good Friday 3pm Liturgy, Easter Vigil 7:30pm Mass, Easter Sunday 6:30 and 10am (outdoor), 8:12 Talbingo.

Wanniassa: Holy Thursday 7.30pm Mass, Good Friday 10am Stations of Cross, 3pm Liturgy, Easter Vigil morning prayer 9:30am, 7:30pm mass, Easter Sunday 9:30am.

Waramanga: Good Friday 3pm Liturgy, Easter Sunday 10am Mass.

Yass: Holy Thursday 7pm Mass St Augustine's, Good Friday 10:30am Stations of Cross Mt Carmel school oval, 3pm Liturgy St Augustine's, Easter Vigil 7pm St Augustine's, Easter Sunday 8:30am Mass St Augustine's, 9am Mass Murrumbateman Rec Grounds, 11am Mass Wee Jasper.

Young: Holy Thursday 7.30pm Mass, Good Friday 11am Stations of Cross, 3pm Liturgy, Easter Vigil 7pm Mass, Easter Sunday 8 and 9:30am Masses.

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Am I prepared to be amazed?

By Margaret Ryan

Have you lost a sense of awe? Some question whether or not most of us in the Western world have lost our sense of wonder. Daily we encounter emails and podcasts, the richness of the night sky, new growth in plants, animal and human life, loving relationships and beauty in all its forms. Speaking for myself, it's easy to take it all for granted.

Annual events can have the same effect. Another Christmas. Oh yes, family celebrations, a great dinner, Boxing Day specials ... "Three weeks of Christmastide?!" Another Easter. Well yes, there's Holy Week, school holidays, and maybe good weather still ... "What do you mean, there's seven weeks of Eastertide?" Familiarity and regularity blunt the impact of awesome events and inspiring people.

Over the seven weeks of Easter, we meet some well-known disciples, initially Mary Magdalene, Peter and Thomas.

Mary of Magdala, the one "from whom seven demons had

gone out" (Lk 8:2), was possibly a person recovering from mental/emotional illness. She was one of the women disciples travelling with and financially supporting Jesus' ministry (Lk 8:3), and her deep affection for Jesus led her to approach the tomb as soon as possible after the Sabbath. Though initially frightened by whom and what she found, she was missioned by Jesus to spread the good news to the apostles.

Peter, the one Jesus renamed and called to be the new community's leader and point of stability, had been with Jesus from the beginning. He was loving, impetuous, aware of many failings, and at times misperceived Jesus' vision and aims, publicly betrayed his friend, was deeply regretful, and accepted forgiveness. He was a courageous man who had felt humiliated and accepted Jesus' commission to be chief pastor.

Like Peter, Thomas was one of the twelve and like Mary and Peter, accompanied Jesus in his ministry. He was a messenger to Jesus from Martha and Mary,

seemed frightened and resigned when Jesus decided to return to Jerusalem ("Let us go along, to die with him" Jn 11:16), and seemed confused (or perhaps practical) when Jesus announced his intention to return to the Father, interrupting Jesus' visionary statement (Jn 14:5). After the crucifixion, it seems that Thomas isolated himself from the community, and not only missed their support, but Jesus' first visit. "Thomas" means "twin", and there seems to be almost a psychological twosome within: between initial idealism, hope and faith, and the later frustration and confusion a week after the resurrection.

Doubting Thomas, whilst perhaps embarrassed and a little bitter, made a strong faith statement in Jesus ("My Lord and my God"), and received the gifts of the Holy Spirit, who empowered mission.

The Easter Vigil is a feast of the Word, of God's revelation to us of who God is. The ten possible readings and psalms cover God's interaction with the whole world, from creation to post-resurrection times;

revealing a God of extraordinary love, concern, creativity, invitation, presence, protection, blessing, healing, compassion, generosity, salvation, community, challenge, life and hope. Be there if you can.

In everyday life we sometimes rejoice to hear about or experience evidence of the paschal mystery, the dying and rising of Christ: adult children of alcoholics forgiving their parents; parishes collecting money for asylum-seeking refugees; prisoners writing and publishing poetry or artworks; parents who minister to sick children or their own parents; an employer who grants more than the legally required compassionate leave to an employee in great need; schools which move from retributive to restorative justice.

The pain, hardship and inconvenience, the dying to self, are a prelude to the joy of participating in Christ's vision and bringing life to others.

Easter itself goes far beyond these life-giving "resurrection moments." The first Easter changed the focus and meaning of

earthly spiritual history. "If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins" (1 Cor 15:17). If we have faith to believe in the resurrection, it should permeate our living: our attitudes and decisions, our vision and behaviours. The resurrection and Easter forgiveness, love, gratitude, joy, hope, peace and sense of mission are a scaffold and banquet for the everyday.

Whilst Lent invites us to joyful spiritual exercise for 40 days, Eastertide provides 50 days of reflection and teasing out of the Easter mysteries, a chance to muse in our pastoring, forgiving, missioning Lord from the Easter perspective. The disciples responded to the resurrection by acts of faith in, and worship of, Jesus and a sense of amazement (Lk 24:12). Am I prepared to be amazed, forgiving, forgiven, healed, changed, challenged and missioned this Easter? What about every Sunday? To what extent am I in love with, do I believe in, Jesus Christ, Son of God? How do I witness to new life in Christ?

Bach's 'Passion' performed

J S Bach's Passion of Our Lord According to St Matthew will be performed at the Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture on Good Friday at 3:30pm. The production will feature two chamber vocal ensembles conducted by Judith Clingan and two orchestras lead by Jon Gould and Katherine Owen featuring Bellatrix, the Australian Recorder Quartet. For information on ticketing and prices telephone 6287 4132 or 6288 1001.

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Mission Statement

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Open Day and Information Nights

Mount Carmel Open Day: Wednesday 23rd May 9.30am-12.30pm & 4.00pm-5.30pm

Kindergarten to Year 10 Information Night: Wednesday 23rd May 7.00pm

Year 6 to Year 7 Information Night: Wednesday 30th May 7.00pm

Year 8 to Year 9 Information Night: Wednesday 6th June 7.00pm



About Our School

- Mount Carmel School is a Kindergarten to Year 10 Catholic School situated in the heart of the township of Yass.
- Our smaller class sizes ensure that student's learning needs are paramount.
- A structured Pastoral Care and House system provides students with a safe and nurturing school environment.
- The school is committed to academic excellence as evidenced by consistently high results in formal external examinations.
- Ongoing and future-planned improvements in school facilities and resources have the school well placed to offer a dynamic and innovative learning environment now and into the future.
- Whole language based learning combined with phonetic based learning ensures that Literacy in the Early Years is targeted.
- Mount Carmel is committed to the Middle Years of learning as evidenced by the implementation of specialised programs for students in Years 5 through to Year 8.
- Partnerships with St Francis Xavier Florey, Merici Braddon and Trinity in Goulburn guarantee a seamless transition to senior studies.
- A wide ranging extra-curricular program provides ample opportunities for students to be enriched, accelerated and extended.
- Mount Carmel is an inclusive school dedicated to meeting the educational needs of all students.
- A vibrant and active Parent and Friends Association enhances and strengthens community links and school partnerships.
- Mount Carmel is a Catholic school and has strong links with St Augustine's Parish, Yass.

Plenty to be proud of, on and off the field

It's not everyday a school can boast that one of their Year 12 students competed on the world stage at the Commonwealth Games.

However, this is exactly what Daramalan can lay claim to with 2006 Year 12 student Lauren Boden competing in the 400 metre hurdles at Melbourne last year.

Lauren is just of the many success stories from Daramalan College in Dickson.

Founded back in 1962 by the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart (MSC) and with an initial enrolment of just 248 boys along with seven priests and brothers and two lay teachers, Daramalan has today grown into the largest single campus non-government secondary school in the ACT.

Becoming co-educational in Year 11 and 12 in 1977, Daramalan has always provided the care and opportunities in support of each student's chosen path.

The class of 2006 was no exception. Three students, Sam Langbridge, Simon Wookey and Dayne Schmidt have gained entry into the Australian Defence Force Academy with only 320 chosen Australia wide.

In November 2006, Year 12 student Elissa Brunato was voted Canberra's "ACT Vocational Student of the Year" at a glittering awards ceremony at the Convention Centre and went on to win further Australian Vocational Student prizes along with another Daramalan Year 12 student Lauren Carnevale.

Ex-student Laura Hilly from the class of 2001 last year completed her double degree at the ANU and took out the University Medal for Law.

Two other ex-students are presently completing studies at Oxford University, Nicholas Farrelly (1999) as a Rhodes scholar and Marc Schubert (2005) as an undergraduate.

Current students are shining as

well with a Year 10 boy selected for the under 17 Australian Baseball nationals and a Year 11 student being chosen as one of only two Australian juniors to be

selected for trial with premier Italian soccer club Inter/Milan.

Not to be outdone by these sporting achievements, the Science department has seen nine Daramalan students qualify for the finals of the Australian National Science Olympiads to be held later this year.

Two students recently shared third place out of a thousand candidates in the University of Sydney Gifted and Talented Discovery program.

Thirteen of our Year 9 & 10 students have been invited to attend the program later in the year.


All the students and staff of Daramalan are proud to be associated with these success stories.

As Principal David Garratt says, "The College puts a high priority on providing flexible and affirming learning environments that support all our students."

"We encourage our staff to adopt a variety of teaching strategies to develop each child as an autonomous learner".

He went on to say that, "Daramalan recognises that committed and skilled teachers are essential in achieving our educational goals and by proclaiming the MSC vision, values, traditions and spirituality as the foundation for all that we do, we live out this ethos in our teaching and our students".





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Sport and excursions play a pivotal role in keeping a sound balance of "work and play".

Trinity Catholic College Goulburn is a co-educational Boarding and Day school, set across two campuses. Approximately 400 students are enrolled at each campus; Years 7, 8 & 9 attend school on the Junior Campus, just on the western outskirts of the city, and Years 10, 11 & 12 study at the Senior Campus in town. Now into our 8th year as Trinity, the opportunity of a Catholic Education is enjoyed by families from near and far. Extra-curricular activities such as debating, cadets and the Duke of Edinburgh Scheme, allow girls and boys to extend their interests beyond the classroom, and many choose to represent their College in a variety of sports. We know that Trinity students really have a sense of belonging; parents and students alike show their pride in being part of a busy school community where teachers go "that extra mile". For further information and Prospectus, contact Pamela Turner 02 4822 2544 or email pturner@trinity.catholic.edu.au



Suzannah Lace, 2006 Dux, is pictured with Principal, Joe Steyns, after she received the Premier's Award at Darling Harbour earlier this year. The Premier's Award is presented to HSC students who achieve over 90% in at least 10 units of study. This is the third successive year that a Trinity student has received a Premier's Award; David McLaren (2004) and Amy Campton-Smith (2005) were previous recipients.



The entrance to the Chapel, on the Junior Campus, where students can choose to attend Mass each Wednesday lunchtime at school, and where Boarding staff and students meet after dinner, Monday to Thursday, for short prayer time, and Boarding-specific discussion.



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Situated on a large campus in the Woden Valley, Marist enjoys a reputation as one of the city's leading educational institutions.

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enquiries please call
6298 7200**

K-12 Catholic Education on the coast



St Mary's Primary School

Our Vision

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

Our Learning Community

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

Catholic Life and Mission

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

Parents and other community members are always welcome at the school and the opportunities for active participation are many. They are encouraged to join the P&F Association, School Board, Canteen,



Working Bees, Fundraising activities, assist in classroom activities for reading, writing, Maths, Visual Arts, Computer and sports. Through this cooperation, a positive and busy working atmosphere is created for the children to grow and learn.

Key dates to remember

14 May - 1 June 2008 Enrolment Period.
Thursday 24 May Open day.
30 October 2008
Kinder Parent Information Evening.
Kinder Orientation Sessions 1/11, 8/11,
15/11 and 22/11.

Contact Details

Enrolment enquiries
Jacqueline Heffernan, Principal 4474 2817
office@stmarysm.cg.catholic.edu.au

Enrichment Program

Students are involved in debating, public speaking and chess experiences within the school and with other schools in our district. Competitions: The University competitions in English, Maths, Science and Computing. Throughout the year students are also provided with information and opportunities to enter a range of Australia wide competitions, for example the Dorothea McKellar Poetry Competition and the Nestle Writing Competition. French lessons are also offered from K-6.



St Bernard's School BATEMANS BAY

"That All May Be One"

St. Bernard's School...

Is a vibrant Christian community where children are nurtured and valued.

Is a place where co-operative skills are taught and practised.

Focuses on educating the whole child.

Is staffed by highly motivated professionals, dedicated to implementing best educational practice.

Offers excellent facilities which give students access to up to date resources and technology.

Encourages and appreciates parent participation.

St Bernard's School will also do its best to ensure that...

The children understand that God is central to their lives.

The children have a developing sense of who they are and who they might become.

They have a positive self image and will realise that they can make a difference.

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

They are able to make healthy lifestyle choices.

The children are able to cope effectively with change and see themselves as part of our dynamic and changing world.

They are encouraged to take responsibility for their own actions and decisions.

The children are encouraged to access, acquire and apply information.

Literacy, numeracy, problem solving, and critical thinking skills are developed.

These skills are used to assess information, make decisions and solve problems.

For enrolment enquiries please contact
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St Bernard's School
David St, Batehaven NSW 2536
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web
www.stbernards.cg.catholic.edu.au



Carroll College is a welcoming, dynamic, vibrant, faith community which offers quality teaching and learning based on Catholic values. The College focus is on personal excellence. This was evident in the strong HSC results last year and the continuation of our innovative Targeted Literacy Program (TLP) in Years 7 and 8 this year. The TLP program operates within a middle school model with the aim of accelerating literacy development and increasing the work ethic and engagement levels of students. The program enjoyed considerable success in its first year with major improvement in student literacy levels across the board.

Carroll College provides comprehensive curriculum choices allowing opportunities for students to excel in both academic and vocational education pathways. Students in

Years 11 and 12 can choose from an extensive range of subjects, including five VET subjects – Information Technology, Business Services, Sports Coaching, Hospitality and Construction. The College is committed to the expansion of Information and Communication Technologies. Students have access to both PC and Mac computer facilities and Interactive Whiteboards are used across the College.

A commercial kitchen and our 'Footprints' Restaurant, plus an expanded Industrial Technology Centre, have recently been added to the College's extensive facilities. The stainless steel, commercial kitchen and restaurant allow students to experience a commercial environment while learning key skills with which to succeed in the Hospitality industry.

Creative Arts are a feature of the College. Students can participate in Music, Drama and Visual Arts in both the formal and informal curriculum. Students are encouraged to participate in College and community cultural and musical activities. Carroll College offers a variety of sporting and extra-curricular activities.

We have a philosophy of participation, fairness and



praise. Carroll College teams compete with success in sports ranging from tennis, golf, surfing, swimming, rugby league, touch football and cricket. Carroll College students are also renowned for their skills in public speaking and debating.

The College has a strong commitment to social justice. The College operates a strong St Vincent de Paul group and students are involved in a variety of fundraising initiatives each year, including Project Compassion, Caritas and Shave for a Cure. Over \$5500 was raised at this year's Shave for a Cure fundraiser.

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

CARROLL COLLEGE



A Catholic co-educational regional College

"Learning for Life"



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

"LEARNING FOR LIFE"- a commitment to learning and to the celebration of students and their future.

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Assistant Principal Admin: Mr Steve Bath
Assistant Principal Pastoral Care: Mr Graeme Campbell
Principal's Secretary: Mrs Nadine Cooper

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Website: www.carrollcollege.nsw.edu.au
Enquiries welcome. Contact the Principal's Secretary for an Enrolment Package.





Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn
CATHOLIC EDUCATION OFFICE

CENTRAL SCHOOLS

Catholic Central Schools in the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn

Our archdiocese has six Catholic Central Schools:

- o St Patrick's Central, Cooma;
- o Sacred Heart Central, Cootamundra;
- o St Anne's Central, Temora;
- o McAuley Central, Tumut;
- o St Mary's War Memorial Central, West Wyalong;
- o Mt Carmel Central, Yass.

Our Central Schools all promote a very strong religious ethos that affirms the special gifts of the founding Religious Orders.

Central Schools cover the junior, middle and senior years of compulsory education – they go from Kindergarten to Year 10.

Because our classes are usually smaller, student learning needs are maximised.

The structure of Central Schools offers excellent opportunities for student leadership and peer support.

Pastoral care functions strongly in all Central Schools, where the senior students are able to inspire and nurture their younger school mates.

The benefits of an uninterrupted flow in education from Kindergarten to Year 10 are always apparent.

Transition problems are greatly reduced in Central Schools – the movement from junior to middle to senior years is very smooth.

Our School Certificate results consistently exceed the State average.



St Patrick's Parish School

Open Day Friday 8 June 2007

COOMA

A School With Altitude

Cnr Vale and Murray Sts
St Patrick's Parish School
PO Box 870 Cooma NSW 2630

Principal: Carolyn Jones

Office: 64521721

Fax: 64523974

Email: office@sps.cg.catholic.edu.au

Website: www.spc.cg.catholic.edu.au



Sacred Heart Central School

Enrolling NOW for 2008

COOTAMUNDRA

Celebrating excellence in education since 1850

'Sacred Heart Central School has a sense of pride in the community and this is expressed in the positive and collegial relationships between students, staff, parents and the Parish. A warm, calm, secure atmosphere pervades the day-to-day life of the school and is reflected in the friendly, happy students, professional staff and involved parents.'

Registration Panel Report, August 2005

The Parish and Parent Community of Sacred Heart continue to financially support the upgrade of our school facilities. Stage 1 Upgrade was completed in 2004 and Stage 2 (De La Salle Technology Building) is underway.

The P&F continue to improve playground facilities and our School Board is committed to its vision of ensuring Catholic education nurtures holism..'



St Anne's Central School

Open Day: Wednesday 2nd May

TEMORA

Offering:

- A caring Christian environment.
- An education based on Christian Values promoting respect and justice.
- Opportunities for students to develop to their full potential.

Be a part of this exciting new stage for St Anne's.

Applications for Enrolment are available from:

St Anne's Central School

DeBoos Street, Temora NSW 2666

Tel: 0269771011 Fax 0269774075

Email: dennis_sleigh@stannes.cg.catholic.edu.au

Enquiries to Dennis Sleigh – Principal

Applications to be in by 25th May 2007



McAuley Catholic Central School

Enrolling NOW Kindergarten - Year 10

TUMUT

McAuley Catholic Central School

Where students Believe
in themselves, Strive to do their best and
Achieve greatness.

Capper Street, Tumut NSW, 2720

Tel: 0269472000 Fax: 0269473771

Email: office@mcauley.cg.catholic.edu.au

Website: www.mcauley.cg.catholic.edu.au

Enrolment period 14th May to 1st June with Orientation



St Mary's War Memorial School

Enrolling NOW for 2008

WEST WYALONG

England St., West Wyalong NSW 2671

Phone: 02 6972 3003

Fax: 02 6972 3694

email: principal@smwms.cg.catholic.edu.au

Website: www.smwms.cg.catholic.edu.au

St Mary's is a Catholic community which values the uniqueness of each person and offers excellence in education and Christian values across K-10.

'Plant the Seed, Nurture the Growth, Celebrate the Harvest'



Mt Carmel Central School

Enrolling NOW for 2008

YASS

- Mount Carmel Open Day – Wednesday May 23rd – 9.30am – 12.30pm & 4.00 – 5.30pm
- Kindergarten to Year 10 Information Night Wednesday May 23rd 7.00pm

- Year 6 to Year 7 Information Night – Wednesday May 30th 7.00pm
- Year 8 to Year 9 Information Night – Wednesday June 6th 7.00pm



Merici MERICI College

Wise Street Braddon

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principal.merici@merici.cg.catholic.edu.au

Excellence in Years 7 to 12 Catholic Girls' Education

Merici College challenges students to:

*"Love life, have hope, be faithful and build futures
more wondrous than you dare to dream."*

MERICI OFFERS:

Merici offers:

- a caring, Catholic environment
- a rigorous academic program based on principles of powerful learning
- an optional laptop program
- comprehensive computer skills training for all Year 7 students
- Information and Communications Technology skills across the curriculum
- excellent Year 12 results
- innovative Pastoral Care structure, supporting students' individual needs
- diverse sporting, cultural and social activities
- extensive induction into senior college, including a Year 11 Conference
- excellent foreign language programs: French, German, Japanese and Italian.
- a diverse, successful vocational program
- individual care and attention for your daughter

Visit our website at:

www.merici.cg.catholic.edu.au



OPEN DAY: for all prospective students and their parents:
WEDNESDAY 9 MAY 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.
come and see the College in action!

SENIOR INFORMATION EVENING for YEAR 11
Students in 2008:
MONDAY 14 MAY 7:00 p.m.

JUNIOR INFORMATION EVENING for YEAR 7
Students in 2008: WEDNESDAY 16 MAY 7:00 p.m.

At Merici College in 2007 the commitment to providing quality Catholic education to girls is evident in its dedication to ongoing improvement with both the educational climate and the pastoral care program evolving in challenging and exciting ways.

The Merici Powerful Learning Principles and the new ACT Curriculum Framework "Every Chance to Learn"

The cutting edge work that Merici has done in the past few years in developing and implementing the Merici Powerful Learning Principles has equipped the college well to meet the challenges of the new ACT Framework which calls for a renewal of the quality of teaching and learning to maximise the achievement of all students.

All benefit from the college's technology rich environment, with its unique optional laptop program in Year 7, 8 and 9 and flexible access to technology for all students through well equipped labs, laptop trolleys and flexible classroom teaching spaces, providing an interactive educational experience which is enriching and engaging.

Building futures...

In 2007 a significant building project will see the enlargement and complete refurbishment of the library, bringing the physical space in line with the school wide changes that the college's Powerful Learning Principles have brought to teaching and learning. It will also create a much bigger and greatly enhanced space for senior students and their study needs.

"Act Justly"

The whole school theme for 2007, "Act Justly", focuses on developing right relationships in everyday lives as well as reaching out beyond self for the good of the immediate community and to those in need in the wider community.



Students acting justly in 2007



Increasingly over the last few years, senior student leaders have undertaken initiatives working in very practical ways with younger students on the annual theme and to enhance both the formal and informal pastoral care program of the College.

This year, college leaders have already worked most successfully with students in areas as diverse as reflecting on what a "just" college looks like, in raising money for charity and in leading students in preparing for the 2007 Opening Mass.

Technology Enhancing Learning

Merici's unique laptop computer program continues to be an exciting feature of the curriculum with dedicated classes in Years 7, 8 and 9 with some laptop classes in Year 10. ICT is integrated throughout the school,



Proud to be Eddies' boys

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

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

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

Our students are proud to be Eddies boys. This pride in achievement translates into producing one's personal best whether it is in academic and/or co-curricular activities.

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

Over the last two years we have asked the boys to transfer the same preparation, dedication and desire

they have put into their sport into their studies.

We are attempting to build a culture where whatever a student's ability, if he achieves, we as the College community, want to recognise, respect and applaud his efforts.

We want each boy to feel proud of belonging to St Edmund's.

The expectation is the boys will display this pride in how they conduct themselves both within and outside the College. This pride is then transferred into simple expression such as how they wear their uniform and their personal grooming.

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

Our teachers are inspired by the example and charism of Blessed Edmund Rice and wish to pass onto the boys, service as a vocation for all.

The tangible ways in which this is done is through the fund raising activities, the Big Brother program, and the social Justice program; help

with St Vincent de Paul Society, Red Cross and night patrol.

We want our boys to benefit by giving to others.

Our philosophy is that "the heart of education is education of the heart."

As a school community this year we have adopted a "restorative

justice" model for dealing with discipline and pastoral matters.

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

I very much look forward to

the challenges and growth of St Edmund's College.

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

- **Dr Christopher Hayes,**
Headmaster.



ST EDMUND'S COLLEGE CANBERRA

Canberra Avenue, MANUKA ACT 2603

An independent Catholic boys' school living the tradition of Edmund Rice,
educating boys from Year 4 to Year 12

*We aim to work with families to assist the boys to strive for their potential.
Our curriculum is aimed at meeting the needs of each student and to enable him to take
a positive place in society*



ENROLMENTS - 2008
14th May – 1st June 2007

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Website: www.stedmunds.act.edu.au

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Since 1954

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OPEN DAY

Saturday 5th May 2007

11.00am – 2.00pm

Headmaster's Address 11.30am

*This is an opportunity to hear more about our
College, meet teachers and senior students and
view our facilities.*

Providing opportunities for success

This year marks the 30th anniversary of Saint Francis Xavier College.

The College is a Years 7 to 12 coeducational Catholic college with an enrolment of 1170 students in 2007.

SFX, as it is often called, has a long tradition of meeting the needs of its students. It offers a strong academic program, a diverse range of electives and strong pastoral care.

At SFX there has been a deliberate and purposeful effort to engage students in the learning process. This is particularly evident in the focus on the three levels of school - Middle School (Years 7 & 8), High School (Years 9 & 10) and Senior School (Years 11 & 12).

Junior students report that there is an easy transition from Primary school and students in Years 9 and 10 feel that there has been a determined effort to keep them focussed through what are really the most challenging years in terms of student engagement.

The College is blessed in terms of facilities. Last year saw the opening of the new Middle School building, refurbished Food



and Fabric facilities and, towards the end of the year, all the classrooms in the main building were refurbished. In the new and refurbished buildings there has been an emphasis on providing up-to-date technology and an environment conducive to learning.

This has involved Smartboards and PCS in all Middle school classrooms and data projectors in all the Years 9 to 12 classrooms. PCs have been provided in break-out areas adjacent to classrooms. There has also been an emphasis on light, space and the flexible use of teaching and learning areas. The College is thrilled with the way that the students have responded to the new facilities - they have shown themselves worthy of the trust that was placed in them.

A quick look at some of what SFX offers:

- * Clubs: Strategic games; anime; radio-controlled cars; Kayaking.
- * Writers' workshops
- * Mentoring programs (Seniors with Junior students, staff with students)
- * The Challenge program for students in Year 9 and 10.



- * Study support program for Year 11 and AST preparation lessons in Year 12
- * Optional weekend retreats for students in Year 10 and 11
- * Australian School-Based Apprenticeships through VET & Careers Coordinator.
- * Student Leadership training and forums (this includes inviting distinguished citizens of Canberra in to speak to the stu-

dents).

Saint Francis Xavier College is an exciting place to be. This year its religious theme is "Building People of Hope".

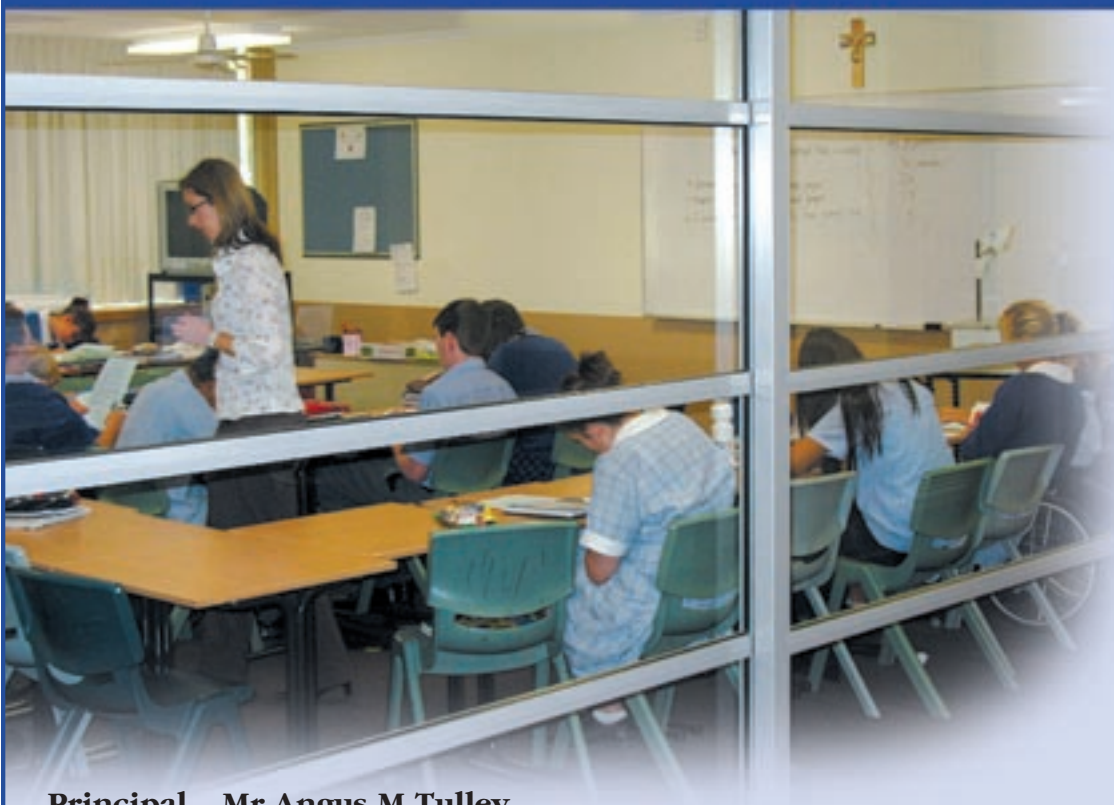
The College strives to be people who see the glass as half full, not half empty. It is also a place where everyone in the community is encouraged to learn, to grow and to work towards a brighter future.



St Francis Xavier College

providing quality Catholic education for students in Years 7 - 12

YEAR 7 & 11 2008 INFORMATION EVENINGS



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

Year 7 2008

Wednesday 23 May 2007

6.00pm – 9.30pm

7.30pm Formal Information Session

There will be displays and tours throughout the evening and opportunities to speak with staff and current students.

Year 11 2008

Wednesday 16 May 2007

7.30pm

Principal – Mr Angus M Tulley
Barnard Circuit, FLOREY ACT 2615

Phone: (02) 6258 1055 Email: schooloffice@sfx.act.edu.au

www.sfx.act.edu.au

Dynamic college that promotes achievement

St Clare's College is a Catholic community committed to the holistic education of girls from Year 7 to Year 12.

It is a supportive, dynamic environment that promotes high achievement and values the uniqueness of each individual. The College is an inclusive and nurturing Spirited Learning Community.

The College has undertaken several building projects recently to upgrade its facilities. These upgrades have included the opening of new dance, drama, visual art, design and music rooms.

There have also been four new

For more information visit the College website :
www.stclaresc.act.edu.au

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IT labs opened since 2005 to accommodate the increased use of information technology in the curriculum.

Apart from offering students modern facilities, the College values its diverse curriculum and aims to provide for the learning of all students.

Students are encouraged to become active learners and to take increasing responsibility for their own learning. Students are provided extensive opportunities to engage in to encourage

them to reach their potential.

The formal curriculum is complemented by a diverse range of programs which allow students to experience learning in a variety of settings through excursions, guest speakers, use of ICT, participating in competitions and research opportunities.

An active leadership program including the College Leaders, House Captains and Student Representative Council members for Years 7 through 12 provide many opportunities for leadership training.

Enthusiastic participation in House events, sport and extra-curricular activities including the Arts, Science, music, debating and the Duke of Edinburgh program makes St Clare's College a vibrant community.

Through the House Charities, St Clare's College has built strong links with many community organisations such as Marymead, Caritas, Catholic Missions and St Vincent de Paul. There is a strong ethos of social justice in the College.



St Clare's College

Seek Wisdom

A Spirited Learning Community | McMillan Crescent, Griffith ACT

ENROLMENT SCHEDULE FOR 2008

INFORMATION EVENINGS:

Year 7, 2008 7 May 2007 6.00-7.00pm

Year 11, 2008 15 May 7.30-9.00pm

OPEN EVENING:

10 May 2007 4.30-7.00pm

*a Catholic school
for girls
in Years 7 to 12*



A rich experience of education

MacKillop Catholic College, situated in the Tuggeranong Valley, is a Catholic co-educational school catering for students in Years 7-12.

The College is located on two campuses - the Wanniasa campus for Year 7-9 and the Isabella campus for Year 10-12.

The College, which is now in its tenth year, offers a comprehensive formal curriculum as well as rich opportunities for extra-curricula participation by students.

The College has structured the Year 7 transition to high school so it occurs as seamlessly as possible.

Students are placed in House groups and there is an integrated approach to the Humanities which reduces the number of subjects and teachers the students have in their first year of high school.

In Years 11-12 the College supports students taking a range of pathways including school-based traineeships and apprenticeships and participation in the ANU College extension studies in Mathematics, Physics and Chemistry.

An Academic Care programme is pro-

vided for all students in Year 11 to help them adjust to the demands of senior studies.

Religious Education is a compulsory subject for all students in the College.


Some of the highlights of the College year are when the staff and students from both campuses come together for the Opening Mass and the MacKillop Feast Day Mass as well as for major sports carnivals.

There are regular celebrations of the Eucharist open to all staff and students on both campuses throughout the term and students in Years 11 and 12 undertake a Retreat each year as part of their senior school experience.

A wide range of sporting, cultural and academic enrichment opportunities including a camp in Year 7, the College musical and

after-school tutorials are available as part of the rich educational experience that MacKillop Catholic College offers its students.



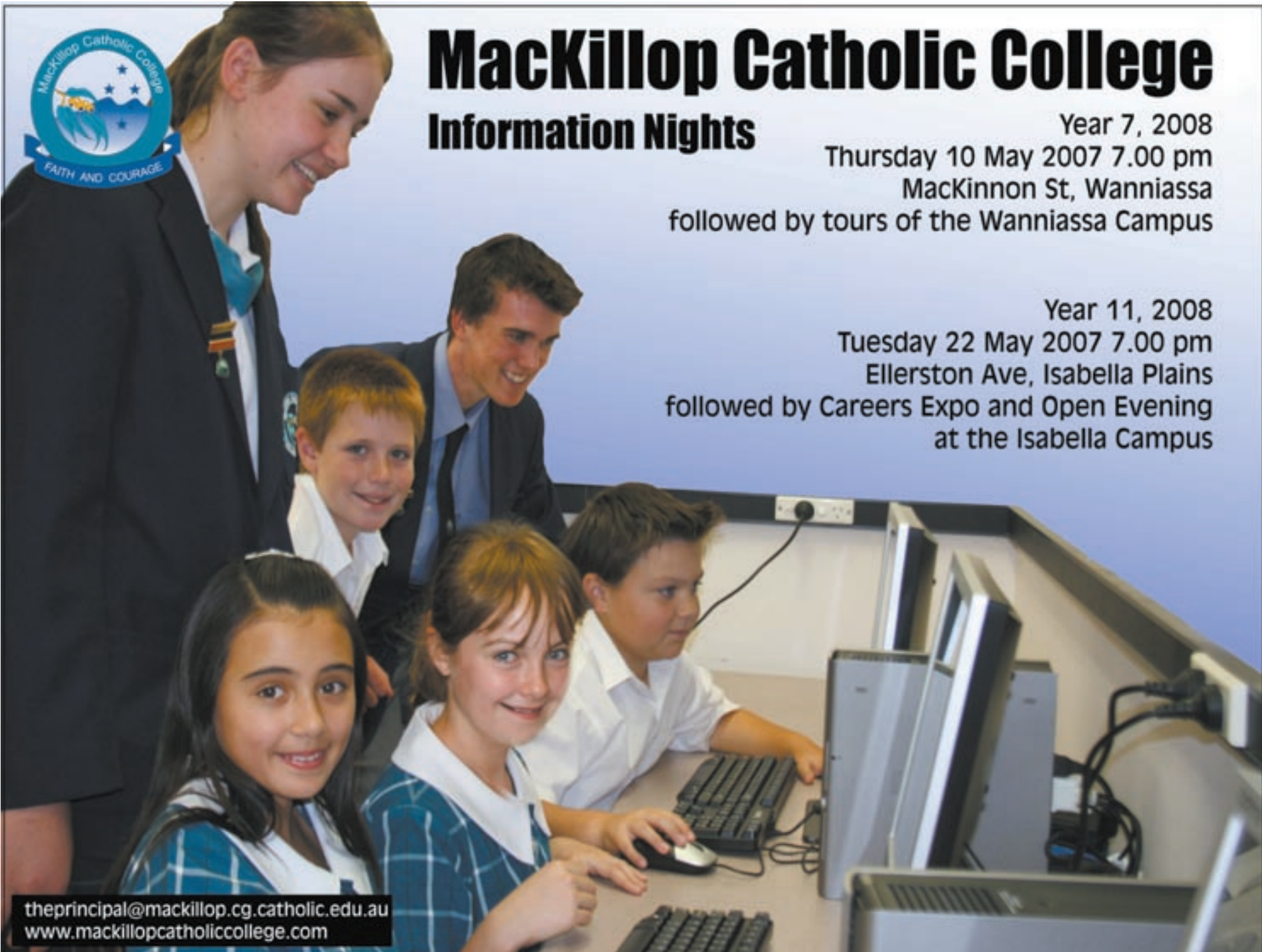


MacKillop Catholic College

Information Nights

Year 7, 2008
Thursday 10 May 2007 7.00 pm
MacKinnon St, Wanniasa
followed by tours of the Wanniasa Campus

Year 11, 2008
Tuesday 22 May 2007 7.00 pm
Ellerston Ave, Isabella Plains
followed by Careers Expo and Open Evening
at the Isabella Campus



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CATHOLIC SECONDARY COLLEGES

Catholic schools are often in the news. This is a good thing, because we want people to know as much about us as possible. Sometimes what they hear is wrong, and we need to help them correct these impressions. That is why a supplement such as this is so important: it allows our schools to broadcast the wonderful things that are happening in Catholic education.

We also depend a lot on "word of mouth", and so I invite you to play a part in spreading the good news about our schools. We need people to "talk up" our schools, letting their friends and workmates know just what we offer. You can play a valuable part in this exercise.

I hope you enjoy what you learn in this supplement – it is a snap shot of a very lively school system. Please feel free to learn even more by visiting the schools in our area.

Moira Najdecki
Director.



ACT Secondary Colleges

BRADDON Merici College
(girls only) 6243 4100
DICKSON Daramalan College
(co-educational) 6245 6300
FLOREY St Francis Xavier College
(co-educational) 6258 1055
GRIFFITH St Clare's College
(girls only) 6260 9400
MANUKA St Edmund's College
(boys only) 6239 0621

PEARCE Marist College Canberra
(boys only) 6286 7200
TUGGERANONG MacKillop College
(Isabella Plains Campus)
(co-educational) 6209 0100
TUGGERANONG MacKillop College
(Wanniassa Campus)
(co-educational) 6209 0100

NSW Secondary Colleges & Central Schools (Yrs K-10)

BROULEE Carroll College
(co-educational) 4471 5600
COOMA St Patrick's Parish School
(co-educational) 6452 1721
COOTAMUNDRA Sacred Heart
Central School
(co-educational) 6942 2612
GOULBURN Trinity Catholic College
(co-educational) 4822 2544
PAMBULA BEACH Lumen Christi Catholic
College (co-educational) 6495 8888

TEMORA St Annes's
6977 1011
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background on videos, dvds and books

Tracing rise of Christianity

A number of videos, music CD's, and books with an Easter theme are available for loan from the CEO Library.

DVDs

Christianity: The First Thousand Years. (The History Channel Series, 200 min, ages 12- adult).

From the Crucifixion to the coming of the Crusades.

Narrated by Ossie Davis, this series traces the rise of Christianity as one of the world's great religions.

Scholars explore the fate of the Roman Empire and the faith it first persecuted, then adopted.

Theologians analyse the writing of the New Testament. On location filming supports the commentary.

Christianity: the Second Thousand Years. (The History Channel Series, 186 min, ages 12-adult).

This second series of programs depicts the history of Christianity from the Crusades and the Reformation to the sweeping changes of Vatican II.

The Messiah Comes! (Animated stories from the New

Testament series, 30 min, ages 5-11).

Using quality animation, this video shows the disciples of Jesus coming to terms with him as messiah.

Easter in Art (66 min, ages 14-adult).

Presented in three parts; the Betrayal, the Crucifixion and the Resurrection, this program looks at the Easter story as depicted by artists through the ages.

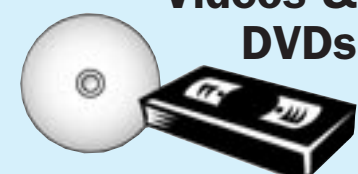
VHS VIDEOS

The Legend of the Three Trees (30 min, ages 5-11).

An animated retelling of the legend of the three trees who dreamed of greatness but were disappointed by their existence until they each played a role in the birth, ministry and passion of Jesus Christ.

The trees learn that God has a special purpose for each of us.

Videos & DVDs





The Passion and The Cross and Afterward (Vols. 9 & 10 In the Footsteps of Christ Series, notes,

30 min each video, ages 14 - adult).

The passion of Jesus from the Last Supper to his burial are covered in these quality British documentaries.

Modern scenes of Jerusalem are accompanied by narration of the story of Jesus' passion.

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

Using excerpts from the Visual Bible of Matthew, this video presents key parts of the last days and passion of Christ.

Lanelle Harris, in between video excerpts, provides a commentary and personal reflections on the story. A musical reflection concludes the video.

SOUND RECORDINGS

Oliveira, Plinio. (2001). The Way of the Cross. (CD and booklet). The Australian TFP Centre. (Ages 16-adult).

This sound record-

ing provides a meditation and commentary on the Stations of the Cross.

The accompanying booklet includes the script of the sound recording.

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Playing in prayer

Prayers and Plays for Christmas and Holy Week. Elizabeth J Smith. Broughton Publishing 2007. PB 103pp, rrp \$39.95. Reviewer: Margaret Ryan.


If you've ever considered using scripted plays or monologue reflections based on the scriptures, this book could be worth a look.

The first part, "He must've been a beautify baby" is an eight episode play about Christmas.

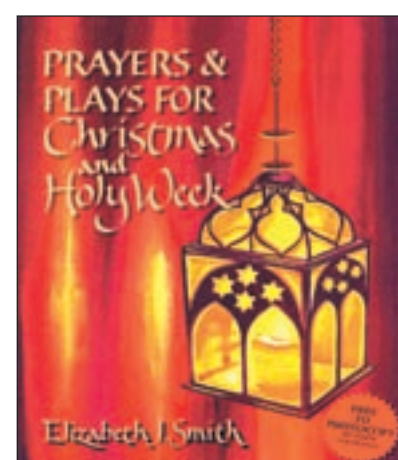
It is an imaginative (loosely based on relevant New Testament passages), colloquial account of how Joseph, the shepherds, innkeeper, midwife, neighbours, travellers and the wise men tell of their involvement in the Christmas story.

It is a light-hearted and traditional interpretation that would be suitable for young people around 10 to 15 years.

The homely and ordinary life events are permeated by the presence of the extraordinary. Each episode finishes with a song - new words



Books



to an established Christmas tune.

The second part, "The Way of the Cross" is suitable for those 16 years and older. The style is rather like reflections on the Stations of the Cross.

These personal reflections are short monologues, built around relevant gospel sections that we commemorate in Holy Week.

The four sections are structured so that readers obtain a sense of the integrity of each gospel.

These reflections are more sophisticated in structure, style and content and could provide some insightful, private and/or communal reflection on the events leading to Easter.

The reflections conclude with a short prayer, an antiphon or sometimes new words to accompany a well known chant.

Dr Elizabeth Smith is a Melbourne Anglican priest and hymn writer.

The book includes free photocopying of 50 copies for use in parish, church or school.



As we near the pinnacle celebrations of our faith in the death and resurrection of Jesus and the gift it contains for all, I was also reminded of the essential importance of mission in the words of Donald Miller when he wrote, "Without flame, no fire; without mission, no Church!"

Mission involves all who believe in Jesus and is all about firstly receiving and passing on what we have received in Christ - the message of Easter, of life, the Good News. A message whose expression does not immediately call each of us to words but a way of life considering and responsive to others needs.

Recently I caught up with the General Secretary of Children's Mission, Fr Patrick Byrne SVD who visited Canberra 3 years ago. Fr Byrne spoke of the great challenges of caring for children with Aids or whose lives and families have been affected by this illness. Their need is great with the medicines requiring to be taken with food to be effective. He spoke of the struggle encouraging support for these children and his determination in ensuring monies received reached those in need.

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Cute and fun maybe, but not dazzling

Mr Jonathon (Miller) runs a suburban dance school with a difference.

He only produces routines that drive home a social or political message.

His young protégés have to immerse themselves in choreographies about starvation, people dying of AIDS and the nuclear holocaust. Miss Elizabeth (Hall), on the other hand, runs a very traditional ballet academy where the closest the children come to getting down and dirty is a demi plie.

Miss Elizabeth has won the Sanosafe Troupe Spectacular several times.

But with the determination of a young dancer Tenille (Shayni Notelovitz) and her overbearing

Razzle Dazzle: A Journey into Dance.

Starring Kerry Armstrong, Jane Hall, Ben Miller, Toni Lamond and Nadine Garner. Directed by Darren Ashton. PG. 95 mins. Reviewer: Fr Richard Leonard SJ*.

stage mum, Justine (Armstrong), this year might be a triumph for the socially inept dancing the politically correct.

Razzle Dazzle: A Journey into Dance is a classic ocker comedy.

It lifts the lid on a particular slice of Australian suburbia, and deliciously mocks it.

Reminiscent of Strictly Ballroom, this film parodies the pushy parent, children's recreation

out of control, competition as everything, and middle class sensibilities.

The children in this film are very talented, and there are some hilarious moments on the screen.

But the overall impression is not as great as its parts. In fact I found Razzle Dazzle an unsettling film for two reasons.

Many of the children we get to know come out of complex backgrounds - homosexual parents, rejected foster placements, serious body image issues or abusive mothers.

It is hard to simply laugh off some of this stuff.

Secondly, in the name of advocating for multiculturalism, one of Mr Jonathan's ballets highlights

the violent oppression of Afghani women by their men.

In the choreography the symbol of their emancipation is when these Islamic women discard the burkha and jive around as western women.

Such an idea might play to the gallery, but does not help anyone name the nature of gender politics, and let us not pretend that multiculturalism is truly expressed by everyone looking like us.

Razzle Dazzle is cute and fun, but is certainly not the "spectacular comedy" the creators would have us believe.

* Fr Richard Leonard SJ is the director of the Australian Catholic Office for Film & Broadcasting.

It's not easy turning 13 ...

Bar mitzvahs are often used in movies to identity the Jewish affiliation of a film's main character, as in the case of Peter Finch attending his nephew's bar mitzvah in Sunday Bloody Sunday, or Noah Taylor as the young David Helfgott in Shine.

Taking place in the synagogue and later celebrated with a party, the ceremony has a profound meaning morally and spiritually, and marks the entry of all boys and girls, into full adult membership of the Jewish community when they turn 13.

English director Paul Weiland focuses on the significance of bar mitzvahs in the lives of young boys and their families in Sixty Six, which is an appealing, well-acted film that recreates with great humour and poignancy aspects of the director's own bar mitzvah in London in 1966.

Long overshadowed by his brother Alvie (Ben Newton), Bernie Rubens (Gregg Sulkin) is eagerly awaiting the day of his bar mitzvah, where, like every Jewish boy before him in working class Palmers Green, he will be the centre of attention, perform magnificently in the synagogue, be the focal point at a sumptuous feast for at least 200 guests, and receive armloads of presents.

However, as bar mitzvah classes begin under the tutelage of blind Rabbi Linov (Richard Katz), Bernie begin to suspect that events are conspiring against him. His morose, chronically anxious father Manny (Eddie Marsan) is more doom-laden than usual, with news that a glittering, American-style supermarket is about to open next door to the modest grocer's shop he has been running for years with his more person-

Sixty Six.
Starring Greg Sulkin, Eddie Marsan and Helena Bonham Carter. Directed by: Paul Weiland. 93 mins. M. Reviewer: Jan Epstein*.



Bernie Reuben (Gregg Sulkin) wonders if events - and the England football team - are conspiring against him. Copyright: © 2006 Universal Studios.

able brother, Jimmy (Peter Serafinowicz). Despite his plans for a mega-event, Bernie reluctantly agrees to downsize when the family's tenuous financial situation is explained to him by his distracted, but sympathetic mother, Esther (Helena Bonham Carter).

But as disaster follows disaster - part of the house is demolished by fire, Manny is forced to work for Jimmy in a shoestore, and England looks set for a berth in the World Cup final, due to be played on the same day as his bar mitzvah - Bernie works overtime to keep his hopes alive.

There are times when Sixty Six is farce bordering on tragedy, as Weiland lays bare the vast gulf separating Bernie from his father. Manny, a good

man who captured a beautiful wife through his ability to dance, is also crippled by a fear of life.

Unlike his stupid but confident brother Alvie, Bernie fears that he is like his father, although he knows he is not. But all these things Bernie can cope with. What he will not forgive or forget is the betrayal of the England team, against whom he prays, rails, and weaves spells, on the off-chance that catastrophe can be averted, and he will have his day. Sixty-Six is an modest, well-made personal memoir that is as enjoyable as it is illuminating.

* Mrs Jan Epstein is an associate of the Australian Catholic Office for Film & Broadcasting.

THIS MONTH'S MOVIES

Razzle Dazzle: A Journey into Dance: Unsettling. PG.

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Praying when we don't feel like it

Most of us find it difficult to pray. We want to pray, make resolutions to pray, but never quite get around to actually praying. Why?

It's not so much that we are insincere, ill-motivated, or lazy, it's just that invariably we are too tired, too distracted, too restless, too emotionally preoccupied, too angry, too busy, or feel ourselves too distant from God to feel that we can actually pray. We have too many headaches and too many heartaches. And so we come home after a long day and simply can't work up the energy to pray and instead call a friend, watch television, rest, putter round the house, or do anything to soothe our tiredness and wind down from the pressures of life, except pray.

How can we pray when both our bodies and our hearts are chronically stressed and on overload?

By understanding what prayer really is. Prayer, as one of its oldest definitions puts it, is "lifting mind and heart to God." That sounds simple but it is hard to do.

Why? Because we have the wrong notion of what that means. We unconsciously nurse the idea that we can only pray when we are not distracted, not bored, not angry, not emotionally and sexually preoccupied, and not caught up in our many heartaches and headaches so that we can give proper attention to God in a reverent and loving way. God then is like a parent who only wants to see us on our best behavior and we only go into his presence when we have nothing to hide, are joy-filled, and can give him praise and honour.

Because we don't understand what prayer is, we treat God as an authority fig-

ure or a visiting dignitary, namely, as someone to whom we don't tell the real truth. We don't tell him what is really going on in our lives but what should, ideally, be going on in them. We tell God what we think he wants to hear.

Because of this we find it difficult to pray with any regularity. What happens is this: We go to pray, privately or in church, and we enter into that feeling tired, bored, preoccupied, perhaps even angry at someone. We come to prayer carrying heartaches and headaches of all kinds and we try to bracket what we are actually feeling and instead crank up praise, reverence, and gratitude to God.

Ron Rolheiser

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



Of course it doesn't work! Our hearts and heads (because they are preoccupied with something else, our real issues) grow distracted and we get the sense that what we are doing - trying to pray - is not something we

can do right now and we leave it.

But the problem is not that our prayer is unreal or that the moment isn't right. The problem is that we are not "lifting mind and heart to God." We are trying to lift thoughts and feelings to God which are not our own. We aren't praying out of our own hearts and own heads.

If we take seriously that prayer is "lifting mind and heart to God" then every feeling and every thought we have is a

valid and apt entry into prayer, no matter how irreverence, unholy, selfish, sexual, or angry that thought or feeling might seem. Simply put, if you go to pray and you are feeling bored, pray boredom; if you are feeling angry, pray anger; if you are sexually preoccupied, pray that preoccupation; if you are feeling murderous, pray murder; and if you are feeling full of fervour and want to praise and thank God, pray fervour. Every thought or feeling is a valid entry into prayer. What's important is that we pray what's inside of us and not what we think God would like to see inside of us.

That's why the Psalms are so apt for prayer and why the Church has chosen them as the basis for so much of its liturgical prayer. They run the whole gamut of feeling, from praising God with our every breath to wishing to bash our enemies' heads against a stone. From praise to murder - with everything in between! That is indeed the range of our thoughts and feelings. The Psalms are a keyboard upon which we can play every song of our lives - and our songs aren't always all happy or pious. The Psalms give us an apt language to help us raise mind and heart to God.

What's so unfortunate is that, most often, because we misunderstand prayer, we stay away from it just when we most need it. We only try to pray when we feel good, centred, reverent, and worthy of praying. But we don't try to pray when we most need it, when we are feeling bad, irreverent, sinful, emotionally and sexually preoccupied, and unworthy of praying. But all of these feelings can be our entry into prayer. No matter the headache or the heartache, we only need to lift it up to God.

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When we stand up for someone's rights, the world is a fairer place. When we choose right instead of wrong we are changing the world and making it a better place.
During this Lent we have been practising making the world a better place. Now we can continue our efforts every day of the year. Remember, together we can make a difference.
God bless,
Sue



LEFT: Happy Easter to all of our readers from Rillee Beath, aged 9, of St Francis of Assisi School, Calwell.

BELOW: What a great message from Sophie Hickman, aged 7, of St Joseph's Primary School, Eden. God does love all of us!
BOTTOM: Jenessa O'Connell, aged 9, of St Francis of Assisi School, Calwell, knows all about the 150th birthday of the Good Samaritan Sisters.

Don't forget to send us your pictures and poems, children.

BELOW: Jesus is risen indeed... Caroline Hendy, aged 10, of St Gregory's Primary School, Queanbeyan, drew this beautiful picture.



ABOVE: God made volcanoes, says Claire Bourne, aged 6, of St Jude's Primary School, Holder.



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Prayer

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Choir's Easter program

The program for St Caecilia's Choir in April is:

Sacred Triduum - Thursday, 5 April: Maundy Thursday: Sung Liturgy 7pm. Friday, 6 April: Good Friday: Sung Liturgy 3pm. Saturday, 7 April: Easter Vigil: Sung Liturgy 8pm. Sunday, 8 April, Easter Sunday: Propers of the Day. Ordinary Missa Aeterna Christi Munera (Palestrina). Mote Haec Dies (Palestrina). Processional At The Lamb's High Feast. Recessional The Day of Resurrection.

Sunday, 15 April, Low Sunday. Propers of the Day. Ordinary Chant Mass: Missa Lux Et Origo. Motet Regina Caeli (Aichinger). Processional At The Lamb's High Feast We Sing. Recessional Jesus Christ is Risen Today. The choir is in recess on Sunday, 22 April.

Monday, 23 April: Feast of St George. Sung Mass 7pm. Wednesday, 25 April: Anzac Day: Sung Requiem Mass 9am. Sunday, 29 April, 3rd Sunday after Easter. Propers of the Day. Ordinary Missa Lux et Origo (chant Mass). Motet Regina Caeli (Pedro de Cristo). Hymns Processional Praise to the Lord, Recessional: Jesus Christ is Risen Today.

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PRAYER IN THE CRYPT - Lectio Divina, a contemplative praying of Scriptures, 2.30pm-3.30pm each Thursday, in crypt of St Christopher's Cathedral. Inquiries: Parish Office, telephone 6295 9555 or e-mail stchris@velocitynet.com.au

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

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SOCIETY OF PATRICIANS - Talk and discussion on "Death Redefined? The Truth About Organ Donation, Resuscitation and Cremation in the Catholic Church", 3pm, Sunday, 15 April, St Joseph's Parish Hall, O'Connor. Refreshments provided. Inquiries: Rick Banfield, telephone 6251 0712.

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YOUNG ADULTS DISCUSSION GROUP - St Robert Bellarmine Young Adults' Theology and Philosophy Discussion Group, 7.30pm, 2 May at Rheinberger Centre, Yarralumla. Topic: The Theological Basis and Responsibilities of Baptism, with Fr Warrick Tonkin.

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Keep your shopping safe

The Internet offers many features that not all users utilise. One of these is shopping on the 'net.

A large percentage of regular users make frequent use of the Internet to buy a huge variety of items that they cannot buy in stores in their local city or in Australia.

Some users buy items that will take months before they are available (if ever) in Australia. Others use the Internet for the convenience it offers of not having to leave the comfort of their own homes.

No matter what the reason, shopping on the Internet has many advantages and some disadvantages.

Many people worry about shopping on the Internet and with good reason.

Reports abound of stories of people who have been ripped off by local and overseas merchants or have had their credit card details stolen as a result of online transactions.

There are some simple guidelines that can make your shopping experience safer.

These are: **1) Look for secure sites.** Secure sites use security encryption to ensure that your credit card details are scrambled; this means they are put into a complex code, so that if they are intercepted it will be difficult to discover your details. This is achieved through the use of SSL (128 bit) technology.

SSL, which stands for Secure Sockets Layer, is the system that encrypts the data you send to the store you are purchasing from.

The way to tell if an online store is secure is to look for a little yellow padlock that will appear on the bottom of your Internet browser screen. Ensure that the padlock is in the closed or locked position before proceeding.

2) Check terms and conditions. Reputable Internet stores should have a clearly marked section on the site that tells the consumer about its terms and conditions as well as its customer service policy.

This section should tell the consumer about such things as refunds, returns and damaged

Living with the net



Paul Jenkins

insites

Ron Rolheiser
www.ronrolheiser.com

The name of this Canadian Oblate priest is familiar to readers, as his column runs monthly in Catholic Voice. Fr Rolheiser's new website now brings together his excellent collection of essays in an attractively-packaged format. The website also links to his many books and AV resources. Throughout Lent, he was podcasting free daily Lenten reflections via Oblate Media. (Courtesy CathNews).

goods. It is a good idea to print these out, so that if you have a problem you can contact the site more easily. If you are not happy with the terms or conditions on the site, do not buy from them.

3) Ask friends. It is a good idea to ask around to see if any of your friends have used a particular shopping site.

Positive and negative feedback are sometimes good indicators as to the reliability of a shopping site. Your friends may also be able to recommend other sites that they have been to.

4) Keep printed or written details of your transactions. Always write down or print out your transaction details including dates, phone numbers and mailing details.

Internet sites do close down for a variety of reasons and you may need to contact the owners of the website if something goes wrong with your purchase or you don't receive it.

5) Know your rights. Just like any other purchase you make from a regular shop, you have consumer rights, especially if you want to make a complaint. The Internet is no different.

The ACCC (www.accc.gov.au) offers useful advice for online shoppers.

Type in "online shopping" in the search for option at the top of the ACCC website to access this information.

Here are some websites to look at for further information about shopping more safely online:

1) BBB Online - Better Business Bureau (www.bbbonline.org/OnlineShopTips/);

2) Learn the Net: Ten Tips for Smart and Safe Shopping (www.learnthenet.com/english/html/91shptip.htm) and

3) Family Internet (<http://familyinternet.about.com/od/onlineshoppingsafety/a/onlineshopping.htm>).

Finally, Internet shopping can be great fun and can save you money, however no Internet transaction for shopping is 100 per cent guaranteed safe. If you are in doubt, do not proceed with your purchase.

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Joys and pains of Marymead's loving founders

Six of the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary Sisters who began Marymead Child and Family Centre in Canberra were among those who gathered for its 40th birthday celebrations.

More than 200 people, including many local politicians and community representatives gathered for the occasion, helped raise over \$10,000 towards Marymead's Brighter Beginnings Appeal. It will help fund a new wing for its expanding services in early intervention for vulnerable children. Archbishop Mark Coleridge cut the celebratory birthday cake.

In a speech, Sr Carmel Bennett, who had two stints at Marymead, talked of the "joys and pains that left an indelible imprint on my heart".

She paid tribute to the enormous contribution of the "wonderful ladies auxiliary" and the many lay staff and volunteers who worked with the sisters.

Eighty sisters passed through Marymead and "were tested and extended in ways we never dreamed of but in line with our life options. We were true to our missionary vocation, we responded, got the dream going, got trained people on board, and finally gave it over to a willing and wonderful Archdiocese - our missionary task done."

Sr Carmel remembered one job she had as school bus driver. "I spent weeks taking a little girl to and from the pre-school. She was thoroughly traumatised and never spoke. I think it was after about six weeks, when I dropped her home one day, she said 'Bye'. I felt like I had won Lotto - I smiled for a week."

The order's provincial in 1962 Mother Chrysanthine had seen Canberra in a time of dramatic growth with a developing multi-cultural population. She was attracted by the contrast of beauty and



Rose and Carmen Camelleri meet up with Sr Aileen Crowe who cared for the two sisters as their housemother in the late 1960s. They had not been reunited since then.

power, with the poverty and vulnerability of people without solid roots. She wanted the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary to respond to the latter.

Archbishop O'Brien at first refused her request to send sisters to the Archdiocese because he had "too many nuns" but persistence won the day. In 1962 he said the sisters could come if they provided "two graduate teachers for the new Catholic girls high school at Griffith". Six sisters moved to Canberra "all living a life of Franciscan simplicity with overwhelming support from the people around them", Sr Carmel said.

In collaboration with the St Vincent de Paul Society and the Knights of the Southern Cross they visited the then pre-fab section of Narrabundah and the Causeway. The sisters faced many requests and it became apparent that in this new city of transplanted young families the lack of extended family in crisis times could be devastating.

"Pressure was brought to bear on our community by the Catholic people as well as by the Child Welfare Department of Canberra to do something more constructive than just visiting the people. The Marymead dream began."

The sisters were given 11 acres of farm land in Goyder Street, Narrabundah. Mother Columcille's original plan was for a complex of cottages and services - essentially for crisis care for children of all races and religions. The first three children arrived on 3 January, 1967.

Sr Carmel said sisters who had worked at Marymead over the years talked of their memories of children responding to love and care, of their fears when children were in the middle of parents who were fighting and who sometimes came at night to threaten the house mothers, and sadness at the plight of those children who were caught in desperate life situations. They remembered the seven year old who got sponsorship and walked the whole Marymead walkathon, the families who came and stayed and eventually flourished, police coming in the night with traumatised children and the superior of the house getting up to bathe them and settle them gently to sleep.

"I remember coming to the front office one Sunday night surprised to find a seven-year-old boy sitting there who informed me, 'Mummy says I belong to you now'. This matter of fact response shattered me."

The sisters left Marymead because they "did not have sisters or the likelihood of any and that remains our situation".

Good Sam Sisters owed 'debt of gratitude'



A gathering of the Sisters on the steps of St Christopher's Cathedral after the celebration Mass.

The Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn owed a great debt of gratitude to the Good Samaritan Sisters, those gathered for 150th anniversary Mass were told.

An ex-student and Auxiliary Bishop Pat Power was speaking at the Mass celebrated in St Christopher's Cathedral.

Among those in the packed Cathedral were 36 Good Samaritan Sisters.

Bishop Power said the Good Samaritan Sisters were part of the establishment of the Parish of Canberra in 1928.

While the first parish priest, Patrick Haydon, was legendary, so too was Mother Dymphna whose name was inscribed under the altar in St Christopher's. Before that there were Good Samaritan foundations in Queanbeyan and Braidwood in 1879 and Moruya in 1883.

The extent of the charitable work done by the Sisters in Canberra was known to God alone, Bishop Power said.

"While Canberra is often seen as an affluent city, the Sisters were very much in solidarity with

their people in hard times. And even in the best of times, there are always many who are less than fortunate and struggle to survive.

"The Good Samaritans sought out such people often through the school and treated them with dignity, generosity and compassion.

"I remember in the late 1960s when I was chaplain to what is now St Clare's College, Sr Clare had a great heart for the girls from Causeway, bringing out the best in her pupils. The charism of the Good Samaritan Sisters was brilliantly lived out in her down-to-earth and faith-filled teaching life."

The educational opportunities offered by the Good Samaritan Sisters to the children of Queanbeyan, Braidwood and Moruya dated back to the 1880s.

It was no easy life for the Sisters in those pioneering days as they shared with their pupils and their families much of the hardship they were enduring.

The Sisters were an integral part of the life of the parishes and the towns and much loved by Catholics and non-Catholics alike.

For the past 80 years, the people of Canberra had similarly benefited from the dedication of the Good Samaritans.

Superior Sr Clare Condon said numerous Sisters had been involved in ministry in schools and colleges of the Archdiocese, lecturing at Australian Catholic University, the Australian Catholic Bishops' Conference, and bringing compassion to those in need through faith and light.



Sr Suzanne Hallams with Sarah Zeller, Ana Moran and Zoe Baldwin.

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