

Happy workers are willing and able

Businesses in the ACT have something to cheer about because there's a new work team available, who have been labelled the most loyal and happy workers you can get.

"Shamrocks" was started by busy working mother of four, Mrs Trish Mowbray, when she realised there was little work available for her intellectually disabled son after he finished high school.

Operating on the basis of work, learn and play, the learn section provides ongoing work education and skill development while play encourages an active lifestyle that enables them to interact socially.

The Shamrocks came about because there are limited job opportunities for people with a disability and, although there are some agencies, these are often operating at capacity and there is a long waiting list."

Mrs Libby Dunk helps Mrs Mowbray coordinate the Shamrocks and her son is also a member of the team. She said intellectually disabled people had the right to work and socialise with their peers, just like everyone else.

"We were looking for work they wanted to do and they can do it and spend time with their friends. If they don't work they just sit at home and lose their social skills."


Over the years medical advances have resulted in larger numbers of young people with a disability leaving school and needing work.

However, with little support provided to them after school, people with a disability become a full-time job for their parents. Often one parent has to give up work to be with their child, putting a strain on family relationships.

"Within the Shamrocks we provide support for families," Mrs Mowbray said.

"The families come along to activities and are able to spend time with people who are in the same situation they are. We show you can value every life - not just those lives that are productive."

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Peter Mowbray, Luke Mowbray and William Dunk ready for work.

Refreshing!



"As I look out at you today ... I see one, great, big, refresh button!" Archbishop Mark Coleridge laughed as he addressed over 3000 cheering students gathered at the World Youth Day schools rally at St Edmund's College.

Representatives from every Catholic secondary school in the Archdiocese and a school from Victoria listened as Archbishop Coleridge explained he knew almost nothing about his computer, but he did know one thing: "When all else fails, hit the refresh button."

"You are not the church of the future; you are the church of now," he said.

Archbishop Coleridge invited Canberra's youth to come to Sydney in 431 days for WYD. "Leave what's familiar, leave your comfort zone ... come on a journey, a pilgrimage."

Missionaries of God's Love priest Fr Chris Ryan, who is co-ordinator of the WYD cross' trek across Australia next year, prepared the students for the arrival of the cross and icon of the Blessed Virgin and child.

He told how the cross had been a symbol of hope for communities as it travelled through East Timor and the Solomon Islands.

Each school was given a WYD candle and commissioned by Archbishop Coleridge to take the WYD message with them to their communities as they prepared for Sydney next year.

Dramatic and musical pieces written and performed by students were incorporated into the rally and three crosses were carried through the crowd and placed on the stage.

During the morning, youth ministry teams held catechesis stations around St Edmund's and St Clare's colleges.

Teams were thanked and welcomed onto the stage for the final song, to which they danced and sang beside Archbishop Coleridge.

● Australia's Catholic bishops, meeting in Sydney, were treated to a sample recording of the WYD08 official song, written and performed by Australian Idol winner Guy Sebastian.

"Receive the Power" will become the anthem for Australia's hosting of World Youth Day in Sydney next year.

"We wanted a song that was stirring and uplifting," WYD08 coordinator Bishop Anthony Fisher said.

"Above all, it had to engage young people and capture the theme of World Youth Day 2008 - namely, that you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses."

Bishop Fisher and WYD08 chief operating officer Mr Danny Casey gave a presentation to the bishops on preparations for World Youth Day, followed by a lengthy question and answer session.

Following the presentation, bishops' conference president, Archbishop Philip Wilson joined Bishop Fisher and local high school students to launch the Pilgrim Partnership Support Program. Under the program, Catholic communities in Australia and New Zealand will help young people from disadvantaged communities in the region attend WYD.



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Busy bee
Justin
casts spell
over the rest

St John the Apostle Primary School in Florey is the learning place of one of Australia's best young spellers.

Year six student Justin Fisher (above) was selected from 1500 students competing around the nation in the Hotspell contest.

He had to spell words such as sacrifice, luxuriant, simile and his winning word, dermatitis, to beat 99 other ACT competitors.

This gave him the opportunity to travel to Sydney to take on other state winners.

Documentary makers followed the spelling bee competition around Australia collecting footage for a 10-part SBS series Hotspell, to be televised in August. Sworn to secrecy because the series is yet to air, Justin could not reveal the contest results.

Justin thoroughly enjoyed the experience and had the chance to make some new friends. It was a relief to see he has not let his new star status go to his head. "The best part was the motel - it was a five star motel!" he said.

ALMOST ALL THE ANSWERS: Year 10 Marist College student Victor Lu wasn't daunted by the year 11 competition when he took part in the Brain Bee Challenge.

He jumped at the chance to battle older competitors and, what's more, finished second.

Applicants for the challenge, held at the John Curtin School of Medical Research, prepared themselves by studying an American publication based on the physiology and anatomy of human brains.

Victor won himself a music gift voucher and a new microscope for the school.

As it turns out, the future oncology scientist has been given the opportunity to compete at a national level in Melbourne as the winner is unable to make it.

Workers willing and able

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Several Catholic Church agencies in the ACT have already discovered Shamrocks and use the team for photocopying, mailing, a courier service, collection of recycling paper, production of greeting cards and much more.

Mrs Mowbray and Mrs Dunk said an aim of Shamrocks is to get intellectually disabled people more involved in the community and to break down barriers between them and the public.

"Some people find it intimidating to communicate with someone with a disability. It is difficult and I understand that," Mrs Dunk said.

From
near and far

For Victor it is a busy time of the year and he's not sure he'll be available to compete.

"The competition was fun and interesting but I'll be able to have another go next year," he said.

Victor is still trying to discover the answer to his final question: What is degraded in the brain by neurodegenerative autoimmune diseases? Anyone...



JOSEPHITE JOY: Sisters of St Joseph from across Australia and New Zealand have gathered in Penola, SA, to celebrate the 150th anniversary of their co-founder's arrival in that parish as a newly ordained priest. Fr Julian Tenison Woods was ordained on 4 January 1857 and on 19 March that year he arrived in Penola. Fr Woods and Mary MacKillop are recognised as the co founders of the Australian Sisters of St Joseph. In 1866 in Penola Mary MacKillop became the first Sister of St Joseph and the first St Joseph School commenced that year in a Penola stable. Descendants of Fr Woods were special guests at the celebration.

WHO DO YOU CALL? Want to know what Catholics believe? That's what readers of newspapers in every state capital and the Northern Territory were asked as part of a nationwide campaign by the Catholic Enquiry Centre based in Sydney. And, it seems, quite a few did.

On the Sunday when the ad appeared seven people responded by e-mail, and once the enquiry centre office opened, calls and emails rolled in reaching 25 by lunchtime.

"We even received three coupons in the mail today," director Marita Winters said. "People must have been really ready to receive this invitation to have responded so quickly." The ads will be published again on Sunday, 10 June. Maybe you can show them to someone you know.

FOOTNOTE: Seen on a poster... Don't let your worries get the best of you; remember, Moses started out as a basket case.

Heartfelt thank you

Australia's religious women and men have paid tribute to indigenous people, thanking them for their resilience and their culture, while promising continued efforts at reconciliation.

Catholic Religious Australia, the peak body for more than 8500 religious, made the statement to mark the 40th anniversary of the 1967 referendum. They warned that unless Australia unites in efforts of reconciliation, "a poverty of spirit will afflict our entire nation".

Also acknowledging the anniversary, 3000 Sisters of St Joseph and Sisters of Mercy joined to highlight the inequity that still exists between many indigenous and non indigenous Australians.

Historic change

The International Council of Christians and Jews' annual global conference, historically held in European and US cities, will be hosted by Sydney this year. Topics to be tackled include the impact of globalisation and ecology, and the ongoing issue of anti-Semitism. The conference theme is "Healing a broken world: the faiths working together".

Young heart needed

The Church in Australia needs a young heart, and a nationally consistent method for training young leaders would go a long way towards achieving this, two youth leaders told Australia's bishops at their plenary meeting held in Sydney.

Devitt O'Brien of the Young Christian Students movement and Sarah Taylor of the Young Christian Workers movement addressed the bishops and took part in a discussion on the role of their organisations in the Church today.

"The Church should have a young heart," Mr O'Brien said. "Christ lived and died as a young person (and through the election of the apostles) Christ created a young heart for his Church."

Welcome back

Australia's bishops meeting in Sydney have supported an initiative to develop programs aimed at welcoming Catholics back to the practice of their faith. The initiative will be a project of the newly formed National Office of Evangelization which incorporates the Catholic Enquiry Centre. They agreed it should be addressed at a diocesan level.

Youth council approved

A national advisory council for youth, to be known as the Australian Catholic Youth Council, will be established. The council, which has been approved by the Australian Catholic bishops, will advise the Bishops Commission for Pastoral Life on the views and pastoral care needs of young people.

The commission considers that the pastoral care and evangelisation of our youth, including arrangements to continue and build on the experience of World Youth Day 2008, are of critical importance. An Australian Catholic Youth Council will enable it to carry this work forward.

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Uni scholarships for region's students

Three first-year students at Australian Catholic University have received scholarships named in honour of the past Archbishop of Canberra and Goulburn Francis Carroll.

ACU and the Capital Region Community Foundation GreaterGood joined forces to provide Francis Carroll Scholarships to improve educational opportunities for rural and regional students.

Bachelor of Theology and Social Work student Jennifer Drum, of Young, received the major scholarship worth \$2500.

Ms Drum, who has worked extensively with Catholic country parishes running retreats, seminars and parish visitations, said hard times on the land were making it difficult for students from rural backgrounds to study at university.

"The prolonged drought has really affected my parents' ability to support me as a full-time student, so this money will ease their financial burden and allow me greater independence in my first year of university," she said.



Scholarship recipients (from left) Clare Walker, Jennifer Drum, and Hayley Oldfield.

Bachelor of Education students Hayley Oldfield, of Yass, and Clare Walker, of Grenfell, both received scholarships worth \$750.

ACU Vice-Chancellor Prof Peter Sheehan said the scholarship not only marked Archbishop Carroll's retirement, but continued his tradition of active community engagement.

"Providing greater educational opportunities for students from rural and regional areas was always a strong priority for former Archbishop Carroll," he said.

Marymead walks, and walks, back into history

About 400 people grabbed their joggers to raise money for Marymead Child and Family Centre by taking part in their walkathon.

To mark this year's 40th anniversary, Marymead revived the walkathon, once a popular annual event of the 1960s and 1970s.

A total of \$9000 was raised for the Brighter Beginnings Appeal - funding a new wing for early childhood intervention programs for vulnerable children.

Participants walked their way from Marymead's Narrabundah campus to Telopea Park and back, a total distance of 10km, although a 5km short course was also an option.

Organiser Kate Jennings said it was a fantastic day.

"There was a wonderful vibe of excitement in the air as everyone set out on the gorgeous day, stepping out and about for Marymead."

After the walk there was a sausage sizzle, music by band Second Movement, who donated their time, and Brumby Jack was also there to entertain the kids.

"We've had a lot of support and donations; it's amazing how generous people can be." Mrs Jennings said.

Jo Spencer from Acumen Alliance, a major sponsor of the event, waited at the finish line to congratulate walkers and hand out certificates.



Jo Spencer, from Acumen Alliance, hands certificates to Andrew and Nikki Darby. Amy and Cotter in the strollers took the luxury route as Marymead revived its traditional walkathon to mark its 40th birthday.

"It's a great cause and we're just glad we could help," she said.

But will the Marymead Walkathon be back again next year?

"We are looking at bringing it back again in the future. We'll see once we've recovered," Mrs Jennings said.

If anyone would like to contribute to the Brighter Beginnings appeal, all support is welcome; telephone 6162 5800 or go to www.marymead.org.au

Bursaries to beat the dry



St Anne's Central School, Temora, is responding to the region's drought by offering bursaries to parents who enrol their child in Year Seven for next year.

Valued at \$1000 each, the bursaries are offered as a deduction from school fees for two year six students in the region who choose St Anne's for their secondary education.

Acting principal Mr Dennis Sleigh said the school was determined to re-open its secondary section next year.

The community had responded by introducing initiatives to make it easier for parents to choose Catholic education.

"The whole community is reeling from the effects of this prolonged drought, and anything that helps them in this time of struggle is to be encouraged," Mr Sleigh said.

Two bursaries are being offered by the P&F Association to show their commitment to re-opening the secondary classes, closed last year after several years of low enrolment. It is also hoped an additional bursary will be offered by a local business.

Year six students wanting to compete for the bursaries should write a 250-word essay on why they want to attend St Anne's for their secondary education. The entries will be judged by Mayor Cr Peter Speirs and Mr Sleigh.

ABOVE: Year six students Liam Reardon, Patrick Walker, Paige Kelly and Madalene Haddrill prepare for a barbecue that was a feature of the school's recent open day. Picture: Temora Independent.

Hall parish celebrates

Parishioners from St Francis Xavier at Hall and other Christian communities in the area will celebrate the centenary of laying the foundation stone of the church on Saturday, 9 June.

The celebration will include Mass at 10.30am celebrated by Archbishop Mark Coleridge, assisted by Dominican priests from Watson Parish.

Although the foundation stone of the church was laid on 9 June, 1907, the church was not blessed and opened until 10 April, 1910.

The Church of St Francis Xavier is the oldest Catholic church in the



ACT that has continued to provide a place of worship to parishioners since its opening. Many in the Hall community helped with the construction of the church. Members of the Anglican and Uniting church communities at Hall have been invited.

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Open Information Drop In's

for people interested to know more about the program will be held in the Pavilion at the **Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture, Blackall Street, Barton** on Tuesdays May 29th, June 5th, June 12th from 5pm to 6.30pm. Please drop in at any time during that period.

Alternatively contact Lyn Kelly (02 6244 2261, lyn.kelly@act.gov.au) or David Oliphant (02 4473 7570, david.oliphant@act.gov.au) for further information and application forms.

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There are meetings and meetings ...

Brothers and Sisters,

Not everyone likes long meetings, and often I find them a chore. Endless talk-fests have never served the Gospel well. But I always look forward to the meetings of the Australian Catholic Bishops' Conference, which are held in Sydney in May and November. We meet at Anderledy Lodge, where Blessed Mary MacKillop is buried. It's good to gather around the tomb of Mother Mary as we pray and meet together, and to entrust our work to her prayers.

The May meeting is the longer one, running usually for about eight days, with commission meetings first (I'm on the Liturgy and Doctrine and Morals commissions) and then the plenary meeting. The November meeting is shorter, running usually about five days.

One of the reasons I look forward to the meetings is that the bishops are very good company. It's always good to catch up and hear what's going on around Australia. In fact, a lot of the best work of the bishops' meetings is done after hours around the meal table or over a drink late at night.

The formal sessions are hard work, some of which can be tedious but much of which I find fascinating. Recently, we've changed the format of the meetings so that we now have less time wading through commission reports and more time for in-depth discussion of the great pastoral challenges we are facing. That makes for a more interesting meeting.

One of the things I've learnt in my years as bishop is that, in this job, you have to be versatile. I'm always amazed



at the array of issues we consider from meeting to meeting. Take the recent meeting for example. The day before it started, we were all down in the NSW Parliament House for a day of Jewish-Christian-Muslim dialogue. The Christian speaker was the remarkable Palestinian Elias Chakour, who happens to be the Catholic Archbishop of Galilee - now there's a great title! As someone asked, if the Bishop of Rome is the Successor of Peter, the Archbishop of Galilee would be the Successor to whom?

Once the meeting proper began, we heard from Archbishop Pius Ncube of Bulawayo in Zimbabwe about the great suffering of the Zimbabwean people. We were the first to hear the World Youth Day Song, written and sung by Guy Sebastian; the bishops were invited to sing along but found that a bit challenging.

We discussed the future of the Military Ordinariate and how we could support Bishop Max Davis. We looked at the results of research done on poverty in Australia by Prof Tony Vinson and discussed the implications of the research for the life and mission of the Church. We listened to young people from the YCS and YCW which are making a comeback in Australia, and we also established a National Youth Council to foster the new energies emerging now among young Catholics.

We finalised the text of this year's Social Justice Statement which will focus on Australia's role as a global citizen. We looked at new programs for welcoming back to the Church Catholic people who have drifted away. We heard from the General Secretary of the National Council of Churches in Australia, who spoke of his understanding of where we all are on the ecumenical journey. We spent a morning in conversation with the leaders of religious orders from around Australia. And we had all sorts of elections: I was elected one of the two Bishops to go to the international Synod of Bishops in Rome next year, the theme

of which is "The Word of God in the Life of the Church".

So there's a sample of what we did - and you can see what I mean when I say you have to be versatile as a bishop. It's enough to make the head spin.

But it also brings peace, because what strikes me every time we meet is the great wisdom of the bishops when they gather. Often when we start discussing some complex issue, it's very unclear how we might deal with it. There seems to be no way forward. But once the bishops put their mind to it and the discussion unfolds, a way forward usually emerges because of the wisdom that's around the table.

Is it merely human wisdom from men who have been on the road a long time and learnt a lot? I think not. It's also the wisdom of the Holy Spirit, and I say that with the wind and fire of Pentecost still among us, the memory of that moment when the Apostles, gathered together, were filled with a power and a wisdom not their own.

+Bishop Mark.

your voice

Clearest message in many years

Thank you for printing the Archbishop's Lenten letter in Catholic Voice. This is indeed a good news message, one of the clearest messages I have heard in many years. It gave me a structure to Lent which drew on the past and presented clear directions for the future. Thank you, too, for the Archbishop's article on the Missal. No longer do I fear we

will fiddle around the edges yet again. I understand he is drawing from our Catholic tradition, the past, to answer some of the problems of our future world, problems he outlined in his Lenten letter. I wish Archbishop Coleridge and his team well and look forward eagerly to the first fruits of his efforts. -**Sandra and Alastair Bridges, Wanniasa.**

Capital punishment

According to Bishop Christopher Saunders, chairman of the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council, in a letter to Catholic Voice on the execution of Saddam Hussein:

"The Church's teaching on this matter is clear: we do not have the right to take life as punishment, no matter who the criminal is or how terrible the crime."

I wonder why he should say that?

The Catechism of the Catholic Church, for example, says:

"2267 The traditional teaching of the Church does not exclude, presupposing full ascertainment of the identity and responsibility of the offender, recourse to the death penalty, when this is the only practicable way to defend the lives of human beings effectively against the aggressor."

- a heavily qualified permission, but far from the absolute prohibition implied by His Lordship.

Traditional sources are less equivocal: according to St Thomas Aquinas:

"if a man be dangerous and infectious to the community, on account of some sin, it is praiseworthy and advantageous that he be killed in order to safeguard the common good, since 'a little leaven corrupteth the whole lump' (1 Corinthians 5:6)

And from the Catechism of the Council of Trent:

"Another kind of lawful slaying belongs to the civil authorities, to whom is entrusted power of life and death, by the legal and judicious exercise of which they punish the guilty and protect the innocent. The just use of this power, far from involving the crime of murder, is an act of paramount obedience to this Commandment which prohibits murder."

Now, I don't think in Australia we need capital punishment: we are a wealthy and stable democracy, and we can afford to be more worried about the relationship between the government and the people than any threat to our society. But it would be rash to claim that about Iraq. I think one could easily conclude that "the only practicable way to defend the lives of human beings effectively against the aggressor" in that unhappy country involved the use of the death penalty.

I'd rather they didn't. I'd prefer to have seen Saddam Hussein contemplate his crimes in an uncomfortable cell for the term of his natural life. But Catholics don't do much for their credibility by claiming "the Church's teaching" in support of their personal views, when such claims are so easily refuted.

Lyle Dunne, Evatt.

Mixed marriages

I am researching what used to be called mixed marriage - marriages between Catholics and Protestants in Australia. Until post-war immigration brought ethnic diversity and Vatican II brought ecumenical change, Catholic and Protestant communities were distinct and sometimes hostile, and such marriages were often controversial.

Some suffered long-running family rifts for marrying "out"; others abandoned the relationship rather than be cut off. The children of such mixed marriages occupied a cultural limbo - one described herself as a "spiritual half-breed".

I am seeking individuals who would share their experiences of mixed marriage with me. This would form part of my research for a Doctorate in Creative Arts at the University of Wollongong on the topic Marrying Out: Irish Catholic-Protestant Unions in Australia, 1930s-1970s. I am an experienced oral historian who intends to collate the interviews I gather into a book and audio piece which I hope will enlighten us about a painful and revealing aspect of our recent past, and perhaps provide insights for our society today.

Siobhan McHugh, Sydney
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Would Mary wear it?

There has been a lot of discussion lately about modesty in dress. I would suggest one question should be asked when judging a revealing outfit: "If Mary, the Mother of God were living in our time and in our culture, would she wear that?"

B Hay, Aranda.

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Vinnies' work 'at very heart of the Church'

No matter how pressing things are, any society will be judged on how well, or how badly, it treats the weak and needy, Archbishop Mark Coleridge told a festival meeting of the St Vincent de Paul Society in Canberra.

Members attended the meeting and Mass to celebrate the special works the society carries out in the Archdiocese.

"Many see the society as working at the margins of the Church," Archbishop Coleridge said.

"But in reality, the society's work is at the very heart of what the Church does. In one sense hidden and unglamorous, your work in its reality is a mighty sign

of God's love - that self-sacrificing love which Pope Benedict speaks of as Caritas, in his initial writings as Pope. This work is central to the Church."

The St Vincent de Paul Society was founded 174 years ago by university students Blessed. Frederic Ozanam and others at the Sorbonne in Paris. It began as a response to a challenge from opposing humanists to "show us your works".

A number of the society's leaders today, among them North Canberra president Mr Adam Hornsey and president of the society's conference at John XXIII College Mr Rory



Archdiocesan President Tony Thornton and Roger Fitzgerald catch up at the St Vincent de Paul meeting.

Markham, are, like Frederic, students and completing law degrees at the ANU. With a band of undergraduate students and post-graduates, they help people in

Canberra's inner north.

Archbishop Mark Coleridge celebrated Mass with spiritual adviser to the university conference Fr Laurie Foote OP. It was also a significant date for the Daughters of Charity present, being the anniversary of their vows.

This congregation works in with the society in Canberra and Queanbeyan, and is the same order associated with the first St Vincent de Paul Society conference in Paris many years ago.

After Mass, special works coordinator Mr Rollo Brett updated the Vincentians on activities including the night patrol, the Blue Door Centre at Ainslie

Village, crisis support for men, women and families through the St Vincent de Paul Family Service and at Samaritan House, Hackett, and Kennedy House, Goulburn, with its special apostolate to former prisoners and track travellers.

Festival meetings are held to bring the various society conferences together each six months, usually around the time of the Feast of the Annunciation (25 March) and St Vincent de Paul (27 September).

New conference and regional presidents are commissioned at the September meeting, and members from throughout the Archdiocese attend.

Old Cathedral restoration gathers pace

After probably more than a century, the statues of St Peter and St Paul have left the roof of Goulburn's Old Cathedral are on display temporarily inside the church.

During the course of removal it was found the statues were hazardous and unstable and may have been taken down just in time.

The statues, made of terracotta over concrete, may have been above the Bourke street entrance to the church since about 1900.

The saints are in desperate need of restoration and await debate about where they will be permanently placed.

As part of the major restoration project of the Old Cathedral, the sanctuary lamp, tabernacle doors, altar rails and baptismal font have already been restored.

The old Pugin designed lectern is the most popular of the recently restored items as it is believed to be the only one of its kind.

"It all depends on the funds, we're just prioritising as we get the money," Goulburn parish priest Fr Tony Percy said.

Below the surface of the church is also receiving attention.

Rubble and moisture build up over the years have created problems in the foundations of the building and have had to be fixed.

Tunnels have been excavated underneath to dry out the area and beams have been used to support the floor.

For the first time in decades Bishop Lanigan's coffin is accessible, although the plan is to leave it where it is.

Restoration committee treasurer Mrs



Saints Peter and Paul receive some attention from Goulburn parish priest Fr Tony Percy, restoration committee secretary Mrs Ruth Vial and treasurer Mrs Trish Groves.

Trish Groves said funds raised privately had just ticked past \$160,000.

"The biggest response has been from people who used to live here and have moved away and read somewhere about the restoration. Every donation counts."

The parish plans to raise \$2 million itself and is depending on the federal and local governments for larger sums.

"There are some days where you think, where is all of this money going to come from? And then a cheque arrives in the mail," Mrs Groves said.

On Tuesday, 24 July, a fundraiser for the larger donations will take place in Leichhardt, Sydney.

Fr Percy hopes the function will engage state government and bigger business' attention.

● Donations may be sent to the appeal at P O Box 11 Goulburn, NSW 2580. Cheques should be made out to National Trust of Australia (NSW) Sts Peter and Paul's Restoration Appeal. Donations are also possible by credit card. All donations are tax deductible.

Nursing degree launched

Australia's need for nurses encouraged ACU in Canberra to join Brisbane, North Sydney, Ballarat and Melbourne campuses in offering a Bachelor of Nursing degree.

ACU National Pro Vice Chancellor Prof Gabrielle McMullen officially launched the Bachelor of Nursing degree at the university's Canberra campus.

Bachelor of Nursing students Barbara O'Brien and Catherine Trevaskis were awarded Laurie Daniels



Scholarships, established through the ACU National Foundation to commemorate the life of Laurie Daniels, a founding member of the University Senate, an active supporter of ACU National, and a life-long advocate of

Catholic education.

The scholarships provide selected nursing students with \$2000 each year across the second and third years of the program. The scholarships were presented by MacKillop Catholic

College principal Mrs Rita Daniels, daughter of Mr Daniels.

ABOVE: Judy Daniels (Mr Daniels' sister), Barbara O'Brien (scholarship winner), Mrs Rita Daniels and Catherine Trevaskis (scholarship winner).

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Youth ministry report to be ready soon

A draft of a report into Catholic youth ministry in the Archdiocese will be made public in the next few weeks.

This will be followed by the development of a youth framework which will provide coordination, development and support to everyone involved in supporting youth in their faith development through parishes, schools and movements in the Archdiocese.

"As a result of the review, I want to provide the Archdiocese with a new framework to support and strengthen all our work with young people, as we strive to lead them on their faith journey and help them to know and love the Lord Jesus more deeply," Archbishop Mark Coleridge said.

"All of us are now looking forward to the next stage of the World Youth Day pilgrimage, working together to 'rejuvenate the Church and ensure that the core teachings of Christ are transmitted and lived' in our own time and place."

The review has mapped current youth ministry activities; researched and profiled youth spirituality and its relevance to current models of youth ministry; appraising strengths of models and current approaches to youth ministry; assessed gaps and opportunities in youth ministry, evaluated the effectiveness of current youth ministry models and made recommendations for improvement.

The review is taking place within the context of the Pastoral Development Project being conducted at present.

'Volunteers' in the spotlight

Volunteers were the centre of attention as the theme for the fourth annual dinner of Mary Queen of Apostles parish, Goulburn.

Master of ceremonies Mr Michael Prevedello welcomed 150 parishioners to the dinner.

Parish priest Fr Tony Percy said all present were in a sense, volunteers. "Within the Church and the parish the first-line volunteers are the priests and religious." He thanked Fr Francis Kolencherry from India for his efforts in the parish since his arrival about 12 months ago.

He paid tribute to two parishioners who had been recognised by the community for their efforts; Mrs Beryl Prigg as citizen of the year last year and Mrs Margaret Beevors who received the honour this year.

Fr Percy also paid tribute to the Sisters of Mercy, the Sisters of St Joseph, the Sisters of St John of God and the Christian Brothers who had played important roles in the earlier establishment of the faith.

As the first religious order in Goulburn, the first Sisters of Mercy had been housed in what later became the stables at the rear of the presbytery.

Principal of Sts Peter and Paul's Primary School Mr Mick Kerin unveiled the mission statement of the school "The Keys of Saint Peter and the Revelations of Saint Paul - an Extended Family seeking and Achieving together in God's Love".

Mrs. Sue-Ellen Nell, acting principal at St. Joseph's Primary School, paid tribute to the Sisters of St Joseph who established the school in 1882 and pointed out that the 125th anniversary would be celebrated in August.



Parishioner Barbara Hall chats with youth team members Emmalee Mowbray, Jeanette D'Souza and Ana Manenica and manager Daniela Kesina.

"With the Sisters of St Joseph generously making the Marian boarding residence available to the school we are embarking on a major expansion and refurbishment program. Volunteers provide assistance far beyond the lowering of cost and adding value to our educational programs."

Principal of Trinity College Mr. Joe Steyns said that the edifice of Trinity was a most important facet which helped to make up the Church.

The emblem of the college contained the words, "Faith, Strength and Unity" and represents the Trinity.

The Archdiocese's Catholic Youth Team was represented by all members and their manager Daniela Kesina, who introduced each team member.

Talks to help our seniors

Centacare has arranged a program of talks for senior members of the community ranging from arthritis to depression.

The talks in June include Beyond Blue - Depression and Older People by COTA ACT to be given at 10.15am on 13 June in the Sacred Heart parish hall, Murphy Street, Pearce, and one by the Arthritis Foundation at 10.15am on 18 June at St Thomas More's Parish Hall, White Crescent, Campbell.

The mornings include the talk, sandwiches and a chat.

For further details, contact Jenny, telephone 6163 7683.

The services are intended to help older people remain in their own community.

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Groups to focus on pastoral planning future

Focus groups will be run this month across the Archdiocese as part of a project to determine future development of the Directorate of Pastoral Support Services and archdiocesan pastoral planning.

The Pastoral Development Project, which Archbishop Mark Coleridge commissioned in response to outcomes of the 2004 Synod, will involve up to 400 people in the Archdiocese providing information to help define the scope, identity and integration of this arm of archdiocesan services.

The directorate, which offers a range of services mainly from the Rheinberger Centre, incorporates Adult Faith Formation, Catholic Youth and Youth Adult Services, Family Services, Ministry Support, the WYD Secretariat, the Rheinberger Conference Centre, and other Pastoral Support Services.

The focus groups will involve representatives in an innovative survey process using keypad technology. Dr Robert Long, from Human Dymensions who has been engaged to help run the project, said the beauty of the survey system was that it provided "absolute honesty in survey response and accuracy".

The first phase of the project was run in March in the Monaro Deanery. Three focus groups were conducted in Bombala, Jindabyne and Cooma.

Phase two of the project will see focus groups run in all other deaneries. The proposed schedule is as follows (venues to be confirmed):

Monday 25 June: Central Deanery Focus Group 1 (11:15am), Central Deanery Focus Group 2 (1:30 pm).

Tuesday 26 June: Northern Deanery Focus Groups, Yass (11am), Goulburn (5pm).

Thursday 28 June: Western Deanery Focus Groups, West Wyalong (10am), Cootamundra (2:30pm), Young (5:30pm)

Tuesday 3 July: Central Deanery Focus Group 3 (3:30pm), Central Deanery Focus Group 4 (7:30pm).

Wednesday 5 July: Central Deanery Focus Group 5 (11:15 am), Central Deanery Focus Group 6 (1:30pm).

Saturday 7 July: Central Deanery Focus Group 7 (11am), Central Deanery Focus Group 8 (1:15 pm).

Saturday 21 July: Coastal Deanery Focus Groups Bega (10am), Moruya (2pm).

Each focus group may have around 25 participants and runs for 1-1/2 hours. People may choose to attend a focus group in another deanery if they are unable to make it to one in their region.

Check the Pastoral Support Services section of the Archdiocese's website (www.cg.catholic.org.au) for changes to dates or to find out how you can be involved in shaping the Directorate of Pastoral Support Services and pastoral planning in the Archdiocese. Further information will be distributed through parishes, schools, groups and movements and may be obtained through Pastoral Support Services, telephone 6163 4300.

Check out all the latest news and information from around the Archdiocese on our new website at: www.cg.catholic.org.au and subscribe to our new e-bulletin news service

Nurses make bedder speed



ACU students have gone head to head in a "battle of the beds" around the Canberra campus car park to raise money for epilepsy sufferers.

The nursing team pushed its hospital bed a little faster than the social work, theology and education combined team, beating them by a few seconds, in what was a gruelling display of university level athleticism.

It is the second year the Student Association has organised the fundraiser and it plans to make

it an annual event. Teams paid a registration fee for the event, with all funds raised going toward supporting Epilepsy ACT's education, advocacy and counselling work.

Epilepsy affects about one in 50 people in Australia.

ABOVE: Stand clear... Michael Larkin, Justine Baker, Brendan Lentell, Kylie Mann, Reuben Parige and Leah Griffiths are in full swing during the ACU bed race.

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Youth leader's gift 'enriched Archdiocese'

After seven years working with Catholic Youth and Young Adult Ministry, co-ordinator Adam Morris has left to pursue full-time study in theology and social work at Australian Catholic University.

Archbishop Mark Coleridge said Mr Morris had shown "a rare passion for the Gospel and a deep commitment to the work of evangelisation."

"There are many gifts that make up the Body of Christ, and in Adam we have seen the precious gift of an evangelist. That gift has enriched not only the many young people with whom he has worked, but the entire Archdiocese. That's

why the gratitude I express here is not just in my own name but in the name of all of us.

"Graces given are always matched by graces received, and I am sure that Adam has received much through these years of service."

"I am equally sure that these graces will stand him in good stead whatever the future may bring to him and his family, and that he will continue in other ways to build up the Body of Christ."

Mr Morris established many activities and groups during his time in CYM. These included youth and young adult leadership weekends from 2001 to 2004,

"Stomping Ground" and "Summer-fest", the Young People's Team, which was the driving force behind the youth/ young adult focus of the 2004 Synod and ministries such as the CYM Team, the youth mentoring program, regional youth ministers, ThinkTank, formed in 2006 to provide vision and future direction for CYM, UNITE rallies and the Catholic School of Action.

With wife Cushla, Mr Morris established the Archdiocesan Youth Ministry Team. It operated part time before the first full-time team was commissioned in Goulburn in February 2004.

He attended three international World Youth Days in a leadership capacity to Rome in 2000, Toronto as an Australian Catholic Bishops Conference delegate in 2002, and to Cologne in 2005).

He was an archdiocesan delegate at the International Congress for the New Evangelisation in Paris in 2004.

He was on the executive of the Association of National Diocesan



Youth Ministry Coordinators and offered his support and encouragement to colleagues in other dioceses or groups and movements.

During his time, Sandhurst Diocese from Victoria took part in some of Canberra-Goulburn events and supplied a member for the CYM team in 2005.

World Youth Day co-ordinator of pastoral programs and support Mr Nathan Kensey said Mr Morris "had a unique ability to build relationship with people; he was truly concerned with the spir-

itual desires and aspirations of the people he ministered to.

"Adam's commitment to ministry, to the Gospel and to the place of the Church in the world was a shining example of his love for Jesus."

CYM chaplain Fr Simon Falk described Mr Morris as "engaging with young people with his whole being, being active and not afraid to get in the midst of things, standing over a barbeque or preparing a meal, acting on people's gifts and giving them a chance to use them for the service of the Church."

"Adam is not only a man of energy and activity but of deep faith. Personal and communal prayer was always part of his ministry. He would read to nourish his faith and was deeply immersed in God's Word."

"Adam loves our culture and its fashion but still critiques it with the eyes of faith. He put his all into his work. Adam's time in CYM took youth and young adult ministry in our Archdiocese to a new level."

A bridge to the future

More than 40 Sisters of St Joseph from both branches black and brown and from all states in Australia and New Zealand united in Hobart last month.

Facilitated by Dr Carlos Raimundo, a psycho dramatist from Sydney, the 20th general meeting of the Australian-New Zealand Federation of Sisters of St Joseph aimed to form closer ties and a greater collaboration in mission.

Those attending included congregational leader of the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart Sr Katrina Brill and her leadership team, as well as, for the first time, representatives from each province of the Central Josephites attended along with their president Sr Carmel Moore and leadership

teams from all five congregations of the federation.

A report from Sr Noelene Quinane and Sr Laraine Crowe, who recently returned from an international Josephites meeting in Le Puy, France, was the highlight of the gathering.

The first congregation of Sisters of St Joseph was founded in Le Puy in 1650.

Sr Noelene and Sr Laraine worked with Josephite sisters from 11 nations at the conference to create a vision and a three-to-five-year plan for a global Josephite stance on justice.

This year marks the 150th anniversary of the ordination of Fr Julian Tenison Woods who co-founded the Sisters of St Joseph with Mary MacKillop in Penola, South Australia.

Prison ministry's plea

Christian prison ministry Kairos is aiming to raise \$100,000 by the end of the month to fund its national work supporting inmates and their families.

Spokesman Mr Ian Pavletich said Kairos was not "a heart-string charity" like a cancer or child-related one, but it changed lives and helped save society money.

"Kairos has proven results in helping individuals stop the cycle and make life choices that positively impact families and communities around Australia," he said.

"Every person not returning to prison saves the community \$55,000 to 75,000 a year and the cost of maintaining an inmate in custody, related court and police cost.

Auxiliary Bishop Pat Power said he supported the appeal and invited Catholics to "make a contribution, be involved and help make a difference."

"I believe passionately that much more needs to be done for the rehabilitation of prisoners. Kairos is a very positive way of helping to restore dignity to those in prison and their families. You may recall a few years ago, Archbishop Francis Carroll did at least one session of the Kairos program at Goulburn Gaol and he spoke

about it as a defining moment in his long career as a priest and bishop."

Mr Pavletich said every dollar donated went to helping the operations and growth of Kairos, benefiting communities across Australia.

"It means you partner in their ministry of service and mission of changing lives - and as an added bonus, every donation over \$2 is fully tax deductible."

"You may not personally know anyone affected by having someone in prison - but over 100,000 people in Australia are affected by the 25,000-plus people currently serving time in our prison system today, let alone all those who have been affected in the past. They need your help."

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Weekend for 12 focusing on priesthood

Twelve young men attended a vocations weekend at Galong retreat centre focusing on the priesthood.

Four of the men are already studying in Sydney's Homebush seminary for the Archdiocese and the other eight are considering entering the seminary.

The talks progressed from quieting the distractions of life, to a talk on Church involvement as a lay person by regional youth coordinator for the Tuggeranong Valley Ms Kathleen O'Keefe. Fr Emil Milat talked on the

call to priesthood.

Archbishop Mark Coleridge spoke on the dignity of the priesthood, the brotherhood of the priesthood and John Paul II and the universal Church.

The seminarians shared how they worked through preconceived ideas and described what seminary life was like.

The moderator of first-year seminarians Fr Peter Dwyer shared about the great opportunity of seminary formation and the ability it has to renew a young man in

God's love.

Fr Milat said he considered the weekend a success because some young men who attended said they got the information they needed and now had to make a decision.

The weekends are planned to be held in March and November every year.

One of the men attending said the weekend had "brought up a lot of strength from my weaknesses, answered a lot of my questions and gave me a sense of Christian brotherhood".



In search of a century of memories

Parishioners of St Columba's Church, Bemboka, are gathering memorabilia, photographs and anecdotes about the church to mark its centenary next year.

Material including information about events in the life of the school is needed urgently as the parish is preparing a book to mark the occasion. The centenary will be celebrated on Sunday, 20 January.

The date of the church's opening is uncertain as the foundation stone was laid in 1907 but records indicate the church was not in use until 1908. It was originally built of red brick by H J Wilton, a local builder and was paid for by the parishioners at a cost of 1010 pounds with its furnishings. The church was opened by Dean Gunning and Mgr Carroll.

As the years have passed various changes have occurred such as the installation of the much admired stained glass windows and the rendering of the external walls.

In 1941 a Catholic school was opened beside the church by the Sisters of St Joseph and remained open for 16 years. At first the nuns had to use the church until the building was completed. A former pupil remembers that the children thought the nuns had come from outer space.

Celebrations will include a Mass in the church at 10am followed by lunch in the Bemboka Memorial Hall. Past and current parishioners and anyone who would like to come and help the community to celebrate are welcome.

Anyone wanting to contribute to the book may contact Ellen Bevitt, telephone 6493 0273 or Gary Berman 6493 0449, or send material to bevitt@bordnet.com.au

For catering purposes people interested in attending may reply in writing to P O Box 29, Bemboka, NSW 2550 or email bevitt@bordnet.com.au



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Country girls find home in the city

Moving away from home for the first time can be difficult, but MacKillop House, tucked away in the peaceful Canberra suburb of Lyneham, attempts to make it easier.

Formerly known as St Joseph's House of Studies, the house was opened in 1969 for the Goulburn Sisters of St Joseph, who were conducting their tertiary studies in Canberra.

As their numbers in Canberra dropped, the Sisters of St Joseph decided to transform the building into something more useful and in 1991 they recreated it as a boarding house for country girls.

The house accommodates up to 38 and provides a supportive and friendly environment for country girls who have moved away from their homes and families to begin tertiary study.

Although MacKillop House gives preference to girls from the country in their first year of study, manager Ms Dominique Marsh says when there is room, other applicants are considered. "The girls come from all different backgrounds and areas of study and I think that just adds to the place."

This year the House has been home to girls from areas such as Pambula Beach, Coleambally and Young as well as one of their first international boarder from Indonesia.

Ms Marsh has been the manager of MacKillop House since August last year and has loved every second of it. "It's wonderful to be around a group of young women. It's great coming to work every day and there's always something to laugh about."



Emily Carroll, Debora Sugiaman, Yolanda Jones (back) and Bianca Bauer chat in the comfortable surrounds of Mackillop House.

Affectionately referred to as "The Nunnery" by those who live there, the girls say living at MacKillop House means there are fewer things for them to stress about.

Bianca Bauer began her studies at ANU this year and says "The Nunnery" is a good place to come home to.

"You get to know everyone here really well and there's always a nice cooked meal waiting for you."

The Sisters of St Joseph are still involved in running MacKillop House with Sr Patricia Lenane holding the role of bursar and Sr Joe Brady and Sr Mary Louis helping out

with the night rosters.

Sr Mary also doubles up as the maintenance lady and gardener. "She can fix absolutely anything," Ms Marsh said.

Last year in an attempt to boost income, a review of the business was conducted and as a result St Joseph's House of Studies became MacKillop House and the old chapel was converted into a conference centre.

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Dear children

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On 10 June we celebrate the feast of the Body and Blood of Jesus. The Gospel of Luke 9:11-17 tells the story of Jesus welcoming the crowds, healing them and feeding 5000 men with just 5 loaves and 2 fish. Luke says, "They all ate as much as they wanted and when the scraps remaining were collected they filled 12 baskets". At the Eucharist we are fed with the Body and Blood of Jesus. The remaining 12 baskets symbolise that the Eucharist satisfies our hunger, but also fills all our needs. Jesus took the bread blessed it and then gave it back to the apostles who passed it on to the crowd. He got them to do the work to distribute the food, to feed the people. Jesus calls us to be generous to others, to love others as He does.

We each are called to share God's love with those around us. How can you and I be a warm bowl of soup to someone this winter? To bring comfort, friendship and healing isn't as hard as it sounds. If we listen to the voice of our heart often we know how. It may be as simple as a smile. Listen to your heart and Jesus will tell you how to 'feed' the hungry. And may God especially bless those of you who are preparing for your first Eucharist. Lots of love,
Sue



LEFT: A beautiful picture by Jessica Lancaster, of St Francis of Assisi School, Calwell.

BELOW: Louis Jarasius drew this great snail. Louis is in stage 1 at St Joseph's School, Eden.



ABOVE: Caitlyn Edmondson thinks about her First Communion. She is in 4BN at St Francis of Assisi, Calwell.
RIGHT: God made lots of things, including mountains, as Lisa Kelly, of 4BN, at St Francis of Assisi, Calwell, says.



Dear Lord,
Help all the farmers who have to get up really early to make us dairy products, and all the farmers who haven't had a lot of rain. I hope you are thanking the farmers who care for our health. Amen.
- By Samantha Dwyer, 4BN, St Francis of Assisi School, Calwell.



ABOVE: Wow! What a lovely butterfly. Erin Grimes, of stage 1 at St Joseph's, Eden, rightly reminds us that the butterfly is a sign of new life.
LEFT: Bonita-Lee Kerrison, from St Joseph's, Eden, was thinking about a princess whale.



Always ready with a helping hand

Marymead is Canberra's own community-based child and family service. The centre opened 40 years ago in 1967 to meet the needs of Canberra families, through the initiative and hard work of the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary. The Sisters left in 1986 and the organization has grown and changed as Canberra has, but the mission has remained the same: caring for children, supporting families and building community.

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Appeal which will fund a new wing for early intervention programs for young at-risk children.

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The Beatitudes: Jesus' Guide to Happy Living. By Michael McMurray. Connor Court Publishing, 2007, pb 77pp, rrp \$19.95. Available from Catholic Bookshop, Favier House, Braddon. Reviewer: Margaret Ryan.

I always empathise with priests who have to write homilies for Trinity Sunday and on the beatitudes.

Even after several glances, the beatitudes can remain somewhat of a mystery for many people. This book aims to unravel that mystery.

Author Michael McMurray affirms that the Ten Commandments given at Mt Sinai are God's blueprint and vision for life and that the beatitudes, announced in a "sermon on the mount," tease out the desirable attitudes for life with God and each other.

This little book consists of an introduction, a chapter on each of Matthew's beatitudes, a concluding statement, and questions intended to promote group discussion or individual reflection.

The book contains explanation of the beatitudes, encased in

a degree of exhortation and advice on how to live the Christian life.

Br McMurray draws on reminiscences of old radio programs and more recent events (the Bali bombing) and quotes from Scripture, the Catechism, and some of his favourite commentators.

It is a pity that the book's subtitle and continuing theme link "beatitudes" with "happy living" and "happiness."

Many scholars would prefer the word "blessed" as a more suitable translation of the Greek makarios.

I was disappointed that the author chose the Revised Standard Version of scripture over the more accurate and recent New Revised Standard Version for quotations. At times there was a hint of "fortress Catholicism / Christianity."

Australian Br McMurray is a journalist and editor, a member of the Confraternity of Christ the Priest, currently working in the Wagga Wagga diocese.

He is convinced that "correct attitude" comes from "an inner revolution of outlook" based on the beatitudes. The book is written simply and would be appropriate for teenagers and adults.

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Discover Church year

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Discover the Church Year: Introducing Sacred Time, Film 1. (15 min, ages 8-13).

This first of two Australian-produced programs in the series, 'Discover the Church Year', using student narrators on-camera who introduce the concept of God's time to children. The narrator explains that these events are depicted in the life of Jesus and re-lived through the Church year.

Discover the Church Year: A Year with the Lord, Film 2. (15 min, ages 8-13).

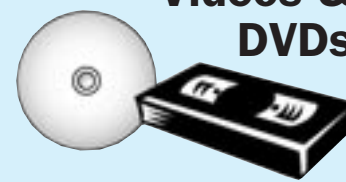
In this second Australian-produced program in the 'Discover the Church Year' series, student narrators outline the various events of the Church year, as depicted in the life of Jesus.

Effective graphical rings are used to point out the cycle of the Church year, and the narrator explains each phase, eg. Advent, Christmas, Ordinary Time etc. The narrator emphasises that the Church year sets up a series of appointments with the Lord when He offers His grace to us.

Paul: Contending for the faith: A story of Salvation from Abraham to Augustine (90 min, ages 12-adult).

The life and mission of the apostle Paul are featured in this documentary. The story of Paul's conversion on the road to Damascus, his gift of salva-

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tion, and history of his Jewish roots are depicted.

Ten Canoes. (English sub-titles, 90 min, ages 15-adult).

This visually striking Australian motion picture was filmed in Arnhem Land in the Northern Territory. Narrator David Gulpilil tells a parable of forbidden love within an Aboriginal community from Australia's mythical past. David's son Jamie Gulpilil stars as the youth Dayindi who covets a girl from the local tribe. The customs and ceremonies of ancient tribal Aboriginal people are very realistically depicted.

Breathe. Rob Bell (Nooma series 14 min, ages 15-adult).

This short film is part of the Nooma series of short films that deal with aspects of spirituality. Breathe depicts a man on a subway who tells the viewer that, in the busyness of everyday life, people should take the time to be aware of their breathing and its meaning. He explains that breath is a picture of a deeper spiritual reality and that maybe if we had more insight into the meaning of breathing, we would better understand

how God created us as human beings.

Electronic Resource Climate Change: Our Responsibility to Sustain God's Earth 2005, [CD Rom and Booklet]. Catholic Earthcare Australia. Position Paper.

The issue of climate change and its effect on humanity is discussed in this CDROM, produced by Catholic Earthcare Australia. Catholics are encouraged to help Australia by developing an ecological ethic, and by facing up to the radical changes required for tackling global climate change.

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Huge, loud and the best of the pirates

This film takes up shortly after where the last one left off. It's the mid 17th century, and the age of piracy is nearing its close. Lord Cutler Beckett (Tom Hollander) of the East India Company has gained control of the terrifying ghost ship, The Flying Dutchman, and its malevolent, vengeful captain, Davy Jones (Bill Nighy). The Dutchman now roams the seven seas, unstoppable, destroying pirate ships without mercy, under the command of Admiral Norrington (Jack Davenport).

Will Turner (Bloom), Elizabeth Swann (Knightley) and Captain Barbossa (Rush) embark on a quest to gather the Nine Lords of the Brethren Court, in a desperate attempt to defeat Beckett.

But one of the Lords is missing, Captain Jack Sparrow (Depp). He is trapped in Davy Jones Locker, thanks to his encounter with the monster Kraken in the last film.

In an increasingly shaky alliance, our heroes travel to dangerous, exotic Singapore and confront Chinese pirate Captain Sao Feng (Chow Yun-Fat) to gain charts and a ship that will taken off to world's end, to rescue Jack.

After Jack is rescued, the gathering of the Brethren Court calls on the Sea Goddess Calypso, imprisoned in human form, to come to their aid in the fight against Beckett and Davy Jones.

Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End.

Starring Johnny Depp, Orlando Bloom, Keira Knightley, and Geoffrey Rush. Directed by Gore Verbinski. 168 mins. M (moderate violence, supernatural scenes). Reviewer: Fr Richard Leonard SJ*.

As betrayal piles upon betrayal, it becomes clear that Jack, Will, Elisabeth, Sao Feng, and Barbossa each have their own agenda, and no one can be trusted. Yet each must choose a side in the titanic showdown that could eliminate the freedom-loving pirates from the seven seas forever.

Sequels are famous for two things: never being as good as the original; and making 30% less money. Pirates of the Caribbean 2 fulfilled the first rule, but not the second. That film joined Titanic and Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King in making over \$1 billion. Pirates of the Caribbean 3 is better than the second in the series and will probably do as well, if not better.

It has all the trade marks we have come to enjoy - a self-deprecating script, state of the art special effects, and outstanding stunts, cinematography, art direction and costumes. Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End has a loud sound track and a huge music score. This is one film that needs



Captain Barbossa (Geoffrey Rush), and Captain Jack Sparrow (Johnny Depp), in a scene from Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End. (c) Disney Enterprises, Inc. All Rights Reserved.

the biggest screen you can find.

That said, the story here is unnecessarily complex and some of the dialogue is difficult to understand. At 168 minutes, it is 25 minutes longer than the original and 18 minutes longer than its immediate predecessor. Not that fans will care, but these films are starting to get bloated.

Of some concern to parents

will be the level of violence in it. The opening scene of the hanging of the pirates (including a child) is especially tough, but there are a few other confronting moments as well. Be warned.

The values in it are a curious mix of the good guys being bad guys up against bad guys who are good at heart. The mantra of the film is the pirates' creed, "Take

what you can, and give nothing back", which would be appalling except that these pirates don't live it out. They end up being as new-age and sensitive as pirates get.

This is a romp and a parody of all the swashbuckling films you have ever seen.

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

A message that is eerie and creepy

The Pang Brothers made quite some impact with their horror thriller, The Eye, as well as their gangster story, Bangkok Dangerous. They were offered an American film and this is the one that they chose.

There is nothing particularly new here, nor any particular Asian style that they have brought to this film (except perhaps the way the ghosts are visualised and go into action). Rather, they have made a quintessentially American film. It is a haunted house, ghost and poltergeist activity film, not so much horror or terror, rather eerie and creepy. And most of the haunting occurs during daylight.

The messengers of the title are ravens (all, in fact, plus trainer, from the Czech Republic). They hover ominously in Hitchcock vein. They stare at the dilapidated house and barn which a Chicago family

The Messengers.

Starring Kristin Stewart, Dylan McDermott, Penelope Ann Miller and John Corbett. Directed by Danny and Oxide Pang. 90 mins. M (moderate horror theme and violence). Reviewer: Fr Peter Malone MSC*.

have just moved into to make a new beginning (not knowing the violent history of the family who used to live there as we do). They swarm and swoop and bang against windows. Eventually, signalling the approach of evil, they swoop, peck and bite.

The directors remind us that it is said that children are more open to "the other side" than adults, so that is what happens here. Kristin Stewart (Jodie Foster's daughter in The Panic Room) is a troubled teenager who is not believed when she tells

her parents of her fearful experiences, along with those of her little brother, Ben.

Parents are Dylan McDermott and Penelope Ann Miller. John Corbett plays a genial stranger who helps with the new sunflower crop. He is often a bland presence (as in My Big Fat Greek Wedding) but, once the ravens attack him, he is galvanised into surprising life. The climax occurs in the darkened basement.

Unlike so many of the recent horror films, this one avoids the crass and the ultra-violent, relying on characters and situations and its eerie atmosphere. The ending, after the haunting, is literally and positively sunny.

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

He's got 10 days to find a friend

If you were a fan of French films and you especially appreciated the films of Daniel Auteuil and you went to a preview of My Best Friend without knowing anything about it, you may well have thought that you were seeing another Francis Veber comedy about bonding between two highly unlikely types. It may not have the zip of many of Veber's comedies or the farcical situations, but they are certainly there.

However, the point to make is that this is not a film by Francis Veber. Rather, it is a film by that very serious director, Patrice Leconte. His films include M.Hire, The Hairdresser's Husband, Ridicule, Man on the Train, definitely not comedies.

My Best Friend.

Starring Daniel Auteuil, Dany Boon and Julie Gayet. Directed by Patrice Leconte. 90 minutes. M (Infrequent moderate coarse language). Reviewer: Fr Peter Malone MSC.

The film does have quite a serious undertone. Daniel Auteuil plays a self-preoccupied, self-centred antiques dealer, Francois Coste, who, on a whim, pays an exorbitant amount of money for a Greek vase, whose space was filled with tears for a dead friend - so it is said.

The point comes up whether he really

has any friends. He takes a bet that within 10 days he can produce a friend. He goes the rounds of a list and finds that these associates do not see him as a friend at all. And his daughter finds him difficult to deal with and like.

It is not every film that has its great dramatic and emotional climax an episode of Who Wants to be a Millionaire. But My Best Friend does - 'phone a friend' - and anyone who has watched and liked their version of the program should enjoy it. By this stage Leconte has moved from the serious to the comic to the sentimental and a feelgood parable about selfishness and the realities of true friendship.

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Tieing knot of friendship

St Anne's Primary School in Temora is promoting friendship and support between year six and kindergarten students by having weekly "buddy" sessions.

Year six student Mitchell Miller (above right) helps Angus Murphy with shoe lace tying.

Year six students are given a kindergarten child to take under their wing, teach them things and make their first year at "big" school more comfortable.

Although originally intended to help the littlies settle in, Year six teacher Mr David Keenan said his class benefitted just as much from the program.



"If we miss buddies group one week, they get really upset," he said.

"They like teaching their buddies things. They come back and talk about what their buddies have said and done."

Kindergarten teacher, Mrs Jackie Collins said buddy meetings built relationships between children.

"If they need someone in the play ground or on the bus and they

don't have older siblings, they go to their buddy."

Mrs Collins thinks having the buddy sessions also makes her job as teacher a lot easier.

"It's difficult to teach activities like skipping or shoe lace tying where everyone needs individual attention.

"When the buddies are there, they always have someone to help them."

Focusing on healthy life

Instead of its usual drug summit, this year Marist College held a "Well-being Expo" focusing on mind, body and soul to promote healthy living.

The expo was supported by funding from the Australian Department of Education, Science and Training.

Students selected two out of 40 different workshops such as yoga, Pilates, modelling, cooking, paper making and meditation.

The 1600 students also attended a lecture with the theme "Live Remarkably", given by former student and managing director of Pro-Fit Corporate Health, Mr Chris Males.

Deputy headmaster Mr Chris



Morrissey said instead of disseminating information about drugs and alcohol, this year's approach was very different.

"We hope to broaden our boy's perspective on leading a balanced and healthy lifestyle," he said.

According to a recent report Ask the Children, issued by the University of Western Sydney, "the

best way to prevent negative outcomes for children is to promote well-being throughout their lives, rather than only responding to vulnerability and crisis."

ABOVE: Lanette Gavran, from Canberra Pilates, gives a lesson to a group of Marist students.

Ariah Park hospitality



Cursillistas from around the Western Deanery along with two members from the Forbes Parish gathered in Ariah Park for a day of reflection and renewal.

The Ariah Park community hosted the day. Fr Allen Crowe was spiritual director for the day. Those who attended the day are: From left (back row) Sharron Coleman, Temora; Helen Murdock, West Wyalong and Tony Brown, Harden.

Third row: John Cox, West Wyalong; Peter Ridley, Ungarie; Noelene Pursehouse, West Wyalong; Dulcie Ridley, Ungarie; Irene Schmidt, West Wyalong; Monica Glennon, West Wyalong; Molly

Pinney, Temora; Julie Brown, Harden; Edna Keir, Young; Micky Clifford, Forbes; Maureen Wykes, Beckom; Margaret McDonald, West Wyalong; Linda Barry, Harden; Bill and Beverly Dunn, Ariah Park.

Second row: Marie Ryan, Cootamundra; Elaine Gruber, Boorowa, Vice President of Secretariat; Pat Reardon, Temora; Laraine Morton, Stockinbingal and Olga Scott, West Wyalong.

Front row: Marie Sharp, Cootamundra; Faye Cunningham, Cootamundra; Trish Fairman, Ariah Park; Mary Everson, Forbes; Kath Roscarrol, West Wyalong and Toots Noack, Ariah Park.



MacKillop Catholic College has again raised a large sum of money for Project Compassion; this year's total reaching almost 10,000.

Year level and staff fundraising events were held in addition to competitions between pastoral care classes. Some classes raised up to \$400, helping to beat last year's total of \$8300. MacKillop's senior campus at Isabella Plains contributed noticeably more to this year's campaign. In

addition to raising funds for Project Compassion, educational awareness of the plight of underprivileged communities was promoted. Material from Caritas educational kits was used by students and staff.

ABOVE: Year 12 students Joshua Pickham and Fiona Hough with Mr Bernie Brown, who organised the collection for Project Compassion.

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Going to meet one another

Margaret Ryan looks at the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity and some archdiocesan celebrations.

When I was a child, Catholics kept to themselves. There was considerable bigotry and lack of knowledge on both the Catholic and Protestant sides. Yet Jesus was always seeking harmony and true peace, dismantling barriers and building bridges. At the Last Supper he prayed "that all may be one".

A wise man, Cardinal Mercier, said: "In order to unite one another, we must love one another; in order to love one another, we must know one another; in order to know one another, we must go and meet one another."

Every year since 1894, a Week of Prayer for Christian Unity has been celebrated annually. The theme and biblical texts for the year are prepared by an international Joint Committee of the World Council of Churches and the Vatican's Pontifical Council for the Promotion of Christian Unity. National and regional councils of churches work to adapt the resources to the local context. In 2007, the theme is "Be opened" (Mk 7:34) or "He makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak" (Mk 7:37).

The prayers and liturgy for 2007 have their origin in the experience of Christian communities in Umlazi (near Durban) in South Africa, a region affected by unemployment, poverty and particularly by AIDS. The week was poignant in Australia this year, as it led into the Week of Reconciliation, the 40th anniversary of the 1967 referendum, and 10th anniversary of the "Bringing Them Home" document.

There were a number of celebrations across the Archdiocese, in country and city.

Archbishop Mark Coleridge gave the address at St Thomas the Apostle, Kambah. He drew a parallel between the deaf man (Mk 7:31-37) and ourselves as church. The deaf man was functioning well, physiologically, as we do. He and we eat, sleep, get up, go out ... Then the deaf man met Jesus, and that's what made the difference.

Christianity, he reflected, is not a religion so much as an experience of an encounter with the risen Christ. The deaf man probably saw Jesus first, and then he certainly felt him, as Jesus put fingers into his ears, and touched the man's tongue with his (Jesus') own spitte. The initial contact was very physical rather than spiritual only.

This is rather like what happens to us. When we receive communion at Mass, we are exceedingly close, body to body. When we get close to Jesus, and open ourselves to him, we can hear him. Only then can we "speak plainly." Jesus usually gives us a job - for example, to spread "the good news".

Christ speaks in "a foreign language", he said. He speaks the language of forgiveness and reconciliation, of a call to unity and wholeness. On nights where Christians pray together, listening to God's Word, we are attending a "language school." The next step is to, like the disciples at Pentecost, unlock the doors of our hearts and churches, and go and speak forth Christ's message.

The churches of North Belconnen hosted an ecumenical service of prayer at Melba Uniting Church. Its theme was the ascension of the risen Christ and its connection with the Holy Spirit. A cross made from burned and broken branches was carried in silently and placed on the floor in the middle of the congregation. All were invited to reflect on the sufferings of others and our Christian response. Music from Taizé accompanied this reflection which was followed by the Lord's Prayer in each person's first language.

Scripture readings and prayers were shared by members of the Uniting Church, Liberal Catholics, Anglicans, Baptists and Coptic Orthodox. The occasional sermon was preached by the Coptic Fr Abraam Elbramousy.



At the Kambah celebration, from left (back): Rev Jill Varcoe (St Mary in the Valley), Fr John Armstrong (Corpus Christi, South Tuggeranong), Anglican Bishop Trevor Edwards, Pastor John McNamara (Apostolic Church, Parkway). Front: Rev Jonathan Holt (Lanyon Valley Anglican), Rev Peta Thorpe (St Stephen's, Kambah), Pastor Steve James (Church of Christ), Deacon John Lim (St Thomas the Apostle, Kambah).

When I was younger, I was pretty confident that I knew what love meant. After all, we all experience love in some way, being in love, loving someone, being loved by someone.

Virtually everyone has known the love of somebody, a friend, a family member, an acquaintance.

But the older I get the more I wonder sometimes whether I, or most anyone else, has much sense of what that over-used word, love, really means? When we are honest, we sense our own distance from its full meaning. Why?

Because, the older we get, the more we also begin to know love's dark side. Too common are these experiences:

We fall in love and think it will last forever, but then fall out of love, feel love go sour, feel love grow cold, see love betrayed, feel ourselves wounded by love, and wound others.

Finally, even more upsetting, we all find that there are always people in our lives who are cold, bitter, and unforgiving towards us so that it is not always easy to feel love and be loving. In the light of this reticence, I would like comment on Jesus' most important commandment: "Love one another as I have loved you!"

We too easily read that simplistically, romantically, and in a one-sided, over-confident manner. But this command contains the most important challenge of the whole gospel and, like the deepest part of the gospel to which it is linked, the crucifixion, it is very, very difficult to imitate. Why?

It's easy to consider ourselves as loving if we only look at one side of things, namely, how we relate to those people who are loving, warm, respectful, and gracious towards us.

If we rate ourselves on how we feel about ourselves in our best moments among like-minded friends, we can easily conclude both that we are loving persons and that we are measuring up to Jesus' command to love as he did.

But if we begin to look at the skeletons in our relational closets our naive confidence soon disappears: What about the people who hate us, whom we don't like? What about the people whom we avoid and who avoid us?

What about those people towards whom we feel resentment? What about all those people with whom we are at odds, towards whom we feel suspicion, coldness, anger? What about those people whom we haven't been able to forgive?

It's one thing to love someone who adores you, it's quite another to love someone who wants you dead! But that's the real test. Jesus' command to love contains a critical subordinate clause, "as I have loved you!" What was unique in the way he loved us?

Where Jesus stretches us beyond our natural instincts and beyond all self-delusion is in his command to love our enemies, to be warm to those who are cold to us, to be kind to those who are cruel to

Getting to know love's dark side

Ron Rolheiser

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us, to do good to those who hate us, to forgive those who hurt us, to forgive those who won't forgive us, and to ultimately love and forgive those who are trying to kill us.

That command, love and forgive your enemies, more than any creedal formula or other moral issue, is the litmus-test for Christian discipleship.

We can ardently believe in and defend every item in the creed and fight passionately for justice in all its dimensions, but the real test of whether or not we are followers of Jesus is the capacity or non-capacity to forgive an enemy, to remain warm and loving towards someone who is not warm and loving to us.

We shouldn't delude ourselves on this. It is easy to rationalize this away and, if we do, no doubt there will be more than enough false friends around who will furnish us with both theological and psychological arguments that will justify us in not loving our enemies.

But the gospel is uncompromising: We are loving or non-loving not on the basis of how we respond to those who love us, but on the basis of how we respond to those who hate us, and are cold, hostile, and murderous toward us.

That's the hard, non-negotiable truth underlying Jesus' command to love and, when we are honest, we have to admit that we are still a long way from measuring up to that.

There's a sobering challenge in an old Stevie Nicks' song, Golddust Woman: She suggests that it's good that, at a point in life, someone "shatters our illusion of love" because far too often, blind to its own true intentions, our love is manipulative and self-serving.

Too often, the song points out, we are lousy lovers who unconsciously pick our prey. What shatters our illusion of love is the presence in our lives of people who hate us. They're the test. It's here where we have to measure up: If we can love them, we're real lovers, if we can't, we're still under a self-serving illusion.

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Maronite Diocese of Aust	www.maronite.org.au
Melbourne Archdiocese	www.melbourne.catholic.org.au
National Council of Churches in Aust	www.ncca.org.au
New Norcia	www.newnorcia.wa.edu.au/
Parramatta Diocese	www.parra.catholic.org.au
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Sale Diocese	www.sale.catholic.org.au
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Townsville Diocese	www.tsv.catholic.org.au/
United States Catholic Bishops	www.nccbuscc.org
Wagga Wagga Diocese	www.wagga.catholic.org.au
Wilcannia-Forbes Diocese	www.wil-frbs.catholic.org.au
World Day of the Sick	ww.worlddayofthesick.org.au
Vatican	www.vatican.va
Voting Cardinals	www.catholic-hierarchy.org/bishop/scardc2.html

EDUCATION

ACUweb	www.acuonline.acu.edu.au
Australian Catholic University	www.acu.edu.au/
Bullying: No Way	www.bullyingnoway.com.au
Catholic Education, Canberra-Goulburn	www.ceo.cg.catholic.edu.au
Daramalan College	www.daramalanc.act.edu.au
MacKillop Catholic College	www.mackillopcatholiccollege.com
Holy Family Parish School, Gowrie	www.hfpps.cg.catholic.edu.au
Marist Australia	www.maristoz.edu.au
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Ongoing Formation for Priests	www.auspriest.org
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St Bede's Primary, Red Hill	www.stbedes.cg.catholic.edu.au
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St Matthew's Primary School, Page	www.stmattps.act.edu.au
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School Aid Trust	www.schoolaid.org.au
Virtual Interdependent Schooling through an Interactive Online Network	http://vision.cangoul.catholic.edu.au

FAITH AND SPIRITUALITY

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

Lumen Verum Apologetics	www.lumenverum.com
Mt St Agnes Theological Centre	http://msawomen.org/
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St Joseph's House of Prayer	http://members.ozemail.com.au/~sjhop/index.html

St Mary's Towers Retreat Centre	http://towersretreat.abundance.org.au
Shrine of Mary MacKillop, Scotland	www.gaeldom.com/mmk
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Australian Political Ministry Network	www.polmin.com.au
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Calvary Hospital ACT	www.calvary-act.com.au
Catholic Music Network	www.catholicmusicnetwork.com
Central, Southern Tablelands Weather Weather	www.hop.org.au/weather.htm
Drought, floods and prayer	www.hop.org.au/drought.htm
Fr Andrew Greeley	www.agreeley.com
John Michael Talbot	www.johnmichaeltalbot.com
Kevin Bates SM	www.kevinfbates.com
Knights of Southern Cross Aust	www.ksca.org.au
Mary MacKillop Place, North Sydney	ww.marymackillopplace.org.au
National Church Life Survey	www.ncls.org.au
National Gospel Happening	www.nationalgospelhappening.org/
Russian community in Canberra	http://members.xoom.com/Ruscan/
World Prayers	www.worldprayers.org

LIFE

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

MARIAN

Centre for the Queen of Peace	http://home.earthlink.net/~marianland/index.html
Family Rosary Movement	www.familyrosary.org
Fatima Network	www.fatima.org
Garabandal	www.garabandal.com
Medjugorje messages	www.medugorje.org/weiblep.htm
The Mary Page	www.udayton.edu/mary

MEDIA

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Catholic Voice	www.catholicvoice.com.au
Catholic Weekly	www.catholicweekly.com.au
Ignatius Press	www.ignatius.com
Independent Catholic News	www.indcatholicnews.com
Jesuit Publications	www.openplanet.com.au/home/
Kairos	www.kairos.com.au
Majellan Publications	www.majellan.org.au
Marist Messenger	www.maristmessenger.co.nz
National Catholic Reporter	http://ncron-line.org
NZ Catholic	www.nzcatholic.org.nz
One Way FM Canberra	www.1wayfm.com.au
Pakistan Christian Voice inet magazine	www.pakistanchristianvoice.net
Radio Notre Dame	www.radionotredame.com
The Far East	www.columban.org.au/TFE/TrevorTrotter/FarEast.htm
The Pastoral Review	www.thepastoralreview.co.uk
The Tablet	www.thetablet.co.uk
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Mary Help of Christians, South Woden	http://mhoc.cathparish.com.au
St Anthony's, Wanniassa	www.users.bigpond.com/stanthons.wanniassa/
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St Christopher's Cathedral	www.stchristophersact.catholicau.com
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St Thomas Aquinas, Charnwood	http://site-manager.homemail.com.au/
St Thomas the Apostle, Kambah	www.kambahparish.catholicau.com
St Vincent's, Aranda	www.svdp-aranda.catholicau.com

SEXUAL ABUSE

Time of Crisis, Time of Faith	www.daughtersofstpaul.com/church/index.html
Voice of the Faithful	www.voiceofthefaithful.org

SOCIAL JUSTICE

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

VOCATIONS

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

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Kids Helpline	www.kidshelp.com.au
LifeTeen	www.lifeteen.com
Reach Out	www.reachout.asn.au
The Cardijn Site	www.cardijn.net
YCW of Australia	www.ycw.org.au/aycw

insites

WorldPriest.com
www.worldpriest.com
You can now become a card carrying Catholic - literally. This website offers credit card size Catholic "identity cards" for purchase with funds raised going to support the site. The card reads: "I am a Catholic. In the event of an accident or emergency please contact a priest". The website is designed to support priests worldwide. It includes clergy formation materials, health information, spiritual direction and Vatican news and documents.

Vatican Click
www.photo.va
In celebration of 30 years service, the photo department of the Vatican's newspaper L'Osservatore Romano is offering "Vatican Click" on its website, which contains over 5 million images from 11 papacies. There are browse and search functions and information on buying photos. Prices start from A\$3.30 for a printed photo plus postage. (Courtesy Catholic Telecommunications).

How well do you know your computer?

● **From previous page.**
There are also websites that can help you diagnose and fix simple computer problems yourself.
1) The site called Common Computer Problems and Fixes www.johnniemccoy.com/, offers solutions to simple PC problems such as Computer won't start, Printer won't print and Scanner won't scan.

The author has also put several useful links on this webpage to enable the user to access other computer help websites.

2) Another useful website is Mr Modem's Website www.mrmodem.com/site/meet.html which is authored by Richard A Sherman.

He has a newsletter that you can subscribe to as well as a library of tips and tricks to fixing your computer (www.mrmodem.net/site/library.html).

Unfortunately, some problems will be beyond your ability to fix as they may be internal or difficult to diagnose.

If you get stuck and still cannot find out what is causing the problem with your PC, talk to the store from which you bought your computer and if necessary take it in to be fixed.

Till next month, happy surfing.

Classifieds

Real Estate

To Let - Coastal

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

BROULEE - Spectacular views near beach, 6-bedroom 3-bathroom house newly renovated. Telephone 6257 1222 www.brouleebeachhouse.com

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To Let- Coastal

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

To Let - Coastal

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

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

To Let - Sydney

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Holiday Accommodation

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To Let - Queensland

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Prayers

PRAYER for Urgent Occasions. O Lord inspirer of all peace and source of all love, turn your merciful gaze tonight on my divided family. You desire the unity of hearts and you are able to mend that unity when it is broken. Have mercy on us. Amen. Say this prayer for 3 days.

PRAYER to the Blessed Virgin. O Most beautiful flower of Mount Carmel, fruitful vine, splendour of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. O Star of the Sea, help me and show me herein you are my mother. O Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to help me in my necessity (make your request). There are none that can withstand your power. O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to you (3 times). Holy Mary I place this cause in your hands (3 times). Say this prayer for 3 days. E M B.

Employment

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CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME - Holy Rosary Catholic Church, Blackfriars Parish community program each Thursday 7.30pm-9pm, 7 June to 12 July. Inquiries Parish Office, telephone 6248 5925 or e-mail holyr.watson@cg.catholic.org.au

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

COURAGE CANBERRA - Group for those experiencing same-sex attraction and desiring to live sacramental life of the Church. Meetings 13 and 27 June. Confidentiality assured. Inquiries: Telephone 6254 9540, e-mail couragecanberra@hotmail.com

CURSILLO - Ultreyas : Southside, Corpus Christi Parish Centre, Gowrie, 8pm, Tuesday, 26 June. Northside, Marian Hall, St Matthew's Church, Page, 8pm, Thursday, 28 June. All welcome.

ETHICAL SEMINAR - The Centre for an Ethical Society seminar titled "Peace, Justice & Compassion for the Whole World", 7.30pm, Wednesday, 13 June, 7.30pm St John's church hall, 43 Constitution Ave, Reid. Paul O'Callaghan, Executive Director Australian Council for International Development, will speak on "Social Justice - Australians as Global Citizens" followed by Prof John Langmore, President of the UN Association of Australia, on "Impediments to Economic and Social Development". Inquiries: Bill Bush, telephone 6257 1786, Werner Padarin 0416 376 499. All welcome.

HOMES REUNION - Saturday, 6 October, for former St. John's Boys Home, Goulburn and St Joseph's Girls Home, Kenmore. BYO picnic in the park, Belmore Park, Goulburn, from 11am. Inquiries: Lindsay and Maria Chesworth, telephone 6297 7815.

MARYMEAD REUNION - Marymead Child and Family Centre reunion for former clients, staff, residents and foster parents, early November. If your life has been affected by Marymead over the last 40 years, register your interest at programs@marymead.org.au telephone 6162 5800 or www.marymead.org.au Reunion by invitation only due to confidentiality.

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

NEW BEGINNING WEEK-END - 10-12 August for those who have experienced the loss

of a partner through death, separation or divorce. Aim to help participants deal with grief, and work towards a new beginning in their lives. For information and application forms: Jennifer, telephone 6286 8403 or leave a message on 0419 210 543, e-mail be_canberra@yahoo.com.au or website www.geocities.com/be_canberra/index.htm

PATRICIANS TALK - The Society of the Patricians talk and discussion on topic of "Indulgences", 3pm, Sunday, 17 June, St Joseph's Parish Hall, O'Connor. Refreshments provided. All welcome. Inquiries: Rick Banfield, telephone 6251 0712.

PHILIPPINE INDEPENDENCE DAY MASS - 3pm, Sunday, 10 June, St Christopher's Cathedral. Celebrant Archbishop Mark Coleridge. Organised by FilCare Association.

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

RAPHAELS - Singles social group for Catholics and Christian-minded people, aged 24-40. Meet people for social activities, including dinner, movie, social sport, coffee and Mass every two months. Inquiries: Telephone 0401 918 717, www.catholicssocialgroup.com, e-mail raphsgroup@yahoo.com.au

SERRA CLUB OF CANBERRA - Thursday, 14 June, 6.15pm Rosary and Mass at Holy Trinity Church, Curtin; dinner afterwards at Canberra Southern Cross Club, Phillip.

ST THOMAS MORE'S FORUM - Third Annual Lecture, 7.30pm, Friday, 22 June. Fr Thomas Cassidy, Prior Provincial, Dominican Fathers. "Faith and Conscience: a Dilemma?" Tickets \$10, \$3 concession. St Thomas More's Parish Hall, 30 White Crescent, Campbell. Light supper.

TEACHING AND HEALING WEEKEND - Fr Richard McAlear, 22-23 June. 5.30pm, Friday 22 June, Healing Mass; Saturday 10am-4:30pm teaching and healing day. St Benedict's, Tallara Parkway, Narrabundah. Inquiries: Mary Pidcock, telephone 0403 395 953.

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A holy and gentle man

Michael Lewis Lipsett
11 November 1935 - 5 May 2007

Mick was born in Wiluna in Western Australia. He married Heather on 26 October, 1957, and they moved to Campbell two years later where he took up a position with the Department of Defence. He held a long and distinguished career with Defence until he retired in 1992.

Michael and Heather joined Disciples of Jesus Covenant Community (then Hephzibah) in Canberra in 1984.

Until bad health reduced his activities, Michael was an acolyte in his parish and the Cathedral.

He was an active member of Hospital's Ministry, St Thomas More's Parish, Campbell, Vietnamese Resettlement Committee, Cursillo and Disciples of Jesus.

At his funeral, his son said "most importantly, I remember one thing that he taught all his children, the attitude that came from his deep faith, which basically came down to doing the right thing by others. That was Dad, and that is



the important thing that I remember".

Michael was well-read, studying theology at St Mark's, and had a deep appreciation of the key documents of the Church. He was a man from whom you would seek counsel, which would be well considered and steeped in the tradition of the Catholic Church.

Michael was a humble man, who presented himself as ordinary, but

was seen quite differently by many as a holy and gentle man. He was a man of great prayer who had a great love of his Church and was a very proud Catholic.

Michael was a much loved brother to many in Canberra, and will be missed.

He was a much loved husband of Heather, father and father-in-law of Peter and Melissa, Michael (dec), Julie and David, Sean and Janet, Matt and Ali, loving grandfather of Jess and Brad, Katie, Sam and Lizzie, Zoe, Jen and Ben, and special grandfather of Sharna, Maddie and Ody. Michael and Heather are known for their generosity, especially their hospitality.

New MGL chapel is blessed

Friends and supporters of the Missionaries of God's Love gathered for the blessing of the new chapel at their Garran formation house. The Mass and blessing was celebrated by Archbishop Mark Coleridge (pictured right).

The chapel features a large San Damiano Cross, a sign of the MGL dedication to the ideal of prayer, poverty and evangelization, modeled by Francis of Assisi.

Above the cross is a stained glass window depicting the dove of the Holy Spirit, similar to the window in the sanctuary of St. Peter's Basilica in the Vatican. On either side of the sanctuary there are yet to be installed two stained glass windows, one of St. Francis, to represent formation in a radical gospel way of life, and one of the Good Shepherd, to symbolize formation towards priesthood.

At the beginning of Mass the building was blessed with holy water and claimed as a place set aside for the worship of God's people.

In his homily Archbishop Coleridge focused on the importance of the altar as a sign of Christ,



stressing that the worship Christians offered was not their own, but that of Christ himself.

He thanked the MGL for "contributing to the spiritual landscape of the Archdiocese". He said they already did this in many ways, and this new chapel was yet another contribution to the spiritual life of the region.

MGL moderator Fr Ken Barker thanked all who had donated to make the chapel possible.

New parish servers

Nine young parishioners of St. Thomas More's, Campbell, who completed their altar server training were congratulated at Mass. Parish Administrator Fr John Woods expressed his appreciation to the girls and boys who served during the recent two-month training, which included the Easter liturgies.

After Mass, special recognition was given to the young parishioners with the presentation of parish certificates by Fr Woods.

ABOVE RIGHT: Altar servers Wesley Priest, Thomas Larkin, Stephanie Van Leishout, Michael Shanahan, Jacinta Pang, Daniel Van Lieshout, Zachary Mason, Ashliegh Van Leishout and Aidan Pierlot with Fr Woods, acolyte and trainer Mr

Peter Langford and trainer Mr Neil Gabbittas (far right). Christopher, Catherine and Alexander Bucknell also completed their server training but were unable to attend the ceremony.



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Archbishop Francis Carroll chats with Fr Jeff Manlapig in front of a Filipino nativity scene which also honoured victims of recent devastating typhoons.

A treasured gift in retirement

One of the many retirement gifts Archbishop Francis Carroll received was a trip to the Philippines from the Archdiocese's Filipino Catholic community.

He was met by the MACE sisters and made welcome at the residence of Bishop Jess Mercado, of Paranaque diocese.

"Sr Pinky and a group of friends she had gathered together had prepared a full itinerary for me that enabled me to experience a great deal of the Filipino Catholic culture and life," Archbishop Carroll said in a letter of thanks.

"Several families gave me wonderful hospitality in their homes that gave me a good experience of family and parish life. I celebrated Mass in both the Manila and Paranaque cathedrals and a number of parish churches. It was a special joy to concelebrate on one occasion with the three Missionary of God priests working in Quezon City, each of whom I had ordained in Canberra.

"Another unique experience was to be invited to celebrate Mass for the Ombudsman and her staff in their offices. I met several of the bishops and members of the clergy and was always made to feel a welcome guest.

"I was, of course, struck by the obvious division between the rich and the poor, but even more so by the happy disposition of the people even in situations of great disadvantage.

"Several car trips outside Manila showed me something of the spectacular countryside with its volcanoes and lakes. I visited the still being-built MACE seminary and gave a talk at La Salle University where Sr Pinky and other MACE Sisters lecture. I left the Philippines with wonderful memories and a heart full of gratitude."

Archbishop Carroll said he retained fond memories of his association with the Filipino community on occasions such as Independence Day Masses, MACE gatherings, Fil-Care activities and the annual gathering at the South Coast. His trip was sponsored by the Fil-Care Association of Australia, which looks after the spiritual welfare of Filipinos.



Tales of wartime faith

The experiences of a Vietnam War Army chaplain were remembered at the national Anzac Day Mass in St Christopher's Cathedral.

The late Mgr Gerald "Gerry" Cudmore served much of his time with the Australian Army and came to be well regarded by the soldiers.

Australian Defence Force Bishop Max Davis told of a booby trap incident in 1965 in which a soldier was critically injured and Fr Cudmore accompanied him as he was transported back to headquarters.

Fr Cudmore held the soldier's head in his hands to diminish the effects of the rough trip. As they travelled, Fr Cudmore momentarily let his anger get the better of him and said: "Don't worry, we'll get those who did this to you, the battalion will make them pay."

Fr Cudmore was to remember the soldier's response for the rest of his life: "Father you should not be saying that, you are a priest".

"Precisely when the limits of human wisdom are reached, when confusion and powerlessness are experienced, then



we are we most able to experience faith," Bishop Davis said.

St Christopher's Cathedral filled with people who had come to pay their respects and remember those who lost their lives in defending their country. "They were faithful in their duty to us and now we have the opportunity to be faithful in duty to them," Bishop Davis said.

Anzac Day not only commemorated the wars of the past, but those who were continuing to fight for Australia.

"Our Mass this morning lies between the commemoration of that dawn event

at Anzac Cove and bridges that event with our subsequent expression of honour for all including those in these recent days who have sacrificed themselves in a duty of service to us."

● Families was this year's theme for Merici College's annual Anzac Day assembly. Students with parents in the Australian Defence Force invited them to be part of the ceremony (pictured left).

Representatives from each of the arms of the Defence Force attended and took a role in the ceremony.

HMAS Harman provided a catafalque and flag party, which created an atmosphere of dignity and reverence. Following the introduction by principal Mrs Catherine Rey, students representing five generations of their families laid symbols of their relatives' service at a centrepiece of a cross and a flagpole. Extracts from letters to and from serving soldiers were read by students. Commodore Trevor Jones, who commanded a Royal Australian Navy ship in the Gulf War, gave an inspiring address.



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