



WYD: 12 months to go

Old faces and new future for archbishop's house

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RIGHT: Artist Ross Townsend discusses his portrait of Archbishop Francis Carroll with the former Archbishop of Canberra and Goulburn.

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A dry argument

By Naomi Fallon

Schools across Canberra are facing disruption to sport and other leisure activities for their students as stricter water regulations are threatened.

Stage 4 water restrictions, which have been delayed but are still likely, ban the use of potable water outdoors and mean up to 80 per cent of ACT sportsfields will have their water supply cut, according to the ACT Government.

Many Catholic schools have been preparing for months as they aim to play their part in conserving water while at the same time providing recreation facilities for students. Marist and St Edmund's colleges both have installed more water efficient toilets and re-sown at least one oval with a more effective grass combination.

Marist headmaster Mr Richard Sidorko said water usage had been reduced by 30 per cent since February and the school had attended an industry information session. "Our plan is to further reduce the amount of water we use on fields such that only two fields would be watered, instead of the six we have. We are willing to share our grounds with non-Marist teams," Mr Sidorko said.

Director of services at St Edmund's College Mr Phil Hawke said although the school's main oval has access to bore water, the college was looking at options to ensure all sport continued. "We'll have to cut back on training to maybe one day a week and look at how different sporting competitions are run and see if we can shorten them," he said.

Realistically, Mr Hawke does not see how the school could allow others to use their oval. "We have so many St Edmund's College teams that by the time we cope with them we're stretched to the limit," he said.

Goulburn's Trinity Catholic College has had experience dealing with water shortages. Stage 4 water restrictions came into effect in Goulburn in 2003 and Stage 5 began 19 months later.

Fortunately for Trinity its junior campus has access to bore water. School bursar Mr Ian Lee said all teams trained at the junior campus as senior campus playing fields were too dangerous to use.

"Students from the senior campus wouldn't know any different because the lawn has been dead for several years. There is certainly a level of acceptance now, simply



Braden Searle, Michaela Matthews and Emily Williams play in the dust of what used to be a well grassed play area at St Thomas Aquinas School, Charnwood.

because there's no alternative."

Many schools in Goulburn are unable to water any of their ovals and have been forced to find alternative playing fields. "The junior campus has requests all the time from outside sporting groups to use their oval, but the bore simply can't cope with the demand, so we have to say no."

With large playing fields to consider, St Thomas Aquinas Primary School in Charnwood is

concerned for its sporting future and has applied for two grants and an exemption. Principal Mr John Bourke said a Community Water Grant would enable the school to install two water tanks and maintain 30 per cent of its grounds while an "Investing in our Schools" Grant would allow it to put in a fitness track.

Mr Bourke said the school was not sure if it would be successful. "We're going to apply for an

exemption and try to maintain 35 per cent of our total grass area, half of an oval. Of course if we got an exemption we'd be happy to share what we do have," he said.

However it is not just the big schools which will need to change their habits. Smaller schools such as St Bede's Primary in Red Hill are also going to suffer, although acting assistant principal Mrs Julie Douglas said the school was prepared. "We actually turned off our automatic sprinkling system and cut down our water usage before stage three even came in," Mrs Douglas said.

For the next few months the school will rotate use of parts of the oval and, if the drought continues, it will be forced to stop using grass areas. "We have a fairly large asphalt area that the children can play on and a hall where we could look at dance and other types of sport to keep the children active."

ACT Tourism, Sport and Recreation Minister Mr Andrew Barr said at all levels sport would need to adapt. "While some facilities may be approved an exemption to continue watering, these will need to be used at a greater capacity so that sports participation and diversity can be maintained."



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A glimpse into church’s history

Queanbeyan's oldest Catholic church contains few historical artefacts, but a recent antique restoration of a monstrance will give parishioners the chance to glimpse a little of St Gregory's past.

Broken in places and requiring an entirely new lunette, the old monstrance has not been used since 1950, when a replacement was bought. Sydney company W J Sanders restored the monstrance made of silver and believed to have originated in Ireland around 1850.

Queanbeyan Parish Priest Fr Dermid McDermott (pictured right with the historic monstrance) thinks people will be interested in seeing the restored monstrance.

"Already we're hearing from people who can remember it as children when they went to school and had benediction," he said. In a couple of weeks parishioners will be able to view the valuable monstrance before it is safely stored away.

YOU'RE INVITED: Invitations are in the mail for the biggest party St. Bernard's Primary School, Batemans Bay, has held. The school will mark its 25th year of operation with a silver anniversary Ball on 4 August.

The school hopes families, students, teachers and other St. Bernard's community members will come together to reminisce about the school they've helped create.

St. Bernard's has helped to educate more than 600 families over its 25 years. Many previous staff members, including Sisters of St. Joseph and families from the school, have already committed to returning for the evening.

Tickets are available from the St. Bernard's Primary School Office at \$45 per head, or \$450 for a table of 10. For further information and tickets all St. Bernard's Primary, telephone 4472 4446.

JOLLY GOOD TIME: Canberra's Catholic German community at St Boniface have spent a weekend with their Superior who came to inspect their mission. Praelat Peter Prassel is stationed in Bonn and supervises 186 missions around the world, from Buenos Aires to Bali - wherever there are sizeable numbers of German immigrants, business people or tourists.

He was impressed by the beauty of Canberra, and said he had not seen a capital city as different and as lovely as Canberra. After Praelat Prassel's trip to Canberra he visited other German missions in Melbourne, Adelaide and Sydney. Canberra's German-language chaplain Fr Edward Evans said the visitor had "met the members of the community and chatted with them as if he had known them his whole life."

"His Rhine-lander wit and cheerfulness kept the community bursting with laughter."

RIGHT: Praelat Prassel (left) and Fr Evans celebrate Mass in Canberra.

From near and far



EXPERIENCES OF LIFE: Renowned Australian author Christobel Mattingley visited Ss Peter and Paul's Primary School, Goulburn, to give workshops to students.

She was visiting Canberra to do research at the National Library and welcomed the opportunity to talk to the children.

Her latest and 46th book is called Battle Order 204 and relates her husband's story about flying for Bomber Command in World War II.

She was also able to give a writ-



ers workshop to the children in the poetry gifted and talented program.

She spoke of her first stories (Windmill at Magpie Creek) and her work as librarian in South Australia and also of later stories such as No Guns for Asmir.

She told the children that her books were not just words but her lived experiences.

ABOVE: She signed autographs for the children, among them Alarnah Roberts and Carissa Mooney.

FOOTNOTE: People are funny; they want the front of the bus, the middle of the road, and the back of the church.



Victims need money

The St Vincent de Paul Society is appealing for money donations to help people affected by the Newcastle floods.

"The most effective help people can provide is through donations of money rather than goods", the society's NSW chief executive officer Mr John Picot said.

The St Vincent de Paul Society is part of the State-run Disaster Welfare Plan. Vinnies works with other voluntary agencies in a disaster to provide those forced to evacuate with essential material items.

People wanting to donate may give to the St Vincent de Paul Society's NSW Disaster Fund, which is used to support the society's work during all disasters including flood, fire and drought. Telephone 13 18 12 or visit www.vinnies.org.au to make a donation.

Australians dig deep

For the fifth consecutive year Catholic Mission raised more money than ever due to the generosity and compassion of Australians for people in real need. Total donations from all dioceses were up 6.6 per cent to a record \$12.44 million.

People in the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn diocese continually show their generosity with an increase year on year. This year was no exception, as they raised more than \$328,000 for Catholic Mission.

Catholic school children also gave up more than ever raising \$471,000 so children less fortunate than them could have a better chance at life through the Children First! program.

WYD song launched

The eagerly awaited theme song for World Youth Day 2008, Receive The Power, penned by Guy Sebastian in collaboration with Gary Pinto, will be released on 1 July. Guy will partner fellow artist Paulini to sing it at the launch. An international version featuring verses in Italian and Spanish with the bridge in French will also be released. Both versions will be available to download from the World Youth Day 2008 website from 1 July as well as video clips. Those who want to buy a limited edition CD version of both songs can click on the WYD08 Shop icon on the homepage (the song will not be available in music stores).

Healing after abortion

Theresa Burke, founder of Rachel's Vineyard Ministries USA, will visit Australia in September to speak in Melbourne, Hobart and Sydney. Ms Burke has 20 years experience as an academic and practitioner in healing post-abortion trauma.

"Certainly, not all women experience emotional problems following induced abortion," she said. "However an alarming amount of evidence has accumulated that, for some women, abortion is responsible for a broad array of deep psychological and emotional disturbances."

Her visit to Australia is to support the healing ministry of Project Rachel Australia, which is a coalition of groups running Rachel Vineyard healing retreats in capital cities for men and women who experience pain and stress after an abortion.

For details of the tour visit: www.projectrachel.org.au

Recovering 'capacity for silence'

VATICAN CITY: Pope Benedict XVI, speaking to mark the feast day of Corpus Christi, has recommended the practice of Eucharistic adoration to pastors and faithful. He appeared at the window of his study to pray the Angelus with pilgrims gathered in St Peter's Square below.

"I am happy to note that many young people are discovering the beauty of adoration, both alone and in company," he said. "I invite priests to encourage youth groups to this end, but also to accompany them to ensure that community devotion is always appropriate and dignified, with suitable moments for silence and listening to the Word of God."

Correction

In last month's issue, an article provided for Catholic Voice stated former co-ordinator of the Archdiocese's Catholic Youth and Young Adults Ministry Mr Adam Morris was undertaking full-time study. He is not a full-time student but is employed full time in the Children and Youth Section of the Department of Health and Ageing.

Vision sought for landmark capital site

Moves are under way to develop a vision for one of the landmark locations of the national capital, once earmarked for a national Catholic cathedral.

On a hill overlooking Commonwealth Avenue and Lake Burley Griffin, the site is home to Archbishop's House, built as a presbytery to accommodate Canberra's pioneering priests.

Archbishop Mark Coleridge has launched an organisation, The Friends of the Archbishop's House, which he hopes will join him in generating ideas for the use of the historic house and its 2 hectares of land.

One of the ideas put forward is the development of a national shrine in honour of Our Lady Help of Christians, but not on the same grand scale as the 3000-seat national cathedral once proposed for the site.

"A number of people have asked me about a possible shrine and I have said, 'If you can provide the money, I will provide the artistic vision and political will,'" he said.

Archbishop Coleridge said he had considered building a monument to immigrant women and looking at the possibility of returning to Australia the body of Caroline Chisholm who was known as the emigrant's friend for

her work to improve the lot of poor migrants to New South Wales in the 1800s. She died in poverty and is buried in Northampton, England.

As part of the redevelopment of the site, work will begin soon on renovations to Archbishop's House, which Archbishop Coleridge said was in poor condition, a situation he found on the night of a massive storm last year when extensive damage was done to the building. "I realised then that I needed to do something, or move out of the house. I even considered demolition. But, I don't see Archbishop's House as only a place where I live. It's one of the great locations of the city and it belongs to everyone in the Archdiocese. It is part of the story of Canberra and of the Archdiocese."

One of the first stages of the project is already complete with the unveiling of portraits of four past archbishops of Canberra and Goulburn, Eris O'Brien, Thomas Cahill, Edward Clancy and Francis Carroll. They will be hung in the house joining existing portraits of the first Archbishop of Canberra and Goulburn Terence McGuire and Bishop John Barry, Bishop of Goulburn.

Portraits of two Goulburn bishops William Lanigan, who was in

effect the first bishop as his predecessor Bonaventure Geoghegan died before taking possession, and John Gallagher will be added to the historic collection, on permanent loan from Goulburn parish.

Archbishop Coleridge unveiled the four new portraits by Canberra artist Ross Townsend, and inaugurated The Friends of the Archbishop's House and the Monsignor John Hoare Foundation at a reception held at Marist College. The foundation stems from a substantial legacy left to Archbishop's House by long-time Vicar-General the late Mgr John Hoare.

Archbishop Carroll, who retired last year, attended the reception.

He spoke of the love Mgr Hoare had for Archbishop's House, which the two men shared as their home for 16 years. Mgr Hoare had lived there decades



before with eight other young priests as the original Canberra parish expanded and the priests moved out, often to become parish priests of the newly formed parishes.

Archbishop Carroll said he encouraged the vision of a shrine on the site.

TOP: Archbishop Coleridge launches The Friends of the Archbishop's House and unveils portraits of former archbishops. ABOVE: Friends' patrons Sir James and Lady Scholtens with a model of the renovations.

Two parish priests named

Two parish priests have been appointed each for a term of six years, Archbishop Mark Coleridge has announced.

They are Fr Michael Burke as parish priest of Bega and Fr Peter My as parish priest of Kambah.

Fr Paul Huthnance will remain administrator of Evatt for a further 12 months, with new responsibility for the church at Hall.

Fr Ben Macajes will remain parish priest of Barellan and Ardlethan.

The Dominican Friars have agreed to assume responsibility for the churches at Dickson and Braddon. They have also agreed to assume responsibility for Campbell parish with a review in 12 months.

In previously announced appointments, Vicar General Mgr John Woods will be replaced as Administrator of the Cathedral by Fr Francis Kolencherry. Fr Frank Fuchs will move from Central Canberra parish to become parish priest of Aranda.

Fr Varghese Vavolil will move from the Cathedral to Goulburn.

ACT Budget 'fails to deliver' on school funding

The Catholic Education Commission has criticised the ACT Government for failing in its Budget to deliver on most of its 2004 pre-election commitments to non-government schools.

Commission chair Mr Daryl Smeaton said the Budget had allocated "no new funding to non-government schools apart from grant supplementation at about half the level of last year's ACT inflation rate. "This means that per-student funding from the ACT Labor Government for Catholic schools is declining in real terms.

"The ACT Government should be ashamed that it continues to provide the lowest level of per-student funding to the non-government schools sector of any state or territory government in the country."

The only initiative announced by ACT Education

Minister Mr Andrew Barr for non-government schools was a \$1 million program over two years to improve disabled access in non-government schools. However, the Minister's media release failed to mention that the program was funded by taking money out of another non-government schools program, Mr Smeaton said.

Catholic Education director Mrs Moira Najdecki said it was "particularly disappointing that the ongoing support needs of students with disabilities in Catholic schools" had again been ignored.

The Government had failed also to develop a more relevant indexation arrangement for non-government schools. "These were just some of the commitments made by the Government at the last election which have not been honoured," she said.

Novena of Masses for the 2007 Feast of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

7th-15th July, 2007

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Monday, 9th July 5.30 pm

Tuesday, 10th July 5.30 pm

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Thursday, 12th July 5.30 pm

Friday, 13th July 5.30 pm

Saturday, 14th July 8.30 am

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Celebrant:

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Time to give Cathedral a make-over

Brothers and Sisters,

I made the mistake recently of referring to Saint Christopher's Cathedral as "the mother church of the Archdiocese". I did this without thinking because it's perfectly normal to style a Cathedral in this way.

But it was pointed out to me that the mother church of this anything-but-normal Archdiocese is Saint Peter and Paul's old Cathedral in Goulburn. That's where it all began.

Saint Christopher's became the Cathedral only after the Diocese of Goulburn had become the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn.

So I was left scratching my head as to what we should call the Canberra Cathedral: "the father church of the Archdiocese" perhaps? Somehow it doesn't seem right to refer to a church as "father", although the Germans talk of a father-land rather than a mother-land. Perhaps we should simply respect



Goulburn's sensitivities and settle for a touch of the Germanic in Canberra.

Whatever we call it, the Cathedral in Canberra has been much on my mind lately. This is largely because of the fire in and around the Lady Chapel. In fact, we were very lucky. The damage could have been much worse. The floor and the brick-work are damaged, and there is quite a bit of smoke damage above the Lady Chapel and elsewhere. But a passer-by just happened to enter the Cathedral as the flames were mounting, and thankfully he sounded the alarm, which really contained the damage.

The need to repair the damage has focused my mind on other works in the Cathedral that had been in the back of my mind. The Cathedral is a fine building with splendid windows. But it is at a point in its life when it needs some refurbishment.

Projects that I have in mind would include the following:

1) replacing the carpet with marble tiles, 2) replacing the fluorescent lighting, 3) embellishing the back wall of the sanctuary, 4) mosaic-work behind the statue of Our Lady, 5) a marble lectern in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel to match the altar, 6) a new organ, 7) relocation of the icons of Christ, Our Lady and Saint Christopher.

There is also the question of security in the Cathedral which has become more pressing as the character of Manuka has changed through the years. It's good to have the Cathedral in the middle of one of the livelier districts of the city. But it also presents challenges.

Works such as these would not necessarily be done all at once. They could be done over a period of time and in stages. We would have to develop a budget for the Cathedral, and donations would, of course, be welcome. The works could be done in tandem with the development of the entire Cathedral precinct, which has been on the planning board for some time and is now beginning to move.



The stained-glass medallion window over the main entrance to the Cathedral.

Saint Christopher's is not just a vital part of the story of the Catholic Church in Canberra. As the original parish church of the city and then (once doubled in size) the Cathedral, it is certainly that.

But it has also become part of the story of Canberra itself. This is partly because, as the largest church in the Capital, Saint Christopher's is often used for civic occasions.

As we approach great Church events like World Youth Day and great civic events like the centenary of Canberra, it would be good to give the Cathedral a make-

over as another way of honouring the past and celebrating the future.

Goulburn is doing it to "the mother-church of the Archdiocese" as it refurbishes the old Cathedral in splendid style. I don't see why Canberra shouldn't follow suit - albeit more modestly - with "the father-church of Archdiocese" where the chief Pastor now has his seat.

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Christians struggle to survive in war-torn Iraq

By John Pontifex

Church leaders are desperate to save Christianity in Baghdad from oblivion amid warnings that Islamists could succeed in ridding the city of Christians within two years.

Patriarch Emmanuel III Delly has convened an emergency council of priests to address radical measures in the face of increased Islamist threats forcing Christians in Baghdad to convert on pain of eviction from their homes or even death.

The committee established by the Patriarch of Baghdad of the Chaldeans, is charged with compiling a register of Christian families most at risk, taking steps to increase security around people's homes and, in some cases, evacuating them to the north of the country.

The Patriarch's initiative comes amid pressure on Christians to flee the country.

Among the hundreds of thousands who have fled their homes since 2003, up to 25,000 Christians have sought sanctuary in northern Iraq and Church leaders in the region have been told to expect a further 60,000 over the coming months.

Stressing the gravity of the situation, senior Iraqi priest Fr Bashar Warda gave an interview to the Catholic charity Aid to the Church in Need (ACN), in which he said that Christians in the capital were now panic-stricken and had dwindled in number to just over 300,000.

Warning of increased numbers trying to escape the capital over the coming months, he said: "If things go on like this, there will

soon be hardly any Christians left in Baghdad."

The rector of the country's leading seminary and Church college - both of which were recently evacuated from Baghdad - described an increasing sense of panic generated by Islamists in the country, especially in the capital and in the northern city of Mosul.

He said both Sunni and Shia militia were now targeting Christians - sending them death threats, going from house to house evicting them from their homes, demanding vast sums in the name of Shari'a law regulations and forcing sisters and daughters to marry so-called Jihadi fighters.

"The most important issue we are now facing is a persecution of Christian families in Baghdad," he said. "Unfortunately, it is growing more and more."

Now comes news that Shia firebrand Muqtada al-Sadr's so-called Mahdi army has issued orders telling Christians in Baghdad to wear the veil or "face grave consequences".

Hundreds of Baghdadi Christians forced from their homes have taken refuge at St George's Chaldean Church, in Ghadeer, in the north-east of the city, one of the only churches still open in the area.

"We have tried speaking to Shia and Sunni leaders about the threats but it is of no use," he said. "Where can these Christian families go? There, in Baghdad, you have a very weak part of society which is being hit and threatened very seriously."



ABOVE: Mrs Thora Marie Regan, foreground second from right, at the installation of archdiocesan members to the national executive of the Catholic Women's League in 2004. Mrs Regan served as national president in 2004 and 2005.

Service deserves Queen's honour

Mrs Thora Marie Regan was made a Member in the General Division of the Order of Australia (AM) for her service to women, particularly through the Catholic Women's League Australia and to the community of Boorowa.

Mrs Regan was national president of the CWL in 2004-2005 and archdiocesan president from 1992 to 1995. She has been a member of the Boorowa branch since 1980.

As national president she represented the CWL at the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women in New York in 2004.

She was a founding committee member of the Carinya Court Retirement Village in 1985, has been deputy coordinator of the Boorowa Disaster Welfare Committee since 1991 and deeply involved in St Patrick's parish. Mrs Regan was secretary of St Joseph's Primary School, Boorowa, from 1979 to 2002, and secretary/ treasurer of the school board from 1986 to 2002. She has been a catechist in the state school for 21 years.

Mr John Kevin Liston, of Pambula, was awarded a medal of the Order of Australia in the General Division (OAM) for service to the Pambula community through educational, church, service and social welfare organisations.

He has been a teacher at St Joseph's Primary School, Eden, since 1983; and is current sports-master and religious education coordinator. He was foundation executive officer of Lumen Christi Catholic College, Pambula Beach.

Mr Liston has been a member of the Eden conference of the St Vincent de Paul Society for about 20 years, and chairman of the parish pastoral council for six years.

He was involved in the restoration of St Peter's Heritage Church in Pambula, Star of the Sea Church in Eden and All Saints' Church in Wolumla.

Mr Bevil Victor Purnell was awarded an OAM for service to the community as a volunteer in a range of organisations providing assistance and welfare to refugees.

He has been secretary of the St John the Apostle Parish Refugee Resettlement Committee for almost 18 years; and a member since 1986. The Paul Cullen Award was presented to the committee by Austcare in 1997 for its outstanding service to refugees.

He was a volunteer with Belconnen community organisations assisting refugees from 1990 to 2006. He has been a member of the Committee of Migration Planning and Settlement Service in the Commonwealth Department of Immigration and Citizenship since 1998. Mr Purnell was chair of the Belconnen Unemployed Youth Task Force in the 1990s. His awards include ACT Chief Minister's Lifetime Achievement Award in 2002.

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Top family 'an inspiration'

The winners of this year's ACT Family of the Year award, the Burns family, of Page, are an inspiration.

Australian Family Association ACT president Mr. Paul Monagle said that the Burns were worthy winners.

Carolyn and Vince Burns not only worked hard at rearing their own six children in line with Catholic social principles, but they also made a significant contribution to many groups.

The Burns children range in age from 28 to 19 years, among them a homemaker, mechanic, seminarian, builder, electrician and student.

The family contributes to the Church, welfare, youth groups and other activities, including prayer groups.

The Australian Family Association makes



Carolyn and Vince with children Elizabeth, Katherine, Tim and Patrick. Seminarian Samuel and mechanic David were absent.

the award annually to a family which demonstrates good family modelling but also contributes to the community. Members of the association nominate the family.

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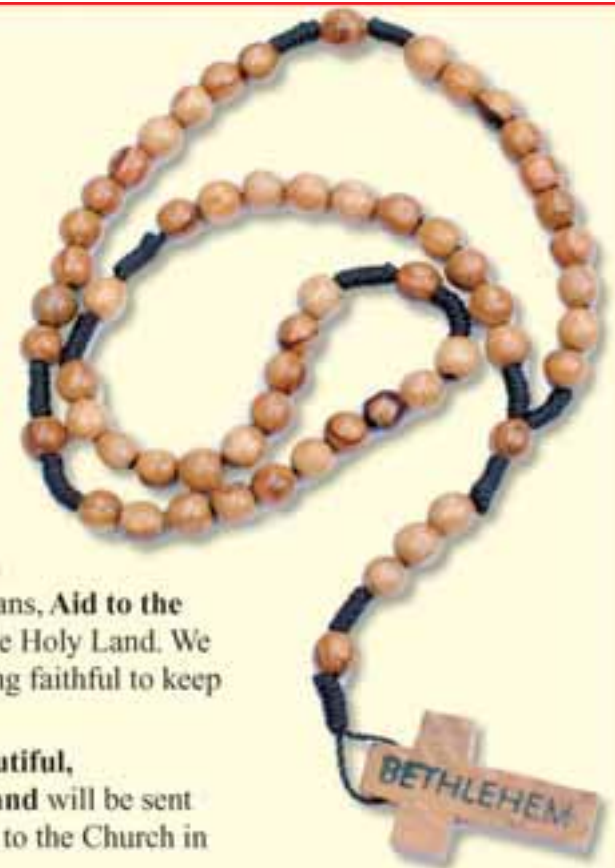
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All have role to play in 'ecological conversion'

People in developed countries needed an ecological conversion in their lives to live more simply, more sustainably, and more spiritually, pilgrims to the Galong May procession were told.

Redemptorist moral theologian Fr Bernard Teo said people lived in an era where "exploiting and plundering the land and environment for profit and development" was the norm.

The sentiments expressed by Dorothea Mackellar in her poem "My Country" in which she described her difficult, painful, tenuous and nourishing relationship with the land were "sadly conspicuously absent in our lives in modern times."

"Let us commend our leaders and the leaders of all developed countries, the leaders of big businesses, and all those who have the capacity of changing the course of life on earth, that God will grant them not only wisdom, but also the courage to take difficult decisions towards true ecological conversion.

"We pray in particular for them, not only because they need true wisdom and courage, but also because in the end those who are entrusted with so much power will have to give an account to God of their stewardship of the earth's resources for the good of humanity.

"All of us need to play our part in this conversion, however small our roles may be. The many small things we do, individually and collectively, add up towards a responsible and spiritual relationship with our earth and environment.

"Each time we celebrate the Eucharist let the prayer before the offertory become our personal expression of gratitude and thanksgiving to God."

Fr Teo said people needed to develop attitudes of gratitude, thanksgiving and worship if they were to live spiritually in ecological conversion, sustainability and simplicity.

Different native peoples who had a deep understanding of their relationship with the land and environment could teach everyone at least the first two attitudes.

Fr Teo said many Koori groups and cultures in Australia knew what it meant to live in dependence on the land and their environment for their sustenance and nourishment. "They know how to treat the land and environment with respect, and they know how to be thankful and to live in simplicity."

Archbishop Mark Coleridge expressed his regret at not being able to attend the annual pilgrimage as he was in Sydney for a meeting of the Australian bishops.

In a message to the pilgrims, he said the theme "The Year of Planet Earth" turned minds to the great mystery of the Incarnation. "When God took flesh in Jesus, he embraced the whole creation; and he asks us, who worship the mystery of the Word made flesh, to embrace the creation as he does. This means to love and honour the gift of the planet which we have been given as our home in this life.

"We often speak of Mother Earth, and there is truth in this, even if the truth is not absolute. Mary is our mother in the faith and forever, and we honour her above all creatures. The planet is our mother in the flesh and for a time, and in honouring the planet we honour the God who created it and who calls us to our true home in heaven."

Ready for good read



There's nothing that students at St Anthony's Parish School, Wanniasa, like better than a good book. That makes them valuable supporters of the annual MS Readathon.

As part of Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week, the readathon gives participants until the end of June to read as many books and raise as much money as they can.

With 48 students signed up, St Anthony's had the third highest number of readathon registrations in the ACT.

St Anthony's librarian and MS Readathon organiser Kathy Simpson said the school aimed to raise at least \$3000.

"The MS Readathon has always been successful at this school. I think it is because our library is such a welcoming environment, the children

come in to visit at lunchtimes. They love to sit down and read the books," she said.

Almost \$26,000 was raised in the ACT for MS research last year with St Anthony's listed among the top 20 fundraisers.

"Every year we organise a speaker for the MS Readathon, and that really motivates the kids. They know what MS is and what they're raising money for."

Multiple sclerosis, a mystery disease with no known cause or cure, affects more than 16,000 Australians.

ABOVE: Stacey Hellwig and Shannon Maloney (back) and Rosin Moore and Lizzie Elliott (front) enjoy the benefits of the readathon.

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New manager for CDF

The CDF has a new manager in the Archdiocese to succeed Mr Herbie O'Flynn who held the position for about 20 years.

Mr Victor Dunn, who has worked for the past 18 years in the Wilcannia-Forbes Diocese, has been appointed by Archbishop Mark Coleridge and will take up the position on 1 August.

Mr O'Flynn remains financial administrator of the Archdiocese.

Mr Dunn, who is married to Kaye and has two adult children, was initially director of schools in Wilcannia-Forbes but more recently became executive officer of the diocesan office.

Born in New Zealand, the Dunns moved to Perth where they were involved in a range of Church activities and Mr Dunn was employed by



Mr Victor Dunn.

the Catholic Education Commission of WA.

In 1983 they moved to Ballarat where Mr Dunn was employed as a consultant by the Catholic Education Commission of Victoria.

In January 1990 the Dunn family moved to Wilcannia-Forbes when he became director of schools.

Mr Dunn has qualifications in education, administration and theology.

Canberra is a special place for Mr and Mrs Dunn as it was on a tourist bus to the city that they first met. After a long distance, letter-based romance they married.

They have bought a home in Watson. Kaye Dunn teaches at Daramalan College. A daughter, Verity, is a student at the University of Canberra.

Talks planned for seniors

Depression is one of the topics of talks for seniors organised by Centacare and parishes.

Beyond Blue, depression and older people by COTA ACT is the theme of talks at St Vincent's parish hall, Bindel Street, Aranda, at 10.15am on 4 July, and at St Thomas More's parish hall, White Crescent, Campbell, at 10.15am on 16 July.

The Canberra Blind Society

will run a talk at St John Vianney parish hall, Namatjira Drive, Waramanga, at 10.15am on 4 July.

The Arthritis Foundation will hold a talk at 10.15am on 11 July at Sacred Heart parish hall, Murphy Street, Pearce.

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Cheers and farewells at Hall

There were mixed feelings when parishioners of Hall celebrated the centenary of St Francis Xavier Church as they farewelled the Dominican priests from the parish.

Due to a rearrangement of parish responsibilities, the Dominicans will serve in Central Canberra and Campbell parishes after 34 years' service to Hall parishioners.

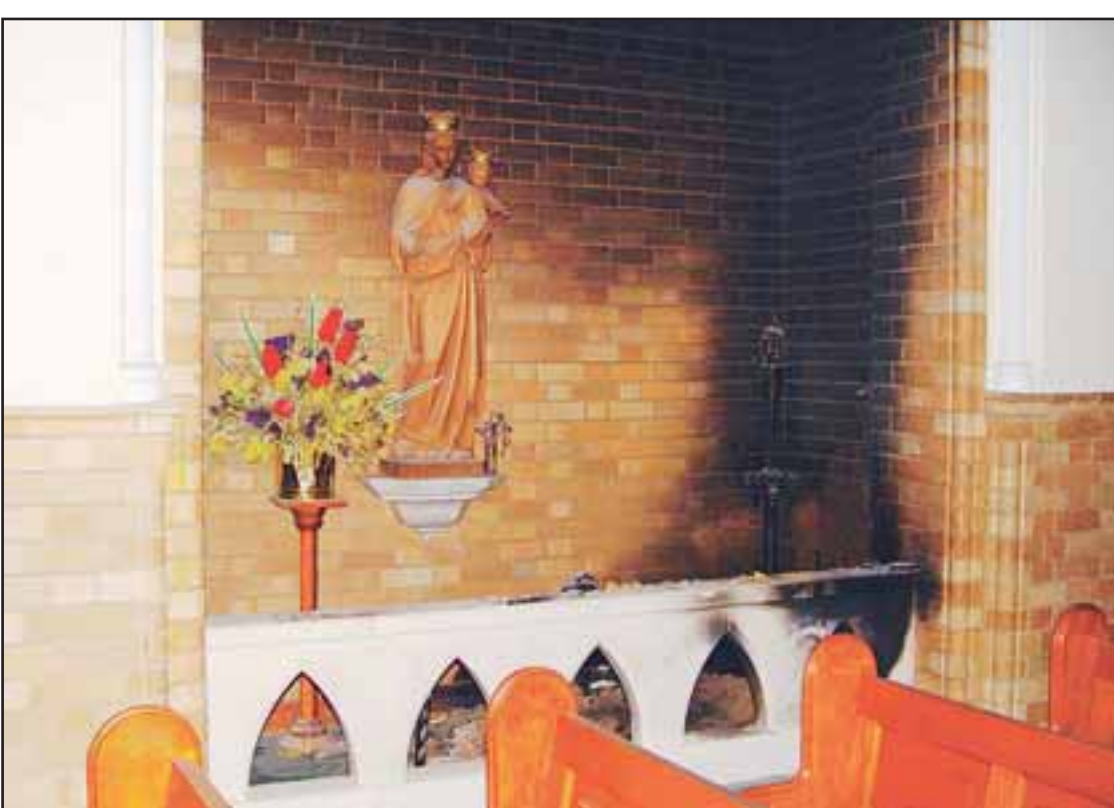
More than 250 people, some who travelled from Brisbane and Melbourne, attended Mass celebrated by Archbishop Mark Coleridge assisted by the Dominican priests. Despite cool weather, the church choir sang magnificently and Mass was followed by a well attended lunch.

Many Hall residents helped with the construction of the church, the oldest Catholic church in the ACT. Invitations to the centenary celebration were extended to the entire community of the area.

Parishioner Mr Phil Roberts said although everyone was sad to farewell the Dominican priests, it was a comfort knowing they were not far away. An anonymously donated crucifix was erected to mark 100 years since the laying of the church's foundation stone and also to recognise the years of pastoral care by the Dominicans to the Hall community.



An historic moment for the parishioners of St Francis Xavier Church, Hall, as it celebrates its centenary.



Fire strikes at Cathedral shrine

St Christopher's Cathedral was closed temporarily after fire severely damaged an area containing the shrine to Our Lady and filled the building with smoke.

A parishioner found the blaze about 3.45pm on Sunday, 3 June. Seven vehicles from the ACT Fire Brigade were sent to the scene and firemen entered the building wearing breathing apparatus.

The fire was extinguished in minutes, but large extractor fans were needed to clear smoke from the Cathedral.

Administrator Mgr John Woods said the shrine would be cordoned off temporarily

until repairs could be made.

No structural damage was apparent. The Cathedral reopened on the Tuesday after the fire.

The cause of the fire is not known, but it is believed it may have been started by a candle. The clean-up may cost as much as \$50,000.

Mgr Woods said it was lucky the fire had been noticed before it spread further. "Another few minutes, perhaps, and who knows."

The wooden statue of Our Lady, which was hand carved in Italy, does not appear to have been badly damaged.

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Josephites recall their pioneers

The Sisters of St Joseph of Goulburn next month will celebrate 125 years since their arrival in this area.

Archbishop Mark Coleridge will celebrate Mass in Our Lady of Fatima Church, North Goulburn, at 11am on 13 August. This will be followed by a finger-food luncheon. The history rooms and assembly area will be blessed, opened and named at 2pm.

Friends, current and former students, families and parishioners are invited to attend.

On 13 August 1882, the first Sisters arrived in Goulburn from Perthville near Bathurst, having been invited by Bishop W Lanigan to begin a foundation in the Diocese, which included Wagga Wagga and most of the Broken Hill district.

The leader of the small group of women was Sr M Evangelist Duggan, aged 22. With her was Sr M Ignatius O'Brien, Sr M Teresa Fallen, Sr M Patrick Murphy and Sr M Joseph Cahill.

In 1882 the first Sisters staffed a primary parish school in Goulburn.

Since then the Josephites' mission has expanded into education at all levels and across three diocese.

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Criticism 'can achieve less'

Dialogue rather than scathing public criticism sometimes was a better way to argue for human rights when dealing with oppressive individuals or regimes, Foreign Affairs Minister Mr Alexander Downer said.

Speaking at the opening of a new office in Canberra for Christian human rights organisation Tears of the Oppressed, Mr Downer said in the case of nations such as Zimbabwe and Burma it paid for Australia to make public statements.

"The challenge is the find the best ways to argue our case," he said.

In Australia's relations with

China, however, he suspected high profile criticism would "achieve less than bilateral dialogue".

Mr Downer labelled Burma, Vietnam, Laos and China among the nations whose governments oppressed sections of their people. He said oppression, abuse and intolerance was part of the problem in many African countries.

One of the vehicles the Government used to promote freedom was by establishing streams of inter-faith dialogue involving leaders of the world's great religions.

Young parish looks back - and forward

During St Mary's centenary celebrations, Young's parish priest expressed his hopes for the younger and sportier generation to "kick a few goals" in church.

May was a busy month for Young parishioners with celebrations held to mark 100 years since the laying of the foundation stone of the church. The Sunday before the centenary saw an expo highlight the ministries and teams working in the parish extending to Murringo, Monteagle, Wombat and Koorawatha.

On the parish feast day of Mary Help of Christians the following Thursday Mass was celebrated with extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist commissioned and the Cantic of Brother Son plaque blessed.

The Saturday which marked the centenary was spent recounting St Mary's history and re-enacting a little of what happened 100 years ago. As they had done in 1907, church bells rang at noon, priests processed down to the aisle as the congregation sang "Faith of Our Fathers" and a lunch was held.

At the centenary Mass, parish priest Fr Richard Thompson said as he looked at St Mary's as it is now, he thought anything was possible.

"There is heritage in these walls and these windows. There is genuine love in this congregation and although sport is the religion of the up and coming generation we need the next generation to carry on. Maybe we could encourage them to kick a few goals for God right here."

Although the church had been open since the 1860s, it was not until 1907 Dr Gallagher, the Bishop of Goulburn, blessed and laid the memorial stone to the extensions of St Mary's Church. This was done in front of a congregation which included the mayor, parliamentarians and priests who travelled from surrounding districts and Sydney, to be present for the prestigious event.

By 1907 the church had grown from the temporary weatherboard structure known as the "Bark Chapel", erected in 1863, to a stone building, not as large as the present church, but capable of seating those attending Mass.

Fr Jerome Hennessy was appointed the first parish priest in 1889. "He worked tirelessly for the church in Young and the laying of the foundation stone on Sunday, 26 May, 1907, was the culmination



Fr Geoff Lloyd, parish priest Fr Richard Thompson and Mrs Sharon Hamill, who compiled the historical display of photos and documents, outside St Mary's Church with Will and Genevieve Albert following the special centenary Mass. Picture: Narelle Morse

of much of his efforts," Fr Thompson said.

"The requirement for extensions had become more pressing every year but had been deferred to meet what were considered more pressing demands," Mrs Sharon Hamill, member of the parish pastoral council said.

"The 2200 pounds required for the church extensions was considered a lot of money. None the less the extensions went ahead."

By 1930 Fr Hennessy was installed as Dean Hennessy, was appointed Domestic Prelate to the Pope and given the title Monsignor, an honour bestowed on him for his outstanding work for the Church. He celebrated his golden jubilee in 1931 and the church spire and tower were erected to commemorate his 50 years of priesthood. He died in 1941, "worn out by age and ceaseless activity and his weary body was laid to rest under the shadow of St Mary's, the church he loved so much".

In 1963 further extensions and renovations were undertaken but they were nothing compared with the massive renovations that were completed in 1986 before the visit by Pope John Paul II.

SFX leads way in drug education

St Francis Xavier College at Florey is a finalist in a national competition for excellence in drug education.

Students, parents and staff have implemented "Living and Celebrating Safely", an innovative four-stage peer drug education project.

Its purpose is to educate primary and secondary students about the safer use of alcohol.

After initial workshops, 17 high school students visited and educated primary school students at six local Belconnen schools about alcohol use.

They developed wristbands and other materials using the slogans "Drinking: it's your choice not theirs" and "Keep your drink close, and your mates closer."

That all may be one

An ecumenical hour of prayer was held at St Joseph's Church, O'Connor, on Trinity Sunday.

The ceremony was presided over by pastors of St Joseph's, Fr Bill Kennedy, the Rev Theresa Angert-Quilter, of St Ninian's Uniting Church, Lyneham, and the Rev Susanna Pain, of Holy Covenant Anglican Church, Cook.

The three churches have planned a day and evening of reflection on the compassion of Christ on 31 August at the Mary MacKillop conference centre in Archibald Street, Lyneham.

The school late last month was a finalist in the excellence in school drug education section at the 2007 National Drug and Alcohol Awards in Sydney.

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background

The plight of women living in drought-affected rural communities was the focus of a fund-raising cruise of Lake Burley Griffin organised by the Archdiocese's Catholic Women's Commission. More than \$3000 was raised and will be distributed to areas of the Archdiocese in need. The commission hopes to help women to reach out to other women and offer each other support in a desperately difficult time. ABC radio presenter Genevieve Jacobs (pictured), who was the evening's keynote speaker, took those present on a journey to a different Australia and told of the consequences when ...

Everything turns to dust ...

Most often, my audience is interested in hearing something entertaining or funny - the exigencies of radio gardening, a funny thing happened on the way to Floriade. But tonight I want to talk to you about who I am in a very different way and in doing so, I want to take you on a journey.

It won't take you very far away, this trip. It's no more than an easy drive outside the borders of this busy, comfortable city where people are just now beginning to realise what it is like to live without water.

In many ways, however, this is a journey to a very different kind of Australia, an old Australia - the Australia of small towns and dusty roads, of people whose days are often spent in solitude and for whom the busy, resource rich buzz of a vibrant capital is entirely alien.

I am from this country and of these people. I was born at Quandialla near West Wyalong, of farmers and graziers who have lived on those western plains since the time the Wiradjuri roamed them.

My grandfather played with the indigenous children by the banks of the Bland Creek, and there is a memorial there to a distant great great uncle, killed in a wild cattle muster a century and a half ago.

This is the place of my heart, but across rural NSW there are a thousand tales just the same - of places knit into people's very being, in their blood and bones, the pulse of their hearts, the dirt that patterns their skin.

And for the past few years, these have also been places of quiet, intense, deep suffering. The magnitude of this drought is easily borne out by statistics - the lowest recorded rainfalls, the ballooning rates of rural depression and, chillingly, the increase in single car accidents - that final refuge of the desperate man

who can see no way out and wants his family to have, at least, the insurance that will give them some shred of dignity. On our own farm in the well-watered country at Wallendbeen on the South West Slopes, 2006 was the first year since my husband's great-great grandfather arrived in 1842 when there was no crop at all.

Take a moment to consider this from your own viewpoint. Imagine that you have a job that you do well. You work hard and are conscientious about what you do. Your job is an economically useful one that does not depend on fleeting fads and nor are you doing it in an unsuitable, risky place.

Your family has carried out this task for many years and you are conscious that there is honour attached to the work, a feeling that you and your family can carry your heads high and walk with dignity among your neighbours and friends.

And then one day, it all simply disappears. You've done nothing wrong or differently, there's been no warning - but everything around you turns to dust and ashes. There is no money - no money at all. And also, there is no way out

For thousands of farming families, this is the daily, ongoing reality of this drought. As an aside, you might throw into the mix the endless media chat about marginal farming country, written by those who couldn't tell the difference between hogget chops and hogwash.

I'm not here to speak with you about people who have speculated wildly on unsuitable land and ravaged ecosystems, and are now paying the price.

Rather it is the plight of those of us who have steadily, quietly produced the food on your plates, the wool on your backs and the grain in your bread for the last 100 years or



more. Those who plant trees and nurture soils and tend to waterways, and who use their land as wisely and well as they know how. It would be hubris to suggest that we on the land have nothing to regret in our stewardship, but it is equally wrong to suggest that all those on the land are environmental vandals who need to be purged

like a plague of locusts.

In the last month or so, we have been blessed by rain - wonderful, bounteous, well timed blessed rain. But not rain that fills bank accounts. Not rain that has the power to pay fuel bills or seed costs, fend off bank managers or replace livestock.

It's easy to assume when we see those photographs of muddy rain dances with hats hurled high into the air that rain is all it takes, but the impact of this drought is more akin to a hurricane than a willy willy. It has torn deep into the foundations of rural life in a way that will take years to heal. And here we come to the rural women, on whom our focus rests tonight.

Why rural women in particular? First and most obviously, because the Catholic Women's commission's business is women of all kinds. Our vision is that the Commission will address women's needs across this wide area of the archdiocese, stretching from Lake Cargelligo to Cooma and beyond.

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Dear Children,

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The World Youth Day Cross has arrived in Australia. It has been travelling around the world joining the young people of the world under the one sign.

The 3.8 metre high wooden Cross was built and placed as a symbol of the Catholic faith, near the main altar in St Peter's Basilica in Rome, during the Holy Year of 1983.

At the end of that year, Pope John Paul gave this cross as a gift to the youth of the world, to be carried through the world as a symbol of Christ's love for humanity. He gave it to you with these words - "My dear young people, I entrust to you the sign of the Cross of Christ! Carry it throughout the world as a symbol of Christ's love for humanity and announce to everyone that only in the death and resurrection of Christ can we find salvation and redemption."

Jesus saved us through the cross and we live under the sign of the cross. During the preparation for World Youth Day see what things are happening that you can join to make this event important in your life.

Love Sue



ABOVE: What a great picture... Jessica Lancaster, of 4BN at St Francis of Assisi School, Calwell, draws our attention to a special occasion - and her love of animals.

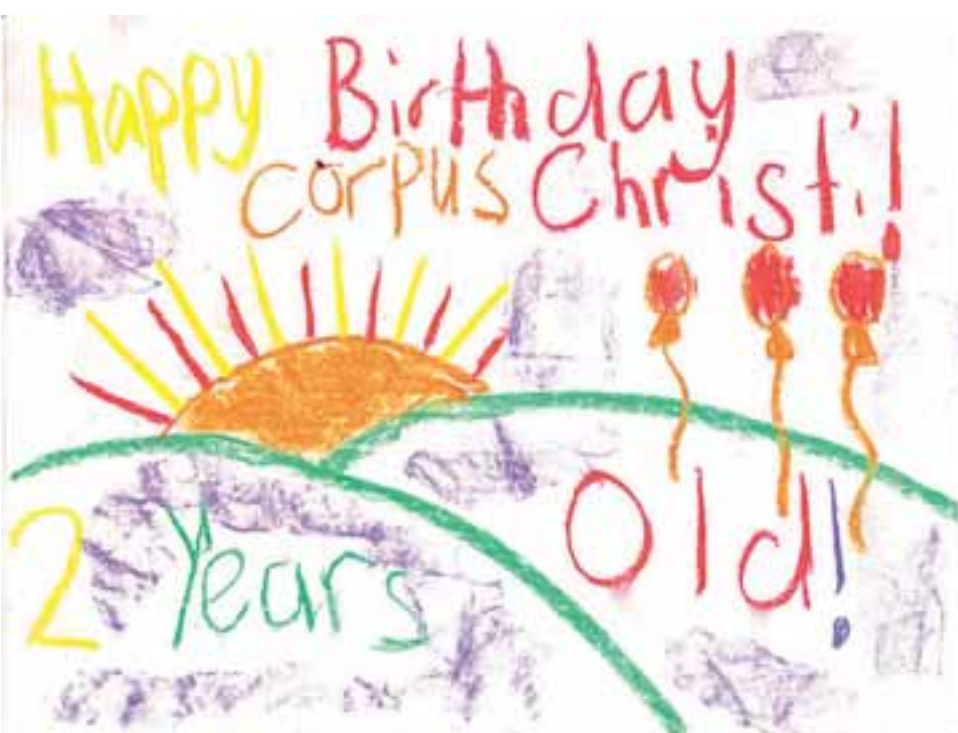


ABOVE: Lisa Kelly, aged 9, of St Francis of Assisi School, Calwell, drew this very special picture of a very special occasion in her life. Well done, Lisa.



ABOVE: God loves all creatures, Thomas Morrow reminds us. Thomas is in Year 3 at St Joseph's Primary School, Eden.

BELOW: Diana Williams, of St Francis of Assisi School, Calwell, tells us something about her parish.



TOP: Jenessa O'Connell, of 4 BN, at St Francis of Assisi School, Calwell, shows us what an active volcano looks like. ABOVE: We haven't seen a picture as colourful as this very often. Well done, to Teresa Doherty and Brodie Walker, both aged 10, from St Joseph's Primary School, Eden.

All fired up for open day

More than 50 families were given tours of Lumen Christi Catholic College, Pambula Beach, by students and staff on the college's open day.

Many were impressed with the sincere and mature attitudes of students who guided them through the college.

Some of the highlights of the tour were the new drama, music and hospitality facilities; the colourful artworks and costumes on display and the range of hands-on activities organised by the science faculty.

The college is in its second year of having a full complement of more than 500 students from years 7 to 12.

RIGHT: Year 12 students John Cotterill and Sarah Pettigrove demonstrate the effects of fire on hydrogen bubbles to keen young scientist Matthew Taylor.



School kicks a goal for Tiffany

Tiffany Godfrey, a year 6 student at Ss Peter and Paul's Primary School, Goulburn, has all the friends she needs among her schoolmates.

Tiffany suffers from pulmonary hypertension and will probably need a heart transplant by her 18th birthday.

Classmate Adam Palk, who travels on her bus each day, and his friend Leonard Buckley organised a footy day to raise money for the Tiffany Godfrey Medical Trust Fund which helps to cover some of her ongoing medical expenses of many thousands of dollars a year.

Gold coin donations by the school community all wearing their favourite team colours regardless of code raised \$1000 for the trust. Among the prizes were tickets to see the Australia versus South Africa rugby Test in July, and several signed footballs.

ABOVE RIGHT: Tiffany (bottom left) with her mother Jenny Godfrey. Others are (from left) back row: Gerard Doolan, Chris Hart, Mr John Crehan, Josh Maas. Second row: Emerson Kidd, Abbey Ridley, Breanna Todkill. Third row: Charles Hogan, Lachlan Bill. Front: Will Mooney and Grant Turner.



They're champs again

Once again the year 10 students from MacKillop Catholic College were successful in defending their title as ACT and Southern Districts regional champions at the Science and Engineering Challenge.

Students were required to solve a number of engineering challenges that involved team work and problem solving skills.

They now move forward into the state finals to be held in Newcastle in August.

The students experienced an enjoyable and enriching day at the Australian National University.

ABOVE: The winning students are (from left) back row: Rachel Annetts, Sheena Knight, Yuri Wilks, Naomi King, Mara Matic, Debbie Vu, Victoria Blakeley, Yasmin



Edgerley, Georgia Wilson, Josh Hogan, Jonathon Kalina, Christopher Robinson, Sebastian Nowak, Brendan Sainsbury, Adam Costello, Nicholas Jeffries, Robert Vasovic, Mohammed Yassin, Michael Rech. Front: Brianna Thomas, Jennifer Gardner, Anthony Dervaric, Richard Manzano, Matt Nicholls, Ben Sengchansavang, James Oh. Valentina Deeble, Daniel Moutrey and Alexei Dukhnovski were absent.



God 'knows who to pick'

Margot Sarvaas was once a regular teenager living with her parents in Aranda and attending Merici College. Now she spends her days in Kolkata carrying on Mother Teresa's work.

Sr Tessila (above), as she is now known, was 19 in 1985 when she met Mother Teresa who told her to finish her teaching degree and join the Missionaries of Charity.

After having spent time with the sisters at Queanbeyan, she already felt called to that way of life and Mother Teresa's advice confirmed it for her. She was three months shy of 21 when she joined the following year.

Before her 1995 final profession in the Philippines, Sr Tessila worked in Melbourne, Bourke and Tennant Creek. After doing a course in Kolkata in 2001, she was asked to stay on teaching English to the aspirants. Since last year Sr Tessila has been postulant mistress at Beatification House, just a few doors down from the Mother House in Kolkata.

It had been three years between visits when Sr Tessila's mother Evelyn Sarvaas and cousin, Frances Prior, went to see her. The visit opened Frances' eyes to the work Sr Tessila is doing in Kolkata.

"It was amazing to watch her walking around that city with such a big smile on her face and to see how much at home she is there," she said. "She would stop and talk to people and they obviously love her."

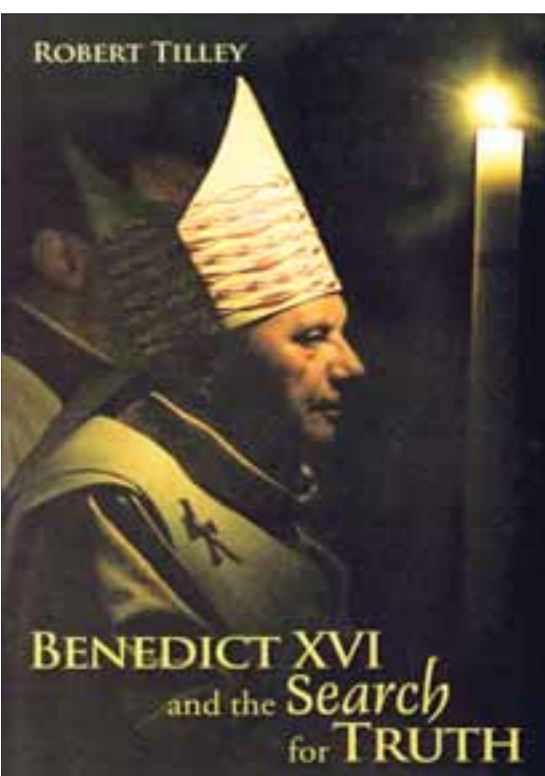
From the time she joined the order, Sr Tessila had wanted to work in Kolkata, where Mother Teresa's house for the dying and destitute is situated.

The Missionaries of Charity service to the poorest of the poor was an inspiration to Sr Tessila. Although she has suffered two serious bouts of malaria, she insists she is playing out her dream by working in Kolkata.

It has been hard for Mrs Sarvaas with her daughter so far away, but the family could not be more proud. "She waited for years to go to India, and now I know she's happy and doing a wonderful job. It's been a very growing experience, there's a lot of responsibility on her."

With ten years between home visits to Australia enforced, it remains a comfort to Mrs Sarvaas that her daughter has not changed. "Growing up, she had a very strong will and she was great fun," Mrs Sarvaas said. "She had so much to offer. The Lord knows who to pick."

Behind the thoughts of Benedict



Benedict XVI and the Search for Truth by Robert Tilley. St.Pauls, 2007, rrp \$29.95. Reviewer: Janet Moyle.

It is more than two years into the pontificate of Benedict XVI and the former Cardinal Ratzinger continues to be an enigma to many.

As supreme Pontiff he has an extraordinary voice in world affairs, yet the popular press views Benedict as a paler shade of John Paul II.

Benedict the theologian has been a prolific writer for much of his life. His first encyclical Deus Caritas Est is an international best-seller. There is intense interest in his new book Jesus of Nazareth.

So what drives the thinking of the 80-year-old Pope and what are the consistencies evident in his huge body of work?

In his first book Robert Tilley makes a confident attempt to answer these and other questions.

He writes in a conversational style which I personally find irritating. Nevertheless he gains some brownie points in simplifying complex philosophical arguments.

The three sections cover A Truth that Matters, Pluralism



Books

and Other Religions and the Hierarchy of Love. There are many footnotes and cross-references for the student.

He lists nine of Benedict's major concerns at some length. Tilley sums these up as:

"All being is perfected in personhood; the perfection of personhood is in communion; perfect communion is love". Then he adds "all being and thus all reason is hierarchically ordered.....the only kind of thinking that can truly include other religions and philosophies". Quelle surprise!

Tilley is a convert to Catholicism and an admirer of Benedict.

On the way through he has several swipes at established writers like John Allen Jr. and Paul Collins while being enterprising enough himself to surf the wave of interest ahead of Benedict's latest and much-anticipated book.

Tragic story with a hopeful end

Mental illness and homelessness were two issues highlighted during the launch of "No place for a Daniel" at St Gregory's Parish Centre in Queanbeyan.

Readers were first introduced to Daniel in 1999 when Cooma woman Ruth McFadden released the story of her son's struggle with schizophrenia called "What's Daniel Doing?"

The sequel details Daniel's response to his illness and how it caused suffering for him and for those who endeavoured to help him. Through her book, Mrs McFadden hopes to help others in her situation. "It could seem to be a negative account but in fact it is truth. Your fears and heartache are not imaginary," she said.

Bishop Patrick Power (pictured above with the author) who launched the book, said although the story wasn't enjoyable, he couldn't put it down. "In many ways this book records a tragic story and yet it concludes in hope," he said. Proceeds from launch totalled \$132 and were donated to the Home in Queanbeyan project that will offer shelter and support for those who are mentally ill and homeless. "I am absolutely delighted that Home in Queanbeyan is being established. Two and a half years ago Daniel was given two months to live. Without the help he's been given, he would not be here today," Mrs McFadden said.

Copies of "What's Daniel Doing" and "No place for a Daniel" are available from the Queanbeyan parish office.



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DVDs

Credo: John Paul II. (63 mins, ages 12 - adult).

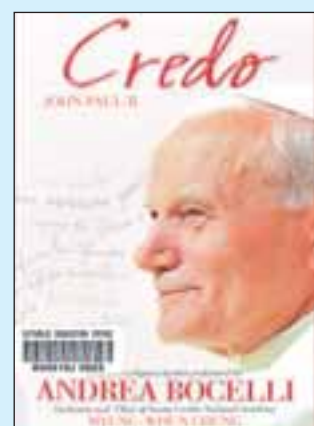
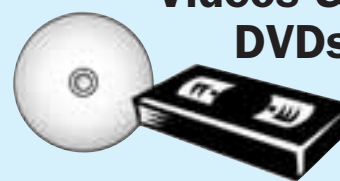
This program is a magnificent tribute to the life of Pope John Paul II. It includes video sequences from throughout his life, including his funeral. The video scenes are accompanied by classical music arias and religious hymns performed by Andrea Bocelli. Examples of music titles include: Ave Verum Corpus, Ave Maria, Sancta Maria and Pietra Signore. Extra contents included on the DVD include: From the Roman Triptych: "Meditations on the Genesis on the Threshold of the Sistine Chapel" by John Paul II, The Nativity, and Andrea Bocelli live in Tor Vergata 2000 performing Ave Maria by Schubert.

Real Food: A Spirituality of the Eucharist. (60 mins, adults).

Jesuit spiritual director Robert Fabing SJ speaks to an audience on the topic of the central place of the Eucharist in Christian life. Fr. Faber emphasises the grace of the communion rite of the Eucharist that enables us to grow in prayer and union with Jesus Christ.

Classical Worship: Featuring the Music of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. (30 mins, ages 12 - adult).

Videos & DVDs



This DVD presents seven classical music pieces from the works of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart that present inspiration for the meaning of life and expression for the soul. The music accompanies striking visual scenes from nature and the architecture of Europe.

Bullhorn 009. (Nooma series, 12 mins, ages 14 - adult).

Nooma is a series of short films about God and our lives. They use the experiences of our lives to teach about the fullness of life through Jesus. Bullhorn is a short film that deals with the essential message of

Christianity to love God and neighbour. Using the image of Christians who evangelise by speaking out in public with bullhorns, the narrator explains that it is not easy to love everyone. The narrator goes on to emphasise that Jesus doesn't separate loving God and loving others, and the best way to show our love for God is by loving other people, no matter how hard it is.

Parables of Jesus: Through the Lens of Bible Times. (Animated stories from New Testament series, (58 mins, ages 5-12).

Seven short animated dramas portraying some of the parables of Jesus: The Good Samaritan, The Unmerciful servant, The Treasure and the pearl, The Lost son, The Midnight visitor, The Dinner, The Manager.

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Shrek's third strike: (maybe) he's out

First the bad news. Shrek the Third is not nearly as engaging for adults as the first and second installments were. The good news is that children seem to enjoy the continuing story of the escapades of the green slimy swamp creature.

King Harold (John Cleese) dies and leaves his kingdom to Shrek (Myers) and his daughter Fiona (Diaz). Shrek does not want to be King.

He just wants to go home to the swamp with his wife.

The only way Shrek can abdicate is to find the only other legitimate heir.

This turns out to be Artie (Justin Timberlake). Problem is that Artie is not up to the job. Shrek, however, has a lot riding on getting him into shape to take the throne.

While Shrek goes in search of Artie and then brings him back, Prince Charming (Rupert Everett) ceases the advantage and prepares to declare himself the King. Artie, Shrek, Puss-in-boots (Antonio Banderas) and Merlyn (Eric Idol) arrive in time to save the day.

Shrek The Third

Voiced by Mike Myers, Eddie Murphy, Cameron Diaz and Antonio Banderas. Directed by Chris Miller. 93 minutes. PG. Reviewer: Fr Richard Leonard SJ*.

It was always going to be a tall order to keep up the standards of Shrek I and II, but not even the six credited writers on this film could inject new life into the franchise.

There are 23 key fairytale characters in the story, and the idea of the "baddies" living happily ever after has potential, but this time around it all seems too forced.

Apart from the still breathtaking state-of-the-art animation, the best fun for adults is the soundtrack.

Composer Harry Gregson-Williams and director Chris Miller enjoy subverting scenes with hit songs from the '70s and '80s. Some of these moments are delicious.

The core value in Shrek the Third is: do you want to be a villain all your life? This opens up



Puss In Boots (Antonio Banderas) expresses disapproval in DreamWorks' Shrek The Third. Photograph: DreamWorks Animation LLC.

the possibility of conversion and amendment of life, so the film has a good moral to it. The problem is

that this time parents won't enjoy the vehicle for the message as much as the kids.

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

A survivor's tale of hope

While Raimond Gaita was professor of philosophy at the Australian Catholic University he was a regular contributor to the Catholic press. He is now Professor of Moral Philosophy at King's College London.

Romulus My Father is based on his book of the same name, published in 1998. This biopic spans three years of his life from 1960 to 1963.

Rai's father Romulus (Bana) is lost in a foreign world. A decent, hard-working Romanian, he has a runaway wife, a son to care for and the dashed hopes of many a migrant. The Gaita boys do it tough on a poor selection on the outskirts of Frogmore in north-west Victoria.

There life is punctuated by visits from Romulus' wife, Christina, Rai's mother. On seeing the reality of life in the New World, Christina (Potente) has taken flight. Romulus stays and fights.

Rai (Smit-McPhee) adores his mother and longs for the three of them to be permanently reunited.

When Christina falls pregnant to her boyfriend in town, Gaita senior begins to unravel and Raimond starts to live between two worlds. All the childlike

Romulus My Father

Starring Eric Bana, Franka Potente, Marton Csokas and Kodi Smit-McPhee. Directed by Richard Roxburgh. 104 minutes. M (moderate themes, moderate sex scenes, moderate coarse language). Reviewer: Fr Richard Leonard SJ*.

hope in the world can't put things back together again. Rai witnesses domestic violence, suicide, poverty, infidelity and child neglect.

St Joseph's Catholic boarding school, and a few good books, becomes the safe place wherein a gifted boy can grow up.

This is a survivor's tale, and a homage to a father who was worn down by a life most of us could not bear, and to a mother whose mental health never allowed her to understand the real demands of "for better or for worse".

As sad as this story is, there is a hopefulness to this tale and not just because we know the style of fine man this boy grew up to be. It's also the hope of all migrants in their dislocation, awkwardness and determination.

First-time director Richard Roxburgh is a celebrated Australian actor.

Here he draws out moving performances from all the major players, but the highest commendation must go to Kodi Smit-McPhee. He is mesmerizing as the young Rai, portraying emotions and reactions with the assurance of a mature artist.

The structure of the story could initially be disconcerting for some people. It's told as a series of fragments, as if Rai is turning the pages of an old photograph album. The device works because that is how most of us recall our childhood.

Celebrated Australian cinematographer Geoffrey Simpson gives us superb pictures, while Robert Cousin's attention to period detail completes the film.

Romulus My Father is not only the best Australian film released so far this year, it is a fine cinematic achievement, full stop.

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

Quirky comedy

This film is allegedly based on the experiences of writer-director, Jeremy Brock, when he worked as a chauffeur for distinguished actress Dame Peggy Ashcroft (Oscar for A Passage to India).

One hopes that she was not as loose-mouthed as Julie Walters as this ageing star of TV soaps who is clinging on to edges of life and memories of her heyday!

This is a quirky comedy with Rupert Grint (best known as Ron Weasley, Harry Potter's friend) as the nice but rather naïve adolescent whose mother is a pillar of the Church and whose father is a vicar of the Church of England.

Laura Linney, sporting a British accent, is the mother, and Nicholas Farrell is the retiring but nice vicar. There is also a young curate in the background who looks for relevance of the church in the happy-clappy style.

A slight entertainment with a pleasantly awestruck Rupert Grint and a very eccentric Julie Walters.

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

Driving Lessons

Starring Julie Walters, Rupert Grint and Jacques Kerr. Directed by Jeremy Brock. 93 minutes. M (moderate coarse language). Reviewer: Fr Peter Malone MSC.*

Glitzy, glamorous, good-humoured

Television channels trot out the original Oceans 11 whenever one of the new Oceans films appears. Probably a bad move except for curiosity, as the 1961 film moves so slowly for modern sensibilities and Frank Sinatra does not seem so charismatic and that Peter Lawford seems a stuffed shirt - though the screen does brighten up whenever Dean Martin turns up.

The remake was an extravaganza of a caper, again with a star cast, but with wittier dialogue and lots more technology.

Oceans 13

Starring George Clooney, Brad Pitt, Matt Damon, Andy Garcia and Don Cheadle. Directed by Steven Soderbergh. 120 minutes. PG (mild coarse language, mild violence, mild sexual references). Reviewer: Fr Peter Malone MSC*.

Oceans 12 seemed self-indulgence on the part of the director and cast who hopped off to Europe for a sometimes incomprehensible plot and for

mutual amusement which it was often difficult to share.

With the return to Las Vegas for Oceans 13, there is a tighter plot, but one very difficult to summarise, let alone comprehend. But, plot isn't everything. By focusing on Las Vegas and a clearly defined caper, this film gains in atmosphere and tension.

The cast is good with no one dominating. George Clooney is still the smooth Danny Ocean and leader but not outshining the rest. Brad Pitt is still the grinning planner

and Matt Damon is effectively comic as the uptight Linus who finally gets a chance to cut loose. But Al Pacino is hard to beat as an egotistical, ruthless builder of casinos who defies everyone to bring him down. Ellen Barkin is his strict assistant who suddenly lets go of her primness. So, it is all glitzy, high-powered, clever, glamorous and good-humoured.

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WYD needs your time

World Youth Day needs volunteers - and age is no barrier.

At an information day for parishes, schools, groups and movements held at the Rheinberger Centre, about 90 World Youth Day coordinators and team members were told of the need for more volunteers.

Archdiocesan director of pastoral support services Mr Shawn Van der Linden thanked the "amazing" volunteers already committed, and said many more were needed.

"We're really targeting retired Catholics in Canberra who have heaps of skills and experience," he said. "We need people to do anything from addressing envelopes for an hour a week to a highly experienced logistic person who can devote many hours."

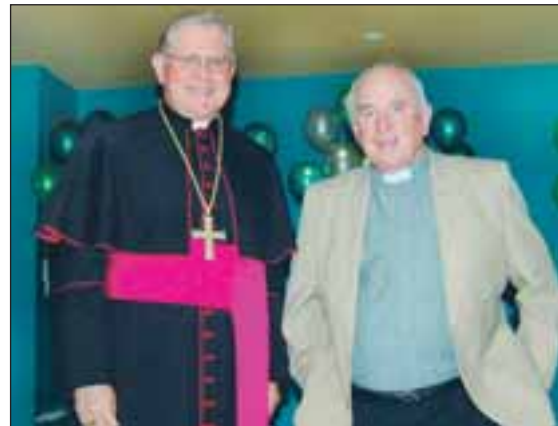
Mr Van der Linden said the most important part of World Youth Day would be afterwards and how the Archdiocese responded. "World Youth Day is about eight per cent preparation, two per cent is the actual event, and 90 per cent is about the post World Youth Day experience."



Between 3000 and 5000 pilgrims from all over the world are expected to pass through the Archdiocese.

World Youth Day executive officer in the Archdiocese Mr Brett Anderson discussed how the Archdiocese planned to house visitors and to move them and local pilgrims to Sydney. Parishes would be asked to billet a minimum of 100 pilgrims each, he said.

An Irish flavour



About 250 parishioners attended a dinner to mark the 25th anniversary of the completion of St Vincent's Church, Aranda, and the retirement of parish priest Fr Brian Maher. The evening was attended by Archbishop Mark Coleridge (pictured above with Fr Maher). The event had an Irish/Australian theme, with live folk music, Irish dancing and a sing-a-long to recordings of the early 20th century Australian singer Florrie Forde.

Merici stopping the drips Missionary's 50 years

Merici College is aiming to do its bit to save water by making all of its indoor water use appliances more efficient.

The college has received \$45,426 in a Commonwealth Government Community Water Grant for its proposed school water efficiency project.

The project will start with a water efficiency audit of the school, which will identify and quantify water saving opportunities. This will be followed by

the supply and installation of water efficiency measures such as flow control valves, leak repairs and cistern adjustments and 6/3 litre dual flush toilets.

Students and staff will be involved in monitoring water use before and after fitting the efficiency measures, calculating and monitoring water and hot water energy savings and inspecting water efficiency measures that are installed.

CWL lobbies on ethanol

Catholic women in the Archdiocese have moved to lobby the Federal Government to provide more funds for research into ethanol production and use.

At the Catholic Women's League 57th archdiocesan annual meeting at Galong, a motion initiated by Boorowa branch was passed to approach the Government on the issue. Archdiocesan CWL president Mrs Jacqueline Hipwell said other countries were exploring options and

Australia should try to as well. "With all of the ways ethanol can be produced I think this is a sensible way to go. Fossil fuels won't last forever," she said.

Young branch moved to ask the Australian bishops to explore ways to include Pope John Paul II's Theology of the Body into the Catholic school curriculum for years eight to twelve.

Both motions will be taken to the national CWL conference in Adelaide in September.

Taize groups marks unity week

More than 50 people from different denominations gathered at the Anglican Church of St Alban the Martyr, Woden, to celebrate the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity with a special Taizé prayer service. The

Canberra Taizé Group has been meeting at St Alban's at 8pm on the first Friday of the month for several years. Inquiries: Annemarie, telephone 6232 7173 (bh), Lyndal 6290 1362 (ah) or Trish 6231 8468.

Missionary of the Sacred Heart brother Paul Brooks, who is a member of the Daramalan community, has celebrated the golden jubilee of his profession.

Br Paul, who spent many years as a missionary in areas ranging from remote Aboriginal communities to the Russian Far East, returned to Canberra last year.

Five members of the 1957 MSC profession group, including Bishop Ted Collins, of Darwin, Fr Paul Stenhouse, Fr William van der Linden and Fr Peter Harvey-Jackson celebrated together in Sydney along with many priests, brothers, family members and friends.

Another celebration attended by Br Paul's family and friends including Bishop Pat Power was held at Daramalan.

Br Paul worked for many years in education at Chevalier, Downlands and St John's colleges.

He spent 10 years in the Northern Territory, where he was closely involved in Aboriginal education, and also taught in Japan, the Russian Far East, and led mission experiences to Papua New Guinea, Indonesia, the

Philippines and the central Pacific.

He has been keenly involved in rugby for many years as coach, manager and referee and recently joined the Australian Rugby Choir.

He does voluntary work with the Canberra Blind Society of which he is vice president.

Br Paul last year published his second book, "Schools in and Out", a humorous account of experiences over many years in education.

ABOVE: Br Paul Brooks (right) with family members Peter Brooks and Maree Ballesty at the Kensington monastery celebration in Sydney.

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Mercys take a glimpse into past

St Joseph's Primary School and Boorowa Parish have celebrated 125 years of Catholic education by unveiling a plaque at St Patrick's Church to commemorate the contribution of the Sisters of Mercy.

With a convent in Boorowa not even ready for them, the Sisters arrived in August 1882, almost 51 years after the Institute was founded in Ireland by Catherine McAuley.

Fr Pat Corbett, from St Clement's Monastery, Galong, and Boorowa Parish Priest Fr Greg Beath celebrated Mass to mark the Sisters' return to Boorowa.

Thirty-five of the 105 sisters named on the plaque, the majority aged over 75, attended Mass.

St Joseph's principal Mr Peter Hughes officially welcomed the sisters. Students past and present took part in the ceremony.

Sr Regina and Sisters of Mercy congregational leader Sr Marie Duffy unveiled the plaque.

Mayor Chris Corcoran offici-



ABOVE: Sr Stephanie Medwin, Sr Maria Goretti McCosker, Sr Regina Thompson, Fr Greg Beath, Sr Marie Duffy (congregational leader), Sr Macrina Galvin and Sr Helen Kennedy at the celebration.

cially welcomed the Sisters of Mercy at a dinner attended by more than 100 people.

Parish pastoral council member Mrs Margaret Berry said the event was not only to acknowledge the sisters but it gave them a chance to catch up. "Some of the sisters returned for the first time in 30 years," she said.

Insight on changes

Clergy from the Archdiocese were given an overview of the new translation of the General Instruction



of the Roman Missal when they met for their annual assembly at St Clement's Retreat Centre, Galong.

Archbishop Mark Coleridge and executive officer of the National Liturgical Commission Fr Peter Williams gave priests and deacons an understanding of how the liturgy will affect celebration of the Eucharist.

This fresh insight explored how the process would help to engage people in the celebration of the liturgy and how it would be accompanied by a good catechesis on the impor-

tance of the Mass as the central celebration of the Catholic faith.

Clergy were also addressed by Mr Shawn van der Linden, Mr Brett Anderson and Mr Nathan Kensey on the work of the Archdiocesan Pastoral Support Services and preparation for World Youth Day.

They were shown ways in which all parishes could be involved in this important event in the life of the local Church and how it could become a point of renewal for people in living their faith.

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Recently I led a memorial service for a friend who had died four years ago.

Everyone who came to this service had also been at his funeral. Why another memorial service four years later? This is the background:

My friend had been diagnosed with a particularly aggressive type of cancer and was told by his doctors that his only chance for survival was to undergo a bone-marrow transplant which given his age, mid-50s, was a high risk.

His chances, the doctors told him, were one in three. But that was his only real option..

The day before he went into the hospital to begin the transplant procedure he gathered a number of family and friends around him to say goodbye, should this indeed be the end.

We gathered at noon, had a simple lunch, took a short walk with him, huddled together while he took a needed siesta to gather his strength, and then took him to a chapel where we celebrated the Eucharist and gave him the anointing of the sick.

We then went to his favorite restaurant for a long supper, a "last supper", at which he ate all his favourite foods and was able to express his gratitude and love for us and we were able to do the same for him.

It was a great evening and we used every ritual we knew, earthly and sacramental, to try to make this farewell special.

The doctors were accurate in their predictions. He didn't make it. He died in recovery and so our supper with him was indeed a "last supper".

We had a large funeral for him, laid him to rest according to his wishes in an

unmarked grave in small rural cemetery within which there were only one or two other graves, and we all went home.

In the years that followed we prayed daily for him and then, after four years, some of us who had been at that original farewell decided to come together again in the same chapel and the same restaurant. But to do what? Why repeat a farewell we had already done? Why were we doing this?

Because basically all of us, either at some inchoate place in our hearts or at some more explicit place in our faith, believe in the communion of saints, namely, that our loved ones who have died are still in relationship to us and that this relationship continues to change and grow even after we are separated by death.

And, given the truth of that, we realised too that, at a time, a further kind of letting go was being asked of us. What is meant by this?:

In the late 1970s, a Virginian writer, Sheldon Vanauken wrote a book entitled, *A Severe Mercy*. It tells the story of love, of death, and of relating beyond death:

As a young man still in his early 20s he was blessed to find his soulmate, a woman he affectionately calls Davey.

Their love almost overpowered them in its

When it is time to move on

Ron Rolheiser

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



singularity and yet, through it, they found God - and they also found C S Lewis (who became their spiritual director and mentor).

But their earthly love was to be short-lived. Still in her mid-20s, Davey was stricken with cancer and died. Vanauken was disconsolate, beyond grief, in a darkness that had him contemplating suicide. Fortunately, he had C S Lewis as a spiritual guide.

After his wife's death, he had her body cremated and kept the ashes.

As well, he carried her wedding ring in his pocket. One night, a couple of years after her death, he was on a ship crossing the Atlantic and he went outside at night, alone with her ashes and her wed-

ding ring, to pray.

In his prayer he got a clear signal from her that essentially said: "It's time for something new. Scatter the ashes lovingly into the ocean. Drop the wedding ring into the sea. Let go of the grief you are carrying! We will be together again in the future, but for now, on this earth, it's time to move on."

In essence, that's the reason we gathered again in memorial for our friend.

After four years, we were hearing him say (however we hear these things in our hearts) that it was time to further scatter his ashes, to drop the wedding ring in the ocean, to let go in a further way so that the mystery of a deeper love can continue to grow.

And it was a wonderful, joy-filled evening. We prayed, shared stories, drank wine, but mostly just laughed in gratitude because our lives had been so gifted by this man, William Manfield, whose warmth, love, humour, empathy, faith, and love for the Eucharist, helped make our own lives more bearable, more understandable, more joyous, more faith-filled, and more complete.

He wasn't always Mother Teresa; he had some foibles she didn't, but, like her, he's now a saint, and a saint with whom we got to celebrate the "last supper".

Let go of the grief you are carrying. We will be together again in the future...

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Living with the net



Paul Jenkins

Tuning in to radio on the ‘net

Radio broadcasting began in approximately 1910 and the first commercial radio station KDKA began sending signals in 1920 in Wilksburg, Pennsylvania.

At first radio was limited to a small number of listeners due to the signal strength and access to technology. After a slow beginning, people began to see the advantages of radio for getting their message and music across to a large number of people, so that instead of hundreds, there were now thousands and hundreds of thousands of listeners in each country.

With the advent of internet radio, radio stations now have the potential to be heard by millions of listeners from their own countries and all over the world through the use of the World Wide Web. The Catholic Church as well as many Christian churches has embraced this new technology to spread the Good News across the entire world.

The Vatican itself has a station called Vatican Radio www.vaticanradio.org/en1/index.asp The voice of the Pope and the Church in dialogue with the world.

The first official words spoken on-air by Vatican Radio were on 12 February, 1931.

According to the Vatican Radio website, "The Marquis Marconi spoke these historical words: 'I have the highest honour of announcing that in only a matter of seconds the Supreme Pontiff, Pope Pius XI, will inaugurate the Radio Station of the Vatican City State. The electric radio waves will transport to all the world his words of peace and blessing.'"

From this beginning, Vatican Radio has grown to where it is beamed worldwide in 40 different languages on short wave, AM, FM and satellite.

To access Vatican Radio, go to the Vatican Radio website, look on the right side of the page and you will find these links:

Live, On demand, Features in MP3, Podcast, Professional Services, and Radio for Radios. To hear what Vatican Radio is currently broadcasting, click on the live link and choose how you would like to listen. There are two choices: Real Audio and Windows Media Audio.

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CARE AND WELFARE

Aid to the Church in Need	www.aidtochurch.org
Aust Cath Migrant and Refugee Office	www.acmro.catholic.org.au
Aust Faith Community Nurses Assoc	www.afcna.org.au
Amnesty International	www.amnesty.org.au
Catholic Health Australia	www.cha.org.au
Catholic Mission	www.CatholicMission.org.au
Catholic Social Teaching	www.coc.org/cst/
Catholic Welfare Australia	www.catholicwelfare.com.au
Centacare Australia	www.centacare.com.au
Karinya House	www.karinyahouse.asn.au
L'Arche	www.larche.org.au
Mary Philippa Brazill Foundation	www.mercy.org.au/brazill/index.html
Meeting Catholics	www.openplanet.com.au/meetingcatholics/
Sovereign Military Order of Malta	www.smom.org.au
St Vincent de Paul Society	www.vinnies.org.au/national/
St Vincent de Paul, Canb-Goulburn	www.stvincanb.com.au
Young Carers	www.marymead.org.au

CHURCH

Adelaide Archdiocese	www.adelaide.catholic.org.au
Anglican Province of NSW	www.anglicanmediasydney.asn.au/nsw/
Aust Catholic Bishops Conference	www.acbc.catholic.org.au
Aust Catholic Defence Force Diocese	www.military.catholic.org.au
Aust Conf of Leaders of Relig Institutes	www.aclri.catholic.org.au
Brisbane Archdiocese	www.bne.catholic.net.au
Canberra-Goulburn Archdiocese	www.cg.catholic.org.au
Cath Bishops Conf of England, Wales	www.catholic-ew.org.uk
Catholic Church in Australia	www.catholic.org.au
Catholic Hierarchy	www.catholic-hierarchy.org
Catholic Women's League Aust	www.cwla.org.au
Commission for Aust Catholic Women	www.cacw.catholic.org.au/
Darwin Diocese	www.darwin.catholic.org.au
Eparchy for Ukrainian Catholics	www.catholicukes.org.au
Geraldton Diocese	www.geraldtondiocese.org.au
Hobart Archdiocese	www.hobart.catholic.org.au
Maitland-Newcastle Diocese	www.mn.catholic.org.au
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
Perth Archdiocese	www.perthcatholic.org.au
Pope John Paul I	www.johnpaul1.com
St Peter and Paul's Old Cathedral, Goulburn	www.stspeterandpaulsoldcathedral.org
Sale Diocese	www.sale.catholic.org.au
Sydney Archdiocese	www.sydney.catholic.org.au
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	www.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
Marist College Canberra	www.maristc.act.edu.au



Merici College	www.merici.cg.catholic.edu.au
National Catholic Education Commission	www.ncec.catholic.edu.au
Ongoing Formation for Priests	www.auspriest.org
St Anthony's Primary, Wanniasa	www.stanthonys.cg.catholic.edu.au
St Bede's Primary, Red Hill	www.stbedes.cg.catholic.edu.au
St Clare's College Canberra	www.stclaresc.act.edu.au
St.Edmund's College Canberra	www.stedmunds.act.edu.au
St Francis Xavier College	www.sfx.act.edu.au
St Gregory's, Queanbeyan	www.stgregorys.cg.catholic.edu.au
St John the Apostle Primary, Florey	www.sjaps.cg.catholic.edu.au
St John Vianney's School	www.sjv.cg.catholic.edu.au
St Joseph's Primary, O'Connor	www.sjo.cg.catholic.edu.au
St Michael's Primary, Kaleen	www.stmichaelsps.cg.catholic.edu.au
St Mary's Primary School, Young	www.stmarysprimary.com
St Matthew's Primary School, Page	www.stmattps.act.edu.au
St Vincent's Primary School, Aranda	www.svdp.cg.catholic.edu.au
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	aquietplace.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
Edmund Rice Family	www.edmundrice.org.au
Emmaus Productions	www.emmausproductions.com
EWTN Global Catholic Network	www.ewtn.com/
Fish Eaters	www.fisheaters.com/
Flame Ministries International	www.flameministries.org
Focolare Movement	www.focolare.org.au
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/
Neo-Catechumenal Way	www.camminoneocatecumenale.it/
New Advent	www.newadvent.org
OnceCatholic.org	www.oncecatholic.org
Online Christian Network	www.onlinechristian.com
Our Lady of Mercy Penrose Park	www.paulinefathers.org
Passionist Family Group Movement	www.pfgm.org/
PetersNet	www.petersnet.net
St Clement's, Galong	www.stclement.com.au
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
Shroud of Turin	www.shroud.com/
Silver Wattle House of Prayer	www.hop.org.au
Society of the Little Flower	www.littleflower.org/
The Internet Padre	www.internetpadre.com
The Lectio Divina Page	www.club1.ie/shalom/lectio
Virtual Rosary	www.virtualrosary.org

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GENERAL

Australian Christian Lobby	www.acl.org.au/home/index.stw
Ave Maria Singles	www.avemariascol.com
Australian Political Ministry Network	www.polmin.com.au
Business Ethics Research Centre	www.berc.com.au
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	www.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

Catholic Leader	www.catholicleader.com.au
Catholic Voice	www.cg.catholic.org.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://ncronline.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
The Word Among Us	www.wau.org
Wel-com(NZ)	www.wel-com.org.nz
Zenit	www.zenit.org./English/

PARISHES

Corpus Christi Parish, South Tuggeranong:	www.corpuschristi.cg.catholic.org.au
Holy Spirit, Gungahlin	www.holyspiritgungahlin.catholicau.com
Mary Queen of Apostles, Goulburn	www.stspeterandpaulsoldcathedral.org
Mary Help of Christians, South Woden	http://mhoc.cathparish.com.au
St Anthony's, Wanniasa	www.users.bigpond.com/stanthons.wanniasa/
St Augustine's Yass	www.cathnet.com/staug-yass
St Christopher's Cathedral	www.stchristophersact.catholicau.com
St John the Apostle, Kippax	www.stjohnkippax.org.au
St Jude's, Holder	www.stjude-holder.catholicau.com
St Mary's, Young	www.stmarysy.cg.catholic.org.au
St Matthew's, Page	www.stmatthewspage.catholicau.com
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
Serra International	www.serrainternational.org
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

YOUTH

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

BiblePlaces.com

www.bibleplaces.com
From Galilee to Antioch, a biblical historian living in Israel, Todd Bolen, has combined his love of the bible with photography to produce a series of photo CDs of Holy Land places. This web-site features descriptions along with hundreds of photos of significant biblical sites. There is also a blog and newsletter with a focus on history and archaeology. (Courtesy Catholic Telecommunications).

Tuning in to radio on the ‘net

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Windows Media player should already be installed on your PC if you are using Windows.

To use Real Audio, you will need to download this program from Real www.real.com.au/.

You choose the player and the language you want to listen to. Most of the options include English.

It takes a little while to load and then you are listening to a live broadcast of radio from the Vatican. When I listened, I heard Gregorian chants being played.

Exploring the site will enable you to find broadcast schedules so that you can choose what you want to listen to and when you want to listen.

There are also a number of other Catholic online radio web-sites available.

These include: 1. Ave Maria Radio www.avemariaradio.net/catholic-online-radio.php "You have come to

the right place to listen to Catholic Online Radio. Here at Ave Maria Radio we provide you with free 24-hour Catholic programming."

2. IHS Network Catholic Internet Radio www.catholicinternetradio.com/ which is a division of IHS (In His Sign) Network "whose mission is to communicate Catholic Christian moral principles in accordance with the authority of the Church through internet radio."

3. Spirit and Song. Com www.spiritandsong.com/radio is a Catholic radio station that plays contemporary Catholic music all day and all night.

These are just a few Catholic radio stations; there are many more to be found. Some of these you can listen to free, while others you may have to pay a subscription fee.

Till next month, happy listening.

Classifieds

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TUROSS HEAD - "Ella May Holiday Flats". Renovated 2br, walk to beach. Fully equipped. Avail all year \$350-\$800 per week, weekends available. Telephone 0414 597 619 or 6161 7793.

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Holiday Accommodation

ALICE SPRINGS - Campfire in the Heart, a small community offering accommodation for individuals or families in large house on 5 acres 10 mins from town. Daily prayer and reflection. Telephone Sue or David 08 8952 6607.

Prayers

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.

ST JUDE. Thank you for prayers answered. E M D.

THANK you. With deepest gratitude to St Jude, worker of miracles, hope for the hopeless, help for the helpless. Thank you for prayers answered. A C.

Employment

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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 11 and 25 July. Confidentiality assured. Inquiries: Telephone 6254 9540, e-mail couragecanberra@hotmail.com

GOULBURN 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.

L'ARCHE INFORMATION EVENING - 7pm-9pm, Wednesday, 11 July, Sacred Heart Church function centre, Pearce. Opportunity to hear about the life of L'Arche in Canberra. Inquiries: Claire Lawler, telephone 6282 9066, Nathan Kensey 6163 4307.

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.

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Unstinting devotion to parish

Mary Patricia Russell (Burke)

28 April 1925 - 20 April 2007

Mary Burke was born at Cooma, the third child to Jack and Elizabeth Burke of Cubmurra, Adaminaby.

She spent her formative years at Cubmurra with her parents, older brother and sister, Arthur and Josie.

She rode six miles each day to St Mary's School in old Adaminaby.

When her older brother and sister finished school she was considered too young to ride on her own so became a boarder at the convent.

On leaving school, she worked for the PMG at the post office.

She married her childhood friend, Greg Russell, at St Mary's Church, Adaminaby, on 6 June, 1945. They spent 62 years together on the family property, Milroy.

Mrs Russell was a devoted and caring mother to five daughters and two sons; grandmother to 19 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. She loved to hear stories of their

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achievements.

She influenced her family by her commitment to God and her faith. She also lovingly cared for her invalid mother for eight years.

When the township of Adaminaby was moved, the couple worked tirelessly towards relocation of the church and its buildings.

Mrs Russell's dedication to the priests and parish of Adaminaby was quiet and unstinting, and was undiminished after the amalgamation with Cooma.

Ill health forced her to take a less active role in parish life in recent years.

She was devastated when the Adaminaby parish church was destroyed by fire in July last year and gave prayerful support to those undertaking re-building.

Mrs Russell is survived by husband Greg and their children and families, Ann and Alan Crawford (Adelong), Judith and Jim Castle (Maclean), Jenny and

Noel James (Goulburn), Frances Russell (Adelong), Maria and Geoff Townsend (Tamworth), Tim Russell (Adaminaby), Dan and Cecily Russell (Adaminaby), and her sister Josie Clugston (Cooma) and many nieces and nephews.

She was pre-deceased by her brother Arthur Burke (Sydney), grandchildren baby Judith Castle and Bernadette Castle (Maclean) and great-granddaughter baby Meg Crawford (Cootamundra).

A Requiem Mass of thanksgiving for the life of Mary Patricia Russell was celebrated at St John's Church, Adaminaby.



When everything turns to dust

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Our specific aims are to work towards a better gender balance within the church and its structures; to affirm the role of women in ministry, and pastoral support of each other; to respond to the many social justice issues that affect women, including indigenous women, and to engage with young women in particular; to reflect on who women are in the modern church and to support women's roles in inclusive liturgy.

Of those aims, two stand out particularly: to affirm the role of women in pastoral support and to respond to the many social justice issues that face women in our region.

I've painted a picture for you of how desperate life has been for rural people everywhere, but now I want to talk specifically about the role that women play in these circumstances.

They are simply the glue that holds rural Australia together. Because farming and other rural occupations are so often solitary, women bear the burden of the family's emotional wellbeing.

Few rural men are at ease seeking counselling. While some find companionship in the pub or on the sporting field, many more have learnt from their fathers and grandfathers to lock their emotions deep inside,

and inside those feelings remain as they scatter feed to hungry sheep, and watch the wind burn their crops and pastures.

A friend told me recently that for the first time in 25 years of marriage, she had found her husband sobbing, crying as if his heart would break at the sense that he had failed her and his family.

He could not, would not believe that he was not alone. Another friend's husband is a vet - he has unpaid bills stretching back 12 and 18 months but neither the time nor the heart to pursue them because the need is so great and he cannot deny his friends and neighbours.

We spoke of the need to stay cheerful - the home made strategies that we all use to make home a place of support and welcome., the storing up of funny stories that might make the men laugh, the insistence on accepting any invitation that would involve men talking together without pressure.

Another friend told me that after the death of a neighbour, the women in their district have set up an informal barbecue network every Friday night.

Each host provides the sausages, everyone brings a salad - because otherwise the men would never unburden themselves. It's their old fashioned, stubborn, heart wrenching dignity.

And then there are the sacrifices when there is no money at all.

A woman I know regularly musters cattle for her son. He's away working and his mother is on the long paddock with a mob of cows and calves - she's 72.

The aim of our fundraising this evening is very simple.

We want to help these women talk. Women know how to heal themselves and they are very good at making networks. It is rarely the rural women who kill themselves, partly because so many others depend on them, but also because they understand intuitively how to support one another.

Our dream with this evening is that we will enable women in drought stricken areas to do something very simple - to go out and have a meal together.

To leave the farm or business for an evening and sit with other women, sharing and helping each other.

To laugh together, to have good ideas, to bring back stories to their menfolk by which they'll understand they are not alone.

So I thank you for your time and your generosity.

May the rains continue to fall, and hope, once again, rise up from the dry soils of rural Australia.

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Peter's takes a new tack to save lives on the sea

A Canberra surveyor, who last year launched a program to provide sails for fishing communities in the South Pacific, has taken his life-saving initiative further afield.

Charnwood parishioner Mr Peter Gately has visited Mauritius and the Seychelles Islands to give sailing demonstrations and lectures, as well as talk about his Sails Ocean Sails (SOS) program.

Mr Gately was inspired to initiate the program after a number of visits to Pacific islands working as a volunteer.

"The program has arisen due to the problem of fishermen drifting for days or weeks or months without food or water after their small outboard motors fail," he said. "The rising cost of petrol is placing a strain on communities who use outboard motors to power their small boats in order to live off the sea.

"Sails Ocean Sails focuses on demonstrating to fishermen in coastal communities some sailing techniques, and hopefully providing them with sails to include with their fishing nets in their boats." Mr Gately hopes practical demonstrations along with encouragement for individuals will provide basic sailing techniques to fishermen and to locals.

"Sails are a means for these societies to continue fishing for their livelihood if and when they run out of petrol, or the price of petrol becomes too expensive."

Secretary of the Vatican's Council for Pastoral Care of Migrants and Itinerant Peoples Archbishop Agostino Marchetto brought the program to the attention of regional coordinators of the Apostleship of the Sea, a world-wide Catholic organisation that

cares for the welfare of seafarers.

This gesture by the Vatican led to a welcome and support for the program in Mauritius and in the Seychelles Islands.

Last October, Mr Gately visited Western Samoa after an invitation from the nation's prime minister and took sails for their fishermen. "It was a very successful trip and there were sail demonstrations and a lecture at the Maritime Training School at the University of Samoa and on the fishing wharf.

"When organising the Mauritius and Seychelles visit I thought that it would represent a slightly larger challenge and it certainly did. Mauritius has 1.4 million people and about five islands, while the Seychelles has 112 islands, not all populated."

He ran sailing demonstrations on the main islands and met fishing, port authority and maritime training officers and government ministers to request tax-free entry permits into each country and to talk about the "Sails" program.

Mr Gately suggested to maritime educators that students be taught how to float and to swim 50m. He proposed that Seychelles students visit a nearby port to inspect large oil tankers, bulk goods ships and customs and navy ships. He also asked that a decompression unit be provided for divers in the outer Seychelles.

"I recommended that Mauritius have a program so that a teacher can visit fishing villages around the islands to discuss navigation, compass and sextant readings with the fishermen.

"Unofficial figures show more than one fisherman is lost at sea from Mauritius every week and



LEFT: Peter Gately gets his hands wet teaching young fishermen the tricks of sailing on a recent visit to Mauritius and the Seychelles Islands.

BELOW: Foreign Affairs Minister Mr Alexander Downer gives sails on behalf of the Clayton Yacht Club to Peter Gately for the SOS program.

"I think this is a fantastic project to help people in developing countries help themselves," Mr Downer said. "The sails would only get thrown out so instead we are putting them to good use, to help families put fish on the table."

one every couple of days from Madagascar, which has a population of approximately 18 million, and is a very poor country."

Assistant director of the Seychelles maritime training college Mrs Anselara Wong wrote: "All our thanks and appreciation for your time and expertise. Our students have greatly enjoyed the sessions and they look forward to putting into practice your words of wisdom. Thanks and please come back again."

Mr Gately hopes to extend the program to the Comoros, Maldives, Madagascar and Mozambique and other fishing communities on the African coast.

The program depends on donations from Australian yachting and sailing organizations, clubs and individuals. Mr Gately may be contacted at petergately@dodo.com.au or telephone 6251 2000 or fax 6253 2700.



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