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## A gift from God - and Nigeria

St Peter Chanel's pews were packed to witness the ordination to the diaconate of "a gift from God", Nigerian-born Constantine Osuchukwu.

Fellow Good Shepherd seminarians travelled from Sydney and clergy from across the Archdiocese to attend the ceremony at Yarralumla and to support the journey of their friend.

Deacon Osuchukwu's mother and siblings were unable to travel from Nigeria and he said his mother would wait and pray in her home church until she was told of the ceremony's conclusion. "I thank them for their constant love, for being my pillars, for propping me up. I know that they are here spiritually with us today," he said.

In his homily Archbishop Mark Coleridge referred to Deacon Osuchukwu as a gift from God.

"One precious resource of the Church in Nigeria is an abundance of priestly vocations, and from that resource we draw richly tonight," he said.

Deacon Osuchukwu thanked those present for the support he had received in Australia. "I am humbled and encouraged by your presence. The vastness of your land is only surpassed by your generosity."

Archbishop Coleridge compared the journey to priesthood to the signing of a blank cheque, something which makes no sense and may seem unreasonable.

"He will be given no road-map, he will not know where exactly he is going, he will know only that God who has called him is faithful in ways we scarcely expect, and therefore Constantine will say yes tonight and he will follow where he is led. For Constantine, this is not the first step of the journey that will take him through life and into eternity," he said. "But it is an early step, and there are many more to come."

● A transcript of Archbishop Coleridge's homily may be found at <http://www.cg.catholic.org.au/about/default.cfm?loadref=86>

ABOVE RIGHT: Archbishop Coleridge lays hands on Constantine Osuchukwu's head before saying the prayer of consecration.



# The world is coming



9 months to go

Up to 8000 pilgrims from across the world are likely to visit the Archdiocese on their way to World Youth Day next year.

Expressions of interest have been received by the archdiocesan WYD office from young people in more than 20 countries including the US, Malaysia, Ireland and the West Indies. The Archdiocese will receive more than 400 young people from the Archdiocese of Paris and another 800 Dutch pilgrims.

Speaking at last month's Archdiocesan Assembly, director of Pastoral Support Services Mr Shawn van der Linden described next year's WYD effort as "the largest pastoral program in the world and the largest we have undertaken as an Archdiocese. It will continue in and through what I believe will be a new pas-

toral approach - a new approach that engages the energy and creativity of individuals within our Archdiocese."

Mr Van der Linden visited France in August to plan for the large French participation in the Archdiocesan Days in the Diocese Program, which will run from 10 to 14 July next year. The Emmanuel Community from France has chosen Goulburn to hold its annual international youth forum, expected to attract more than 2000 pilgrims from around the world. The Emmanuel Community is a Catholic association with more than 6000 members in nearly 50 countries.

WYD archdiocesan executive officer Mr Brett Anderson said due to interest received there was a desperate need for more people in

the Archdiocese to commit to billet pilgrims. "We are one of the most fortunate groups in this country when it comes to WYD, and what we can do is help those who have to travel a long way," he said. "Days in the Diocese is about sharing and if we do nothing else we've gained a lot."

WYD archdiocesan coordinator Mr Nathan Kensey told the Archdiocesan Assembly of plans for a Pilgrim Partner Support Program. "It's a community building based program getting people involved who may otherwise not have been involved," he said.

So far the WYD office intends to connect six dioceses in Papua New Guinea with parishes in the Archdiocese.

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Catholic Voice has won awards in six categories at the annual meeting of the Australasian Catholic Press Association held in Auckland. Catholic Voice won the section for best newspaper front page with its issue depicting the moment Archbishop Francis Carroll handed over the reins to Archbishop Mark Coleridge. It was runner-up in five other categories for best headline, best editorial feature, best photograph, best newspaper layout and design, and best website.

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**TRACEY'S TOPS:** Lumen Christi Catholic College teacher Mrs Tracey Hughes-Butters has received an award from the NSW Government recognising quality teaching. The Premier's teacher scholarship will help her to study international best practice in integrating interactive whiteboards into the secondary mathematics classroom and assist in assuring that NSW schools are at the forefront of this innovation. Her study tour will include visits to educational institutions and participation in a series of workshops at Keele University in the UK. ABOVE: She is pictured with NSW Premier Mr Morris Iemma.

**JAMES NUMERO UN:** After competing against the ACT's top French language students, Darumalan College's James Wookey was ranked first. Run by Alliance Française, the competition has been running for 34 years across Australia to promote the French language and culture. James, who is in Year 11, will take part in a seven-day language and cultural experience in New Caledonia next April. ABOVE: James Wookey accepts his prize from the Alliance Français' Mr Ray Walker.



**LAKE'S MAYNE MAN:** A surveyor who travelled the length and breadth of NSW has celebrated his silver jubilee of ordination as a priest. Lake Cargelligo parish priest Fr Mayne Murphy (pictured above right) was delighted that surveyor friends and his family from Canberra were able to be with him on the special occasion. A large number of friends, parishioners and community members, some of whom travelled long distances, joined Fr Murphy in a

From near and far



concelebrated Mass held in Our Lady of Lourdes Church. Bishop Patrick Power was principal celebrant with 11 priests from around the Archdiocese assisting. Father Murphy studied at St Paul's Seminary, Kensington, and was ordained in St Mary's Church, Young, by the then Bishop Edward Clancy, on 13 August, 1982. He served in the parishes of North Goulburn for three years, and Aaminaby for five years and is now in his 17th year at Lake Cargelligo.

**GREG TAKES THE CAKE:** Teachers, students, parents and friends of St. Joseph's School, Boorowa, celebrated at Mass with parish priest Fr Greg Beath to mark the 35 years of service and dedication he has given to the priesthood. The children celebrated with a sausage sizzle and huge chocolate cake after Mass.



**FACE OF EKKA:** Retired Canberra priest Fr Paul Rheinberger became the face of the Ekka this year when his picture (above right) was seen on bus shelters and advertising hoardings around Brisbane as part of promotions for the city's annual show. When not living at Kingston, Fr Rheinberger, who is originally from Bega, has spent time up north over many years involved in local shows and ministering to



show-goers. Ekka communications assistant Rachel Mecner said Fr Rheinberger had been a show regular for years although not in an official capacity. "The photo was selected because it's a lovely, vibrant shot that encapsulates what Ekka is all about," she said. The photograph appeared on the front page of the Brisbane newspaper The Catholic Leader last year.



**GRAND DAY:** About 300 grandparents packed the classrooms of St Monica's Primary School, Evatt, to help celebrate the school's 30th anniversary. After Mass and morning tea, visiting grandparents sat in classrooms helping their grandchildren cut out, draw and colour-in. "Both children and grandparents thoroughly enjoyed the occasion," said principal Mrs Mary Dorrian. Grandmother Mrs June Rogers travelled from Wagga Wagga to see granddaughter and kindergarten student Elise McMillan. With most of her 17 grandchildren living in Wagga Wagga, Mrs Rogers did not want Elise to feel left out. "I missed last year so I thought I had better get up here this time," she said.

**DON'T BLAME US, BLAME THE READERS:** Two hydrogen atoms walk into a bar. One says, "I think I've lost an electron." The other says, "Are you sure?" The first replies, "Yes, I'm positive..." And one more... If you lined up all the cars in the world end to end, someone would be stupid enough to try to pass them, five or six at a time, on a hill, in the fog.

Time to look at liturgy habits

Priests and mass-goers have developed ritual habits over the years - and it's time to have another look at some of them, the archdiocesan assembly was told.

Secretary of the National Liturgical Commission Fr Peter Williams had words of advice for those seeking to actively participate in the liturgy.

Among the points he made were:  
\* If we think the homily is not as good as it could be, we should seek to resource the homilist in a better way. In a Sunday homily, eight to 10 minutes is the absolute limit before people switch off.

\* In the general intercessions we exercise our priestly function to intercede for the needs of the world, but generally they are done badly. An intention should be put to the assembly so that they may pray. People usually do not get given time to pray after the intention is read.

\* The preparation of the gifts is a very important moment in the celebration of the Eucharist, but often it involves hurriedly getting people to bring them up to the altar.

\* At Communion, is the procession a solemn, profound, reverent moment, or do we get as many extraordinary ministers as possi-

ble so we can get Communion over quickly?

\* We do a disservice to the Word of God if we ask people who are not trained to proclaim it, such as members of grieving families at funerals. We must properly equip people to do the task well so the scripture really lives.

Archbishop Mark Coleridge said a new culture of silence was needed in churches and liturgies. People often came into church and began talking as if they were in a hall.

Referring to music in the liturgy, Fr Williams said Catholics had moved away from "the five-hymn-sandwich Mass" and were now beginning more often to sing the parts of the Mass. The most important parts of the Mass to sing were the acclamations, and the least important the entrance hymn.

He urged greater use of choirs and cantors, who helped to amplify and enhance the celebration.

Parishes also needed to recognize that they should have keyboards available to sustain melodies and provide support. Acoustic guitars on their own were not designed to accompany many people singing because they could not provide melodies.

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"They will make contact with their partner, build a relationship and help financially support pilgrims to attend WYD," he said. "These dioceses are already sending 20-40 pilgrims but this will give them the ability to send more."  
WYD organisers have recognised the Northern Territory is having difficulty finding funds to send people to the event next year. "We'd like to explore twinning parishes here with some from the Northern Territory but we're in the preliminary stages of getting that together."  
Mr Kensey said areas of disadvantaged youth, university youth and indigenous youth have had little engagement with WYD. "There are a lot of areas we are still not engaging with," he said. "It's not too late to get involved; I strongly encourage everyone to jump on this bandwagon."  
To register as a billeting host go to www.wydicinberra.org. To find out more about the Pilgrim Partner Support Program contact Nathan Kensey, telephone 6163 4300.



# New Missal part of ongoing renewal

The introduction of a new Missal, which will include significant changes in wording to some prayers of the Mass, signals the Catholic Church entering the next great phase in the ongoing journey of liturgical renewal.

Speaking at an Archdiocesan Assembly held at St Clare's College, Archbishop Mark Coleridge said the Church was pushing into the new phase "for the sake of mission".

"The journey of liturgical renewal, begun at Vatican II, is anything but over."

The new Missal is not expected to be introduced before the end of 2009, and more likely during 2010.

Secretary of the National Liturgical Commission Fr Peter Williams, who led a presentation at the Assembly, said a program lasting at least 12 months would be implemented in Australia to "make sure people are prepared".

Archbishop Coleridge said the new translations were closer to the original Latin, the language used to pass on the vast treasures of the Catholic tradition.

The language of the Mass had never been "ordinary, everyday speech; it has always had an elevat-



Archbishop Coleridge ... "more enriching".

ed, at times slightly old-fashioned feel to it".

He acknowledged that the transition could be "messy" and that people used to a certain idiom in worship might be uncomfortable with change.

"The more preparation we do, the less messy and the more enriching it will be," he said.

The Church was not trying to "roll back the liturgical renewal of Vatican II" nor was it a plot to undo the energies of the Council.

"It's time to take stock, and we need to be honest over what has worked and what hasn't. People have found the experience of worship one-dimensional at times, and



A participant at the Archdiocesan Assembly, Mr Josh Scott, responds to comments made on liturgy at Mass.

comment upon the banality of our liturgy. They say Catholic worship went from extreme formalism to something quite informal."

Archbishop Coleridge said an effort was being made to "enrich the liturgical experience" and "to open us up to the many dimensions of God" and to "an experience of the wondrous, a sense of the transcendent" in liturgy. Beauty was important in the liturgy in the use

of words, church buildings, vestments, sacred vessels and music, for example.

"In this new phase of liturgical development we have to attend to beauty and go beyond secularizing banality. Every detail matters in opening us up to the beauty of God."

Archbishop Coleridge, who is chairman of the Roman Missal Editorial Committee of the



Mr Ellis Murphy makes a point.

International Commission for English in the Liturgy, said the Missal was a great gift that would continue to evolve until the end of time.

He cautioned against people "fiddling with the texts of the Missal" in local situations, precisely because the words are given to us as a gift.

He said the Committee had sought to be "moderately inclusive in so far as it is possible" in language. There was more freedom to be inclusive when talking about "us", but less so when referring to God.

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## 'Essential' to prepare

A specially tailored DVD and CD-ROM resource will be made available to Catholics across Australia as part of the preparation for the introduction of a new Missal and Lectionary in about two years.

Secretary of the National Liturgical Commission Fr Peter Williams told the archdiocesan assembly that it was essential the Church "gets it right" in the way it introduced the changes.

The resources, comprising a DVD, PowerPoint presentation and essays, would target clergy, diocesan liturgical commissions, religious education staff and Catholic schools, members of religious institutes responsible for liturgy, and weekday and Sunday assemblies.

Priests would need to be helped to explore the new Missal and people would have to be schooled in the new texts they faced. He said what happened in Catholic schools was critically important.

In Australia, the bishops commission for liturgy was working on what needed to be added to the internationally-available material to make it pertinent in local situations.

The international resource would

walk people through the Mass in light of the new Missal so ordinary Catholics could understand the new texts.

A section on presidential prayers and practice would be specially directed towards priests.

Other sections would include:

- \* General theological reflections on the Roman Missal, looking at the theological meaning of the Mass.

- \* Liturgy and the arts: aesthetics and beauty.

- \* Liturgical roles and ministry.

- \* Living a liturgical spirituality which would help people to reflect on texts and rites to deepen their Christian life.

Fr Williams said he hoped the package, which was designed to be applied across the life of the Church, would be reasonably priced so it could be available to everyone to buy. "The most important thing is that clergy and people do not go in without being properly briefed," he said.

The most optimistic date for introduction of the Missal was the end of 2009, although 2010 was a more practical date.



Fr Peter Williams ... "important to be properly briefed".

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# We need to train people better for celibate living

In recent times questions have been raised yet again about the future of clerical celibacy in the Catholic Church. The Canberra Times for instance, in a notably feeble editorial piece, suggested that, were the discipline of clerical celibacy removed, all problems of sexual abuse would somehow evaporate and we would have lots of wonderfully integrated married people offering themselves for ordination in the Catholic Church. The same piece also contained the old chestnut that clerical celibacy is some dark medieval stragem, an oppressive discipline unknown to the Church of the first millennium.

In fact, the discipline of celibacy in the Catholic Church goes back to the New Testament.

First, there is the mysterious celibate witness of Jesus himself, which was nothing if not counter-cultural in the Judaism of his time or any other time.

Then there are his equally mysterious words: "There are those who have made themselves eunuchs for the sake of the Kingdom of heaven: he who is able to receive this, let him receive it" (Matt 19:12). And there is also the witness of the Apostles, or at least some of them of whom we know more. Peter certainly and Paul almost certainly were married at one time. But they were not, it seems, married once they took the path of apostolic mission. In all likelihood, they were widowers who did not re-marry.

From the earliest days of Christianity, celibacy for the sake of the Kingdom of God was prized as a sign which took the body very seriously.

First, it was a sign of total love, the love of God which claims everything a person has and is - body, mind, heart and soul. This may seem unreasonable, but then absolute love always will. It's not nice and reasonable, as some think both God and Christianity ought to be. This total love claims the celibate, who is then called to live that love in a world that doesn't think that love, let alone absolute love, is possible.

Celibacy has also been prized as a potent sign that we have no lasting home on this earth with all its structures and institutions.

Even the noblest and most enduring of these institutions, like marriage, is in fact passing away because our true home is in heaven. The celibate stands as a living reminder of this in a world which thinks that this earth is all we have, that there's nothing beyond the grave, no after-life.

Many people also think that the individual can't survive without sex, just as you can't survive without air, food or water. But celibacy is a way of saying you can, and quite well.

True, the human race can't survive without sex, but many individuals can and do for various reasons. Yet something as obvious as this has become blurred in a culture as obsessively sexualized as ours.

Celibacy in the Catholic Church (though not in Buddhism or Hinduism, of course) has come under attack increasingly as this culture has become more sexualized. It has come under fire as the sense of the after-life has dwindled, with the hope of heaven and the fear of hell dwindling even in the lives of the devout.

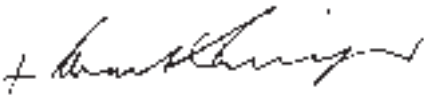
It has come under fire as prayer has become increasingly "reflection", by which I mean that we talk to each other rather than talk with God. It has come under increasing attack where the Church has become more "churchy", more introverted and less outward-looking. Yet each of these is a reason to retain celibacy as a counter-witness rather than abandon it. In the past, the Catholic Church has at times abandoned something just at the point when it was most needed. This would, in my view, be another instance of that.

Were the Catholic Church to abandon the discipline of clerical celibacy, we would find a Church more settled in this world, more comfortably domesticated, more earth-bound. We would also find a Church less contemplative and less missionary precisely at a time when the Church has to become more contemplative and missionary.

Those who fail to live the life of contemplation and mission which their celibacy supposes will inevitably find their commitment weighing heavily upon them. A culture which understands little or nothing of either contemplation or mission (and the way they presume each other) will judge celibacy absurd and destructive.

There is no doubt that the Catholic Church needs to train people better for celibate living in the changing circumstances of today.

This means that in seminaries and houses of formation we need to train them better in the ways of contemplative prayer (love of God) and self-sacrificing mission (love of the world). That would be a far better way to allow the Holy Spirit to work more powerfully in people's lives than would the abandonment of the witness of celibate living. That's why the ancient discipline of clerical celibacy in the Catholic Church is unlikely to change any time soon.



+Bishop Mark



## Lake gets wheels



Students of St Francis Xavier's School at Lake Cargelligo at last have a bus to take them to sporting, cultural and educational events outside their isolated community. The school bus was acquired with help from the Catholic Education Office and many other donors. Some of the events the children have already attended since receiving the bus have been the West Wyalong eisteddfod, sport at Gundagai and West Wyalong and the NAIDOC Mass in Canberra. Previously, several parents were needed to transport the children in private cars.

## ... so does Sarah



A St John Vianney's Primary student is getting the best gift of all from her school and parish: a new set of wheels.

Aspiring songstress Sarah Walsh (above) suffers from muscular dystrophy which makes walking long distances difficult. For the past few months Sarah has been using a borrowed wheelchair made for an adult, which is too big, old and rather uncomfortable for her. This isn't something Sarah complained about. "I'm so grateful for all of the support I've had," she said.

Seeing her struggle, Sarah's year four teacher Mrs Sarah Mahar suggested to the P&F they raise money for a new chair. "Wheels for Sarah" swung into action and SRC members spoke about the project after Mass at St Jude's and St John Vianney's churches. More than \$5000 was raised in three weeks through donations from Weston Creek Parish.

Principal Mr Michael Nangle said funds raised from the school disco and a percentage of funds from the trivia night, walkathon and raffle would also go toward the project. "It's been a real community effort and I'm very proud of what the name St John Vianney's means," he said. "Now Sarah will be more mobile and she will be able to zip around the school." Extra funds raised will go towards modifying Sarah's home to make it wheelchair accessible.

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## Homestead reunion

Former residents, family friends and workers from the historic Tuggeranong Homestead in Canberra will attend a reunion in January. Events planned for the weekend of 26 and 27 January include a thanksgiving Mass, country barbeque and woolshed dance. Descendants of war historians are also invited to attend. Expressions of interest in the reunion are needed by 31 October. Organisers may be contacted by telephone 6231 5548 or 6231 4535, or by mail to MOTH Inc, P O Box 5787, Lyons, ACT 2606.

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# Youth wanted for an exciting year

For the fifth year, young adults are being sought for the Archdiocese's Catholic Youth Ministry team for what promises to be the most exciting year yet.

With World Youth Day next July, the six new members can look forward to preparing high school groups with seminars, reflection days and retreats.

Applications are open to young adults who can commit to one year with the CYM team and start work in early January next year. The team lives together in Goulburn with accommodation, food and all basic necessities provided.

Since its inception, the CYM team has worked with 15,000 students throughout the Archdiocese.

"The essential aim is to enliven

the participation of young people in their church and get them to reconnect with their faith," team co-ordinator Miss Daniela Kesina said.

Miss Kesina was working as a teacher when she first decided to join the team. "I found it the most incredible opportunity to meet people in the Archdiocese, people I never would have met otherwise."

Team facilitator Mr Sam Mullins said although being part of the team was more than a full time job it was well worth the effort. "It's a fantastic opportunity to live a really counter-cultural lifestyle that revolves around your faith," he said. "Working with this team really gives you the opportunity to live your faith."

A year spent with the CYM



This year's CYM team (from left) back: Matthew Heffernan, Anna McCarthy, Ana Manenica, Emmalee Mowbray, Sam Mullins, Daniela Kesina. Front: Sanjeeva Wirasinha, Janette D'Souza and Sarah Heffernan.

team provides members with many skills, and coordinators hope to soon offer a youth ministry certificate. "It's an excellent stepping

stone into teaching or social work," Mr Mullins said. "You learn leadership and relationship skills and you learn a lot about yourself and how to work in a team."

Current member Miss Anna McCarthy joined the CYM team because she wanted to do something for her local community and share her faith. After two years on team she said she had changed in many ways. "I've grown in my faith and knowledge about myself and how to live with other people. You learn so much it's like squashing five years of your life into one," she said.

Inquiries: Miss Kesina, telephone 0400 356 177, e-mail Daniela.kesina@cg.catholic.org.au

## Here's how to get involved

Those wondering how to get involved in World Youth Day were given some good examples at the Archdiocesan Assembly when three parish representatives described local preparations for next year's big event.

Bombala parish priest Fr Mick MacAndrew (right) has been working around the clock getting his parish prepared for WYD. "If you haven't woken up already, it's the cross that matters," he said. "So far the crowds around Australia are three, four, five times as many as expected. People are being drawn because the cross has meaning to them."



Fr MacAndrew said everyone in his parish was getting involved. No Catholic could have an excuse to not be involved in WYD. "It's an intergenerational time in Bombala, we've got 80 year olds, down to the little pre-teens involved in workshops, gatherings and mail-outs. People from all walks of life and all generations can get involved."

Fr MacAndrew suggested getting local members of parliament and businesses involved. "Engender the support of your local supermarket - don't just keep the posters and publicity material for your church foyers."

Sacramental coordinator for South Woden Parish Mrs Maureen Blackmore said a "big shave" organised by confirmation students had raised \$3300 for WYD pilgrims in their twin parish of Gizo. "For the confirmation students this was an acknowledgment of the responsibilities that come with being a confirmed member of our church."

Cootamundra teacher Ms Camille Bayada said she did not expect what had happened to her when she attended the arrival of the cross and icon in Sydney. "This trip, this mini-pilgrimage, changed me," she said.

Already Ms Bayada (below) is planning for the arrival of the icon and cross in Cootamundra. "The cross is coming to Cootamundra and we are taking the cross to the farmers and everywhere. I don't want this to be just my journey anymore."

Although there is no definite route around the Archdiocese for the cross and icon, 60 proposals for events have been submitted to WYD coordinator Mr Nathan Kensey who will soon confirm details. "So far some highlights include visits to the Australian War Memorial on 24 February, Parliament House on 26 February and Mt Kosciusko the following day," he said.



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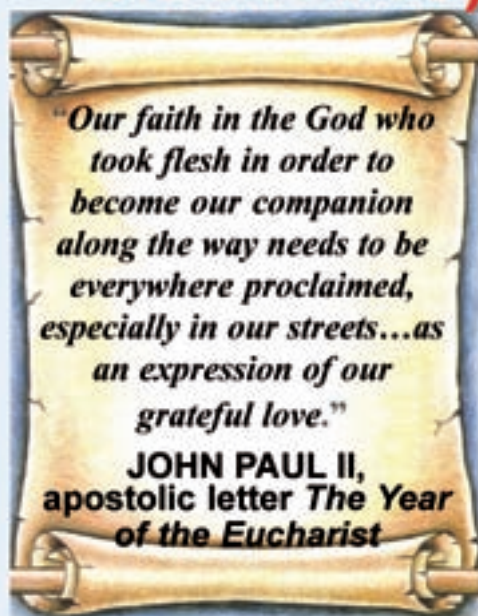
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**A bus will be available to transport participants back to St. Benedict's**



## Honour for aged and carers



One hundred people from the Catholic, Anglican and Uniting church congregations, and from the community, gathered at St Paul's Anglican Church, Murrumburrah, to honour the contribution of older people and to show appreciation of those who help care for older people.

Special guest was the Rev Dr Elizabeth MacKinlay, director of the Centre for Ageing and Pastoral Studies in Canberra. Dr MacKinlay began by quoting the headline "Blessed are the aged carers", which had appeared in the local newspaper.

She then went on to talk about the journey of ageing. She encouraged those who are in a caring role and spoke of the wisdom which often comes with ageing. Dr MacKinlay quoted the example of a nun she had met in Victoria, who had reached her 90th birthday, and who was disappointed she could now only manage two days a week as a pastoral carer in the hospital.

Certificates of appreciation were presented by Dr MacKinlay to 37 groups, four businesses and six individuals. As certificates were presented, the Rev Don Jamieson spoke of the wonderful contribution of each recipient.

Individuals who had been nominated were Joan Shaw for support of the Uniting Church in Galong, Dorothy Powell for achievements in visiting the elderly, Linda Hearne for regular visits to the hospital and nursing home and Clarrie Powell for strong support of so many. Dulcie Luke and John Killick were particularly mentioned for the vision and hard work they had both given to St Lawrence's at Galong. St Lawrence's opened in 1977 and for 27 years Dulcie, with the help of John Killick ran the home where residents loved to live.

ABOVE: Rhana Wright, Mary Whittington, Clyde Smith, Fr Simon Falk, John Killick, Linda Hearne, Dr Elizabeth MacKinlay, Gwen Whybrow, Dulcie Luke, Bettie Hawker, the Rev Don Jamieson and Brian Dunn. Picture: Harden-Murrumburrah Express.

## Politicians on social justice

Four representatives of political parties will discuss social justice issues at a forum at 7.30 on Thursday, 18 October, at the Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture.

The speakers will be ACT Liberal senator Gary Humphries, ALP Member for Fraser Mr Bob McMullan, Victorian Senator and Australian Democrats leader Ms Lyn Allison and ACT Greens Senate candidate Ms Kerrie Tucker.

There will be an opportunity for the audience to put questions to the speakers.

The forum is convened by the Canberra chapter of the Centre for an Ethical Society, an ecumenical Christian body promoting Christian social value in Australian public life and the centrality of social justice in Christian values.

## Sisters owed a debt of gratitude

About 40 Good Samaritan Sisters returned to Queanbeyan to join friends and family in celebrating 150 years since the founding of the order.

Auxiliary Bishop Pat Power celebrated Mass at St Raphael's Church, assisted by Queanbeyan parish priest Fr Dermid McDermott, Fr Tom Renshaw and Fr Kevin Flynn.

As a former student of the Good Samaritans, Bishop Power said the Archdiocese owed a great debt of gratitude to the sisters.

"It was here in Queanbeyan and in Braidwood that communities of sisters were first established in 1879," he said. "It is remarkable to think that as we celebrate 150 years since the foundation of the Good Samaritans, for all but 22 of those years Queanbeyan has been blessed with the presence of the sisters."

"The sisters were an integral part of the life of the parishes and the towns and much loved by Catholics and non-



Catholics alike. I am sure that everyone here will have his/her own stories of how the sisters gave them a great start in life."

"I might add personally that as a seminarian, priest and bishop I have been a continuing beneficiary of the kindness of the Good Samaritans," said Bishop Power. "It is the privilege of all of us here today to be in

solidarity with the sisters as they continue on the journey begun 150 years ago."

Representing congregational leader Sr Clare Condon, Sr Margaret Keane recited the Good Samaritan pledge. She said the sisters were the first Australian-founded religious institute for women, based on the ancient Benedictine rule and tradition.

## Focus on refugee needs

The St Vincent de Paul Caritas Christi Conference, which has supported refugees in the region since 1981, has identified areas it will focus on in coming years. At a planning day, it reviewed changing needs and looked at ways it could best serve.

Some of the areas identified included:

Establishing and supporting an ACT Migrant and Refugee Advisory Committee

to advise Vinnies ACT Territory Council.

Working more closely with parish-based conferences on home visits and understanding particular needs of refugees and asylum-seekers.

Working more closely with Vinnies Family Services to support refugee families.

Inquiries: Conference president Mr Werner Padarin at the society's office, telephone 6282 2722.

## Becoming alcohol-wise

Trinity Catholic College in Goulburn is planning a follow-up alcohol information evening after a survey found 95 per cent of people who attended the school's first session found it useful.

Initiated by PTFA member and board chairman Mr Shane Hobbs, the alcohol-wise information forum saw 100 parents from all over Goulburn gather at Trinity's Great Hall to address the growing problem of under-age drinking.

Six speakers discussed the impact of alcohol on young people and the Australian way

of life. Principal Mr Joe Steyns said the college had zero tolerance of alcohol abuse and under-age drinking.

Education officer for student health, sport and safety from the Catholic Education Office Ms Louise Stokes talked about alcohol-related harm and the effects alcohol has on relationships.

Trinity College invites anyone wanting to be notified if the college runs a similar event to e-mail pturner@trinity.cg.catholic.edu.au or telephone 4824 1207.

## A glimpse of Goulburn's past

An historic walk within the precinct of Sts Peter and Paul's Old Cathedral, Goulburn

The oldest building on the complex was built in 1837 and is known as "The Stables. The building was constructed by some of the convict workmen of Cornelius O'Brien (later at Cooma Cottage). This was done to preserve his claim on the land.

In 1842 the land was sold to a young enthusiastic Catholic missionary, Fr Michael McGrath, who also built St. Michael's Church at Bungonia (also part of the present parish of Mary, Queen of Apostles. He bought the land here to build the Catholic church because the site where Fr Therry had laid the foundation stone in 1839 was situated on the Cowper and Verner Street hill, and the climb and the exposure to the cold wind there made the locals feel it unsuitable.

On the western end, in 1909, an unsympathetic small brick store was added. It was later used by the Italian chauffeur to drive Bishop Gallagher's first car.

Many famous clergy associated with the early Church would have stabled their horses in this building, men such as Bishop Polding, Archdeacon John Therry, Michael McGrath, Dean Charles Lovat and Fr John Fitzpatrick. Fr Michael Brennan was responsible for building the first church in Goulburn in 1848.

Many fine horses were housed over the years. Bishop Polding's horses were grand thoroughbreds, and needed to be as the saintly bishop is recorded as having ridden 60 miles a day in his missionary endeavours to establish a strong Catholic presence in Australia. One of his thoroughbreds, (Murrumbidgee Waler) was stolen by one of Ben Hall's gang but was returned to the bishop by an apologetic Hall. The Sisters of Mercy, when they first arrived in Goulburn, were accommodated in the stables for a short time until suitable accommodation was arranged.

After the arrival of cars the stable building became a storage space, junk shop, workshop, even home to budgies for a short time. But still it stands in the Cathedral precinct, solid as ever and a strong reminder of our past and the people who helped to build a strong Catholic presence here in Goulburn.

- From "Ah! If Only Those Very Walls Could Speak!" - the late Br Powell.

### GOOD SAMARITAN SISTERS SESQUICENTENARY CELEBRATIONS

Moruya parishioners will acknowledge the work of the Sisters in the Parish of Moruya on SUNDAY, 28 OCTOBER at the 10am Mass.

Everyone is welcome to attend. Following the Mass a morning tea will be held in the School Grounds.

Further information, please contact St Mary's School on 4474 2817.

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# Calvary Retirement Community

## Residential Care Facility due to Open October 2, 2007

**I**n December 2006 the Calvary Retirement Community welcomed its first residents to their Independent Living Villas and in May 2007 welcomed its first residents to the Independent Living Apartments.

Now after three years in planning we are proud to announce the opening of our new Residential Care Facility in October 2007. With our first residents moving into our low care wing in early October.

Offering low care, high care, dementia specific and Canberra's first purpose built 34 room extra services high care wing the new residential care facility seeks to meet the needs of all Canberrans. Continuing an ongoing commitment to care the Calvary Retirement Community is striving to set a new standard in residential care. Spacious single suites with feature walls and colour co-ordinated ensuites, light airy communal lounge and dining

areas and interior designed fixtures and fittings all wings create a lovely home for you or your loved one to reside in. State of the art computer and software systems help to streamline care and ongoing education and training for all staff helps to ensure you receive the best care available. Our staff are friendly and committed to ensuring your time at the Calvary Retirement Community is a positive one.

The state of the 34 suite extra services high care wing sets an exciting new standard in residential accommodation. More like a five star hotel, the suites are Interior designed with ensuite, hand crafted bed heads and furniture inclusions, luxurious linen and toiletries, plasma TV and phones in every suite, colour co-ordinated chair, window furnishings and bed coverlet, entertainment handsets and view to the gardens or hills these suites are a wonderful place to reside in. Complete with 6 communal areas,



business centre, 2 libraires, 2 fireplaces, table service, a selection of menus, wine with dinner and other options this extra services high care wings are like a tourist resort.

Nestled in the tranquil bushland setting of South Bruce, the Calvary Haydon Village is a natural haven to reside in. The carefully landscaped gardens provide many opportunities to relax and enjoy the peace and quiet. At the heart of the new residential care facility is the club house incorporating a library, lounge areas, business centre with internet access, a craft room, a hair salon, a gymnasium, a multi faith

chapel and a large auditorium. A café will also service residents, visitors and local residents, providing indoor and outdoor dining.

Whether you are looking for an Independent Living Villa or Apartment or require more support in the Residential Care Facility, the Calvary Retirement Community Canberra can meet those needs.

The Calvary Retirement Community is now accepting applications for the Residential Care Facility. Call now Libby Oakes-Ash (Residential Placement Manager) to discuss your requirements on 6264 7407.



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## 'Latin Mass' and what it still means today

Taralga parish priest Fr Paul McGavin each year celebrates a Latin Mass in the parish. Here he explains more about the liturgy.

For most Catholic Voice readers, "Latin Mass" probably means the Mass prior to that authorised by Pope Paul VI following Vatican 2. It however is not so.

The present Roman Missal in its normative edition remains in Latin, and the First Eucharistic Prayer (or Roman Canon) is substantially the same as the earlier Mass. There have been certain simplification of the rite, and considerable simplification of the ceremonies. But the basic Mass is the same. This is what is meant by Latin Mass at Taralga, which is celebrated each year in late September.

People also often think that Mass celebrated facing the people was mandated by Vatican 2. But the fact remains that the rubrics in the Roman Missal still have the priest turning to face the people at certain points.

Thus it has never required permission to celebrate Mass in Latin, nor to celebrate Mass in an easterly liturgical direction (ad orientem). Even though this is not commonly encountered, it is "perfectly normal".

When it comes to music, the "new" missal still upholds the use of Gregorian chant, and there is frequent reference to the Graduale Romanum that gives Gregorian chants for use at holy Mass.

All these things are coming back into currency. Archbishop Coleridge's installation Mass at St Christopher's Cathedral reflected some of the points just made; the Creed, Credo, for example, was sung in Latin and with a simple Gregorian chant.

Pope Benedict XVI has recently made more widely available the earlier rite - now termed the "extraordinary Roman Rite", sometimes termed the "Tridentine rite".

This rite will be used for a Mass to be celebrated at Taralga at 11am on Sunday, 2 December, by a monk visiting from Flavigny Abbey in France. Readers are invited.

But to say "Latin Mass" does not imply the use of this rite. For several years members of St Christopher's Cathedral Choir, led by Director of Music Miss Jaki Kane, have travelled to Taralga for a Solemn Sung Mass in Latin using the Roman Missal and the Graduale Romanum.

Young men drawn by fine liturgy have also gathered to assist in this worship of God.

## 'Have courage' students urged



Students at MacKillop Catholic College have been called on to be courageous just as their patron had been. Speaking at a Mass to celebrate the college's feast day, Archbishop Mark Coleridge said Mary MacKillop had led a hard life.

"There must have been times where she sat back and thought it was not worth the effort," he said.

"The life of Mary MacKillop was a life of mysterious sacrifice.

"There are a lot of people who are afraid to give things up, to sacrifice

in order to follow Jesus. If you follow Jesus, you will sacrifice and you will have to give things up.

"I say to you, pluck up the courage and follow Jesus. You will be rewarded by him with that deep, deep experience which only the risen Christ can give."

About 1500 students attended the Mass celebrated by Archbishop Coleridge assisted by Fr John Armstrong (pictured above), Fr Emil Milat, Fr Mietek Markowicz and Fr Fayeze Assaf.

## Refreshing weekend for youth

Cooma was the venue for a ReFresh weekend held by the Catholic Youth Ministry Team - and refreshing it was for the young people at the foot of the wintry Snowy Mountains.

The weekend provid-

ed an opportunity to take a break from busy lives and reflect on where they have come from and the direction that they would like to go. Students came from all corners of the Archdiocese enthusiastic and ready to explore what role faith might play in their lives.

The weekend began with games and activities that helped revive weary travellers. On Saturday, activities were aimed at helping young participants slow down and reflect on their lives. Talks, dramas and small group activities were valuable learning time as well as giving them a

chance to hear about the lives of other young people.

The focus of Saturday evening was reconciliation, with students taking the opportunity to experience the love and mercy of God. Fr Mark Hanns, from Kippax, and Fr Joe Tran, from Cooma, administered the sacrament. The weekend finished with a reflective Mass.

The ReFresh camp is held at the end of each term for those in years 10-12. Inquiries: Catholic Youth Ministry, telephone 0433 064 587, e-mail cymteam@cg.catholic.org.au

## Choir's program

The October program for the Traditional Latin Mass Community and St Caecilia's Choir is:

Sunday, 14 October, 20th Sunday after Pentecost: Propers of the day, Ordinary: Cum Jubilio (Chant Mass), Motet: Gustate ET Videte (Isaac), Hymn: Guide Me O Thou Great Redeemer.

Sunday, 21 October, 21st Sunday after Pentecost: Propers of the day, Ordinary: Mass for 3 Voices (Byrd), Motet: Exaudi Domine (Croce), Hymns: Processional: All people that on Earth Do Dwell, Recessional: Guard and Guide Me Great Redeemer.

Sunday, 28 October, Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King: Propers of the day, Ordinary: Missa Aeterna Christi Munera (Palestrina), Motet: Gloria Laus (Perez), Hymn: Processional: Christ, the King of Earth and Heaven, Recessional: Thee O Christ the Prince of Ages.

The choir usually sings at the 11.30 am Traditional Roman Rite Mass on Sundays at Sts Peter's and Paul's Church, Garran. Inquiries: Maria Henry, telephone 6249 6278 (h), e-mail mariamhenry@bigpond.com or write to PO Box 506, Dickson ACT 2602.



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## New era for our schools

A new era in Catholic education is beckoning, director of Catholic education in the Archdiocese Mrs Moira Najdecki says.

In a special article reflecting on the Australian bishops' pastoral letter on education, she says the new era will involve parents, families, parishes, schools and Catholic welfare organisations working together to form and support the next generation to know and live out the core teachings of our faith.

In the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn, there are 55 system schools administered by the Catholic Education Office and three congregational schools, educating 24,805 students of whom 72% are Catholic.

In the ACT, Catholic schools educate almost 30% of the school age population: a significantly higher proportion than elsewhere in Australia.

Mrs Najdecki says the bishops do not simply ask questions, but

provide pointers and prodders and invite a "sense of adventure" in embarking on proclaiming the Gospel anew to "non-practising Catholics, undercatechised Catholics and other-than-Catholic students in our schools".

Nor do the bishops expect schools to go it alone. They seek the active involvement of parishes, parents, families and dioceses.

"The document is straightforward and eloquent but it is not bland or platitudinal. There is devil in some of the detail and there will be considerable pangs felt by many Catholics in seeking to realise its challenges," she says.

"In our Archdiocese the religious education curriculum 'Treasures New and Old' is currently being reviewed. The con-



tents of the pastoral letter will bring new edge to this review particularly in the call for the use of resources such as texts to promote Catholic religious literacy, and for instruments to assess religious literacy and religious activities.

"These changes will have significant impact on schools in the areas of budget, of curriculum, of professional development of staff and of assessment and reporting.

"While principals and school boards will wrestle with ensuring a critical mass of Catholic students; the bishops also view it as essential that there is a critical mass of Catholic leaders and staff who are faithful and practicing Catholics who 'teach and live in accordance with the teachings of the Church'."

Mrs Najdecki says the Catholic

Education Office and commission, principals associations, Australian Catholic University and clergy will all have a part to play in the preparation and formation of teachers and leaders of Catholic schools.

"We need to look carefully at exactly who are the people who constitute our schools. In the 'new evangelization' are all schools sharing the mission? Are all the Catholic schools in our Archdiocese collaborating in the mission of not only enrolling a critical mass of Catholic students but also reaching out and embracing students of other faiths?"

"Are all of our schools open to the poor or do we in our policies and procedures exclude those for whom we were first formed? Are all our schools good schools as well as good Catholic schools?"

"Are our individual schools open to sharing their expertise, their resources, their professional development programs for the

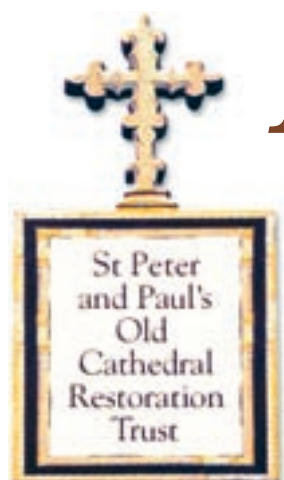
greater good of Catholic education?"

Mrs Najdecki says the bishops urge a move into a new era of education that addresses contemporary life by bringing together parishes, families and schools when they ask that consideration 'be given to the desirability of establishing Catholic pre-schools, with catechesis appropriate to this crucial stage of faith formation.'

"This is a major challenge when there is no government funding to support the education of pre-school-age children, nor capital assistance available to provide buildings.

"It is a particular challenge in Canberra where the new ACT Curriculum Framework 'Every Chance to Learn' is a pre-school to Year 10 curriculum which will come into effect in 2008."

● For the full article by Moira Najdecki go to the Archdiocese's website at [www.cg.catholic.org.au](http://www.cg.catholic.org.au) and look under the Catholic Voice link.



## Help to restore our heritage

### St Peter & Paul's Old Cathedral Goulburn Restoration Appeal



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

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

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

May the restoration work be a way of saying thanks for the past and saying yes to the future.

Archbishop Mark Coleridge,  
Archbishop of Canberra and Goulburn.

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On 1 October it is the feast day of St Therese, “the little flower”. She had a very deep love of God. “What matters in life,” she wrote, “is not great deeds, but great love.” She lived and taught a spirituality of attending to everyone and everything well and with love. Therese's spirituality is of doing the ordinary, with extraordinary love. She loved flowers and saw herself as the “little flower of Jesus,” who gave glory to God by just being her beautiful little self among all the other flowers in God's garden. The title “little flower” remains with St. Therese.

She has been acclaimed “the greatest saint of modern times.” In 1997, Pope John Paul II declared St. Therese a Doctor of the Church. So when you go out to the garden, or to Floriade this spring, look at the flowers – what are they doing – blooming as beautifully as they can.

You and I can do the same. Just by being beautiful little flowers who do every thing with love we too are precious children of God.

God bless, Sue.



ABOVE: Lisa Kelly, aged 9, of St Francis of Assisi School, Calwell, reminds us we all have a vocation.

LEFT: Josh Hickman, 10, of St Joseph's, Eden, felt in a geometric mood with this picture.



ABOVE: Now that's a cool penguin. Patrick Brady, 11, of St Joseph's, Eden, looks at the inhabitants of Antarctica.

LEFT: What do you think Mollie McDonald, of St Francis of Assisi, Calwell, loves heaps?



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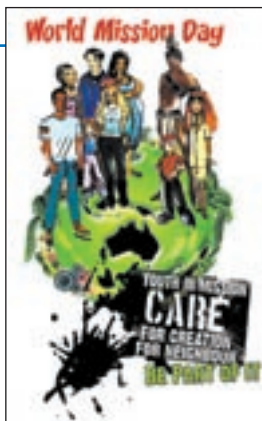
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World Mission Day this year, Sunday, 21 October, highlights the fantastic mission work of young people around the world, particularly in their own communities.

World Mission Day, which is celebrated by every Catholic community, has the theme, "Youth in Mission: Care for Creation, Care for Neighbour."

Almost every challenge facing

God's creation today - pollution, deforestation, falling bio-diversity, global warming - has its roots in social imbalance and lack of care for each other. Where there is ecological degradation it is the poor and most vulnerable who suffer first and worst.

Catholic Mission supports thousands of projects around the world, in particular many projects

that care for creation. Recently in Aitape, PNG, Catholic Mission helped install solar panels for six mission stations in remote areas. For these people this is the only way they can have electricity and communication.

There are many ways to celebrate World Mission Month. One of the simplest is wearing a sticker proclaiming "I care for creation" or

"I care for my neighbour".

The best way to celebrate World Mission Day is by making a donation to Catholic Mission. Donations help thousands of communities in 160 countries around the world with everyday essentials like healthcare, nutrition, education and spiritual care. Freecall 1800 257 296 or visit [www.catholicmission.org.au](http://www.catholicmission.org.au) and donate online.

## Everything is reused - even the nails

There are no handouts in Missionvale, Port Elizabeth, in South Africa.

Instead, the people of the surrounding villages are asked to bring something to be recycled to receive bread and soup powder in return.

This not only increases their self worth, but assists with building a stronger sense of community, involvement and achievement.

The latest project the villagers are working on is wood packing pallets.

The men and women pull them apart and make outdoor benches and tables out of them.

Everything is reused - even the nails. This is a project that the people of Missionvale have

recently embarked on, and are looking for an outlet to sell them to make money.

The project in Missionvale is run by the Little Company of Mary sisters. Sr Ethel with a group of trustees help make many things happen there.

There is an HIV/AIDS clinic, school, recycling projects and assistance with food parcels to name a few.

This is just one of the many projects that Catholic Mission supports around the world through its work of partnering local churches and communities.

LEFT: Wood from packing pallets is reused to make outdoor benches.



● Catholics in Australia - according to the 2006 Census there are 5,126,882 Catholics in Australia.

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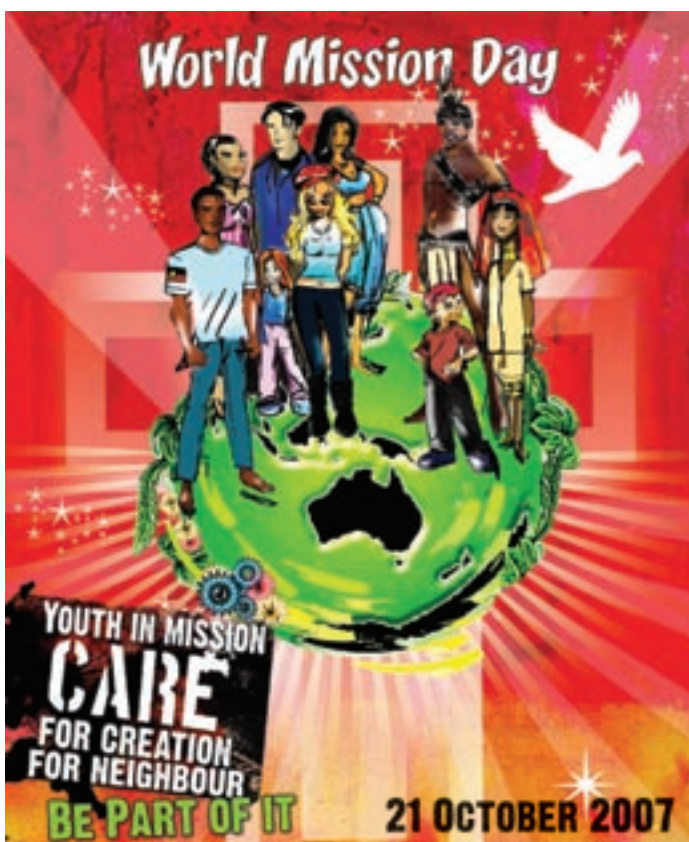
## People you can help

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For fostering local church leadership - Thailand, Papua New Guinea and India.



## YOUTH IN MISSION CARE FOR CREATION, FOR NEIGHBOUR

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Catholic Mission supports thousands of projects around the world, and in particular many projects that help Care for Creation. By helping people in communities we often help the environment as well. Recently in Aitape, Papua New Guinea, Catholic Mission helped install six solar panels for six Mission stations in remote areas. For these people this is the only way they can have electricity.

Please give generously to Catholic Mission's 2007 World Mission Day appeal. Phone 1800 257 296 or donate online at [www.catholicmission.org.au](http://www.catholicmission.org.au)

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## Nothing stopped these songbirds

Snow falls and hailstones couldn't dampen the enthusiasm of more than 250 singers from schools in the northern region of the Archdiocese when they came together for Singfest 07.

Students came from Trinity College, St Peter and Paul's and St Joseph's in Goulburn, St Gregory's, Queanbeyan, and St Mary's, Crookwell for the event which was initiated by Mrs Jenny McCarthy.

All schools performed a bracket of songs, displaying a multitude of musical skills, before combining to thrill the large, appreciative audience in Trinity's Marzorini Great Hall with four songs.



The first date for Singfest 07 had to be called off when roads out of the various communities were closed thanks to the first big snow dump in years. Then, as the rehearsal on performance day was in full swing, a noisy hailstorm threatened to drown out the voices.

ABOVE: The massed choir. Picture: Aime Meura.

## Students' new take on arts

St Edmund's College is working to temper its sporty image by encouraging students to explore art and design careers.

All ACT senior students were invited to attend a visual arts careers day held at St Edmund's College which focused on informing students about artistic post-school options.

Seminars were held all day with speakers from Sydney's College of Fine Arts, Canberra's Institute of Technology, National Gallery of Australia, ANU School of Art, University of Canberra School of Architecture as well as representatives from the design and advertising professions.

"We're trying to move away from that rugby school mentality. It's a prejudice the community has about St Edmund's," head of art Mr Andrew Jones said.

Artist and CIT Lecturer Fiona Dace-Lynn told students a common misconception was that all artists are broke.

"If you're doing something that you love doing, then the money will follow," she said.

The careers day was part of a week-long art festival at St Edmund's.

Music and drama performances were held throughout the week and year groups took turns to visit the National Gallery.

"Art is something that really has to be encouraged in a boy's school, otherwise it will be lost," Mr Jones said.



ABOVE: CIT's Fiona Dace-Lynn addresses students from ACT schools at the St Edmund's College visual arts careers day.

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## School's double celebration

Two significant events have occurred at St Bernard's Primary School, Batehaven, with the official opening and blessing of the new administration building and the celebration of the school's 25th anniversary. Archbishop Mark Coleridge officially opened and blessed the new building.

To celebrate the occasion there was a school assembly where kindergarten and Year 6 pupils entertained the large gathering.

Many people who attended were impressed by the building's appearance, functionality and design. Mr Peter Clarke, from the Catholic Education Office, said the building created "an extremely welcoming environment and will set a precedent for other schools. The visual aspect of this building creates a real presence for St Bernard's and no longer will there be issues in

identifying where the school is."

Archbishop Mark commented that the school looked wonderful and that there was a prevailing sense of spirit within the community.

Principal Mr David Casey said that the school had worked extremely hard in developing quality learning and teaching programs for the students.

About 300 people gathered for a special ball to celebrate the school's 25th anniversary. Among those who attended were former principals Sr Pat Lenane, Sr Louis, Sr Karen Muir, and Mrs Maree Spillane. All spoke highly of the school's progress over the years. Many former teachers, parents and students enjoyed catching up with old friends.

Mr Casey spoke of the great legacy left by previous principals and said it was an honour to lead a school with such a wonderful background and spirit.

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## Youth team at work



After a busy week leading MacKillop College Year 12 students on retreat at Jindabyne, the Tuggeranong Youth Ministry Team enjoyed the hospitality of Bombala parish.

The team took part in Sunday Mass and shared what it is like to live in community and to be part of a ministry team. The team supports itself and receives assistance with accommodation from Corpus Christi parish, South Tuggeranong, in return for giving 14 hours each a week to work in ministry. ABOVE: Anne Marie Priestly speaks at Mass in Bombala.

# Music keeps the mood moving

Contemporary music got the congregation in the mood at a Renewal Day in St Mary's Church, Young, on the Feast of the First Martyrs of Rome.

The mood was energised in the message about martyrdom and mission delivered by principal celebrant and speaker, Archbishop Mark Coleridge.

"The music was moving," parish priest Fr Richard Thompson said.

"It was mostly modern, with a beat that led people in singing at the top of their voices - they sang with enthusiasm and commitment about worshipping, praying and serving the Lord."

The ministry of music with choristers accompanied by castanets, clarinets, percussion and timpani enabled people to plug in more effectively to God's message.

In his homily Archbishop Coleridge reminded the congregation that the early Christian martyrs said "yes" to God although it cost them their lives. However, they were not extraordinary people.

"In their day they were ordinary men and women just as those of us who are gathered here today are.

"However, they believed so vehemently that they reached beyond their



Fr Richard Thompson, Archbishop Mark Coleridge and Ljubo Vranko in St Mary's, Young, following the successful Renewal Day in the church. Picture: Narelle Morse.

own fears demonstrating that love is more powerful than fear.

"Their devotion to their cause was unparalleled.

"They were prepared to be witnesses for the Christian way of life and we, too, are called to be witnesses, although the persecution of the contemporary society to which we are subjected can in no way be compared with that of the emperors who ruled in the

first century in Rome."

It was after attending a charismatic conference in Sydney in 1971 that Fr Gustav Kramer, who was chaplain to a German community, and Fr Brian Murphy, a Jesuit, decided that they would establish a weekly prayer meeting in one of their homes in Canberra.

The Catholic Charismatic Renewal movement grew and by 1987, as well as six groups in the ACT, Young also had established a prayer group.

In 2005, a Catholic Charismatic Renewal service committee was established with the aim of supporting these prayer groups.

Chairman Mr Ljubo Vranko, who was co-ordinator of the Renewal Day in Young, said: "While we anoint people with oil, pray over them and provide counselling, we believe the most effective way of healing given to us is Jesus himself who is active through the Eucharistic communion.

"Certainly the music ministry opens people's hearts.

"We now have approximately 350 weekly participants in charismatic activities throughout the Archdiocese."

## Islanders get a head start

More Solomon Islanders will attend World Youth Day next year thanks to South Woden parish, who raised more than \$3000 in an unusual way. By shaving or colouring the hair of five parishioners, South Woden confirmation candidates raised \$2300 for their twin parish in Gizo, which was hit badly by last year's tsunami.

"We wanted to make this a fun event that the whole parish could get behind," sacramental coordinator Mrs Maureen Blackmore said.

Hairdresser and parishioner Colleen Tidy volunteered her expertise, shaving off the moustache of marathon runner Robert de Castella and adding some pink and purple to the hair of St Thomas Aquinas, Charnwood, principal Mr John Bourke (above).

Other victims were Sacred Heart Primary confirmation candidate Greg



Fatiaki, Marist College student Daniel Blackmore and Marist science and religious education teacher Kerry Todd.

Senior parishioners from the Fantastic Friendship Group raised an additional \$1000 with a raffle.

"We have been in touch with Gizo parish and they are delighted with the offer of assistance," Mrs Blackmore said.

## Seminarian says it in song

Singer, songwriter and seminarian Robert Galea, who will be a part of the celebration of World Youth Day events with Guy Sebastian and Paulini, brought his gift to West Wyalong in a concert.

Robert, who is from Malta, believes that music is an instrument to help others understand God and fulfill the need to draw closer to God.

The community of West Wyalong and surrounding towns heard his life story and enjoyed his music. He engaged the youth and older members of the audience through personal sharing of how he came to be where he is in a closer relationship with God.

The Archdiocesan Catholic Youth Ministry Team was able to spend some time with Robert. Members were encouraged by his openness to share with them and the youth of West Wyalong about how God has

come into his life and what it means to be able to serve and build a closer relationship with God.

The CYM team seeks to travel to West Wyalong monthly to spend time with young people and parishioners, to enliven participation in the church and meet new people from the region. This initiative along with the recently commissioned cyMTV pilot project in the Tuggeranong Valley is part of the Archdiocesan commitment to explore options for sustainable regional youth ministry.

Parishioners of West Wyalong were also hosts to Canadian Jesuit Fr Jack McLain, who led parishioners of St Mary's in a retreat for busy people. The success of the retreat has encouraged parishioners to continue the program with parish priest Fr Troy Bobbin and Sr Margaret Hart.

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# Food for the imagination

At The Name of Jesus the Way the Truth The Life by Michael O'Neill McGrath with prayers by Richard Fragomeni. World Library Publications, rrp.\$ 42.95 soft cover. Reviewer: Janet Moyle.

It is a long time since I have held such a magnificent, sensuous book in my hands. It is to be held reverently, the pages to be turned slowly, the text and the illustrations to be savoured.

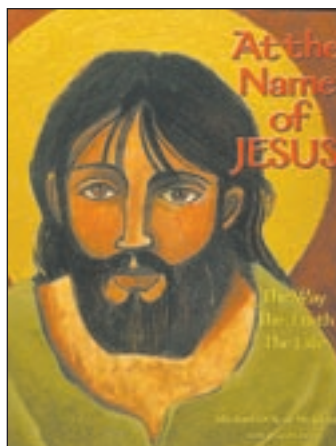
In At the Name of Jesus, the author and illustrator has chosen to expand on Christ's titles of The Way, The Truth, The Life.

Each painting is a riot of carefully controlled colour as in a stained glass window. These jewels are truly icons of religious faith.

The details are delightful. For example, the Advent image of the Prince of Peace has disparate wild animals gathered as for a group photo with the Christ child seated on a swing formed by the body of a cobra.

Another depicts Jesus in a T-shirt emblazoned with the words Holy Child while he poses with a soccer ball under his arm.

One wonderful painting [my favourite] is of a trans-



formed Jesus rising from the earth drawing all Creation with him. The symbolism speaks to the heart.

It is all too easy to assume that this is a book for children, although it could well be an aid to family prayer. As an adult I have found it very satisfying to use one page per day for reflection and meditation.

Only then do I read the accompanying text and the prayers both of which are superb also.

The section on the Truth is particularly evocative for those suffering grief and loss.

This book is a unique and poetic contribution to the enrichment of our faith, becoming food for our religious imagination. I cannot recommend it more highly.

## A radical way to live Seeking out the saints

A Radical Way of Love by Fr. Ken Barker MGL. Publisher. Missionaries of God's Love, 2007, 188pp, \$20. Reviewer: Janet Moyle.

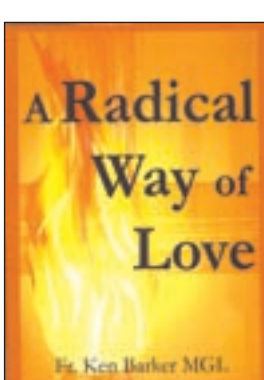
Many of us in the pews are struggling with the challenges and ambiguities of being Christian.

There are plenty, we know, who've given it all away. And then there are those who choose to live a radical way of life for the sake of the Gospel. It is not hard to see the Spirit on the move.

Fr. Ken Barker, the founder of the Missionaries of God's Love in Canberra, writes compellingly on the charismatic spirituality lived in the consecrated life. For him it is a radical choice.

One appealing aspect of this book is the manner in which it is firmly grounded in Scripture and in the documents and evangelical counsels of Vatican 2 and later. It exemplifies "sentire cum ecclesia" (to think and feel with the Church).

The ministry of all priests is preaching the word of God, administering the sacraments and building community.



Fr. Barker describes how the MGLs' take on a commitment to evangelisation and to living a communal life as well.

He states that "baptism in the Spirit" is pivotal to missionary work.

He calls this "big grace" which, he says, brings a release of the

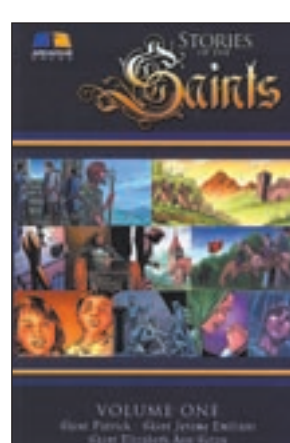
power of one's sacramental baptism and confirmation and a new outpouring of the Spirit for the Church.

His enthusiasm burns brightly as the flame on the MGL badges and the sparks fly upwards in a flurry of exclamation marks.

Much of the time he writes in a didactic style ...we long ... we pray ... we seek ... we go forth... There are pertinent observations which apply to everyone such as "the challenge is to stop longing for a different group" (read family, parish, workplace) and to begin loving those God has already given us".

Fr Barker's second book will find a ready readership among those who know him.

For mine I wanted to learn more about the history of the MGLs and of their remarkable growth to date. Perhaps for another time.



Stories of the Saints: volume one. Arcadius Press, 2007, 111 pages, rrp.\$26.95. Reviewer: Janet Moyle.

Arcadius Press has published Volume One of Stories of the Saints. There are three more to come.

The editors have highlighted five saints in each volume with some little-known names among them. Presumably these are targeted to early teenagers and confirmees.

The lay-out is in comic strip computer-generated format.

This style always works better when it is dynamic rather than static.

Nevertheless the art-work is colourful and compelling.

Unfortunately the ponderous and occasionally obscure text does not match the modern presentation.

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## Teen boys seeking the spiritual

Connecting: Teenage Boys, Spirituality and Religious Education. Kath Engerbretson. St Pauls Publications, 2007, rrp \$29.95. Reviewer: Jonathan Moyle.

After a successful career in teaching, Kath Engerbretson is currently Associate Professor at the School of Religious Education, Australian Catholic University, Melbourne. She is perhaps best known for her role in curriculum development, most especially as a writer for the To Know, Worship and Love series, texts widely used in the teaching of religious education.

Engerbretson steps away from curriculum and offers teachers (and parents) a handy resource based on three years of research. This involved over 1000 boys aged between 15 and 18 and their understanding and experience of spirituality.

Engerbretson breaks her chapters down into three easily digestible parts: research, conclusions and suggestions. Teachers can then utilise and translate these findings to classroom practice, in order to create a dialogue through which boys can express their spirituality.

Her research covers a range of topics, including boys' hopes, who inspires them, what kind of men they wish to become, their values and how they connect with "Other" in friendships and relationships. Our need to develop a greater understanding of male identity and masculinity seems to resonate throughout the text. Her concluding chapters examine what any RE teacher knows can be tricky subjects - prayer, talking about God and Catholic beliefs.

Most uplifting is the optimistic tone of both the research and Engerbretson's conclusions. Flying in the face of the teenage boy stereotype as being an irreligious, isolated, "angry young man", her research demonstrates that boys desire genuine relationships of love, honesty and compassion. And even though "boys are the most likely to reject religious practices", she remains positive. "The language used to talk about religion does not reach them. Yet they are spiritual".

For teachers who feel like they are pushing a rock uphill regarding boys' engagement with religious education, Engerbretson claims that the role of schools in influencing boys' values is significant. It is important for teachers to become learners so we can tap into boys' spirituality and, together, develop a language for that which already exists and wishes to be expressed.

## What do young think?

Putting Life Together. Findings from Australian Youth Spirituality Research, by Phillip Hughes.: Fairfield Press, 2007, pb 215 pp, rrp \$34.95. Reviewer: Margaret Ryan.

Many of us might have a renewed interest in youth and their spirituality. We might have questions like: What values are important to young people? What brings peace and happiness? Who influences young people most powerfully? What is their level of interest in social and political issues? How important is the environment to young people? What belief do they have in God (or "higher being")? What is the level of appreciation of religious education and school liturgies? Are church services seen as boring? Church communities as warm?

Is there any substantiated way of knowing what young people think about a variety of issues? Well, yes. Philip Hughes' recently published "Putting Life Together" could be a manual for parents, teachers, youth workers and pastors.

It draws on research over five years (2002 -2006) from random telephone interviews (1200), on-line sur-

veys conducted in Lutheran, Catholic and Victorian government schools (3000) and in-depth interviews (250).

A large proportion of this was conducted by the Christian Research Association.

The primary subjects of the studies were young people aged 13-24, though comparative data from the years 24-59 are usually provided too. Hughes collated the data under four main headings: Relationships with Self, Relationships in the context of Society and Nature, Views of the World and Ways of Life, Influences on Young People.

The book includes a comprehensive bibliography, a useful index, as well as 55 coloured figures and 23 tables. Hughes outlines findings clearly and in an interesting way, often mentioning particular interviewees' experiences, and makes suggestions for schools and churches.

The research group, which includes those at the Australian Catholic University and Monash University, has provided a detailed and rounded picture of contemporary Australian young people.

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# Bourne again, it's positively breathtaking

Whew, or any other exclamation to sum up the feelings of exhilaration and exhaustion at the end of this film.

This is a holiday film for the adult audience who may want something more engrossing or demanding than the popular shows. It is the third in the Jason Bourne trilogy based on novels by Robert Ludlum. They are the best film versions of his novels so far.

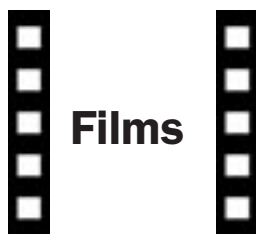
Ludlum, who died in 2001 but whose stories are still being published under his name with co-writers, was a master of the espionage novel. They were large books but real page-turners.

For their plots: they seemed to be far-fetched with extraordinary global conspiracies. At least that is how it seemed in the 1970s and 1980s. Now, with the experience of terrorism worldwide, with the exposure of cold war espionage names and details, we might well wonder. Ludlum's novels drew on the technological weapons developed to that time, while the James Bond movies imagined weapons, some of which we might now take for granted.

In two hours we are rushed through the plot, presupposing the first two films in the series, *The Bourne Identity* (2002) and *The Bourne Supremacy* (2004)). Director Paul Greengrass and his editor, Christopher Rouse, have found the visual equivalent of page-turning. It is some of the quickest-paced editing you are likely to experience. The audience is almost breathless in the first five minutes. Shots are short. Camera work is handheld and immediate. We are edited into the action ourselves and, while there are some quiet moments, some pauses for thought, the hectic pace continues, especially with a num-

## The Bourne Ultimatum.

Starring Matt Damon, David Strathairn, Joan Allen and Julia Styles. Directed by Paul Greengrass. 115 mins. M (moderate action violence). Reviewer: Fr Peter Malone\*.



Films



Jason Bourne (Matt Damon) tracks his subject across rooftops in Tangier. Picture: Jasmin Boland. Copyright: © 2007 Universal Studios.

ber of very fast chases and crashes.

We still ask, as does the hero, who is Jason Bourne? We are aware from the first film that Bourne has been created as a killer by a department deep within the CIA.

This time it is simply Bourne tracking down contacts which lead him to the CIA training centre in New York, a strongly suspenseful chase around Waterloo station, then Madrid, Tangier and New York. Matt Damon is implacable as the put-upon Bourne. David Strathairn is excellent and icy and callous as the deputy head of the CIA. The surveillance equipment and access to cameras, phones and technology - even at Waterloo station - are beyond Orwellian chilling. Bourne is a hero, trained in survival techniques, who uses his wits rather than weapons. He is a representative of good, but a good that comes from evil and needs redemption.

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

# Awesome, if you're 12yo girl

Awesome, but only for the easily and quickly awed.

This is not a film for anyone over 15 to review, especially reviewers in the old fudge category.

Some of these thought the film was made for 12-year-old girls and under - as it offered some role models and images of what they might be aspiring to in a cash and credit card handy consumer society.

Wikipedia says the *Bratz* dolls were launched in 2001 with four characters who are at the centre of the film, and are the most popular dolls in the UK. Apparently, there have been lots of others, but Yasmin, Jade, Cloe and Sasha are the originals. I didn't find Meredith who is the arch villain, a completely self-centred 16 year old who sees herself as the most glamorous teenager on earth and makes life hell for the others.

The film, by way of comment rather than review, looks as if it has taken over a lot of the plot of *Mean Girls*: the cliques at school, the boys, the meanest of the girls, the put-on-a-show, the comeuppance... The star was Lindsay Lohan. But, with her misadventures, who wants to grow up to be Lindsay Lohan? Or Brittany Spears? It also looks as if it belongs to the same school of film-making as the Hilary

## Bratz: the Movie.

Starring Logan Browning, Jarel Parrish and Nathalia Ramos. Directed by McNamara. G. 97 minutes. Reviewer: Fr Peter Malone.

Duff film about being rich, then pretending to be poor and becoming even richer, *Material Girls*.

Anyway, these films take us to the allegedly ordinary

American high school which sometimes have classes. There is plenty of meanness. There is plenty of girliness. There is plenty of sentiment and some final moralising on friendship and doing the right thing. For the reviewer one of the most shocking aspects is seeing Jon Voigt hamming it up as the school principal and Meredith's father. For a review, best to check with the intended audience.

# Value of helping those in need

## DVDs

**Sara and the Starfish.** (38 min, ages 4-8).

The theme of "one person can make a difference" is featured in this striking computer animated story for children. A baby starfish is washed up on the shore after being separated from its parents in a storm. Sara has been spending the summer with her parents at the seaside and finds the tiny starfish. She is determined to return the starfish to its parents and to save it from tragedy. This is an inspiring story that demonstrates the value of helping others in need.

**Nooma 011: Rhythm.** (Nooma series, 12 mins, ages 14- adult).

Nooma is a series of short films about God and our lives. This program focuses on our relationship with God. In the setting of an orchestra rehearsal, the on-camera narrator discusses how we can relate to God by understanding that Jesus showed us how to live a life of truth, love, justice, compassion, forgiveness and sacrifice. The theme of the program is that the way we live every day determines our relationship with God.

**Alex. The Spirit of a Champion** (52 mins, ages 14-adult).

This inspirational film, based on the classic New Zealand novel by author Tessa Duder, tells the true story of Alex Archer's bid for a place on the 1960 Rome Olympic swimming team. Despite setbacks, challenges and a personal tragedy, Alex shows the true courage and determination of a champion to achieve her goal.

## SOUND RECORDINGS

**Philip Bates. (2007) Send an Alleluia.** (Ages 8-adult).

This collection of 13 songs, is written and performed by Phil Bates from Geelong, accompanied by a school choir. Phil's music reflects on the Gospel message through song. The songs reflect on Scripture and tell stories designed to build positive relationships with others. The songs can be used in families, classrooms and liturgies.

**Kevin Bates. (2007) Windows to the Sacred.** (Ages 8-15).

This new collection of 13 songs by popular singer-songwriter Fr Kevin Bates reflect on the meaning of Scripture for everyday lives. The songs are suitable for families, classrooms and liturgies.

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Each October, the whole church is called to unite through prayer, worship and financial generosity, with every diocese and parish encouraged and challenged to focus on and celebrate mission throughout the world, especially on World Mission Sunday on the 20th.

Funds raised by our World Mission Sunday Appeal and through our school communities provide essential means for faith communities throughout the developing world and remote areas of Australia to continue Christ's presence and mission. Our involvement in mission reflects our connectedness to others throughout the world.

Mission celebrations will continue within our school communities when they gather in St Christopher's Cathedral on Tuesday, 23 October, at 10.30 am for this year's Mission Mass with Archbishop Mark Coleridge.

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Recently I heard an interview on the radio with an American journalist who had just returned to the US after living for nearly 12 years in Paris. While living there, his son was born. That child, now nearly ten, had been raised outside of popular culture.

His parents, both literary types, didn't own a television set, listened to classical rather than popular music, weren't attuned to the sports scene, and their interests and spirits didn't rise and fall with the ups and downs of the celebrity of the day.

And so when they returned to the US, their son was very much the outsider to pop culture, unfamiliar with the latest pop stars, game shows, and the like. As his dad was explaining all of this, the interviewer asked him: "Has your son held out against American culture?"

The journalist's answer: "For about two days! Of course, he didn't hold out, nobody does. Western pop culture, for good and for bad, is the most powerful narcotic that has ever been perpetrated on this planet. Nobody holds out against it."

Our culture is a powerful narcotic, for good and for bad.

It is important that we first underline that, partly, there's a good side to this. A narcotic soothes and protects against brute, raw pain. Our culture has within it every kind of thing (from medicine to entertainment) to shield us from pain. That can be good, providing it isn't a false crutch.

But a narcotic can also be bad, especially when it becomes a way of escaping from reality. Where our culture is particularly dangerous, I feel, is in the way it can perpetually shield us from having to face the deeper issues of life - faith, forgiveness, morality and mortality. It can, as Jan Walgrave famously said, constitute a virtual conspiracy against the interior life. How?

By keeping us so entertained, so busy, so preoccupied, and so distracted that we lose all focus on the deeper things. We live now in a world of instant and constant communication, of mobile phones and email, of ipods that contain whole libraries of music, of television packages that contain hundreds of channels, of malls and stores that are open 24 hours a day, of restaurants and clubs that stay open all the time, of sounds that never die and lights that never go out. We can be amused, distracted, and catered to for 24 hours a day.

While that has made our lives wonderfully efficient it has also conspired against depth. The danger, as one commentator puts it, is that we are all developing permanent attention deficient disorder. We are attentive to so many things that, ultimately, we aren't attentive to anything, particularly to what is deepest inside of us.

This isn't an abstract thing. Typically our day is so full of things (work, noise, pressure, rush) that when we do finally get home at night and have some time when we could shut down all the stimulation, we are so tired and fatigued that what soothes us is precisely something that functions as a narcotic - a sporting event, a game show on television, a mindless sitcom, or anything that can soothe our tensions and relax us enough to sleep. It's not bad if we do this on a given night, but it is bad when we do it every night.

What happens then is that we never find the space in our lives to touch what's deepest inside of us and inside of others. Given the power of our culture, we can go along like this for years until something cracks in our lives, a

# Our culture narcotic for good, bad

## Ron Rolheiser

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



loved one dies, someone breaks our heart, the doctor tells us we have a terminal disease, or some other crisis is powerful enough to suddenly render all the stimulation and entertainment in the world empty. Then we are forced to look into our own depth and that can be a frightening abyss, if we have spent years and years avoiding looking into it.

The poet, Rumi, once wrote: "I have lived too long where I can be reached." That's true, I suspect, for most of us. And so we end up as good people, but as people who are not very deep - not bad, just busy; not immoral, just distracted; not lacking in soul, just preoccupied; not disdaining depth, just lacking in practice.

Our culture is a powerful narcotic, for good and for bad. It has the power to shield us from pain, to soothe us in healthy ways. That can be good. Sometimes we need a narcotic. But our culture can also be over-intoxicating, too-absorbing. It can swallow us whole. And so we have to know when it is time to unplug the television, turn off the phone, shut down the computer, silence the ipod, lay away the sports page, and resist going out for coffee with a friend, so that, for one moment at least, we are not avoiding making friends with that one part of us that will accompany us into the sunset.

## 'I have lived too long where I can be reached'

# Looking for value? Well, copy this...

Over the past couple of months, I have written about computer accessories. These are pieces of computer equipment that may not come with the standard computer package such as a printer, webcam, external hard-drive, external speakers, a multi-card reader, microphone, headphones and a scanner. These pieces of equipment are known as computer peripherals.

This month I will look at scanners. A scanner is computer tool that analyses photographs, images, text, samples of writing or objects and converts these items into a digital image.

These images can then be printed, saved and/or transmitted to other computers via e-mail or the internet. Scanners are also known as flatbed or desktop scanners due to their compact shapes.

Flatbed scanners are the most common type of scanner you will find in homes or offices.

Flatbed scanners are usually rectangular in shape and consist of a cover that can be raised and lowered; a pane of glass upon which you place the photo or document to be scanned, and a moving light and optics or sensors which illuminates the glass to scan the item.

As the light source and sensors move across the glass and the item face down above it, the sensor reads the entire area and converts the image

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Paul Jenkins

created into digital information. This information is saved onto your computer for further use.

Images created with a normal scanner are usually JPEG files or GIF files. These are picture files and the information contained in these images cannot be changed or edited.

However, using certain types of computer software such as Scansoft Omnipage will allow you to scan a document and save it as a Word document which you can then make changes to, just as you would to a normal text document.

Versions of this software often come on the installation CD-Rom that you get with your scanner.

Scanners can be separate pieces of equipment or they can be part of other computer devices such as printers. You can also get smaller versions of scanners which can be held in your

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### My School Diary

[myschooldiary.com.au](http://myschooldiary.com.au)

In a moment of inspiration while supervising their daughter's homework, Catholic parents Byron and Francine Pirola decided to produce a student diary specifically designed for Catholic school students. In addition to being a normal diary, My School Diary contains Sunday readings, prayers and student activities. This website has sample pages from the diary for download. (Courtesy Church Resources).

hand to scan some three-dimensional objects as well as documents.

Similar to digital cameras and printers, the higher the DPI of a scanner, the better the quality of the images that it produces.

When choosing a separate scanner for your home or office, examine the specifications in the advertisement.

Typically it will say something like this: Flatbed Scanner, 2400 x 4800 dpi, Colour Depth: 48-bit Colour.

The 2400 x 4800 dpi information refers to the resolution of the image produced. A 2400 x 4800 scanner should produce clearer images than a 300 x 600 dpi scanner, even though this one may be more expensive. Scanners can come in several different page sizes.

Typically scanners are set up for

A4 size paper. It is also possible to buy A3 scanners which are twice the size of A4 scanners. These types of scanners are very useful for scanning large photos and maps.

These websites contain information about scanners:

How Stuff Works ([www.howstuffworks.com/scanner.htm](http://www.howstuffworks.com/scanner.htm)), About.Com Scanners ([http://printscan.about.com/cs/scanners/a/scan\\_basics.htm](http://printscan.about.com/cs/scanners/a/scan_basics.htm)) and About.Com Desktop Publishing (<http://desktoppub.about.com/od/scannerbasics/Scanners.htm>).

Scanners range in price from less than \$100 to several thousand dollars depending on the resolution that you require and the brand of scanner that you purchase.

It is worth shopping around to find the one that best suits your budget and needs. Till next month, happy surfing.



# Tom eyes studies and cycling fame

Recently crowned a cycling world champion, St Edmund's College student Tom Palmer is doing his best to get his studies back on track. But his eye is still on the prize, now more than ever.

Tom, 17, blew everyone away when he won a gold medal in the 1km time trial at the 2007 World Junior Track Championships held in Aguascalientes, Mexico.

"I knew my time was fast; I was stoked as soon as I saw it," he said. "I was happy to start with but as I saw more and more riders go through I started to think maybe something could happen here."

Ranked last out of 20 under-19 competitors, Tom was an unlikely win, shocking coaches and spectators when he recorded a time of 1min 2.3sec. "It's hard to know in different conditions what your form will be," he said. "I knew I could win it."

Tom also picked up a bronze medal in the team sprint, leading the Canberra Cycling Club to name him as "one to look out for in the professional cycling ranks in the coming years".

Tom's parents Dave and Leanne Palmer were in Mexico to support and cheer on their son. "It's not every day you get to see your son win the world championships. I'm so glad we went," Mrs Palmer said. "I think he's got a taste of it now so he's more focused."

Currently in year 11 at St Edmunds, Tom still considers school important. After returning from Mexico he took time off training to focus on psychology, maths and double English. Between school and cycling, there is little time left over. "I try to have time away from school and racing with family and friends, but most of the time I'm intensely packing all I can into the day."

Despite his champion status, there is no special treatment for Tom at school and his recently dyed blonde hair has got to go. "It's been a tradition for a few years that all of the boys dye their hair as a sign of solidarity. It shows commitment to the team."



Tom Palmer in the world champion jersey which can only be worn the year the title is won.

Tom is a member of the Melbourne cycling team Drapac Porsche and he hopes it will be his ticket into the European racing circuit one day. "I think Drapac can give me a taste of what professional racing is." Tom has his sights set high and aspires to race in the Tour de France and the Olympics. "My main goal is obviously to represent Australia one day."

"I think the title has really showed me that in the end hard work can pay off," he said. "It doesn't mean a lot on its own but if you use it to step up, that's great."



## Hockey pair picked

Two members of the ACT under-16 schoolboys' hockey team have been recognised for their performances at the national championships.

Team captain and Daramalan College student Patrick Kier and Ben Peet, from St Francis Xavier College, who plays fullback, were selected in the Australian shadow team after their team finished seventh at the nationals.

Coach Br Paul Creevey, from Marist College, expected the team to fare better after losing only one game during the Adrenaline Rush Canberra youth hockey tournament earlier this year. "They never gave up but the opposition was too quick and too fast and they did not manage to put in the same team performance as they did at the Adrenaline Rush tournament," Br Paul said. The Queensland side took out first place, defeating NSW in the final. Next year the titles will be held in Canberra as part of the Pan Pacific School Games in November.

ABOVE: The ACT team at the closing presentation ceremony (from left, back) Josh Kelly, Sean Quinn, Lachlan Christian, Lachlan Drumgold, Isaac Russell, Jeremy Bromhead, Chris Martin, Benson Williams, Sam Slattery. Front: Anthony Simeonovic, Matthew Halpin, Matthew Nimmo, Kohta Ichihara, Ben Peet, Patrick Kier, Simone Kragh.



# Quikstix Tournament 2007



Hockey ACT invites your school to participate in the 2007 Canberra Quikstix School's Cup!

### The Tournament

The 2007 Quikstix School's Cup will be held from Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> - Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2007 at the National Hockey Centre, Lyneham. Quikstix is heading into its 11<sup>th</sup> year is a unique event - being the only of its kind for school-based teams. Over the years this event has attracted participants from local, interstate and international teams, with a number returning year after year.

This tournament is not only about the hockey, it gives participants the chance to mingle and socialise with each other away from the hockey field with a large variety of social events to choose from. This year Quikstix offers Ice Skating and a Movie night just to name a few.

Tournament eligibility is simple - participants have to be currently enrolled at your school or college and fit the age categories listed. We also cater for small schools to share participants!

### Age Categories

Competitions are being offered in the following age categories:

- | Boys/Mixed       | Girls            |
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| - Under 14 Years | - Under 14 Years |
| - Under 16 Years | - Under 16 Years |
| - Under 18 Years | - Under 18 Years |

If your school hasn't already registered and is interested please contact Alysa Turnbull on 02 6257 2374 or Email: [events@hockeycanberra.org.au](mailto:events@hockeycanberra.org.au)

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**CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME** - St John the Apostle Catholic Community Kippax, 7.30pm-9pm, 16 October to 20 November. Inquiries: Parish Office, telephone 6254 3236, e-mail [stj.kippax@cg.catholic.org.au](mailto:stj.kippax@cg.catholic.org.au) Parishweb: [www.stjohnkippax.org.au](http://www.stjohnkippax.org.au)

**CURSILLO** - Ultreyas: Southside - Corpus Christi Parish Centre, Gowrie, 8pm, Tuesday, 23 October. Northside: Marian Hall, St Matthew's Church, Page, 8pm, Thursday, 25 October. All welcome.

**ECUMENICAL PILGRIMAGE** - Saturday, 27 October, begins 9am at St Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Forrest, then to Wesley Uniting Church, Forrest, St Christopher's Cathedral, St Paul's Anglican, Manuka, Canberra Baptist Church, Kingston, St Nicholas' Greek Orthodox, Kingston, Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture, Barton. Chance to briefly look at and pray in each church / centre. Please bring lunch to share. Inquiries: Margaret Ryan, telephone 6163 4302 or e-mail [margaret.ryan@cg.catholic.org.au](mailto:margaret.ryan@cg.catholic.org.au)

**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.

**HEALING AND TRAINING SCHOOL** - 3-6 October, Victorious Ministry Through Christ live-in school, at Greenhills on Cotter Road. Learn how to minister God's healing in your own church group, receive an intensive ministry session yourself and experience a small, close Christian non-denominational community. Cost \$60 plus accommodation and meals (about \$80 per person per day). Register: Kate or Clem, telephone 6258 1606.

**HUMAN RIGHTS TORCH RALLY** - Across Australia arriving late October, including NSW and Canberra. Organised by the Coalition to Investigate the Persecution of Falun Gong in China. Entry form [www.human-rightstorch.org](http://www.human-rightstorch.org)

**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](mailto:programs@marymead.org.au) telephone 6162 5800 or [www.marymead.org.au](http://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.

**PADUA STAFF REUNION** - Padua Catholic High School staff reunion, 7pm, 13 October, Canberra Deakin Football Club, 2 Grose St, Deakin. Partners welcome. \$40 head (buffet). Drinks available. RSVP and payment by 21 September to Jan Yannopoulos, 88 Jackie Howe Crescent, Macarthur ACT 2904, telephone 6292 6929 (ah), e-mail [jany@cggs.act.edu.au](mailto:jany@cggs.act.edu.au)

**PILGRIMAGE TO PENROSE PARK** - Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Mercy, Pauline Fathers Monastery, "Penrose Park" near Berrima, Saturday, 13 October, for Fatima Day. Bookings from Canberra, Queanbeyan and Goulburn, telephone Judy and Joe Mewburn 6254 6202.

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**REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY** - 12th annual remembrance for those who lose their life to illicit drugs, 12.30pm-1.30pm, Monday 22 October, Weston Park, Yarralumla, at memorial, located on right of Weston Park Road, opposite the Prescott Lane junction. Speakers include Rev James Barr, senior minister, Canberra Baptist Church, Bill Stefaniak, ACT Opposition Leader. Family members or friends who would like a loved one remembered by name at the ceremony telephone Bronwyn 6241 7118 or Marion 6254 2961.

**SERRA CLUB OF CANBERRA** - Thursday, 11 October, 6.15pm Rosary and Mass at Holy Trinity Church, Curtin; jubilarians' dinner afterwards at Canberra Southern Cross Club, Phillip.

**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER** - 26-28 October. Weekend for married couples, Mt Schoenstatt, Mulgoa. Bookings: Telephone 9820 7107 or 4283 3435. Information [www.wwme.org.au](http://www.wwme.org.au)

**WYD ADORATION VIGIL** - Pray for World Youth Day in the presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, first Saturday of month, next vigil Saturday, 3 November, St Peter Chanel's, Yarralumla. Exposition follows 6pm Vigil Mass, then adoration all night to 6am Sunday. Inquiries: Susanna Taylor, telephone 0419 902 293 or website [www.wydicanberra.org](http://www.wydicanberra.org)

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## Indigenous leaders learning

Representatives from 10 communities around Australia attended the first Australian Catholic Indigenous Leadership School under the auspices of the Asia Pacific School of Evangelisation.

They came to Nungalinga College, Darwin, from Balgo WA, Darwin, Alice Springs, Santa Teresa and Nguiu, Bathurst Island, NT, Sydney and Walgett, NSW, and Townsville, Cairns and Palm Island, Queensland.

Lectures, seminars, sharing groups, prayer and liturgy were the focus of the school under the theme of "Evangelisation in the context of World Youth Day". Participants enjoyed the dramas, workshops and cultural night as they experienced a live-in faith community in action.

Models were presented on how to foster and keep alive their faith in a shared context with leadership skills on how to organise and run retreats, weekends and other events and how to follow up.

The school ended with a concelebrated commissioning Mass and presentation of certificates by outgoing Darwin Bishop Ted Collins and incoming Bishop Eugene Hurley, school chaplain Fr Simon Rapu and parish priest of St Martin de Porres Aboriginal apostolate in Darwin, Fr David Tremble.



Ronald, Nathan and Quinton from Balgo help Rosie Drum, of the Missionaries of God's Love, with music ministry.

The school is overseen by a group of directors and is a partnership in ministry between lay people in the Catholic Church and the Missionaries of God's Love. It is a work of the Disciples of Jesus Covenant Community.

## Catenians reflect on relationships

Canberra Catenians heard Bishop Pat Power at their monthly dinner reflect on relationships and Catenian spirituality and how they might live their vocation to the full.

He introduced Catenian Circle 331 to Devitt O'Brien, a young man working with students and Christian workers.

He shared his vision on the way young Catholic people are meeting their life challenges.

Members were joined by Catenian provincial secretary Rolf Bank.



At the Catenian monthly dinner, Rolf Bank, Bishop Pat Power, Devitt O'Brien and Catenian Circle president George Kazz.

## Inner healing mission

A Divine Word Missionary priest from India, who has ministered for 17 years on inner healing through prayer and meditation, will hold a mission at St Raphael's Church, Queanbeyan, from 6 to 11 October.

Fr Gilbert Carlo teaches a way to pray, focusing on Jesus and the Scriptures, that incorporates deep breathing and relaxation and meditation techniques, as well as chants and simple prayer postures.

Fr Carlo will preach at all Masses on the weekend of 6 and 7 October, followed by the four-day mission, which includes sessions in the morning (10am to 11.30am) and evening (7.30pm to 9pm). It ends with a healing Mass at 7.30pm on 11 October. The mission is offered free, but donations are welcome. Inquiries should be directed to Queanbeyan parish, telephone 6299 4611.

Fr Carlo will also run a one-day retreat at the Carmelite Monastery at Red Hill from 9am to 4pm on Saturday, 13 October. Inquiries and registrations: Trish Jarzynski, telephone 6231 8468, e-mail [trish-jarz@hotmail.com](mailto:trish-jarz@hotmail.com). There is a limit of 40 people due to space restrictions.

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The Coroner requires time to investigate the cause of death, particularly if criminal investigations are involved and forensic evidence is required.

Naturally they are sensitive to the fact that relatives would not want the funeral to be postponed for too long, and will do what they can to put things in the hands of the Funeral Director as soon as possible.

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The path of the righteous  
is like the first glean of dawn,  
shining ever brighter till  
the full light of day.

Pr 4:18



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