



# Blooms show all the beauty of Good Samaritans

The specially cultivated Good Samaritan rose has joined 10,000 others at Canberra's National Rose Garden.

Developed by Swanes Nursery, the deep fuchsia-pink coloured rose marks 150 years since the Good Samaritan Sisters were founded in Sydney by Archbishop John Bede Polding.

Many Good Samaritan sisters travelled to take part in the ceremony, which was held on the Feast of All Benedictine Saints.

In her introduction, Sr Rita Reilly thanked Sr Therese Marie Fleming, who initiated the cultivation of the Good Samaritan rose. "A rose was something which could be planted, could grow and would be a beautiful reminder of the women who have travelled the Good Samaritan way," she said.

Congregational leader Sr Clare Condon said she hoped the rose would represent the growth of the Good Samaritan sisters. "I hope the planting of this rose will symbolise a new springtime for our congregation," she said.

Chief executive officer of Swanes Nursery Mr Finbar O'Leary said during cultivation the rose exceeded expectations and continued to thrive despite very hot weather. "All who plant the Good Samaritan rose will benefit from its bountiful flowers, hardiness and indescribable colour," he said.

Former student of the Good Samaritans Sir William Deane said the rose symbolised everything the sisters stand for. "This rose will be a reminder for all of us of the fact there are some real essentials in life, and there are some things we should never lose sight of," he said. "What the Good Samaritans stand for is well illustrated by their name."

Lady Helen Deane planted the Good Samaritan rose and unveiled a commemorative plaque.



Lady Helen Deane plants the new Good Samaritan rose with the help of chief gardener of the National Rose Garden Mr Graham Evans.

# Our pledge to youth

Archbishop Mark Coleridge has pledged to work to give young Catholics their proper place and profile in the Archdiocese, and to properly resource youth ministry.

He was speaking at the Archdiocese's youth summit, held at Marist College Canberra.

"I'm convinced that the Holy Spirit has sprung a surprise on us and asked unexpected people to lead us to unexpected places," he told an audience of about 350 people, mainly youth.

"The Holy Spirit is saying young people are going to lead us in ways not dreamt of. We who are older have to listen to young people and they have to be trusted."

Archbishop Coleridge announced a number of initiatives he has agreed to in response to recommendations from a review of

## New agency, new vision

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youth ministry in the Archdiocese carried out this year.

When he was appointed Archbishop about a year ago, he recognized and was greatly impressed by the strength of youth ministry in the Archdiocese and the energy of young people.

"Remarkable things had been done in youth ministry against the odds without big resources," he said.

"I could also see the need for bolstering and for healing. I thought we needed to work hard to strengthen and consolidate our gains."

One of the key fruits of the review was a pointer to the need to focus on what was possible, in particular to work towards forgiveness and healing of divisions and differences.

The review also made recommendations on the need for the

Archdiocese to work together to provide a clear framework for youth ministry without placing it in a straitjacket.

Archbishop Coleridge said a culture of review, evaluation and accountability needed to be developed to ensure the charisms of the Archdiocese were given the chance to flower.

There was also a need to prepare people properly for ministry to ensure no-one was sent out in the name of Christ without being equipped in skills and without developing the foundation on which those skills were built. In youth ministry deep and complex ethical questions arose which needed reflection.

In response to the review, Archbishop Coleridge announced that he would establish a youth leadership advisory council, a body of young people, to work

with him and others to take the pulse of youth ministry.

This was an important initiative which would help the Archdiocese to look and learn from what the universal Church does.

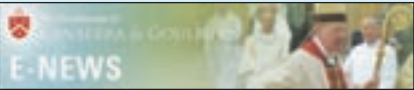
A directory of youth ministry would also be set up as a simple but concrete way to move ahead.

The youth summit attracts large numbers of young people with prayer and song led by one of Australia's leading Catholic bands emmanuelworship supported by local band Mass Revival on Friday night.

Youth evangelist Mr Shayne Bennett and pastoral co-ordinator for the journey of the World Youth Day Cross and Icon Ms Alice Priest spoke and led workshops.

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Casting call

World Youth Day organisers are holding an open casting call from 1 December to 3 December to find actors for the WYD Stations of the Cross performance.

The casting call is open to males and females of all backgrounds, with and without acting experience. Register now at [wyd.reception@wyd2008.org](mailto:wyd.reception@wyd2008.org) or call 9390 5900.

They can...

They say those who “can’t do” become teachers, but the visual art faculty at MacKillop Catholic College has proven the old saying wrong. Themed “those who can”, 11 MacKillop staff members submitted artworks for the MacKillop Art Eleven exhibition. The National Portrait Gallery’s education manager Mrs Pamela Clelland Gray praised the many skills demonstrated by staff. “Students’ engagement with original works of art depends on their teacher’s understanding of creative processes, and their understanding of and confidence in, interacting with original works of art,” she said. ABOVE: Helen Spencer with her work.



Waste not

Two Canberra schools have been rewarded for their efforts to cut back waste. St. Francis of Assisi Primary School, Calwell, received a bronze major award and Good Shepherd Primary School, Amaroo, was commended for education efforts in the 2007 NoWaste Awards.

Schools on track

Local schools and athletes have been the first to test out the new Robert de Castella Cross Country Running Track at Stromlo Forest Park. At the official opening St Jude’s Primary School, Holder, took out the primary award for the most race participants in the schools event and St Clare’s College, Griffith, the high school award.

Oh mo’!

For the second year in a row, South Tuggeranong parish priest Fr John Armstrong (right) sported a fashionable “mo” during November. The worldwide “Movember” campaign aims to change the “she’ll be right” attitude men have toward health issues, while raising funds for prostate cancer and male depression. Fr Armstrong participated in Movember along with teachers from St Clare of Assisi Primary School and aimed to raise about \$750. He said the moustache would be gone by the end of November.



Teacher honoured

A new vocational education skills centre at Daramalan College has been named after the driving force behind the project, teacher Annette Martin, who died in December 2005. Daramalan College received \$60,000 in Federal Government grants to assist in setting up a business centre model that students run along the lines of a real company that operates in a virtual environment.



The centre was opened in front of 40 invited guests and staff by Senator Gary Humphries. ABOVE: He is pictured with Mrs Martin’s daughters Christy Jessep and Amy Roach.

Power-ful

Auxiliary Bishop Pat Power has been honoured by the Canberra Woden Rotary Club with a vocational service award. Club President Mr David Fox presented Bishop Power with the George Paulus Vocational Service Award, named after the club’s founding president. The award was presented “in recognition of his dedicated service to the poor and marginalised people in society and the Church and in the field of ecumenical and inter-faith relations”.

Smooth transition

For the first time Trinity Catholic College, Goulburn, has celebrated its annual boarding community dinner as one campus. Until this year, male and female boarders lived at different campuses and held separate functions to farewell year 12 students.



Boarding parent representative Mr Danny McGrath and his wife Trina gave a speech on the night. Mrs McGrath said moving the boarders to one campus was a smooth transition and a great change. “To arrive at the outstanding school that we have today, there has been what some might describe as ‘much grinding and gnashing of teeth’, as necessary changes were made to accommodate the changing needs of the community,” she said.

After 10 years involvement with Trinity Mr McGrath will this year step down from the school board. “It has been an honour and a privilege for our children to attend Trinity,” he said. “We will miss the friendship and association with the community.”

ABOVE: Boarder captain Ally McGrath from Boorowa and vice captain Laura Neill from Yass at the Boarding Community Dinner.

Parish remembers

Every priest to serve in Boorowa has been remembered with a plaque in front of St Patrick’s Church. Milestones such as Boorowa’s first Mass, the arrival of the Mercy Sisters and when the church was built are also featured.

About 78 priests are listed on the plaque, including Yass parish priest Fr Brennan who said the first Mass in 1839 and Fr Thomas O’Neil the first resident priest in 1865.

“We have a lot of visitors come to our church because it is such a beautiful church,” Boorowa parish priest Fr Greg Beath said. “We wanted something permanent to honour the priests and nuns who served here.” Mounted on a large rock, the plaque is beside the path leading to St Patrick’s Church. On the opposite side of the path a matching plaque honours all of the Mercy sisters who served in the parish from 1882. ABOVE: Fr Greg Beath and senior parishioner Mr Geoff Croker unveil the plaque.



Mission’s first lay director

Catholic Mission is to have its first lay national director, with the appointment of Mr Martin Teulan to the position. Catholic Mission is the Australian arm of the Catholic Church’s global mission aid agency in a worldwide network known as the Pontifical Mission Societies. He was previously chief operating officer at Church Resources.

Bolivia mission

Nathan Kensey worked with the Franciscan Missionaries of the Immaculate Conception in Bolivia, not the Brigidine Sisters as reported in last month’s Catholic Voice.

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Goulburn PP to head Sydney seminary

Goulburn parish priest Fr Tony Percy is set to become rector of Good Shepherd Seminary in Sydney.

He will go to the seminary in August next year after World Youth Day and take up the position of rector in 2009, probably for a term of six years.

The appointment came about after Cardinal George Pell asked Archbishop Mark Coleridge if he would be prepared to release Fr Percy, who has been a priest for 17 years.

The seminarians come from various dioceses around NSW, as well as the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn.

After he was asked to consider the post,

Fr Percy said he spent a week in prayer and conversation with a few confidants before he said “yes” to the call.

“I was surprised, naturally, but then began to realise that the appointment is a reflection not so much on my ability as on the great spirit of fraternity and service of the priests of the Archdiocese,” he said.

“I grew up in the Archdiocese, and was helped enormously by the priests. My first memories are of Fr Coffee, then of Fr Laurie



Blake and Fr John Butz. These latter two men were exceedingly kind to me in my formative years.

“I served faithfully for them at the altar of Christ with a lot of encouragement from my mum and dad. They organised camps and excursions for the altar boys and my memories are particularly vivid ones on that score. Later as I entered the seminary Fr (now Mgr) Kevin Barry-Cotter and Fr Hilton Roberts were tremendously supportive and encouraging to me.

“In particular, this Archdiocese has a terrific spirit among the priests and it may well be one of the most united presbyteriums in the country.”



# Primary fees rise kept to minimum

Fees for students at Catholic archdiocesan primary schools in the ACT will rise 3 per cent next year in line with an effort to keep increases to a minimum.

The rise compares to an increase of 8 per cent a year over the three years before the introduction of the new fee structure this year.

ACT secondary tuition fees next year will rise 6 per cent. The NSW tuition fee increase will be 2 per cent compared to an average increase of 5 per cent a year over the three years before the new fee structure.

The new fees were approved by Archbishop Mark Coleridge after recommendations from the Catholic Education Commission.

The commission said it was mindful of the impact the new fee structure had had on families with siblings in system schools and of the impact of the drought.

In addition to substantial sibling discounts built into the structure, the commission had "aimed to keep fee increases to a minimum balanced against the need to cover the increasing cost of educating our students".

The new tuition fee structure implemented this year meant the family tuition fee in ACT archdiocesan primary schools was replaced by a per student tuition fee with sibling discounts. The ACT archdiocesan secondary school per student fee structure remained unchanged.

In NSW Archdiocesan primary schools, the family fee was retained but the family fee and per student loading in secondary schools was replaced by a per student tuition fee with sibling discounts for the second and third child. A discount was also applied to the primary family tuition fee where there was a sibling in an archdiocesan secondary school.

Contributions to the Canberra Catholic Schools Building Fund remain voluntary and retain tax deductibility. The contribution for 2008 is \$109 a family a term, an increase of 5 per cent.

The policy remains that no child will be denied a Catholic education because of an inability to pay school fees.

The 2008 term fees are:

ACT primary (per student)

First child \$256, second child \$76.80 (70 per cent discount), third child \$51.20 (80 per cent discount).

ACT secondary (per student)

Years 7-8 \$560, Years 9-10 \$575, Years 11-12 \$700. Discounts 20 per cent for second child, 50 per cent for third child, full fee paid on oldest child.

NSW primary

Family tuition fee \$224. A 50 per cent discount applies on family fee if sibling attends an archdiocesan secondary school.

NSW secondary (per student)

Years 7-8 \$336, Years 9-10 \$347, years 11-12 \$387. Discounts 60 per cent for second child, 75 per cent for third child, full fee paid on oldest child.

No charge for a fourth or subsequent child attending either an archdiocesan primary, secondary or central school.

# 40 years a bishop



Archbishop Francis Carroll (fourth from left) outside St Christopher's Cathedral with Mgr John Woods, Deacon Roger O'Donnell, Fr Brian Lucas, Fr Julian Wellspring, Archbishop Mark Coleridge, Bishop Pat Power, Fr Francis Kolencherry, Fr Warrick Tonkin and Fr Paul Tarpey.

Archbishop Francis Carroll marked the 40th anniversary of his ordination as a bishop with a Mass in St Christopher's Cathedral.

Archbishop Mark Coleridge, who succeeded Archbishop Carroll, was principal celebrant, with Archbishop Carroll and Auxiliary Bishop Pat Power concelebrating.

In his homily, Archbishop Carroll described the 40 years, dating from the time he was appointed Bishop of Wagga Wagga, as "the best and the worst time to be a bishop called upon to give pastoral leadership".

"I joined the College of Bishops as the Church, newly fired by the renewed vision and idealistic hopes of the Second Vatican Council, was beginning the exciting but difficult task of living and preaching the old but ever-new Gospel of Jesus Christ in a world in transition.

"It has been a time of ever changing challenges coming from the constant and often violent upheavals in almost every facet of human living and endeavour.

"Looking back, my main, even overwhelming feeling is that of gratitude and the need to say thanks. The second feeling, lesser but still strong, is that of regret and the need to say sorry and ask pardon arising from the sobering realization of many unfulfilled hopes and unrealized plans."

Archbishop Carroll said just as people served God mainly by serving their sisters and brothers and loved God by loving others, so God usually dealt with people through others. "Today am I conscious of the multitude of people to whom I am indebted in so many ways. From the beginning, I think I saw unity in the Body of Christ as a vital ideal. Over the years this grew into a passionate conviction of the centrality of Communion in the life of the Church and the ministry of the bishop, and this particularly in the local or diocesan Church for which I had been given a direct responsibility.

"The Second Vatican Council spoke of the Church as the People of God. This has matured into a rich understanding of the Church as Communion. This Communion draws its inspiration and dynamism from the interpersonal communion of life in the Blessed Trinity. That life of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit is the model, source and inspiration of every Christian community and the Church herself.

"This speaks to us of the Church of the baptized where every member is equal in dignity; where everyone has gifts to build up the Christian community and where all without exception have the right and responsibility to participate in the life and mission of the Church according to their particular calling.

"Through faith and baptism, Jesus calls each and everyone in a uniquely personal way to follow him - each one has his or her gifts given by the Spirit - each one has a share of the wisdom. All without exception are needed if the Body of Christ is to be fully alive and equipped to carry on the mission of Jesus effectively."

# Indian priest set to arrive

An Indian Carmelite will be joining the ranks of priests in the Archdiocese for the next few years while he is completing a doctorate at the Australian National University. Fr Jaison Paul Mulerikkal, who has been studying in Melbourne, will live in Page parish.

Fr Ben Macajes, who is parish priest of Ardlethan and Barellan, will return to the Divine Word Missionaries next year.

Deacon Constantine Osuchukwu will serve in Queanbeyan parish and also help at Bungendore until he is ordained a priest on 27 June next year.

Two deacons of the Missionaries of God's Love, Daniel Strickland and David Callaghan, will be ordained deacons in St Christopher's Cathedral on 7 December.

# Forum's speeches in print

A collection of speeches delivered to the St Thomas More's Forum by prominent figures such as Mr Kevin Rudd, Mr Tony Abbott and Cardinal Pell will be launched in a book this month.

The St Thomas More's Forum Papers 2005-2007 will be launched by Chief Justice of the High Court Murray Gleeson.

The event will be held at 6pm on Wednesday, 12 December, in St Thomas More's Parish hall, 30 White Crescent, Campbell, and will be followed by a cocktail reception.

The book will be on sale at \$16.95 a copy. Inquiries: Telephone 0419 036 436, e-mail sttmforum@homemail.com.au

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# Summit helped all to listen and learn

The Youth Summit we held in Canberra was an important event not only for the young people but for everyone in the Archdiocese. That's why it was good that among the 350 who attended there were people of every age and vocation.

The Summit was the first fruit of the Youth Ministry review that was conducted in the early part of this year. The review report made a number of recommendations, one of which was that we have a Youth Summit each year. So this year's Summit was the inaugural one, and it gave me the chance to respond publicly to the review and look to the future in more concrete ways. I made it clear that much had been achieved in recent years in the field of youth ministry in the Archdiocese.

I also made it clear that there were certain gaps and shortcomings brought to light by the review and that it was important to address these if we wished to consolidate the real gains on recent years.

I focused on two areas in particular where we need to concentrate our energy and attention. First, we need to move beyond disunity. In a field as volatile as youth ministry, there will always be tensions, disagreements and conflicts. The only question is how we deal with them when they happen.

One approach is simply to shrug the shoulders and say, "Well, that's the way the world is and there's nothing to be done about it". What happens then is that people inhabit their own silo, do good things within it, but don't have much to do with other people in their other silos. That may be OK elsewhere, but in the Church that needs to be avoided like the plague. Conflict and division may be inevitable, but in the life of the Church - and not just in youth ministry - they need to be regarded as a cancer and treated swiftly and creatively.

This means that we need to be clear that unity - or "communion" if you prefer a more theological term - is the far horizon in the life of the Church. Conflict happens, but we need to understand that we are called to move beyond conflict into the communion which is the sure sign of the presence of God.

We need, therefore, to believe that communion is possible rather than some shimmering mirage; and we need to do whatever it takes to move beyond conflict into communion.

That will never be easy; it will often be wounding. But without the wound, the Church cannot be the Church. It will almost always involve the kind of healing which only forgiveness can bring, and forgiveness never makes sense according to the logic of the world. It always seems to make more sense, to be more reasonable, to

cling to our resentments and grievances as if our life depended on them. Yet to let go of them is precisely what brings real life to the individual and to the Church.

The second point I stressed in my presentation was the need to move beyond a formlessness which can lead to confusion and high stress levels in those involved in youth ministry. In other words, we need a clearer framework for youth ministry without ever putting anyone in a strait-jacket or thinking that structures will ever save the world.

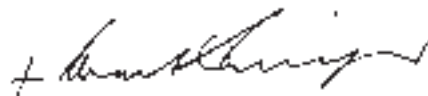
A new framework is necessary if we want those engaged in youth ministry to be properly equipped for their work, if we want a stronger culture of review and evaluation for the sake of ongoing learning, if we want clearer lines of accountability and a surer sense of roles and their differentiation.

One large question caught up in this is the need for greater clarity in the relationship between work and life in lay ministry.

For clergy, especially celibate clergy, work and life come close to being the same thing without ever being wholly identical. But this cannot be the case with lay people, especially if they are married and have a family. For them, a clear line needs to be drawn between work and life, even if the sense of divine vocation is still strong. Unconsciously we can find ourselves working with clerical models of lay ministry; and, therefore, we may need to work harder at shaping authentically lay models for lay ministry in the Church. Let the clergy be the clergy and the laity the laity - without the blurring of lines which can lead to clericalisation of the laity and laicisation of the clergy.

All of this may sound too introverted, but it isn't. For if we fall victim to disunity and formlessness, our energies for mission will certainly be diminished. The whole Church needs to become more missionary. In that process, the young can lead the whole Church, as we have seen in this Archdiocese and as we will see still more vividly in World Youth Day.

One mistake we can make is to quarantine "the youth-sector", as if the young were aliens from another planet and need to be safely segregated for their sake and ours. At this time, the Holy Spirit seems to want young people at the heart of the Church and even to assume a certain leadership among us. We all need to listen to them and learn from them, but for that to happen we will also need to help them to listen and learn. That's what the Youth Summit was about - helping the young to listen and learn so that we can all listen to them and learn from them.



**+Bishop Mark**



## First bishops of our archdiocese

This article forms part of a series featuring the early days of the Archdiocese when it was still the Diocese of Goulburn.

Patrick Bonaventure Geoghegan was born in Dublin and was orphaned early in life. He was handed over to one of the irreligious homes, then known as "Bird Nests", to be reared - places where the faith of Catholic children was often destroyed.

He was "rescued" by a Franciscan priest and showed his gratitude to God and his benefactors by himself entering the Franciscan Order. After completing studies in Ireland and Lisbon he returned to Dublin.

Dr. William Bernard Ullathorne OSB, of Sydney, was in Dublin looking for priests and nuns for the Australian Mission. Fr Geoghegan OFM (pictured above)



volunteered and was appointed to Melbourne. He celebrated the first Mass on Pentecost Sunday, 1839, in a roofless store at the corner of Collins and Elizabeth Streets.


The people of Melbourne were most grateful to the Archbishop of Sydney, Dr Polding OSB for sending them such an apostolic priest. For years Fr Geoghegan lived in a rude wooden hut where he slept on a bed of planks laid across two boxes. He was a most eloquent preacher and a priest of great pastoral merit. He was the founder of St Francis' Church, Lonsdale Street, Melbourne.

After 20 years he was consecrated Bishop of Adelaide on 8 September, 1859, and ruled the See for four years.

The Most Rev Patrick Bonaventure Geoghegan received word of his translation from the See of Adelaide to Goulburn in March, 1864. He was then in Ireland looking for volunteers among the clergy and religious orders for nuns for Adelaide. However, he died rather suddenly on 9 May, 1864, and thus never took possession of the See of Goulburn.

He is still acknowledged in our history and his portrait is included in the portraits of bishops which are displayed in the Bishops' Room at the presbytery of Mary, Queen of Apostles' Parish, Goulburn.

Portraits of the next two bishops, Bishop Lanigan and Bishop Gallagher, will be presented to Archbishop Mark Coleridge at a Thanksgiving Mass for supporters of Sts Peter & Paul's Old Cathedral Restoration Appeal on Sunday, 9 December.



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# Calvary gives huge boost to aged care

A major addition to Canberra's residential care has officially come on line with the blessing and opening of the \$43 million Calvary Retirement Community at Bruce, ACT.

The project set on 3.2 hectares of land opposite Calvary Hospital was first proposed in 2001 and completed in August this year.

Board chair of LCM Health Care Ms Helen O'Kane, who is retiring from the position after seven years at the helm, described the project as the organisation's biggest commitment to ageing-in-place in the ACT.

Province Leader of the Sisters of the Little Company of Mary Sr Jennifer Barrow said the village would meet the needs of many people in diverse ways, reflecting the values of LCM Health Care.

ACT Senator Gary

Humphries said LCM Health Care was a demonstrated provider of high quality health care service for the aged.

Acting Chief Minister and Health Minister Mrs Katy Gallagher said in the next 20 years more than a quarter of the population of the ACT would be over 70 years of age.

"Just half a decade ago, a little over 50,000 men and women or 13% of Canberra's population were aged over 55. By 2031 that number will have more than doubled, with the biggest growth occurring in the over-70 age group."

Archbishop Mark Coleridge blessed the chapel and other rooms in the new facility.

Sr Jennifer Barrow and Ms O'Kane unveiled a commemorative plaque.

Calvary Retirement Community Canberra will have

100 residential aged care places consisting of 75 high and 25 low care beds including 32 beds for people with dementia and 34 extra service places.

It also has 78 independent living units, 43 of which have been occupied by the first group of residents, who moved in in May.

ABOVE RIGHT: LCM Provincial leader Sr Jennifer Barrow (left) hands a candle, the symbol of light, to Ms Danae Jenkins, acting general manager of Calvary Retirement Community.

RIGHT: Bishop Mark Coleridge greets resident Mrs Carmelina Lolicato while walking through and blessing the building.



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# Faith - it's all about life

Discipleship is not simply about Sunday Mass going, but about the whole of life, young people were told.

Internationally renowned youth minister and evangelist, director of NET ministries Mr Shayne Bennett (right) explored three aspects of contemporary Christian youth leadership: a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, the new evangelisation and integrating faith and life.

Mr Bennett said the notion of a personal relationship with Jesus Christ today was virtually unheard

of and considered "weird". "That is the tradition of our Church, we are confronted in our culture with a growing hostility toward those who call themselves his followers," he said.

Quoting the American bishops, Mr Bennett said not to share our faith was to kill the life of God within us. "The church has become too introverted."

New evangelisation was needed to attract young people to the Church. "If we are going to engage young people in our world, we have to find ways of



doing it."

With many other priorities, youth did not see the relevance or understand what was being done in the Church. "As we look in the pews on Sundays, we find many young people not there."

"(Pope) John Paul was very clear when he said the message

doesn't change, but the dynamics around the message need to change," he said.

"You need new enthusiasm, you need new expression, you need new ways of communicating."

Mr Bennett said the integration of faith and life was a challenge because it not only related to what was done on Sundays.

"Discipleship is not about Sunday Mass going," he said. "Discipleship is about a whole of life response. Faith has to be integrated into that whole of life response."

"What we do during the week has to be consistent with what is true within us."

"The love of Christ actually enables you to do far more than you are capable of in your own strength."

Mr Bennett praised youth ministry efforts in the Archdiocese, but with World Youth Day nearing there was more to be done.

"You are already doing excellent things," he said.

"The challenge of the new evangelisation is always to go further, never to become settled, never to think you've got it all wrapped up because we haven't."

"Today as you begin a new journey in the life of the Archdiocese, will you give up your life?"

# New agency brings a new vision

A new pastoral support agency has been launched for the Archdiocese bearing name catholicLIFE.

The Catholic Learning Institute for Faith and Evangelisation, which previously has been referred to as the Directorate of Pastoral Support Services, was launched by Archbishop Mark Coleridge at the archdiocesan youth summit.

The development of the new agency stemmed from the recommendations and outcomes of the 2004 Archdiocese Synod and followed a year of reflection, planning and consultation through the Pastoral Development Project, agency director Mr Shawn van der Linden (right) said.

Initial findings of the project indicated overwhelming enthusiasm across parishes, group, movements and schools in the Archdiocese for a new pastoral support agency to provide greater professional support for those in pastoral ministries, the focus on initiatives that make faith relevant to modern life and to be engaged in the

"New Evangelisation".

"These findings strongly inform the particular focus that catholicLIFE should seek to have in the programs, services and support it provides as it serves the needs of parishes," he said.

"Enhancing the quality of our pastoral ministries, discovering ways to make faith more relevant and using innovative and creative ways to share the gospel are key approaches endorsed by the survey and identified in our own cultural context."

"Clearly, catholicLIFE needs to be an agency that is intimately involved in supporting the Archdiocese in the task of 'leading others to the discovery that the gospel makes sense of their being'."



Mr Van der Linden said a key element of the new agency would be to establish it as an organisation capable of delivering a high standard of education and training under the Australian Quality Training Framework.

Once accredited, it would be able to develop a range of other innovative education and training programs relevant to the particular needs of the Archdiocese, including targeting programs to

country and regional centres.

The plan was for catholicLIFE to take on an organizational structure that could more easily foster engaging, empowering and enabling others to service and mission. To achieve this would require a shift to focus on key pastoral ministries rather

than programs.

The five pastoral ministries proposed for catholicLIFE are evangelisation and mission, leadership development, faith formation, events and service, and worship and liturgy.

In this way, catholicLIFE would have a structural focus outwards. Its primary role would be enabling the gifts, talents, energy and creativity that already existed in the Catholic community.

Mr Van der Linden said the Archdiocese had always been blessed with a wide range of active programs and resources. The proposed structure for catholicLIFE would be able to further support and develop these kinds of activities and resources.

In launching the agency, Archbishop Coleridge paid tribute to the extraordinary contribution Mr Van der Linden had made over a "tumultuous" 12 months. He warned, however, that the work had "just begun; we have barely scratched the surface".



Faces at the youth summit... prayer and song with emmanuel-worship (left); opening liturgy (left below); Missionaries of God's Love Sister Rachel Fleurant lights a candle (below); Archbishop Mark Coleridge leads a workshop session (right).



## Giving time to Christ

You don't have to kneel to pray. That was the advice pastoral coordinator for the Journey of the WYD Cross and Icon Ms Alice Priest (right) gave those gathered for the youth summit.

As part of the listen, learn and lead sessions conducted at the summit, four-time World Youth Day pilgrim Ms Priest talked about the importance of listening and being heard.

Archbishop Mark Coleridge led the "learn" session and director of NET ministries Mr Shayne Bennett

held the "lead" session.

Ms Priest referred to the words of Pope John Paul II when she said "to pray means to give some of your time to Christ".

"It doesn't have to be an on your knees, typically holy action," she said.

Ms Priest said she was inspired by God while running. "I find that running is a meditation for me which engages my body and frees up that space inside of me. I talk to God and God talks to me."

"Ministry is best shaped around the things that best help you to meet God and listen and discern God's voice in your life," she said.







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# A big day for small school

St Thomas More's Primary, Campbell officially opened its refurbished administration area, library and classrooms and marked the purchase and installation of ACTIVboards.

Archbishop Mark Coleridge opened and blessed the refurbished buildings and resources. Catholic Education Office director Mrs Moira Najdecki, Senator Gary Humphries and Senator Kate Lundy attended the event.

To celebrate the occasion, students dazzled with performances by talented musicians, the school choir and Year One and Two students, who jazzed it up and told the audience to reach for the stars.

Archbishop Coleridge told the gathering: "You are building with the apostles and prophets as the foundation and with Christ as the most important stone. Christ is the one who holds the building together and makes it grow into a holy temple for the Lord. And you are part of that building Christ has built as a place for God's own Spirit to live."

St Thomas More's Primary is a small Catholic school in Campbell, ACT, with an enrolment of 166 students. Of these 35 per cent come from families associated with the Australian Defence Force.

The school received funding for the refurbishments from the Federal Government through the "Investing In Our Schools Program".

Additional financial support was received through the Canberra Catholic School Building Fund and the commitment by families of St Thomas More's School community to enter into a sizeable loan from the Catholic Development Fund.



## Secretaries shine on special day



The linchpins of parish life in the Archdiocese have had the chance to get together and exchange ideas.

Twenty-six parish secretaries gathered in Canberra for a day's activities which included a visit to the Catholic Development Fund offices in Favier House and lunch with Archbishop Mark Coleridge at the Rheinberger Centre.

Parish services manager Mr Howard Lipscombe coordinated parish secretary's day and led discussions.

"Parish secretary's day is very important for them to get together, network and cross-pollinate ideas," he said.

"It gives a chance to bounce ideas off one another and it's a relaxing and refreshing day. It also breaks down the isolation for those from country parishes and gives them the opportunity to meet city secretaries."

Before lunch Archbishop Coleridge thanked the parish secretaries and said they were extremely important parts of the Church.

ABOVE: Visiting the CDF offices (from left) back: Mrs Cathy Schneider from Weston Creek, CDF manager Mr Victor Dunn, Mrs Jayne Bokkerink from Young, and Mrs Lyn Mexon from Wanniasa. Front: Mrs Pauline Bartell from Cooma, Mrs Lesley Zickefoose from Young and CDF accounts manager Mrs Ann Tunnecliffe.

TOP: Aislinn King thrilled the gathering with her musical talent.

ABOVE: Alexandra Colmer and Eliza Blain bring in symbols of school life during the liturgy.



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# Lesson is it's OK to be different



A young woman with cerebral palsy has started a program to teach children it is okay to be different.

After acquiring a grant from the Foundation for Young Australians, Miss Fiona Sowden, 21, and her father Mr John Sowden set up a two-day display at St Monica's Primary School in Evatt.

"The core aim of the program is to reduce the stigma and fear associated with disabled people and promote inclusion," she said.

The display demonstrated to students how Miss Sowden undertakes every day activities like eating, getting out of bed or using a computer.

Representatives from the National Brain Injury Foundation, the Hearing Centre and the Canberra Blind Society also spoke to students about disabilities.

Mr Sowden said there should be no stigma attached to being disabled because it could happen to

anyone. "We want to make young people aware of what people with a disability have got to go through in their everyday lives," he said.

For the past 18 months Miss Sowden has volunteered her time at St Monica's Primary using Fiona's Disability Awareness (FEEDA) program to try and get the children accustomed to spending time with someone who has a disability.

Miss Sowden plays games with the younger children and as they get older she discusses more serious topics relating to disabilities.

Due to Miss Sowden's past involvement with the school, St Monica's was chosen as the venue for the first display. "We would like to go to other schools with the program if we had the funding," Mr Sowden said.

**ABOVE:** Fiona Sowden shows year three students at St Monica's Primary School how she uses the computer.

# Holy Family's 7 minutes of fame

Holy Family Primary School has won the ACT Wakakirri Story Dance grand final for experienced schools with their item "It's A Pirate's Life."

Wakakirri is the National Story Festival where schools are invited to enter different forms of story telling. Holy Family chose to enter by telling a story through dance and drama in seven minutes.

Holy Family enters the competition each year and has chosen to make it part of the Year 6 curriculum with every member involved. This year 78 students had to be cast.

Some students have some dance or drama experience, but for most of them it is the first time on a big stage like the Canberra Theatre.



This year's item was a swash-buckling story of pirate who is rescued from an army of soldiers by his crew of pirate buddies.

They set off looking for gold but are side-tracked by an island full of beautiful native girls.

One of the aims of Wakakirri is to promote environment

awareness through encouraging recycling, reusing and reducing.

A highlight of the item was a pirate ship made entirely out of plastic soft drink and milk bottles.

It was designed, built and painted by Year 6 teacher Michael Low. Coral and sword hilts were made from plastic

bottles, floral leis from plastic bags and drums made from aluminium cans. Sets and some costumes from past years were reused.

Holy Family is now waiting for the national grand final TV special in early December, where the performance will be judged against those by other state winners.



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# Dara makes it three in a row

For the third consecutive year, Daramalan College have achieved first place in the Australian National Chemical Analysis competition finals. This year's ACT champion titration team comprised senior students Michael Nguyen, Jack Hendy and Benjamin Domiano.

Sponsored by the Royal Australian Chemical Institute (RACI), the ACT competition was held at ANU's Department of Chemistry. Results have now been sent to the University

of Queensland to be ranked nationally.

Chemistry teacher Mrs Inderpal Singh said the students produced an impressive performance. "They would have gained a valuable and rewarding experience and it can certainly be included in their profile of achievement with pride," she said.

In the first stage of the competition held earlier this year, 29 teams from various ACT schools participated in the regional RACI Titration Stakes.


A team from St Francis Xavier College comprising year 12 students Wayne Webb, Geethaka Fernando and Andrew Wrigley placed first in this part of the competition. The top seven teams then went on to compete for the ACT title.

RIGHT: Demonstrating their skills, students Michael Nguyen, Benjamin Damiano and Jack Hendy.



# Comedian Tom faces tough audience each day

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Comedian Tom Gibson is not ready to grow up and leave school yet despite having to go to work every day and face a pretty tough crowd - his students.

A teacher at St Bede's Primary School, Red Hill, by day and up-and-coming comedian by night, Mr Gibson, 28, said his chosen careers are not as different as one would think.

"At both places you have an audience you've got to try and connect with," he said. "The difference is at school you can tell kids off but if you're having a bad night and not getting any laughs you can't do much about it."

Mr Gibson said he was pretty surprised when he became the first Canberra comedian to win the Green Faces competition at the Canberra Irish Club in Weston.

"I started comedy a couple of years ago after a challenge from my brother but then I found myself doing it more and more," he said. "But I haven't always been at the top - I've had some bad nights too."

Not only has he found success with comedy but his year three class has given him the thumbs up as well. "We have two junior class clowns and he is the senior class clown," said one student.

Mr Gibson said incorporating humour into his teaching style has made a difference.

"I get distracted pretty easily and kids are the same, so I know where they are coming from and I try to keep them interested."



Comedian/ teacher Mr Tom Gibson's year three class gives him the thumbs up.

Despite the joker exterior, the new dad said the opinion of his family was important to him. "My parents are proud of me and my brothers are really supportive," he said. "They always ring me up to give me ideas - none that I can actually use though."

Although he has been fortunate enough to find success in his dream job, Mr Gibson confirmed he will not be leaving St Bede's any time soon. "I am very lucky I enjoy both teaching and comedy, but until comedy pays the mortgage I'll be a teacher."

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## Binya cheers half century

After the first church stood only three years, the 50th anniversary of Binya's second church really gave parishioners something to cheer about. About 120 people were present to celebrate 50 years since the opening and blessing of Sacred Heart Church.

Festivities began with Mass concelebrated by parish priest Fr Ben Macajes, former parish priest Fr Paul Rheinberger and Fr Bob Leaver, followed by a barbeque lunch.

One of the church's builders Mr Fred Robson, of Narrandera, was present along with some parishioners who helped with the building. Visitors came from Canberra, Temora, Wagga, Barwon Downs, Greenethorpe, Parkes and surrounding areas.

Before the first church's arrival from Kildary in 1951, the Binya Catholic community attended Mass in the town hall.

A wind storm in 1954 severely damaged the church and the following years were spent fundraising to rebuild. Then parish priest Fr Jeremiah Downey had a "very forceful personality", ensuring fundraising was at the forefront.

Mass was again held in the hall until 22 September 1957 when Archbishop Eris O'Brien opened and blessed the new Sacred Heart Church.

ABOVE RIGHT: Celebrating 50 years, from left back: Peg McDonald, Celeste Gleeson, Elizabeth Crawford, Judy Bryant. Front: Sr Kathleen Conlan, Alice DeMarco and Sr Mary Conlan.



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## We truly need this season of Christmas

Christmas, on the human level, can be an enchanting, wonderful and brief time. We might enjoy our day or two away from busyness, see delight on children's faces, recall our own earliest Christmas memories, attend a sale or two, and that's Christmas for another year. Is it?

On the spiritual and liturgical level, Christmas is not so easily dismissed. For a start, "the Christmas season" lasts several weeks, and contains a number of feast days to help us savour its meaning.

In our world of long work hours and frantic pace, with news bulletins regularly reporting stories of violent conflict, family trauma, civil unrest and environmental pollution, good

news can become blurred or lost in the prevailing gloom. We truly need a Christmas season.

Matthew (the gospel writer for Year A) was writing for Christians, to express and strengthen their faith. In his first chapters, he sets out to reveal who Jesus is and how he fulfils the hopes and prophecies of the Jewish people.

In the readings for Christmas Masses, Jesus is described as descendent of Abraham and King David, Saviour, anointed one (Messiah) of God, Emmanuel ("God-with-us"), Wonder-Counsellor, Prince-of-Peace, and Mighty-God; as refugee (Feast of the Holy Family); as infant King of the Jews, and shepherd leader.

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## Mothers and children wait for our help

Ethiopia is a country where poverty, famine and malnutrition are endemic. To save human lives is a top priority for Catholic Mission.

The Church cannot preach a credible message of God's love and human solidarity if it fails to help infants and small children in grave danger of losing their lives.

The people of Awassa, Ethiopia, appreciate the service that Catholic Mission funds through the 13 health clinics in the region for children. Sisters of different orders staff most of the clinics and they even staff a little hospital. There are also a few Catholic and non-Catholic nurses who administer vaccinations and medications to the sick children, although resources are lean.

The young and the frail get the most attention and the sisters run mother and child programs and feeding programs for these children. Finding food for the many hungry and malnourished children is just one of the challenges that they face daily.



Mother and child at one of the clinics in Bushalo, Ethiopia.

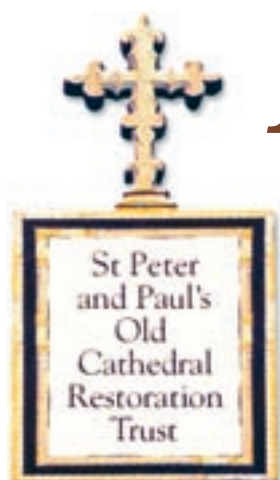
The families of the children are thankful for any help they receive, knowing that all over the world there are many other children like their own, in crisis.

The sisters help any child in need, regardless of religious affiliation, race, sex or cultural traditions.

In this way, charity becomes an extremely effective way to show respect to the lives of the children and their families.

Catholic Mission is asking for donations this Christmas so that medicines and food can be bought for the children of Awassa and for projects like these all over the world, helping the most needy and poor. Any help that you can offer will help not just one child, but many, not just one community but many.

● Catholic Mission's website is at [www.catholicmission.org.au/](http://www.catholicmission.org.au/)



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# We need the season

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He is also described as the Light of the World (at the Epiphany); and as beloved of God, God's servant and ambassador (at the Baptism of the Lord). Jesus' identity, his life path, his future mission, are clearly alluded to in "the infancy narratives" of Matthew and associated readings at Mass. The shadow of the cross looms over the crib.

Every time we say the name of Jesus, we can remind ourselves of our extraordinary dignity: that God loves us outrageously, enough to invite his Son to come amongst us to bring forgiveness, healing and salvation.

Jesus' birth inspires angel choirs to rejoice, and a desire in shepherds and foreign seekers to see for themselves this extraordinary babe. At the same time, Jesus was born into a family that was not rich, and one that had to escape potential murder by civil authorities (Herod), flee to Egypt as refugees and return only when it was safe to do so.

The holy family was not spared struggle, sadness and tensions. Yet

despite this, Mary and Joseph were holy, close to God. They listened to God and discerned God's will, and God was able to care for and protect them.

How are we to be "holy"? By being open to God's faithful presence with us, and trying to live our love and gratitude in ways that reflect Jesus' values, such as social justice, forgiveness and compassion.

While Matthew's gospel gives a prominent role to Joseph, the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God is celebrated on 1 January and features Luke's gospel. Mary is seen to be open to God in every way, a loving mother, a listener and faithful disciple, one who treasured life events and reflected on them to explore their significance.

We have so much to learn from Mary and Joseph.

We commence Ordinary Time knowing who Jesus is (established during the Christmas Masses and beyond), shown forth to the nations at the Epiphany and confirmed at Jesus' Baptism.

The December program of St Caecilia's Choir, which sings at the Traditional Latin Mass at St Peter and Paul's Church, Garran, at 11.30am on Sundays is:

Sunday, 2 December, First Sunday of Advent: Ordinary: Chant Mass for Lent and Advent, Motet: Ne Timeas Maria (Victoria), Processional: O Come, O

Come Emmanuel, Recessional: Lo he Comes With Clouds Descending. Tuesday, 4 December, Feast of St Barbara. Sung Mass 7pm. Saturday, 8 December. Immaculate Conception of the BVM Sung Mass 9am. Sunday, 9 December, Propers of the Day, Ordinary: Mass 17 for Lent and Advent, (Chant Mass), Hymns Processional: O Come, O

Come Emmanuel, Recessional: Hark, A herald Voice Is Sounding. Sunday, 16 December, Propers of the Day, Ordinary: Mass for Five Voices (Byrd), Motet: Canite Tuba (Guerrero) Processional: O Come, O Come Emmanuel, Recessional: On Jordan's Bank. Sunday, 23 December, Propers of the Day, Ordinary: Mass 17 for Lent and Advent (Chant Mass), Motet:

Ecce Virgo Conciptet (Isaac), Processional: O Come, O Come Emmanuel, Recessional Hills of the North. Tuesday, 25 December, Nativity of the Lord: Sung Mass Midnight (carols from 11.30pm): Propers of the Day, Ordinary: Missa Brevis (Palestrina), Motet: Hodie Christus Natus Est (Palestrina). Sung Mass 9am.

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The ecumenical aid and development work supported through the National Council of Churches in Australia's annual Christmas Bowl Appeal will again receive help.

Last year, more than \$76,500 was

distributed to communities in the western districts and to the Christmas Bowl Appeal, director of the Archdiocesan Mission and Development Office the Rev Joe Blackwell said.

# Clergy Retirement Foundation

## Garran Project on the move

Tenders have been invited for construction of four self care units and refurbishment of the former Garran presbytery in Boake Place as new accommodation for retired priests of the Archdiocese. This news comes after the ACT Planning and Land Management Authority recently gave the green light for a Development Application to be lodged. Mr Dennis Morris, of the Foundation's Building Committee, said 'that work on the site should commence early December and will probably take about seven months to complete'. There has been a considerable amount of time and effort gone into the planning, design and layout of the new building which Mr Morris said will offer first class facilities for retired priests. The Project is being managed by Mr Bob Sly of Munns Sly Architects, Canberra.



## Father's Day Appeal exceeds target

The Clergy Retirement Foundation's annual appeal for funds in support of retired priests of the Archdiocese, conducted on Father's Day in September, was another outstanding success.

Secretary of the Foundation, Mr Kevin Croker, said 'that the organizing committee had set a target of \$75,000 and receipts to date amounted to \$85,000. Donations have been received from all corners of the Archdiocese, including those areas hard hit by the severe drought conditions'.

In 2006 the Appeal raised almost \$100,000 but given that was the inaugural year of the Appeal, we realistically did not expect to match that again this year, Mr Croker said. 'But the people of the Archdiocese have once again demonstrated through their generosity, the high esteem in which they hold the retired priests of the Archdiocese and their

appreciation of the wonderful ministry they have given through their priestly vocation to so many over the years'.

By now all donors should have received their tax deductible receipt. If that is not the case then they are requested to contact the Foundation office on 6201 9800.

Presently, the Foundation supports 24 priests living in retirement and proceeds from the Father's Day Appeal go directly to providing assistance for those priests. By itself, Mr Croker said, the Appeal does not cover all our operating costs which this financial year will be in the order of \$250,000, but obviously it is a very significant aspect of our fundraising effort.

**Fr Tony Percy, Chairman of the Foundation, invites all those who supported the Appeal to attend a Mass being offered for their intentions by Archbishop Coleridge at 11am on Sunday, 2 December.**

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# 2008

## Catholic Voice Calendar

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#### Dates to remember in January

- 1** World Day of Peace
- 26** Australia Day
- 28** Australia Day holiday
- 30** School term 1 begins NSW
- 25-28** Turn the Tide Pilgrim's Camp @ The Pines, Tuross Heads

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#### Dates to remember in February

- 4** School term 1 begins ACT
- 4-8** Youth ministry training week
- 6** Caritas Australia Project Compassion starts.
- 9-24** Vinnies doorknock appeal
- 10** RCIA Rite of Enrolment at Cathedral
- 11** World Day of Prayer for the Sick
- 15** Archdiocese receives WYD Cross and Icon
- 16-26** Journey of WYD Cross & Icon through Archdiocese
- 18** Cross and Icon in Galong
- 26** Cross and Icon procession to Parliament House
- 27** Cross and Icon hand over on Mt Kosciusko

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#### Dates to remember in March

- 1** Catholic Adult Faith Formation workshop 1
- 10** Canberra Day
- 15** Lifeblood mini-WYD event
- 17** Chrism Mass
- 21** Good Friday
- 23** Easter Sunday
- 24** Easter Monday

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#### Dates to remember in April

- 11** School term 1 ends ACT and NSW
- 13** World Day of Prayer for Vocations
- 16-18** ReFresh camp Catholic Youth Ministry
- 18** Vocations Weekend in Galong
- 25** Anzac Day
- 27** World Communications Day
- 28** School term 2 begins ACT and NSW

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#### Dates to remember in May

- 4-11** Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
- 10-11** Pentecost Spot Fires
- 17** Catholic Adult Faith Formation workshop 2
- 19-22** Clergy Assembly
- 24** Our Lady Help of Christians Patroness of Australia

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#### Dates to remember in June

- 9** Queen's Birthday
- 25** NAIDOC Mass
- 27** Deacon Constantine Osuchukwu's ordination

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#### Dates to remember in July

- 4** ACT and NSW term 2 ends
- 6** National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday
- 10-14** WYD Days in the Diocese
- 12-14** Youth festival Canberra
- 13** Commissioning Mass
- 15** WYD Opening Mass
- 16-18** Catechesis and youth festival
- 17** Arrival of Pope
- 18** Stations of the Cross through Sydney CBD
- 19** Pilgrim walk to Randwick vigil
- 20** Closing Mass
- 21** School term 3 begins ACT
- 22** School term 3 begins NSW

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#### Dates to remember in August

- 2** Catholic Adult Faith Formation workshop 3
- 3-10** National Vocations Awareness Week
- 8** Feast day Blessed Mary MacKillop
- 9-10** Propagation of the Faith Appeal
- 23** Beginning Theology Workshop 1
- 31** World Day of Migrants and Refugees

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#### Dates to remember in September

- 6-7** Father's Day Appeal
- 26-28** ReFresh camp Catholic Youth Ministry
- 26** School term 3 ends ACT and NSW
- 27** World Tourism Day
- 28** Social Justice Sunday

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#### Dates to remember in October

- 1** Applications open '09 Catholic Youth Ministry team
- 1** Feast day St Therese of Lisieux
- 6** Labour Day
- 13** School term 4 begins ACT
- 14** School term 4 begins NSW
- 15** Feast day St Teresa of Avila
- 18** Catholic Adult Faith Formation workshop 4
- 18-19** World Mission Sunday Appeal
- 19** World Mission Day

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#### Dates to remember in November

- 4** Melbourne Cup Day
- 14** Family and Community Day
- 14** Applications close '09 Catholic Youth Ministry team
- 9-14** Clergy retreat
- 28-30** Vocations weekend Galong

### December

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#### Dates to remember in December

- 1** World AIDS Day
- 3** International Day for people with disabilities
- 12** Last day ACT secondary and NSW year 10 students
- 19** School term 4 ends ACT primary students and staff, NSW students and staff
- 25** Christmas Day
- 26** Archbishop's Christmas Appeal
- 26** Boxing Day

■ School Holidays




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I hope you really enjoy the birth of Jesus and the fun time you can have with your family and your friends at Christmas and right through the summer holidays. Remember to look after each other, and to be thoughtful to people as often as you can. We live in a country that is greatly blessed by God. Happy Christmas!  
Love, Sue

TOP RIGHT: Baby Jesus is born, by Rachel Dhu, 5, of St Thomas Aquinas School, Charnwood. BOTTOM RIGHT: Anjanette Benedictos, 6, of St Thomas says happy birthday to Jesus.



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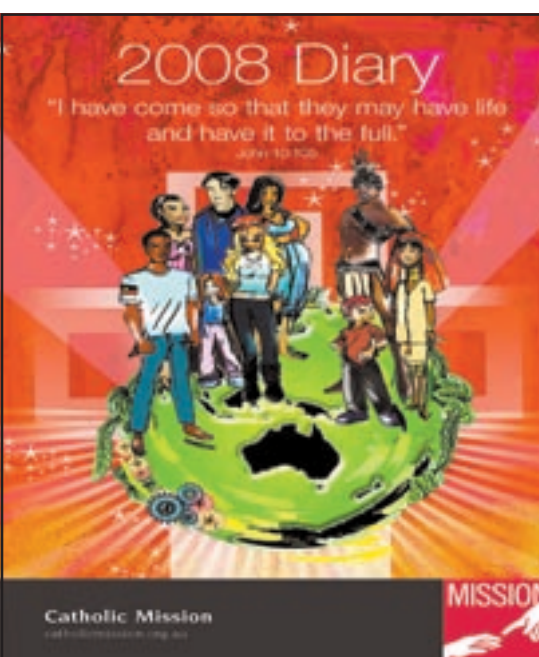


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## Mass times in the parishes

**ADELONG-BATLOW:** Christmas vigil 6pm Batlow, 8pm Adelong. Christmas Day 9am Adelong.

**ARANDA:** Christmas vigil 7pm 10pm. Christmas Day 9:30am.

**BATEMANS BAY:** Christmas vigil 6.30pm 9pm. Christmas Day 8am 9.30am 11am Croatian Mass. January 6:30pm vigil, 8am 9:30am Sunday.

**BEGA:** Christmas vigil 6pm Bega, 7pm Bemboka, 8pm Tathra. Christmas Day 8am Candelo, 10am Bega. January vigil 6pm Bega, 8am Sunday Tathra, 10am Candelo 1st 3rd Sunday, 10am Bemboka 2nd 4th Sunday, 10am Wolumla 5th Sunday.

**BOMBALA-DELEGATE:** Christmas vigil 7:30pm Bombala (family). Christmas Day 9am Delegate.

**BOOROWA:** Christmas vigil 6pm Binalong, 7.30pm Boorowa, 9.15pm Frogmore, midnight Galong monastery. Christmas Day 9am Boorowa, 9am Galong monastery.

**BRAIDWOOD:** Christmas vigil 8.30pm, Christmas Day 9am. January vigil 6pm, 9am Sunday.

**BUNGENDORE:** Christmas vigil 6pm, 6pm Gundaroo. Christmas Day 8:30am Bungendore. January 8:30am Sunday Bungendore.

**CAMPBELL:** Christmas vigil 6pm (children). Christmas Day 10am.

**CATHEDRAL:** Christmas vigil 6pm St Christopher's cathedral, 9pm Yarralumla, midnight cathedral. Christmas Day 8am 9:30am cathedral, 10am St Peter Chanel's, 11am cathedral. No 5:30pm Mass at the cathedral on Christmas day.

**CENTRAL CANBERRA:** Christmas vigil 6pm Dickson. Christmas day 8am Braddon, 9.30am Dickson.

**CHARNWOOD:** Christmas vigil 7pm midnight. Christmas Day 10am

**COOMA:** Christmas vigil 6pm (family) 9pm, 9pm Nimmitabel. Christmas Day 9am Cooma, 9am Adaminaby.

**CROOKWELL:** Christmas vigil 9pm. Christmas Day 8am Binda, 9:30am Crookwell.

**EVATT:** Christmas vigil 6pm Evatt (children), 9pm Hall, 10pm Evatt. Christmas Day 8:30am Hall, 10am Evatt.

**GRENFELL:** Christmas vigil 6pm Bribbaree, 8:30pm Grenfell. Christmas Day 9am Grenfell.

**GOULBURN:** Christmas vigil 6:30pm (Trinity Catholic College grounds), 7pm Mass Gunning (carols 6:30pm), 9:30pm Sts Peter Paul's Cathedral. Christmas Day 8am Our Lady of Fatima Church, 8:30am Gunning, 10am Sts Peter and Paul's Cathedral.

**GUNDAGAI:** Christmas vigil 7pm (family), 9pm. Christmas Day 8am.

**GUNGAHLIN:** Christmas vigil 7pm (children), 10pm (carols 9:30). Christmas Day 9am, all at new Holy Spirit Church in Burdekin Ave Amaro.

**JINDABYNE:** Christmas vigil 5pm Thredbo, 7pm Dalgety, 8pm Jindabyne, 9pm Berridale, midnight Jindabyne. Christmas day 9am Jindabyne.

**KALEEN:** Christmas vigil 7pm 10pm, Christmas Day 9am.

**KAMBAH:** Christmas vigil 7pm (children), 9:30 Vietnamese Mass, midnight. Christmas Day 10am.

**KIPPAX:** Christmas vigil 6pm 9pm midnight (11:30pm carols). Christmas Day 9am

**MICHELAGO:** Christmas vigil 8pm Bredbo. Christmas Day 9am Michelago.

**MORUYA:** Christmas vigil 6.30pm. Christmas Day 8am Tuross Head, 10am Moruya. January 5pm vigil Tuross Head, 6:30pm Moruya, 10am Sunday Moruya.

**MURRUMBURRAH:** Christmas vigil 6pm Jugiong, 8pm Harden (carols 7:30pm). Christmas Day 9am Murrumburrah.

**NAROOMA-COBARGO:** Christmas vigil 6pm Cobargo, 8pm Narooma. Christmas Day 7:30am Bodalla, 8am Bermagui, 10am Narooma. January vigil 6:30pm Cobargo, Sunday 7:30am Bermagui, 7:30am Bodalla, 9:30am Narooma.

**NARRABUNDABAH:** Christmas vigil 6pm 8pm (charismatic vigil). Christmas Day 9am.

**NORTH WODEN:** Christmas vigil 5.30pm Curtin, 7.30pm Garran, midnight Curtin. Christmas Day 8.30am Garran, 9.30am Curtin.

**O'CONNOR:** Christmas vigil 6pm. Christmas Day 9am.

**PAGE:** Christmas vigil 7pm 9pm midnight. Christmas Day 9.30am.

**PAMBULA:** Christmas vigil 6pm Merimbula (children), 9pm Eden, midnight Pambula. Christmas Day 10am Merimbula. January 6pm vigil Eden, 8am Sunday Pambula 10am Merimbula.

**QUEANBEYAN:** Christmas vigil 6:30pm St Gregory's (children, outdoor), 8pm St Raphael's, midnight St Raphael's (carols 11:30pm). Christmas Day 9am St Raphael's.

**SOUTH TUGGERANONG:** Christmas vigil 6pm Calwell (outside), 8pm Gowrie, midnight Gowrie. Christmas Day 8:30am 10am Gowrie.

**SOUTH WODEN:** Christmas vigil 6pm 9pm. Christmas Day 8:30am 10:30am, all at Sacred Heart, Pearce.

**TARALGA:** Christmas vigil 8pm. Christmas Day 9am.

**TEMORA:** Christmas vigil 6pm in the park (children), 9pm. Christmas Day 8am Barmedman, 10am Temora.

**WANNIASSA:** Christmas vigil 7pm (children), midnight (carols 11:30pm). Christmas Day 8am, 9:30am.

**WATSON:** Christmas vigil 6pm (children) 10pm (carols 9.30pm). Christmas Day 8am 10am.

**WESTON CREEK:** Christmas vigil 6pm Holder (children), 6pm Waramanga (children), 9pm Holder (8:30pm carols). Christmas Day 9am Waramanga.

**WEST WYALONG:** Christmas vigil 6pm Ungarie, 8pm West Wyalong. Christmas Day 8am Burcher, 10am West Wyalong.

**YASS:** Christmas vigil 6pm Wee Jasper 8pm Yass. Christmas Day 8:30am Yass, 9am Murrumbateman (recreational hall).

**YOUNG:** Christmas vigil 6pm outside (family), 9pm. Christmas Day 9.30am.



# Eddies' footballers have big future

Five St Edmund's College students have excelled in football this year, but it does not stop there as they plan for the future.

Year 12 students Tim MacNamara, Kesomi Lolotonga and Robert Abel played for the Australian Schoolboys rugby union team this year.

In October the team defeated New Zealand 23-17, the first win in 10 years.

Kesomi and Robert have been selected to take part in a training camp for the ACT Brumbies next year.

Also in their final year, Brendon Wheatley and Lave Faatamala were chosen for the 2008 Raiders under-20 side. The team will be part of national youth competition The Toyota Cup.

The students said they hoped selection would lead to a future football career. "It's all about preparation, training and experience," said Lave.



ABOVE: Top Eddies' footballers (from left) Brendon Wheatley, Lave Faatamala, Tim MacNamara, Robert Abel and Kesomi Lolotonga



ABOVE: Netballers Sts Peter and Paul Primary School (Garran) Spring Magpies team playing; and Sts Peter and Paul's Pandas team celebrating a win.

ABOVE RIGHT: High jumper Josh Hickman with his bronze MacKillop medal

for his age.

Josh Hickman, a year five student from St Josephs Primary School, Eden, competed in the NSW Primary Schools State Athletics Championships at Homebush.

Josh cleared heights of up to 1.35m, placing him equal seventh out of 44 competitors.

Josh represented the Archdiocese as a member of the MacKillop team after winning a bronze medal in the MacKillop State Trials.

"Homebush was a pretty awesome venue," Josh said. "We were jumping where the

Olympic athletes jumped in 2000."

Josh already has plans to try again next year. "When I got back, everyone at school was congratulating me," he said. "That felt pretty cool and made me want to do it again next year."

● If you have news about sports teams or individuals who are achieving at your school, send them to Naomi Fallon, telephone 6201 9872, e-mail [cathcomm@cg.catholic.org.au](mailto:cathcomm@cg.catholic.org.au)

# Netball carnival attracts 1250

Long awaited rain held off for most of the archdiocesan primary schools netball carnival, only cancelling the competition's final round.

Hosted by St Peter and Paul's Primary School, Garran, the carnival was held at Calwell playing fields and attracted about 1250 girls and boys from 28 archdiocesan schools.

From about 125 teams who competed on the day, divisional winners were St Clare of Assisi Primary, Conder, Holy Trinity Primary, Curtin, Rosary Primary, Watson, Holy Spirit Primary, Nicholls, Sts Peter and Paul Primary, Garran, Sacred Heart Primary, Cootamundra, St Joseph's Primary, O'Connor, St John Vianney's Primary, Waramanga, St Michael's Primary, Kaleen, St Jude's Primary, Holder, St Bernard's Primary, Batehaven, and Mount Carmel Primary, Yass.

Competition convener Ms Elizabeth Hughes said it was a fabulous day with wonderful participation. "As well as being a fantastic community event it is also an excellent fundraiser for the school," she said.

After heavy rain the last round of games was cancelled. "Despite this the day was a huge success with lots of smiling faces, great food and good netball skills on display," she said.

# Josh hits top note

An archdiocesan primary school student is one of New South Wales' top 10 high jumpers



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With Christmas comes both the celebration of our saviour's birth and an opportunity to reflect upon another year and say a huge thank you to all who have supported the works of Catholic Mission. May you and your families have a safe, happy and Holy Christmas and New Year.

Each Christmas Children's Mission Appeal seeks to provide for projects that serve the needs of children in developing countries and remote communities in Australia. As with our own faith, these works and the needs of others do not cease but are ongoing and depend on our support.

Next year and World Youth Day will not only see us rise to the challenge of continuing to stand in solidarity with these communities, but also through embracing opportunities to support Catholic Mission's Pilgrim Partners initiative through our Parish efforts to bring young people from Pacific Island nations to WYD and enjoy local hospitality in the lead up.

These young people are their community's potential leaders and Christ's next generation through whom he will engage others. Pray for them and enable us to provide them with the ongoing means to take up the mission World Youth Day inspirers within them.

**God Bless  
 Deacon Joe  
 Blackwell**

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Parish priest of Batemans Bay and Moruya Fr Tom Thornton reflects on the Australian bishops' pastoral letter on education.

In their pastoral letter "Catholic schools at a Crossroads" the bishops of NSW and the ACT raise a matter which is most relevant to Catholic schools and their role in the catechetical arm of the Church. On page 12 of their statement it is said, "All Christians receive the gift of faith at Baptism."

This statement raises more questions than it provides answers for and a more nuanced statement might be that in the sacrament of Baptism, together with the other sacraments of Initiation of Holy Communion and Confirmation, a child is given the seed of faith and the graces necessary to help them eventually come to an adult personal faith in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour.

If the Sacrament of Baptism alone gave the gift of faith then it would be reflected in our Church by large numbers of believers coming together to worship and be nourished at the table of the Lord. This is not the case and it raises the questions: What more needs to be done and what is missing?

When parents present their child for baptism they declare within the faith community of the Church their preparedness, together with the community, to teach their child about Jesus Christ and by their lived faith to demonstrate the power of Christ in their lives. Together with their faith, and the catechetical and lived faith of the community (a part of which is the Catholic school), parents hope to lead their children in a sacramental and prayer journey to Jesus Christ.

Ultimately the gift of faith is one given by God Himself. The Church has the role, with the parents, to lead a child to a point where they request that gift from God. When they personally claim Jesus Christ as their Lord then we can say the seed has begun to bear fruit.

The bishops' pastoral letter seems to imply that the primary role of catechesis in faith has devolved to the Catholic school with only passing reference to the parents of the child and to the broader Church community. If the Catholic school is the only

## Can't give what we don't have...

experience of a faith community for children then the likelihood of them coming to know Christ is limited.

If parents do not live a Catholic adult personal faith in Jesus Christ, and if the Catholic parish is not alive as a living witness to the power and presence of God, and if the teachers in Catholic schools do not have or live a personal adult Catholic faith, then there is a strong possibility that Jesus Christ and the Church will become mere subjects to be taught as a part of the curriculum and the knowledge of which will only ensure passing exams. This is not faith.

Faith in Jesus Christ requires a commitment to change under the power of the Holy Spirit. It requires us, in the Catholic faith community, to avail ourselves of the sacramental graces Jesus blessed His Church with, in order that we can die to our self and live for Christ. We can teach people about what we believe, but unless we live our faith, no one will be drawn into Christ.

Catholic schools are most effective when they are complementary and supportive of the faith of the parents who send their children there, and when the teachers who teach there are living adult faith witnesses to what they teach with their mouths. If adult faith is not present in the parents, and is not present in the teachers, it will never become a part of the lives of children in Catholic schools.

A true challenge for the bishops and the Catholic faith communities at parish levels is the catechesis of parents and teachers. Let us as adult Catholics desire to grow in our knowledge of our faith and mostly let us truly live with the Spirit of Jesus Christ alive in our hearts. Ultimately, we cannot give to others what we ourselves do not possess.

# Swallowing our pride so we can reach out

We are rarely at our best. Too often what shows forth in our lives is not what's best in us: love, generosity, a big heart. More often than not, our lives radiate irritation, pettiness, and a small heart.

Too often, we find ourselves consumed by petty irritations, conflicts, frustrations, and angers.

Each of these might be small in itself but, cumulatively, they take the sunshine and delight out of our lives, like mosquitoes spoiling a picnic.

Then, instead of feeling grateful, gracious, and magnanimous, we feel paranoid, fearful, and irritable and we end up acting out of a cold, irritated, paranoid part of ourselves rather than out of our real selves. Why do we do that? Because we are asleep to who and what we really are, asleep in a double way:

When St Luke describes Jesus' agony in the garden, he tells us that after Jesus had undergone a powerful drama, sweating blood so as to give his life over in love, he turned to his disciples (who were supposed to be watching and praying with him) and found them asleep. However he uses a curious expression to describe why they were asleep. They were asleep, he says, not because they were tired and it was late, but they were asleep "out of sheer sorrow".

That says a couple of things: First, that the disciples are asleep out of depression. Depression is what is preventing them from seeing straight.

But they are also asleep to what is deepest inside of them, namely, that they carry the image and likeness of God.

Jesus was not asleep to that and, because of this awareness, was able precisely to be big of heart.

As Christians we believe that what ultimately defines us and gives us our dignity is the

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image and likeness of God inside us. This is our deepest identity, our real self. Inside each of us there is a piece of divinity, a god or goddess, a person who carries an inviolable dignity, with a heart as big as God's.

And that great dignity is not meant to be a source of wrongful pride and a justification for making an unhealthy assertion with our lives.

Sadly, too often it does and a rather simple commentary on the state of our planet might be to say that this is what things look like when you have six billion people walking around with each one of them thinking himself or herself as God.

But our great dignity, the Imago Dei inside each of us, is meant rather to be a centre from which we can draw vision, grace, and strength to act in a way that, ironically, precisely helps us to swallow our pride.

We see this in Jesus. In a famous text, St John tells us that at the last supper, Jesus got up from the table and began to wash the feet of his disciples, against their protests. That gesture, washing someone else's feet, has classically been preached on as an act of humility.

It was that, but in the context of the Gospel of John, it is something more. It was a particular kind of humility, one

that requires having a huge, huge heart and swallowing a lot of pride.

When Jesus washes his disciples' feet in John's Gospel and tells us he is setting an example for us to imitate, he is inviting us to have the strength to bend down in understanding and wash the feet of those whom, for all kinds of reasons, we would rather not have anything to do with.

It is akin to having pro-life and pro-choice, strident conservatives and strident liberals, fundamentalists and atheists, wash each others' feet.

Normally we don't have the strength to do that; there is too much pride and desire for righteousness at stake. So how could Jesus do it? He could do it because he wasn't asleep to who and what he was.

In a stunning description of what is going on inside of him when he got up and took the basin and towel to do this, John writes: "Jesus, knowing that he had come from God and was returning to God, and that the Father had put everything into his hands, got up from the table and removed his outer garments." (John 13,3-5).

Jesus took off his outer garments (which symbolize precisely all those things, including our everyday irritations and angers, which block the view of our deeper selves) to show us his deeper reality, namely, the fact that he had come from God and was going back to God.

On the strength of that awareness, he could swallow all the pride that he needed to in order to reach out in understanding, forgiveness, and love, beyond wound, irritation, and moral righteousness.

When we are in touch with that fact that we too have "come from God and are going back to God" then, and only then, can we too swallow enough pride to be genuinely loving.

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# Cate's in command of sumptuous and stunning epic

It is 1585 and Elizabeth I is still in trouble. Spain is breathing down her neck. Mary, Queen of Scots, is plotting against her. Bess' realm is more stable, but not secure. It would be better if Elizabeth marries and produces an heir to her throne.

Walter Raleigh returns from Virginia in the New World and charms the queen. He also charms Bess Throckmorton, the Queen's Lady of the Privy Chambers. Bess and Walter's relationship was to be both their downfalls, at least for a time.

After Elizabeth dispatches Mary Queen of Scots to eternity in 1587, she faces her former brother-in-law Philip II of Spain's Armada in mid August 1588.

Internet sites have gone into meltdown over the historical inaccuracies or otherwise of this film.

Elizabeth: The Golden Age gets a number of things wrong. In 1582 Good Queen Bess was 52 years of age. Her days of courting suitors and having children were over. Mary Queen of Scots did not have a Scottish accent. She was five when she went to the French Court and 19 when she returned, and her heavily accented English was often commented upon in dispatches.

The scene of the Babington Plot is dramatic, but fanciful. Elizabeth was never fired upon by an assassin in a cathedral, much less by a gunman who shot a blank under orders from a Jesuit. There was a Jesuit involved in the plot to be sure. His name was John Ballard, not Robert Reston as the film maintains, and he was not the 16th century version of The Da Vinci Code monk we find on the screen here.

Furthermore Bess Throckmorton's pregnancy occurred three years after the Spanish Armada and Sir Walter Raleigh was a ship commander in the famous naval battle.

So, let's agree that this film is not pre-

## Elizabeth: the Golden Age.

Starring Cate Blanchett, Geoffrey Rush, Clive Owen and Abbie Cornish. Directed by Shekhar Kapur. 114 mins. M (moderate violence). Reviewer: Fr Richard Leonard SJ\*.

tending to be a documentary but is a Hollywood blockbuster sequel. And it has all the pluses and minuses of this beast.

After a slow start, Elizabeth: The Golden Age has a huge music score (too big), sumptuous costumes (too much), and stunning cinematography (too overpowering). The problem is that it is an epic sequel looking for a genre.

It can't decide if it is a primarily an historical drama, a romance or political thriller. It straddles all three and never satisfactorily rides any one of them home as a winner.

William Nicholson and Michael Hirst's screenplay is surprisingly clumsy at times, with some awful dialogue, but the four main actors, three of them Australians, do a more than decent job.

Cate Blanchett demonstrates her usual depth and command in the title role, and Abbie Cornish is perfect for Bess. Even though Clive Owen is made to look like Errol Flynn at times, he still convinces as a dashing hero. It is only Geoffrey Rush's performance which worried me. There is more than a shade of the pirate Captain Barbossa in his incarnation of Sir Francis Walsingham, or vice versa. On second thought, and either way, that might be an insightful thing.

Of most interest to Catholic readers, however, is the claim that this film is anti-Catholic. Franco Cardini, professor of medi-



Geoffrey Rush (Walsingham), Abbie Cornish (Bess Throckmorton) and Cate Blanchett (Queen Elizabeth I) in Elizabeth: The Golden Age. Photo: Laurie Sparham. Copyright: © 2006 Universal Studios.

eval history at the University of Florence and a consultant to the Vatican Secret Archives has charged that King Philip II is pictured as "ferocious fanatical Catholic who swings his rosary like a weapon".

Director Shekhar Kapur has responded that, "It's actually very, very deeply non anti-Catholic. It is anti-extreme forms of religion." The problem is that the extremist here is made out to be a bad Catholic madman, physically disabled and all.

The portrayal of the Catholics in this film enables me to have even more sympathy with Muslims who object to how fanatical modern Islamic terrorists are presented by some recent western films.

The most galling thing in all of this is the contrast between Philip's zealotry and Elizabeth's piety. She is made out to want religious tolerance in a multi-faith society. Unfortunately for this line, even the last film had Elizabeth demanding of parliament to pass the Act of Uniformity, which forbade all Catholic devotions and sacraments in her

realm and demanded that everyone attend the Church of England. She made sure it was enforced too.

Moreover keep an eye on how Elizabeth is always pictured as praying privately, quietly and peacefully before a stark altar. And then notice how the dreaded and dreadful Catholics are usually with their grand or gross priests chanting Latin, praying rosaries, processing, crying out and swinging thuribles before statues of the Madonna and Child. I wonder which one appears saner?

By the end of this film the victorious so-called Virgin Queen concludes this golden age with the line, "Unmarried, I have no master; childless, I am mother to my people. God give me strength to bear this mighty freedom." All I could think was that Shekhar Kapur had turned her into "the very model of a modern Major General", well before her time.

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

# Lengthy but mesmeric movie experience

Inland Empire. If ever there was a film where you could use the old joke, 'What's it about?' 'About three hours', this is it. One could list some of the aspects of the plot but that would not really tell you what Inland Empire is about at all. The answer is simply, 'this is a David Lynch film'.

For more than 30 years Lynch has tantalised and exhilarated his audiences. In the 1970s, it was the puzzle in black and white of Eraserhead (and its reverberating sound engineering). In the 1980s, it was the darkness under the suburban garden surface in Blue Velvet. In the 1990s, he took television audiences into the weird state of Twin Peaks. He also developed parallel worlds in Lost Highway and continued that into the 21st century with parallel and contrasting worlds in Mulholland Drive.

Where is the Inner Empire located? Geographically in the US and Poland, with filming done in both places. But that is only external topography. The Inland Empire, or Inner Empire, is the interior world of David Lynch as storyteller, creating an inner empire of storytelling of the mind and the emotions, showing facets of an inner empire of the central character's psyche and evoking an inner empire response from each viewer, a world of response that will differ from person to person.

Obviously, Lynch is not interested in direct narrative. There are the elements of narrative there if we want to get some hook onto the three hours' experi-

ence. Laura Dern is an actress. She

is offered a part in a film to be directed by Jeremy Irons and is to star with Justin Theroux. She is interviewed on TV by a brassy reporter (played by her mother, Diane Ladd). The film is a remake of a film that was never finished because the leads were murdered. It is based on Polish myths. The actress has her own life, the life of the character she is playing and alter egos which emerge at different times. Julia Ormond also appears as, perhaps, another alter ego but in a weirder and more violent world. These are the major suggestions, but there is a great deal more detail.

Lynch is interested in the experience of possibilities, alternate states, parallel worlds. With his use of digital cameras, he is freer to move the point of view around much more fluidly, capturing more effectively emotional and imaginative events. The experience of watching Inland Empire is more than a touch mesmeric. It runs for almost three hours and, unless the experience is so confusing or disturbing that one cannot surrender to it, it draws us in and gives us, in images, movement, sound, speech and music, a truly cinematic experience.

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## Inland Empire.

Starring Laura Dern and Jeremy Irons. Directed by David Lynch. 172 mins. MA 15+ (strong impact, themes, violence, coarse language and sexual references). Reviewer: Fr Peter Malone MSC\*.

# A pleasure to the eye

The Painter (Auteuil) is a successful, 50-something Parisian artist who goes back to his roots and returns to provincial France and his childhood home. He has neither the energy nor the talent to keep up the sprawling land around the house, and takes out a small ad to find some local help. By chance, the first applicant is The Gardener (Darroussin), an old school friend whom he has not seen since they were children in the local village.

As they spend time in each other's company, The Painter builds up an impressionist's canvas of The Gardener, who first intrigues and then amazes him by his honest and simple view of the world. The Gardener's life has been punctuated by a series of unremarkable events. He enjoys modest happiness, and where life has hurt him he carries no bitterness or jealousy. His heroes are always ordinary, working class people. The Gardener is a proud trade unionist.

The Gardener judges everything by his greatest virtue: common sense. Art itself, as practised by his friend, only becomes beautiful to his eyes

## Conversations with My Gardener (Dialogue Avec Mon Jardinier).

Starring Daniel Auteuil, Jean-Pierre Darroussin, Fanny Cottençon & Alexia Barlier. Directed by Jean Becker. 110 mins. M (infrequent moderate coarse language). French with English subtitles. Reviewer: Fr Richard Leonard SJ.

after hours of discreet observation. And so they enjoy a kind of belated brotherly adolescence. And by seeing everything through each other's eyes, they see the world anew.

The two man characters purposefully do not have character names. They are an everyman duet, negotiating mid-life. Both of them have challenging lives, but The Painter's life, while so much more publicly successful and celebrated, is much more unhappy, complicated and quietly desperate. The Gardener restores balance to his friend.

Conversations with My Gardener is a gentle and warm film. It has modest, unassuming ambitions, and fulfils them well. And, as you might expect, it also a pleasure on the eye.



# Mary's troubled years

Mary MacKillop in *Challenging Times 1833-1899: A collection of letters*. Arranged and edited by Sheila Mc Creanor RSJ. Published by Sisters of St. Joseph 2006, 402 pages. Reviewer: Janet Moyle.

Another book concerning Australia's own saint is a collection of letters to and from Mary MacKillop during the period 1883-1899, edited by Sheila McCreanor RSJ.

Dating from the time of her move to Sydney they

reveal how difficult it was for Mary during those troubled years.

The Congregation of the Sisters of St Joseph was less than 20 years old. Mary had been ordered to leave Adelaide by the local Church authorities and looked for new opportunities to keep her vision alive in NSW.

Mary also had to adjust to her new role as Assistant Mother General and accept that she was no longer leader.

The letters chronicle her

frustration and even anger at times.

We glimpse her struggles with poor health and her knowledge of, and desire for the well-being of her sisters.

Wisely McCreanor has focused on a specific period and theme for this collection.

Mary was a prolific writer. Her vision, faith and humanity shine through her letters and pay tribute to the fortitude and loyalty of those early pioneering sisters.



# The link between wholeness and holiness

*The Developing Christian. Spiritual Growth through the Life Cycle.* Peter Feldmeier. Paulist Press, 2007. pb 294 pages rrp \$39.95. Reviewer: Margaret Ryan.

St Basil the Great wrote in the fourth century: "Leanness of body and pallor mark the Christian ... [who] makes sparing and frugal use of necessities, ministering to nature as if it were a burdensome duty, and begrudging the time spent on it."

In more recent times, human beings have come to better appreciate that wholeness and holiness are closely linked, that body, mind, spirit, heart, prayer and action are interrelated. The failure to integrate each part of human life, Feldmeier finds "theologically alarming".

Peter Feldmeier, priest and associate professor at St Paul, Minnesota, has a licentiate in systematic theology and a doctorate in Christian spirituality. This is his second book.

Aware that there is a difference between human growth and spiritual maturity, the author explores the patterns that emerge in human development, including the social and psychological, egoistic, moral and spiritual.

After an outline of principles of spirituality and models of human and spiritual development, Feldmeier examines six stages of life, each with its challenges and opportunities. He is interested in spiritual progress in its interaction with important personal relationships, prayer and work.

Feldmeier seems comfortable with the possibility that the book may be used as a student text. In fact, it would be a valuable introduction to, or extension of, the topic for interested readers. Writers whose work is both described and critiqued include Kohlberg, Gilligan, Erikson, Loevinger, Levinson, Fowler, Piaget, Teilhard de Chardin and St John of the Cross.

The work is discreetly and well referenced, with a useful bibliography. It also has potential for personal or group study, with revision and reflection questions at each chapter's end.

While the book is enjoyable and explains ideas clearly, it is written in textbook style and tends towards the abstract. It could have benefited from more anecdotal or illustrative material for clarification and interest of the general reader.

Discovering the intersections of human models of development and spirituality is helpful both for self-understanding, pastoral ministry, parenting, teaching.

# Have an adventure with God

*How to Pray with the Bible.* Schultz, Karl A Huntingdon. Our Sunday Visitor Publishing Division, 2007. pb 157 pages rrp \$18.95. Reviewer: Margaret Ryan.

"Lectio divina" is a way of praying whose roots predate Christianity and Judaism.

It is designed to evoke in us a sensitivity, and a responsiveness to God's Word. It involves intimate, meaningful and fruitful conversation with God. It is not bible study or analysis.

Though we may have heard the passage we select many times before, when we allow God to be with us in the process, there is always an element of newness, surprise or some kind of impetus leading to action.

Schultz outlines the five fluid and integrated stages in this process: reading (disposing ourselves to God's Word); meditation (repetition of a word or phrase and link-

ing it to one's life); prayer and contemplation (mutual self-disclosure: of the person to God and God's response in the receptive silence); action.

He encourages readers to apply the process to other writing/prayer, such as the Divine Office, papal encyclicals, the rosary and especially the Mass, and advocated for flexibility and personal adaptation of the process.

Lectio was endorsed as a prayer style at Vatican II and by eminent churchmen, including the current and previous pope and Cardinal Martini.

Schultz is a teacher of lectio divina and an author of books on biblical spirituality.

He writes simply, structures his material clearly and cites his own experience in this form of life-giving and life-transforming prayer. If you're looking for an adventure with God, this book could point you in the direction.

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## Forgiveness, peace in the horror

*Hostage in Iraq.* Norman Kember. Darton, Longman and Todd, 2007, 205 pages. Reviewer: Janet Moyle.

This is a gripping read. Kember is a British citizen and Christian pacifist who, at 74 years of age, decided to "put his money where his mouth is" and joined a Christian Peacemaker team delegation to Iraq in November 2005. There were three others, two Canadians and an American. They were meant to be there for 14 days.

Almost immediately the four were kidnapped and held hostage in Baghdad. They were chained together at all times in an upstairs curtained room. In increasingly dirty conditions and with no knowledge of the huge mounting protests being made on their behalf at home, they were beset by doubt, boredom, illness and fear. The American was taken away and murdered in March 2006.

After 118 days in captivity the remaining three were rescued, ironically for peace workers, by an SAS squadron in the city.

What makes this book remarkable is the restrained manner in which it is written.

This ordeal of horror and degradation is transformed by the inspirational stance of the men who endured it. They remain committed to healing, reconciliation, forgiveness and peace.



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**The King is Born** (30 min, ages 5-13).

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This animated DVD tells the nativity story as narrated by old Asah the camel. Asah teaches young Benjamin goat about life by telling him the tale of Joshua, a crippled lamb who was always left out from the flock.

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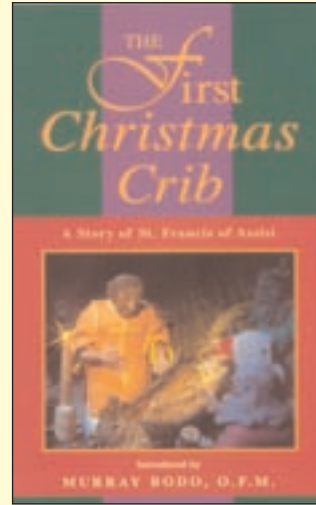
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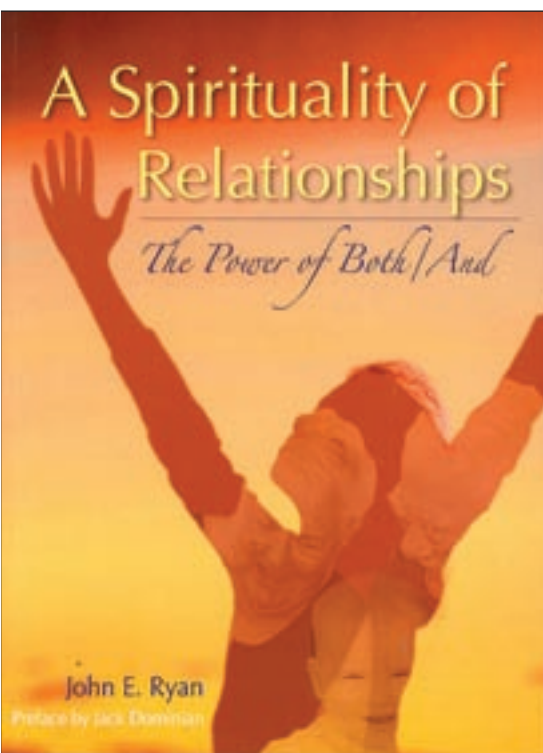
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# Optimistic visionary believes grace will win



**A Spirituality of Relationships: the power of Both/And.** John E Ryan. Spectrum Publications, 2007, 238 pages, rrp \$ 24.95. Reviewer: Janet Moyle.

This is a courageous book written by a gentle loving man. Fr John Ryan became known in Canberra for his role at the St Peter Centre in the 1980s when he headed the renewal for priests program.

He has been involved in other areas of renewal before and since that time. Remarkably for such a visionary, he remains optimistic about the future. He has, he says, a strong conviction that grace is stronger than sin.

Ryan is only too aware of the systemic flaws to be found within the institutional Church. He calls for a new paradigm. Instead of the "either/or" stance which flows from law and control, he develops the theme of "both/and". This, he believes, will restore and nurture love and life at the very centre of Church structures and activity.

The Western Church is in deep crisis. Attendances are falling. Many are disillusioned with "the rules". Ryan argues for a revolutionary restoration of Trinitarian love at the very centre of church structures. This focus ensures freedom, equality, unity and loving

communication.

The mystery of the Trinity is reflected in the quality of our relationships with one another, particularly but not only, in sexual relationships. Ryan writes powerfully about masculine and feminine spirituality flowing from our embodied selves. There is a critical link, he argues, between sexuality and spirituality that demands recognition and on-going exploration.

At times he makes startling statements such as, "there is an exciting breathing of the Spirit among the grassroots laity which cannot be grasped or nurtured properly within our existing structures of belief and practice". Now that's a statement that may well take decades to unpack.

In the manner of fine homilists, Ryan shares his own sometimes painful history. He names ecclesial, historical and sociological sources that have influenced his thinking and gives credit to the mentors who have inspired him throughout his rich, creative and challenging ministry.

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His enduring metaphor is new wine requires fresh wine skins (Luke 5: 37-39).

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Living with the net



Paul Jenkins

Our jolly top 10 sites

With Christmas upon us, everyone is getting excited from children, to adults to elves. Each year the World Wide Web presents us with old and new websites about Advent and Christmas. There are many websites focusing on Christmas.

This is a list of the top 10 web sites that I have found while searching for information and activities to do with a religious Advent and Christmas:

1) **A Holy Christmas 2006** ([www.rockies.net/~spirit/sermons/christmaspage1.php](http://www.rockies.net/~spirit/sermons/christmaspage1.php)), this is an old favourite of mine that I include every year. This site has two index pages with links to Advent, Christmas and Epiphany web pages. These pages refer to religious and non-religious aspects of Advent and Christmas and are well worth browsing through as they link to other excellent web pages from around the world.

2) **Christmas in Cyberspace** ([www.njweb-works.net/christmas/](http://www.njweb-works.net/christmas/)) is another favourite of mine as the opening statement of this site is: "Welcome to Christmas in Cyberspace No Santas Here! Just the Good News." The main purpose is to provide a wide variety of links to other web pages concerning the topic of a religious Christmas.

3) **The Christmas Archives** ([www.christmasarchives.com/index.html](http://www.christmasarchives.com/index.html)) is a site that contains Christmas information from a number of countries including Egypt, Hungary and Poland. It looks in-depth at the history of Christmas from the religious aspects including the Nativity and the non-religious aspects including Christmas legends such as the first Christmas tree lights.

4) **Christmas Carols** ([www.carols.org.uk/](http://www.carols.org.uk/)) as the name suggests contains a variety of Christmas carol lyrics and with a click you can listen to them as well. Examples of the Christmas carols on this site include Away in a Manger, Deck the Halls and Hark the Herald Angels Sing.

5) **The Jesse Tree** ([www.geocities.com/Heartland/7202/advent.html#jesse](http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/7202/advent.html#jesse)) contains a full set of Biblical links to the Messianic Prophecies of the Old Testament as well as playing Silent Night in the background.

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Links to the sites on these pages may be found on the Catholic Voice section of the Archdiocesan website: [www.cg.catholic.org.au](http://www.cg.catholic.org.au) Let us know your favourite websites so we can improve this comprehensive guide even further.

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

CHURCH

Adelaide Archdiocese	<a href="http://www.adelaide.catholic.org.au">www.adelaide.catholic.org.au</a>
Anglican Province of NSW	<a href="http://www.anglicanmediasydney.asn.au/nsw/">www.anglicanmediasydney.asn.au/nsw/</a>
Aust Catholic Bishops Conference	<a href="http://www.acbc.catholic.org.au">www.acbc.catholic.org.au</a>
Aust Catholic Defence Force Diocese	<a href="http://www.military.catholic.org.au">www.military.catholic.org.au</a>
Aust Conf of Leaders of Relig Institutes	<a href="http://www.aclri.catholic.org.au">www.aclri.catholic.org.au</a>
Brisbane Archdiocese	<a href="http://www.bne.catholic.net.au">www.bne.catholic.net.au</a>
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Catholic Women's League Aust	<a href="http://www.cwla.org.au">www.cwla.org.au</a>
Commission for Aust Catholic Women	<a href="http://www.cacw.catholic.org.au/">www.cacw.catholic.org.au/</a>
Darwin Diocese	<a href="http://www.darwin.catholic.org.au">www.darwin.catholic.org.au</a>
Eparchy for Ukrainian Catholics	<a href="http://www.catholicukes.org.au">www.catholicukes.org.au</a>
Geraldton Diocese	<a href="http://www.geraldtondiocese.org.au">www.geraldtondiocese.org.au</a>
Hobart Archdiocese	<a href="http://www.hobart.catholic.org.au">www.hobart.catholic.org.au</a>
Maitland-Newcastle Diocese	<a href="http://www.mn.catholic.org.au">www.mn.catholic.org.au</a>
Maronite Diocese of Aust	<a href="http://www.maronite.org.au">www.maronite.org.au</a>
Melbourne Archdiocese	<a href="http://www.melbourne.catholic.org.au">www.melbourne.catholic.org.au</a>
National Council of Churches in Aust	<a href="http://www.ncca.org.au">www.ncca.org.au</a>
New Norcia	<a href="http://www.newnorcia.wa.edu.au/">www.newnorcia.wa.edu.au/</a>
Parramatta Diocese	<a href="http://www.parra.catholic.org.au">www.parra.catholic.org.au</a>
Perth Archdiocese	<a href="http://www.perthcatholic.org.au">www.perthcatholic.org.au</a>
Pope John Paul I	<a href="http://www.johnpaul1.com">www.johnpaul1.com</a>
St Peter and Paul's Old Cathedral, Goulburn	<a href="http://www.stspeterandpaulsoldcathedral.org">www.stspeterandpaulsoldcathedral.org</a>
Sale Diocese	<a href="http://www.sale.catholic.org.au">www.sale.catholic.org.au</a>
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Townsville Diocese	<a href="http://www.tsv.catholic.org.au/">www.tsv.catholic.org.au/</a>
United States Catholic Bishops	<a href="http://www.nccbuscc.org">www.nccbuscc.org</a>
Wagga Wagga Diocese	<a href="http://www.wagga.catholic.org.au">www.wagga.catholic.org.au</a>
Wilcannia-Forbes Diocese	<a href="http://www.wil-frbs.catholic.org.au">www.wil-frbs.catholic.org.au</a>
World Day of the Sick	<a href="http://www.worlddayofthesick.org.au">www.worlddayofthesick.org.au</a>
Vatican	<a href="http://www.vatican.va">www.vatican.va</a>
Voting Cardinals	<a href="http://www.catholic-hierarchy.org/bishop/scardc2.html">www.catholic-hierarchy.org/bishop/scardc2.html</a>

EDUCATION

ACUweb	<a href="http://www.acuonline.acu.edu.au">www.acuonline.acu.edu.au</a>
Australian Catholic University	<a href="http://www.acu.edu.au/">www.acu.edu.au/</a>
Bullying: No Way	<a href="http://www.bullyingnoway.com.au">www.bullyingnoway.com.au</a>
Catholic Education, Canberra-Goulburn	<a href="http://www.ceo.cg.catholic.edu.au">www.ceo.cg.catholic.edu.au</a>
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Marist Australia	<a href="http://www.maristoz.edu.au">www.maristoz.edu.au</a>
Marist College Canberra	<a href="http://www.maristc.act.edu.au">www.maristc.act.edu.au</a>
Merici College	<a href="http://www.merici.cg.catholic.edu.au">www.merici.cg.catholic.edu.au</a>



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Ongoing Formation for Priests	<a href="http://www.auspriest.org">www.auspriest.org</a>
St Anthony's Primary, Wanniasa	<a href="http://www.stanthonys.cg.catholic.edu.au">www.stanthonys.cg.catholic.edu.au</a>
St Bede's Primary, Red Hill	<a href="http://www.stbedes.cg.catholic.edu.au">www.stbedes.cg.catholic.edu.au</a>
St Clare's College Canberra	<a href="http://www.stclaresc.act.edu.au">www.stclaresc.act.edu.au</a>
St.Edmund's College Canberra	<a href="http://www.stedmunds.act.edu.au">www.stedmunds.act.edu.au</a>
St Francis Xavier College	<a href="http://www.sfx.act.edu.au">www.sfx.act.edu.au</a>
St Gregory's, Queanbeyan	<a href="http://www.stgregorys.cg.catholic.edu.au">www.stgregorys.cg.catholic.edu.au</a>
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St John Vianney's School	<a href="http://www.sjv.cg.catholic.edu.au">www.sjv.cg.catholic.edu.au</a>
St Joseph's Primary, O'Connor	<a href="http://www.sjo.cg.catholic.edu.au">www.sjo.cg.catholic.edu.au</a>
St Michael's Primary, Kaleen	<a href="http://www.stmichaelsps.cg.catholic.edu.au">www.stmichaelsps.cg.catholic.edu.au</a>
St Mary's Primary School, Young	<a href="http://www.stmarysprimary.com">www.stmarysprimary.com</a>
St Matthew's Primary School, Page	<a href="http://www.stmattps.act.edu.au">www.stmattps.act.edu.au</a>
St Vincent's Primary School, Aranda	<a href="http://www.svdpc.cg.catholic.edu.au">www.svdpc.cg.catholic.edu.au</a>
School Aid Trust	<a href="http://www.schoolaid.org.au">www.schoolaid.org.au</a>
Virtual Interdependent Schooling through an Interactive Online Network	<a href="http://vision.cangoul.catholic.edu.au">http://vision.cangoul.catholic.edu.au</a>

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A Prayer Experience	<a href="http://www.hop.org.au/prayer.htm">www.hop.org.au/prayer.htm</a>
A Quiet Place	<a href="http://quietplace.info">quietplace.info</a>
Australian Christian Coalition	<a href="http://www.acc.net.au">www.acc.net.au</a>
Australian Theological Forum	<a href="http://www.atf.org.au">www.atf.org.au</a>
Bede Griffiths	<a href="http://www.bedegriffiths.com">www.bedegriffiths.com</a>
Bible Gateway	<a href="http://bible.gospelcom.net/bible">http://bible.gospelcom.net/bible</a>
Catalyst for Renewal	<a href="http://www.catalyst-for-renewal.com.au">www.catalyst-for-renewal.com.au</a>
CathLINK Australia	<a href="http://cathlink.acu.edu.au/">http://cathlink.acu.edu.au/</a>
Catholic Charismatic Renewal Melb	<a href="http://www.ccr.org.au">www.ccr.org.au</a>
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Catholic Online	<a href="http://www.catholic.org">www.catholic.org</a>
Catholic Prayers	<a href="http://www.yenra.com/catholic/prayers/">www.yenra.com/catholic/prayers/</a>
Catholic Truth Society	<a href="http://cts.pamphlets.org.au">http://cts.pamphlets.org.au</a>
Easter Dating Method	<a href="http://www.assa.org.au/edm.html">www.assa.org.au/edm.html</a>
Edmund Rice Family	<a href="http://www.edmundrice.org.au">www.edmundrice.org.au</a>
Emmaus Productions	<a href="http://www.emmausproductions.com">www.emmausproductions.com</a>
EWTN Global Catholic Network	<a href="http://www.ewtn.com/">www.ewtn.com/</a>
Fish Eaters	<a href="http://www.fisheaters.com/">www.fisheaters.com/</a>
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Focolare Movement	<a href="http://www.focolare.org.au">www.focolare.org.au</a>
Lay Spirituality	<a href="http://www.lay-spirituality.com">www.lay-spirituality.com</a>
Legion of Mary	<a href="http://www.legionofmary.org">www.legionofmary.org</a>
Little Company of Mary retreat info	<a href="http://www.womenreligious.org/~retreats/">http://www.womenreligious.org/~retreats/</a>
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PetersNet	<a href="http://www.petersnet.net">www.petersnet.net</a>
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St Mary's Towers Retreat Centre	<a href="http://towersretreat.abundance.org.au">http://towersretreat.abundance.org.au</a>
Shrine of Mary MacKillop, Scotland	<a href="http://www.gaeldom.com/mmk">www.gaeldom.com/mmk</a>
Shroud of Turin	<a href="http://www.shroud.com/">www.shroud.com/</a>
Silver Wattle House of Prayer	<a href="http://www.hop.org.au">www.hop.org.au</a>
Society of the Little Flower	<a href="http://www.littleflower.org/">www.littleflower.org/</a>
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Business Ethics Research Centre	<a href="http://www.berc.com.au">www.berc.com.au</a>
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Catholic Music Network	<a href="http://www.catholicmusicnetwork.com">www.catholicmusicnetwork.com</a>
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Drought, floods and prayer	<a href="http://www.hop.org.au/drought.htm">www.hop.org.au/drought.htm</a>
Fr Andrew Greeley	<a href="http://www.agreeley.com">www.agreeley.com</a>
John Michael Talbot	<a href="http://www.johnmichaeltalbot.com">www.johnmichaeltalbot.com</a>
Kevin Bates SM	<a href="http://www.kevinfbates.com">www.kevinfbates.com</a>
Knights of Southern Cross Aust	<a href="http://www.ksca.org.au">www.ksca.org.au</a>
Mary MacKillop Place, North Sydney	<a href="http://www.marymackillopplace.org.au">www.marymackillopplace.org.au</a>
National Church Life Survey	<a href="http://www.ncls.org.au">www.ncls.org.au</a>
National Gospel Happening	<a href="http://www.nationalgospelhappening.org/">www.nationalgospelhappening.org/</a>
Russian community in Canberra	<a href="http://members.xoom.com/Ruscan/">http://members.xoom.com/Ruscan/</a>
World Prayers	<a href="http://www.worldprayers.org">www.worldprayers.org</a>

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ACT Right to Life Association	<a href="http://www.actrtl.org.au">www.actrtl.org.au</a>
A Decade a Day	<a href="http://www.adecadeaday.cjb.net">www.adecadeaday.cjb.net</a>
Billings Life	<a href="http://www.woomb.org">www.woomb.org</a>
Family Group movement	<a href="http://www.pfgm.org/main.htm">www.pfgm.org/main.htm</a>
Focus on the Family	<a href="http://www.family.org">www.family.org</a>
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Jesus in Australian Art	<a href="http://www.mcauley.acu.edu.au/~yuri/jesus/jesus.htm">www.mcauley.acu.edu.au/~yuri/jesus/jesus.htm</a>
National Drugs Campaign	<a href="http://www.drugs.health.gov.au">www.drugs.health.gov.au</a>
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Family Rosary Movement	<a href="http://www.familyrosary.org">www.familyrosary.org</a>
Fatima Network	<a href="http://www.fatima.org">www.fatima.org</a>
Garabandal	<a href="http://www.garabandal.com">www.garabandal.com</a>
Medjugorje messages	<a href="http://www.medugorje.org/weiblep.htm">www.medugorje.org/weiblep.htm</a>
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Ignatius Press	<a href="http://www.ignatius.com">www.ignatius.com</a>
Independent Catholic News	<a href="http://www.indcatholicnews.com">www.indcatholicnews.com</a>
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Pakistan Christian Voice inet magazine	<a href="http://www.pakistanchristianvoice.net">www.pakistanchristianvoice.net</a>
Radio Notre Dame	<a href="http://www.radionotredame.com">www.radionotredame.com</a>
The Far East	<a href="http://www.columban.org.au/TFE/TrevorTrotter/FarEast.htm">www.columban.org.au/TFE/TrevorTrotter/FarEast.htm</a>
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The Tablet	<a href="http://www.thetablet.co.uk">www.thetablet.co.uk</a>
The Word Among Us	<a href="http://www.wau.org">www.wau.org</a>
Wel-com(NZ)	<a href="http://www.wel-com.org.nz">www.wel-com.org.nz</a>
Zenit	<a href="http://www.zenit.org/English/">www.zenit.org/English/</a>

PARISHES

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9) **Lift Up Your Hearts - Advent, Christmas & Epiphany Resources** ([www.worship.ca/christmas.htm](http://www.worship.ca/christmas.htm) l). This Canadian website contains links to other websites that "offer worthwhile, ecumenically accessible Advent, Christmas and Epiphany resources". There are links to web pages from a wide variety of Catholic and Christian denominations from around the world regarding the topics of Advent, Christmas and the Epiphany.  
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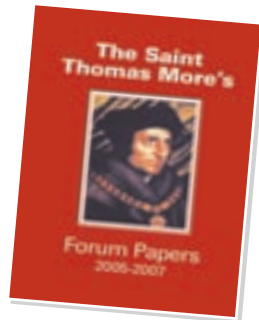
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# 'Father of shows' farewelled

Fr Adrian Paul Rheinberger  
1927-2007

Tributes have poured in to the Rheinberger family, since the sudden death of Fr Paul Rheinberger on 3 October at the age of 77.

Born in Bega on 14 November, 1927, he was well known throughout the Archdiocese as a respected and dedicated priest.

He was educated at St Patrick's School, Bega, and after leaving school worked in a garage. He then entered St Columbia's Seminary, Springwood, and later St Patrick's Seminary, Manly.

Fr Rheinberger was ordained in St Patrick's Church, Bega, by the late Archbishop Eris O'Brien on 18 July, 1959.

One of his first tasks as a priest was working as secretary to Archbishop O'Brien, driving him everywhere and seeing to his needs.

It was rewarding for his family to hear the Archbishop speak in glowing terms of his "offsider", as he often called him. Once at a function, the Archbishop walked out minus his hat and coat. When a priest remarked on this, Archbishop O'Brien said: "I have a very good-seeing eye dog, who sees to my needs constantly."

Fr Rheinberger served in several parishes, mainly in the country, where he endeared himself to young children and, in particular, the elderly. He was a frequent visitor to hospitals and often sat all night with patients' relatives, regardless of their creed.

In a recent copy of The Land newspaper, a story about Fr Rheinberger was headed, "Farewell to the father of shows". It said: "Show patrons across the state were shocked to hear of the sudden death of the Reverend Father (Adrian) Paul Rheinberger. The retired Catholic priest was a familiar sight ringside at Sydney, Canberra and Brisbane Royals and countless country shows across the state, wearing his Akubra hat, blue shirt, white dog collar sporting a hand-written 'Father Paul' nametag and trusty camera in hand."

In more than 20 years on the show circuit, he immortalised on film more than 13,000 beef and dairy cattle, as well as showjumpers, and a host of pavilion entries and other show-related subjects.

His sister, Norma Allen, of Cobargo, said he had recently presented a collection of photographs to the Royal Agricultural Society of NSW.

He was also a time-keeper for many country show horse rings, both in NSW and Queensland, and a staunch supporter of the pony club movement."

The Catholic Leader in Queensland reported in an article: "Fr Rheinberger said his journey was about mixing with people. 'I realised it was a ministry, not a ministry in inverted commas, a real min-

istry,' he said. 'It's about a priest mingling with people in a place where the people are, talking to them, not preaching, just striking up a conversation. That's the sort of relationship I try to have with people and I think they know that.'

"He doesn't differentiate between Catholics and non-Catholics.

"I'm there to support the youngsters, getting to know them, telling them how I think they've gone and what they can improve on their judging and presentation. I'm not teaching them religion; it's about being a priest who gets involved with them. That, I find, is very special and I enjoy doing it."

"In the earlier years attending the show, Fr Rheinberger felt overdressed when he wore clerical clothes. So he dressed in shirts and ties and wore a nametag with 'Father Paul' on it, to indicate who he was. 'After a while I realised it had taken a lot of hard yakka to get that collar so why shouldn't I wear it. I gave all those shirts and ties away to the needy and went back to wearing full clerical clothes and people seemed to respect that.'

"Father Rheinberger said he now enjoyed wearing his clerical clothes. 'I'm quite comfortable wearing them; in fact I believe we (priests) all should be wearing our clerical clothes. Police wear police uniforms, nurses wear a uniform when they are on duty, so why shouldn't we?'"

Archbishop Mark Coleridge was principal celebrant at a Requiem Mass celebrated in St Christopher's Cathedral on 19 October. The Cathedral was packed with mourners and more than 40 priests, including some from Sydney who were in the same class at the Manly seminary. One of these was lifelong friend of the family, Fr Paul Foley, also an ex-Bega boy.

In his homily, Fr Bernie Patterson spoke of the wonderful work Father Rheinberger had done and of his help and support at all times for Marymead Child and Family Centre in Canberra.

In the eulogy, Dr Hugh Fleming spoke of Fr Rheinberger's generosity to anyone in need, in particular the care and devotion to his mother at all times, especially in her latter years.

Fr Rheinberger had established a bursary fund at St Joseph's College, Hunters Hill, Sydney, in memory of his late mother and father, Jack and Josie Rheinberger.

Norma Allen, Henry and Mary, Peter and Irene, of Sydney, John, of Bega, sisters-in-law Ruth and Iris and a host of nieces and nephews survive Fr Rheinberger. His three older brothers, Ron, Frank, Ted and his wife Colleen, predeceased him. - contributed by Norma Allen.



# A man of humour, generosity and principle

James Sydney O'Neill  
1931-2007

Jim O'Neill was born in a working-class Sydney suburb and went on to achieve prominence in careers in the RAAF and the Commonwealth and ACT public service.

Born in Enmore, he was educated at St Patrick's CBC College, Strathfield, and left school in 1947 having passed the intermediate and won a bursary.

The principal noted his "highly developed sense of humour" which he continued to use constantly through his life, mining deeply the rich vein of Catholic humour.

Perhaps Mr O'Neill's sense of humour distracted attention from a remarkable head for figures and from a capacity to grasp issues and follow business through.

He worked for three years in the Commonwealth Bank before making an unexpected career move by joining the RAAF and being accepted for pilot training. He saw service in Korea and served as a pilot until 1960. He stayed in the RAAF until 1971 reaching the rank of squadron leader and was involved in major Defence purchases including the F111C project.

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He moved to the Commonwealth Treasury and then the Department of Defence. During this time he studied part-time at the ANU for a degree in economics.

He moved from Treasury to the Audit Office in 1989 and this took him into the public eye. When self government came, he moved to the ACT public service and was appointed the territory's first auditor-general, having picked up accountancy qualifications along the way.

Mr O'Neill had thrived in the discipline and comradeship of the RAAF, and in the public service he found his true home in auditing, which was the right field for a man of his rigour and integrity. His position as the first Auditor General was to test his professional skills and judgment.

As Auditor-General, he was not satisfied with the presentation and even some of the substance of the ACT public accounts and he was strongly critical of some of the then government's accounting policies. The politicians in government responded to their abrasive and outspoken critic with abrasive outspokenness. Mr O'Neill observed that "it's no use keeping a watchdog that won't bark". His

independence was forthright and public, and he put his views into the public domain and defended them robustly.

On the verge of retirement, Mr O'Neill took leave and stood unsuccessfully as a candidate with the Better Management Team for the ACT Legislative Assembly at the 1992 election. In those years his was a voice in the wilderness calling for what has now become the orthodox and respectable position in the standards expected of the government and corporate world.

Mr O'Neill's public career was only the tip of the iceberg. He was always ready to give of his business sense and capacity for paperwork to serve his community and Church. He served, among many, the St Vincent de Paul Society, Catholic Mission and L'Arche Genesaret.

Charity work drew him most and there was no aspect of running Ozanam House for the Aged to which he did not put his hand. He always wanted to do more than sit on boards or do the books. He was a hands-on, sleeves-rolled-up kind of bloke, the St Vincent de Paul worker who was the first to get there and the last to leave.

The Carmelite sisters had a special place in his life. For more than 30 years he served on the men's committee and worked tirelessly for the annual Carmelite fete. He played a key role in the appeal for funds to build a chapel for the convent and in carrying the project to completion. Last year he was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia. Mr O'Neill had a true Christian spirit, a selfless piety and a generous heart.

He leaves wife Elaine, whom he married at Maffra, 51 years ago last July, and three sons John, Mark and Hayden. Fr Anthony Murnane OP was celebrant of the funeral Mass at Holy Rosary Church, Watson. A memorial Mass, attended by family and friends, was also celebrated later at The Carmel, Red Hill. - adapted from a eulogy delivered by Douglas Kelly.



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# Sister with a zest for life

Sr Francesca Parkin

Marjorie Parkin, known in religion as Sr Francesca, died at the Mercy Health Service, Albury, on 7 October, aged 92.

Sr Francesca had been professed for 70 years. Her ministry was hospitality and catering at St John's Orphanage, Thugoon, St Joseph's Ladies' College, Albury, Howlong, and Mercy hospitals Young and Cootamundra. Her final years were spent in the Olive Street, Albury, community. She had a zest for life and, less than a fortnight before her death, said she wasn't ready to die as she had a lot of living yet to do!

After retiring from full-time active ministry, she worked tirelessly for the missions. Until she had major surgery three years ago, she was a common sight in the main street of Albury selling cakes, crafts and raffle tickets. At the time of her death, she was preparing for a stall.

Sr Francesca's life exemplified the balance between prayer and work. She loved praying the rosary, and it was fitting she died on the feast of the Holy Rosary. Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St Patrick's Church, Albury, by Mgr W Fulton with Fr Paul Hart and Fr Kevin Flanagan concelebrants.



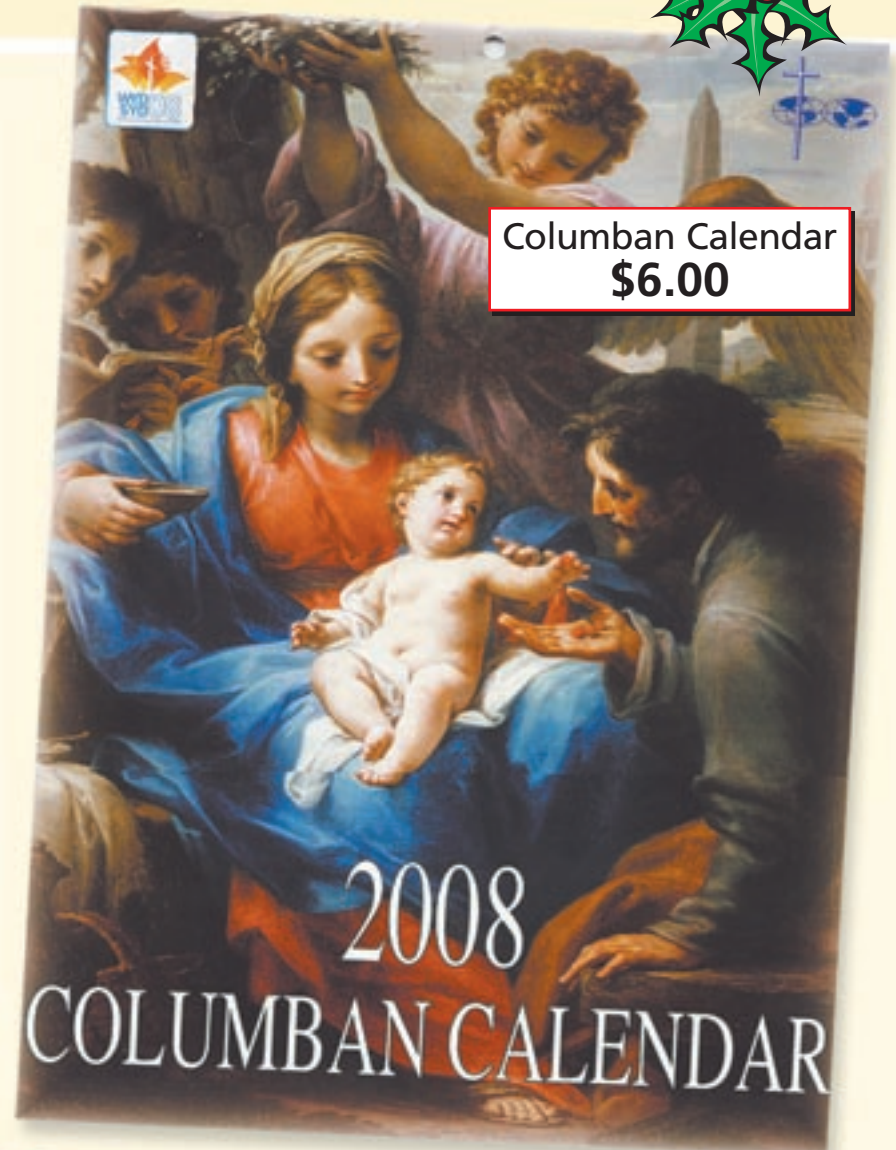
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