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ABOVE: A packed St Mary's Church, Young, to greet the cross and icon. RIGHT ABOVE: At Bimbadeen, Archbishop Coleridge with Fr Kevin Barry-Cotter, Aboriginal elder Mr Bob Glanville and Ms Donna Byrne, whose mother was a member of the Stolen Generations. RIGHT: Venerating the cross at Stockinbingal.







LEFT: Receiving the cross and icon at Cowra.

MIDDLE: Processing through the streets of West Wyalong and venerating the cross in St Mary's Church.

BELOW LEFT: Celebrating outdoors at Lake Centenary, Temora.

BELOW RIGHT: The many children who attended at St Clement's, Galong, release balloons.

Pictures of the journey of the cross and icon by Naomi Fallon, Geoff Orchison and Loui Seselja.

journey of wyd cross and icon – in parliament house

From far west to the Great Hall

The 12-day journey of the World Youth Day cross and icon to every part of the Archdiocese began with a handover ceremony in the middle of an historic bridge in Cowra, and ended on top of Australia's highest mountain.

Representatives from the Diocese of Bathurst farewelled the cross and icon in the middle of the old Lachlan River Bridge, where the symbols of peace, love and reconciliation were entrusted to the youth of the Archdiocese.

West Wyalong was the first parish to receive the cross and icon, holding a prayer service and vigil that evening. After Mass and breakfast the following morning, many locals paused to view the symbols as they paraded down the streets of the small rural town.

West Wyalong Parish Priest Fr Troy Bobbin said it was an honour to be the first parish in the Archdiocese to receive the cross and icon. "You can see on the faces of people here, they just can't express through words what this has meant for them. I think it'll be a huge rejuvenation," he said.

"If that's what it's going to be just having the Cross in our Archdiocese, imagine what it's going to be like when World Youth Day comes along."

Temora gave parishioners a taste of pilgrimage on Saturday when the cross was carried for an hour from Lake Centenary through the main street and to Callaghan Park, where an outdoor Mass was held.

Miss Camille Bayada, of Cootamundra, said organisers wanted the cross and icon to visit every corner of the parish. "We were told we had too many events but we just couldn't cut any out," she said.

In one of the memorable moments of the visit, Ms Donna Byrne, whose mother was a child from the Stolen Generations, welcomed the cross and icon to Bimbadeen, formerly the Cootamundra Girls Home.

Bringing the World Youth Day message stick, cross and icon to Bimbadeen was much appreciated, Aboriginal community elder Mr Bob Glanville said. "This was really significant, particularly with the Government's apology last week."

Catholics of Australia had made Galong a place of pilgrimage, Archbishop Mark Coleridge told a large gathering of Boorowa, Binalong and Harden-Murrumburrah parishioners. Speaking outside the entrance to the historic St Clement's Monastery, he said World Youth Day was putting before people the power of pilgrimage, something he wanted to foster. He paid tribute to the "magnificent presence" at Galong of the Redemptorist Fathers for 90 years. This holy place was an intimate part of the Catholic Church in Australia and would remain so. "Today we celebrate all that Galong is and has been to the Church in Australia."

St Mary's Church, Young, was packed with more than 600 people for an early evening Mass to welcome the cross and icon. This was followed by a rally in the church grounds.



The visit to Parliament House was both solemn and festive. In the Great Hall, Prime Minister Mr Kevin Rudd spoke of the Church as an overwhelming force for good. Ngunnawal elder Agnes Shea carried in the message stick and welcomed everyone to country. The nation's leaders venerated the cross. Outside, Mr Rudd revelled in the attention of young students from Merici (above left), Carroll College (above right) and St Francis Xavier College (below right).









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journey of wyd cross and icon – at goulburn, crookwell







Goulburn's main street was closed as the WYD cross and icon made its way in procession to a local park.

Students from Goulburn's Catholic schools carried the cross and icon with a police escort from Sts Peter and Paul's Old Cathedral to Belmore Park where a liturgy was held in front of hundreds of people.

Mayor Mr Mike Stephenson was among those who welcomed the cross and icon.

Archbishop Coleridge said true hope could be found at the cross. "The cross has been to all the dark corners of the human heart," he said.

"Through the cross, the st word goes, not to evil but to the power of love."

At the next stop Crookwell, they sat along the footpaths and stood at the doors of their businesses as the town came out to welcome the cross and icon.

The symbols were carried in procession through the streets to St Mary's Church where an ecumenical service was held and Archbishop Mark Coleridge preached.









the town came to see the cross and icon as businesspeople and bowlers gathered by the roadside.

LEFT: Greeting the cross at St Mary's Church.

RIGHT: Processing in for an ecumenical prayer service,



ABOVE: With the majestic Old Cathedral in the background, the Goulburn procession begins.

ABOVE LEFT: Veneration in Belmore Park.

BELOW LEFT: Mayor Mike Stephenson with Archbishop Mark Coleridge and Goulburn parish priest Fr Tony Percy.

LEFT: Part of the big crowd gathered in Belmore Park.

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A 'promise of healing'

The apology to indigenous Australians promises healing for all, Archbishop Mark Coleridge said.

He was speaking at an ecumenical service in St Christopher's Cathedral to mark the opening of Federal Parliament. Lessons were read by Governor-General Maj Gen Michael Jeffery, Prime Minister Mr Kevin Rudd and Opposition Leader Dr Brendan Nelson.

"Saying sorry can look like weakness; so too can the forgiveness which the apology will require from Indigenous people. But in the Beatitudes, Jesus redefines what it means to be weak and what it means to be strong, what it means to win and what it means to lose," Archbishop Coleridge said

"The Federal Parliament will say sorry - not because its members or any of us are personally to blame. The apology is a more mysterious recognition that the sins - even the unwitting sins - of the fathers and mothers have been visited upon the children in the history of this land, often in ways barely recognised.

"The apology is a symbolic gesture, but symbols such as this are potent. In this case, the symbolic gesture seeks to heal a running sore that has long festered at the heart of the nation. It promises healing for us all."

Archbishop Coleridge said the election of a new government and the opening of a new Parliament stirred a sense of curiosity, opportunity and expectation. "This is especially true perhaps when the new Government has spent long years in Opposition and the new Parliament contains an array of new faces.

"There is no doubt that, with this new Government and this new Parliament, expectations are high. Perhaps they are too high, as they often can be in a country where people tend to look to Government for too much.

"I have lived in other countries where people expect almost nothing from a central Government which they distrust, and therefore they are rarely disappointed. In Australia, however, people can expect too much from government, and therefore they are often disappointed, hence the tendency to cynicism about the political process.

'First necessary' step

Saying sorry to the Stolen Generations, their families and communities is a first necessary step in working towards a justly reconciled Australia, leader of the Goulburn congregation of the Josephites Sr Noelene Quinane said.

"It represents a new beginning in Aboriginal affairs which will hopefully see us move forward as one Australian people, reconciled, and committed to the contribution of all."

Caritas Australia sees the apology as a crucial step in addressing the socio-economic disadvantage faced by indigenous people. "We have waited a long time for this day and today, all Australians stand united in seeking a more just and compassionate future," chief executive officer Mr Jack de Groot said.

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"Faced with such expectations, political leaders can find themselves caught between a rock and a hard place - between the rock of short-term political goals and the hard place of long-term moral vision.

"The first without the second leads to crude pragmatism; the second without the first leads to vapid idealism. Politicians - and, dare I say, Christian politicians especially - have to keep their eye firmly fixed on the glorious vision of the heavenly city, the new Jerusalem, while attending to the often less than glorious realities of the earthly city; and that is no easy task."

• Australian Catholic Bishops Conference president Archbishop Philip Wilson, of Adelaide, hailed the national apology as "an historic and prophetic moment in the life of the Australian nation".

He said the Catholic Church in Australia welcomed and affirmed the apology made in the Federal Parliament. "We recall on this day our own statement, issued in 1998, in which we sought forgiveness from the victims of the policy that broke up Indigenous families, for any part the Church played in causing them harm and suffering," he said.

"Today is a great day in the history of our nation because it represents a much longed-for point of arrival. But it must not end there. For true healing to take place we must also acknowledge that this National Apology is a point not only of arrival, but a point of hope and a point of departure."



Prime Minister Mr Kevin Rudd is greeted by Archbishop Mark Coleridge and executive director of the Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture Prof James Haire.

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ACN sponsored the youth delegation, pictured left, to WYD in Cologne 2005. These young people from Sudan returned home and spread the good news of their meeting.

James Shawish will never forget the words of the Holy Father. "He encouraged us to feel united with God, our country and the world at large. He urged us to go and proclaim what we had heard to our friends, to their families and to share what we had experienced when we were together as brothers and sisters from all over the world."

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Combination of party and prayer

You may have followed the journey of the World Day Cross, Icon and Message-Stick on the

website or in the pages of Catholic Voice. But I did the hard yards around the Archdiocese and followed the caravan as it moved from place. Or least I went to as many events as I could. It was a big investment of time and energy, but the investment was thoroughly worthwhile.

It was at the bishops' meeting last November that I decided to follow the Journey of the Cross and Icon (JCI) after hearing bishops who had

accompanied the JCI talk of their experiences. To a man they said it was one of the better things they'd done. I can now see what they mean.

One fascinating thing was how each place did something different in their celebration of the JCI. The elements were the same and they were very simple - a cross, an icon and a messagestick.

But each place gave it an accent all its own, and that was an insight into the genius of each place and made me realise still more what a wonderfully rich and diverse tapestry this Archdiocese is.

What we did at each stop was in a sense new; we'd never done it before. But in another sense it was very old. Christians and others have been going on pilgrimage for thousands of years, and the mix hasn't changed too much.

What struck me is that the pilgrimage of the JCI is a combination of party and prayer. It's a party in the sense that it's good fun in good company. People laugh, the kids carry balloons, there's a bit of mess at the edges. It's a real celebration of genuinely human life.

But it's more than just a party. It's also prayer. People are serious about the prayer. They're serious about venerating the cross and icon, and that was a very touching thing to see.

Beyond the party and the prayer, there was also power. These simple symbols showed time and again that they have a power to touch the heart.

They speak in a way that echoes deep in the soul, because they speak of a life that is bigger than death, of a love that is bigger than

all the world's evil. They speak of hope, which is one of the few things which the human being can't do without.

The cross and icon showed they can touch young and old, rich and poor, the powerful and the powerless, those who are glad and those who are sad. The symbols cut through all the barriers and divisions to create an easy and unusual sense of unity. We were welcomed everywhere by the indigenous people of the land, and in the crowds there were Christians of all kinds as well as people who weren't Christian. A sense of rec-

onciliation and peace was tangible When he established World Youth Day, Pope

John Paul II was driven by three great insights. First, the power of the great gathering in a world where people, especially the young, are feeling more and more isolated; second, the power of the young to lead the whole Church in ways that none of us expected; and third, the power of pilgrimage as an image of the whole Christian life.

The key image which the Bible uses to describe the human being's relationship with God is the journey. That's why Scripture is full of journey-stories. The real God never leaves us where as we are. He always says to us what he said to Abraham: "Go! Leave what is familiar for the land that I will show you!". That always involves a risk; it always involves a kind of dislocation. But the dislocation is deeply creative.

The pilgrimage of the cross and icon was a little journey; the pilgrimage of World Youth Day itself will be a larger and more challenging journey. Yet in their different ways the two journeys teach us the truth of the Christian life. It is a journey through the landscape of this life - at times in joy, at times in sorrow, always in prayer towards our true homeland which is in heaven.

Thanks to all who helped make the JCI in the Archdiocese the great success it was. Now we gird our loins for the pilgrimage to Sydney and far beyond.

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Vice-Chancellor Prof Greg Craven (left) with Canberra campus rector Prof Peter Camilleri.

ACU head to 'speak out'

Australian Catholic University's new vice-chancellor believes it needs to have a strong voice on issues that are important to the Catholic community.

One of Australia's best known constitutional lawyers, Prof Greg Craven said he intended to speak out on matters of public significance, among them education policy, matters of faith and important social issues. He was speaking while on a visit to the Canberra campus of ACU.

Prof Craven said ACU with 16,000 students was on the lower end of medium-sized universities in Australia, but was the only genuinely national university. He said the aim was to be a "supremely good Catholic university", supremely good at being Catholic and at being a university.

Prof Craven said he sought a strong visible presence for ACU at World Youth Day with at least 300 young people attending recognizable as ACU students. He wanted the Pope to "see there is a Catholic university". ACU will take two stands at the vocations fair at World Youth Day, and it will take part in a number of events as well as offer billeting.

Prof Craven is the third vicechancellor in the university's 17year history following Prof Peter Drake and his immediate predecessor Prof Peter Sheehan.

Before his appointment to ACU, Prof Craven was a deputy vice-chancellor at Curtin University in Western Australia. Before that, as foundation dean, he set up the successful law school at Notre Dame University in Fremantle.

Easter ceremonies at Cathedral

Archbishop Mark Coleridge will be the principal celebrant at the main Easter liturgies at St Christopher's Cathedral.

The Chrism Mass will be celebrated at 7.30pm on Monday, 17 March. The Mass of the Lord's Supper will be held at 7.30pm on Holy Thursday. The Good Friday liturgy will be held at 3pm

Archbishop Coleridge will also celebrate the Easter vigil Mass at 7.30pm on Easter Saturday and the 11am Mass on Easter Sunday. Other Easter Sunday Masses in the Cathedral will be held at 8am, 9.30am and 5.30pm.

The Cathedral parish will be the main organiser again this year of the ecumenical Way of the Cross held at the Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture.

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Homeless men turned away

Turning away 130 single men each month because there is no room at Canberra men's shelter is unacceptable, the St Vincent de Paul Society says.

Archdiocesan president Mr Tony Thornton was commenting in a statement in which he welcomed the Prime Minister's commitment to tackle homelessness. Mr Rudd made the promise when he launched Vinnies' 2008 doorknock appeal in Canberra.

Mr Thornton said he was pleased to see that one of Mr Rudd's first actions in government was an acknowledgement that something needed to be done about the unacceptable turn-away rates from homeless persons' services. He made a commitment on behalf of the society to help the Federal Government in any way it could to identify the causes and provide solutions to reduce and perhaps eliminate homelessness in Australia.

"On a local level, turning away 130 single men per month from Samaritan House Hackett is simply unacceptable," he said. "Turning away 7 to 12 families per month from our family service is also unacceptable. Our men's shelter in Goulburn, Kennedy House, is also experiencing turn-away rates of 100 per month.

"The people being turned away have had their choices taken away from them. They are being evicted or can't afford to be part of the private rental market. Not having affordable accommodation exacerbates relationship problems between couples and their children."

Mr Thornton said Vinnies hoped the ACT Government "picks up on the initiatives of their Federal colleagues and seeks the establishment of a single men's shelter on the south side of Canberra.

"Similarly we are working with a committee in Goulburn for the establishment of a women's shelter in that town. A need has also been identified on the south coast and we will be pushing for a single men's shelter at Batemans Bay in the not too distant future."

Vinnies opens store number 8

Vinnies has opened a store in the business centre of Gungahlin, its eighth in the Canberra-Queanbeyan area.

The store, opened in rental premises in Hibberson Street, would give the people of Gungahlin a quality second-hand goods store to service their needs, chief executive officer of the St Vincent de Paul Society Mr Bob Wilson said.

It would also support Vinnies' local conference which last year provided \$18,000 in food, accommodation, whitegoods, transport and education assistance to the people of the fast-growing area.

A big challenge the store faces is in attracting volunteer staff.

Manager Ms Tonia Morison, who lives in Gungahlin and is the only paid staff member, said between 20 and 30 volunteers were needed to help run the store so they could be given more flexible working hours.



Manager Ms Tonia Morison in the newly-opened Gungahlin store.

"People who come to work here would have a wonderful chance to meet a wide range of the community," she said. Men and women of any age were welcome to offer to volunteer.

The store, along with the Vinnies' Tuggeranong outlet, is open seven days a week.

Its trading hours are 9am to 5pm weekdays and 9am to 3pm weekends.

Mr Wilson said Vinnies had been seeking to open a store at Gungahlin because of the needs of local people and to fulfill a decision it had made many years ago to have a presence in each of Canberra's town centres.

The society has been negotiating with the ACT Government for more than three years for a block of land where it can provide a purpose-built centre.



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Officer made a difference

A former St Edmund's College teacher who simply wanted to make a difference, has been rewarded for his efforts.

Curtin parishioner Colonel Francis Adrian Roberts (above) received an Order of Australia medal for "service to veterans in the Australian Capital Territory, particularly through the Totally and Permanently Incapacitated Association (ACT TPI)".

The association helps with wellbeing and welfare of the exservice community who have been classified as totally and permanently incapacitated by the Department of Veteran's Affairs.

Col Roberts retired from the Australian army after 26 years of service and went on to teach history, religion and English to senior students at St Edmund's College from 1988 to 1996.

"I then had to retire from teaching because of my own war-caused disabilities," he said. Col Roberts has been involved with the association since 1998 and president for the past four years.

"My endeavour in particular has simply been to make a difference to the lot of those men and women who are totally and permanently incapacitated as a result of war or defence service.

"I looked after my men in the war and these days I continue to do the same. It is a confirmation of the duty of office. I believe if you can make a difference, you should try to."

School's thanks

St Anne's School, Temora, has thanked the Catholic colleges of Canberra who donated to its Year 7 bursary scheme. School board chair Mr John Derrick said the board, teaching staff, children and parents thanked St Francis Xavier, Merci, MacKillop and St Clare's colleges. "The re-opening of the secondary section of our school has been due to the hard work and belief of many people, but their efforts would have been unrewarded if it was not for the support and generosity of benefactors such as these Catholic colleges, "he said. "We have received generous support from local people in the Temora area, of whom we are forever thankful to, but the support from outside our area gives us strengthened belief that we shall have a strong and vibrant secondary school for many years to come."

Couples renew their vows

About 30 couples renewed their marriage vows at a Mass celebrating married life at St Thomas the Apostle, Kambah, on the eve of St Valentine's Day.

The Mass included blessings for engaged couples and those

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who have lost a spouse, and renewal of marriage promises for married couples.

The event brought couples of all ages from many parts of Canberra. This was the second St Valentine's Eve Mass. Many people commented that it was refreshing to celebrate love and romance in a non-commercial way. Parish priest Fr Peter My said that married love was not just a matter of 50/50 give and take, but rather that true love "does not keep score".

24 years' service

Two volunteers from the St Vincent de Paul centre in Crookwell have retired after 24 years' service. Parish priest Fr Peter Murphy presented certificates to Philomena Spackman and Mary Corcoran (below) to mark the occasion.



Warm welcome

The Sisters of St Joseph of Goulburn have tried always stand in support of rural families. This was highlighted when Sr Ann Steenbergen was commissioned to ministry at Barellan. She arrived at her new home to be warmly welcomed at the parish house by local women and traditional country cooked goodies.



Dedicated to school



Hard work, knowledge, and dedication are attributes of many in the Catholic school system, but MacKillop Catholic College's Mrs Maria Philpot stands out.. She has spent a large part of her life - 30 years in all - dedicated to MacKillop and the school that preceded it, Padua High School. The

Pair's just perfect

Two Daramalan College students have achieved perfect scores in the Rio Tinto Big Science Competition, an international program designed to encourage Years 7 to 12 students to pursue an interest in science and technology.

The event attracted more than 30,000 students across Australia with just 75 achieving perfect scores including Daramalan students David Williams and Kevin Le.

Dr Alan Finkel, the chief editor of science magazine COSMOS, presented David, a Year 8 student and Kevin from Year 10, with their prizes in Sydney. "To see 75kids in one room get a perfect result on a college halted its back-to-school planning, with staff from the Isabella Plains and Wanniassa campuses holding a morning tea in her honour. With Mrs Philpot are former Padua principal Rod Goodisson, current MacKillop principal Michael Lee and former Padua principal Paul Butz.

competition like this is just staggering, he said."

This is not Daramalan's first perfect score in the competition; in 2006 Year 8 student Boban Gorgoski took out the same award.

Prayers for the unborn

For many years the Rosary for Life prayer vigil group has spent an hour every Friday from 8am offering prayers in a spirit of reparation for the sins against life outside the abortion facility in Civic.

The Feast of the Annunciation, usually 25 March, is a special day - the Day of the Unborn Child - for all pro-life prayer groups around the world.

Each year the Canberra group invites Catholics to join in this special event, which this year will be held on 28 March.

"Even a few minutes on the way to work will demonstrate our commitment to the sanctity of life and the power of prayer to change human hearts in the middle of our mostly indifferent city," organiser Mr Philip Robinson said.

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Josephite Sisters Frances McAleer and M Gerardine have been farewelled from St Clement's, Galong, after many years of Josephite "prayer, presence and service". Sr Frances and Sr M Christina have taken up residence and mission at Ungarie, while Sr M Gerardine has taken up ministry at Temora, along with Sr Elizabeth Denson who left Ungarie late last year after many years service. The

farewell lunch at Galong was also the occasion for welcoming two Sisters of St Joseph, Sr Elizabeth Glass and Sr M Julian, who took up presence and ministry at Galong from the beginning of February.

ABOVE: Fr Leo Coffey, Sr M Julian, Fr Paul Bird, Fr Michael Gilbert, Sr M Gerardine, Sr Noelene Quinane, Sr Elizabeth Glass, Sr Frances McAleer and Fr Pat Corbett.

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College puts trio on steps to priesthood

Three young men, all old boys of the same Canberra college, have taken their first formal steps towards priesthood.

All former Marist College students, Duc Mac, Trenton van Reesch and George Nulley-Valdes last month began studies at Good Shepherd Seminary in Sydney.

They join another three archdiocesan seminarians there, Bernie Drum, Luke Verrell and Paul Nulley who is George's cousin.

Born in the then Saigon, Duc, 20, was brought with his mother to Australia from Vietnam in 1993 by his father who was a boat refugee.

Members of Duc's family in Vietnam had become priests and nuns, and he, too, began to realize a fascination with priesthood in year 11.

"Two priests in particular

inspired me, the late Fr Albert Havas and Fr Emil Milat.

"Fr Emil helped me and made real sacrifices for me," he said. After two years of studying psychology and law at the University of Canberra he is entering the seminary, a decision that has shocked some of his friends.

"They think I am a bit of a larrikin, that I joke around, so I'm not the stereotype of a priest."

For Trenton, 18, the "mystery of the priesthood" captivates him. "It's a somewhat strange question when someone asks why I choose to enter the seminary.

"All my life, especially in the last four to five years, not a day would pass without me reflecting on it. I have come to feel that it's a blueprint that I desire to fulfill.



Archbishop Mark Coleridge gives copies of the Bible to new seminarians (from left): Trenton van Reesch, George Nulley-Valdes and Duc Mac before they left for Sydney for the start of term at Good Shepherd Seminary.

"As strange as it may sound, I have fallen in love with the thought of a priestly life and a life lived for Christ. The passionate support of my mum and sister Brigitta is one that I cherish the most."

He said his best friends "saw it coming" while others "throw questions at you". George, 18, who has the same group of friends as Trenton, unexpectedly was asked by a friend in Year 10 if he was thinking of joining the brothers. "I said, 'maybe'. Then last year I went to see my cousin Paul be installed as a lector and I decided that I'd give it a go and see if the priesthood was for me. I believe this is what God is calling me to do."

Duc, who retains a connection with Marist College including spending time as a soccer referee, believes the foundation the young men received at the college, especially in religious education, contributed to their choice to become priests.

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news

Parish now celebrates in its very own church

Fifteen years after Mass was celebrated at a house in Palmerston, Gungahlin parishioners can now worship in their own church.

Holy Spirit Church, Amaroo, was officially blessed and opened by Archbishop Mark Coleridge on St Valentine's Day. Gungahlin Parish Priest Fr Bernie Patterson concelebrated with Archbishop Coleridge.

Many archdiocesan priests and deacons, past and current parishioners and those who have been part of Holy Spirit's journey attended the Mass.

Good Shepherd Primary principal Mr Graham Pollard, Holy Spirit Primary principal Mrs Elizabeth Moroney and students from the two parish schools were also present. A former long-time member of the parish team, Sr Anne Cougle, represented the Ursuline sisters, who donated some of the furniture to the church from their convent in Lyneham.

Gungahlin parish's first Mass was celebrated in Palmerston on 14 February, 1993. Until late last year, Mass had been celebrated in the school hall at Nicholls. "Out here in Gungahlin, we've never had a parish centre," Fr Patterson said. "We wanted something people would be able to belong to."



ABOVE: Part of the congregation at Mass. RIGHT: Reader Jose Nacion proclaims the Word, watched by Miriam Clancy and Divya Packianathan.



Priests' retirement project under way

Work has begun on building and refurbishment of the former Garran presbytery to provide accommodation for up to seven retired priests.

The Clergy Retirement Foundation is extending the residence to cater for four new self-care units and is also upgrading the existing building. Accommodation will be provided for a full-time housekeeper.

Construction is expected to be completed by the end of July.

RIGHT: On site ... project manager for Munns Sly architects Mr Bob Sly, retirement foundation committee member Mr Dennis Morris, principal of contractors Beasec Enterprises Mr Bob Beaver, site manager Mr Graham Beaver, and Mr Brian Bush and Mr Richard Binks, from Munns Sly.



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Anglican parish offers HOME a home

A project to build 24-hour supported accommodation in Queanbeyan for people with chronic mental illness has received a big boost with an offer of land from the Anglican Church.

Founder of the HOME in Queanbeyan proposal Fr Peter Day said it had taken "another major step towards becoming a reality" with the local Anglican Church backing a move for the facility to be built on a parcel of land it owns on the corner of Rutledge and Crawford streets in central Queanbeyan.

"For some time, HOME has been looking for a site on which to build a residential facility for the homeless and chronically mentally ill," he said. "This search has centred on negotiations with the NSW Government and local indigenous groups over a parcel of Crown land in Erin Street, Queanbeyan.

"Notwithstanding the co-operation from both parties, there have been significant on-going delays and uncertainties associated with the site. Given the pressing need confronting the homeless mentally ill now, the board of HOME resolved to pursue, as a matter of urgency, an alternative site.

"We also felt that, given the outstanding community support for HOME (over \$400,000 raised), along with the Federal Government's \$2 million commitment to assist with construction, there was a real imperative to act."

Fr Day said that thanks to the support of the Queanbeyan and District Anglican Parish community, HOME should become a reality sooner rather than later.

The new site was central; close to essential services; and in attractive surroundings.

He said the immediate next steps would focus on consultation. "We are very mindful of the need to consult with the community about this proposal. We also intend to respect the heritage of the hall located on the site by re-using it as a central feature of HOME," he said.

"If the feasibility of this site can be confirmed after broad community consultation, construction of HOME could be under way by the end of this year."



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background

By Naomi Fallon

After devoting his adult life to improving the lot of aged people, Aranda parishioner Mr Ian Hay has retired to an aged care facility he helped establish.

On Australia Day, Mr Hay, 81, was awarded an Order of Australia Medal for "service to the community through the Catholic Church and aged care services in the Canberra region".

With a long list of projects behind his name, Mr Hay's most recent was his involvement in the building and design of St Vincent Villas in Aranda, where he and wife Betty, 81, now live.

"All my life, even before I came to Canberra, I've been interested in aged care," he said. "I'm not too sure where the interest came from."

Mr Hay said receiving the Order of Australia Medal was a great shock.

"It was nice and very unexpected, but you don't do it for that. It's simply a question of seeing a need, and doing something about it."

As a young man Mr Hay began working with the aged through the St Vincent de Paul Society in Melbourne.

"I could see there was a need for better pastoral care," he said. "I felt in many ways the aged were abandoned. If someone is old and can't get around, they really need a lot of help. I guess that is what motivated me the most."

In the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn Mr Hay was involved in the establishment of the Sick and Retired

Priests Fund, the design and building of the Aloysius Morgan Retirement Units in Campbell and for many years he has provided pastoral care and support at Amity Nursing Home in Aranda.

Mr Hay grew up in Melbourne, a long way from his wife's home town of Harden in country New South Wales. "Her mother and my mother grew up together in Melbourne, so we've known each other all of our lives. She pulled my hair when I was just a baby."

"We used to say we'd have 14 children," he said. "We always wanted a big family," Mrs Hay said.

But raising five children and maintaining a farm in Harden kept them busy enough and when Mr Hay was



Aged care a passion lifetime of service

offered a job with an insurance company, the family moved to Canberra.

In the early 1980s Mr Hay left his insurance career to become the founding chairman and trustee of the board for the Catholic Superannuation and Retirement Fund, then known as the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn Superannuation Fund.

"Fr Joe Rheinberger came to me and asked if I could help create a Catholic superannuation fund for teachers and employees of the Archdiocese." Mr Hay later developed the fund into one of the first in Australia to include members of the clergy

"I had to get special allowance from the tax department

LEFT: Ian Hay and wife Betty ... "a bit of a worry as to how the not-sowealthy aged people manage".

for clergy to be involved. Up until then, priests died with their boots on. But the world's just not like that anymore."

During their marriage Betty shared Ian's passion for the aged and supported his campaigns.

"I would not have been able to do the things I've done without Betty - she never complained," he said. "Over the years Betty has been involved in pregnancy support and catechesis, so we have really complemented one another."

"We could see old people were living in very unsuitable housing and it was contributing to their health problems," Mrs Hay said.

The Hays have not only been concerned about aged care, but also about other social issues affecting Australia today. "There are a lot of problems in the world," Mr Hay said. "One of my greatest aims has been to encourage people to develop a better social conscience.

"Working mothers just can't do what they used to do. Families are really being pushed. The lure of bigger and better things is creating social and financial problems.

"Homelessness is a big problem in Australia and we're really interested to see what the new government will do about it."

After many years of campaigning to try and improve aged care, Mr Hay believes it

might be time to hand over the reins. "We need to be building more and making it more cost

accessible. It's a bit of a worry as to how the not-so-wealthy aged people manage. We should be looking at ways and means of helping them. Surely there are people out there with better resources who can take over. There's still an awful lot to do."

"But it's not something one person can do," Mrs Hay said

"It's a worry, because of the general lifestyle people lead today, they don't have the time. And I don't know what the answer is to that. All I can say is 'stop the world - I want to get off'."

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background on back to school

It's all a question of balance

If you don't have balance in your life you cannot bring it out of others, the Crossroads conference was told by a Melbourne football coach.

Mr John Quinn, who is head fitness coach at Essendon Football Club and renowned for his training techniques, urged school staff to get to know themselves.

"You can't change anyone; all you can do is show people what they are capable of," he said.

First, you needed to know what you were capable of and where you were from.

"If you haven't got goals, you haven't got direction. If you have not got direction, how can you guide other people," he asked.

Mr Quinn said if teachers did not have balance in their lives, "embracing all aspects including the spirituality of who you are, then you can't reach into someone else and bring it out of them.

"Once you know who you are, grab the opportunities and grab the lessons. Even in the dark times of losing, there is a lesson that can help you be better. When you don't feel like you are coping look for the lesson.

"If you don't learn the lesson you'll keep getting taught it until you do learn."

Mr Quinn emphasised that it was important for people to know who they are, know where they are going, and to have balance in their life.

He spoke of the determination of former Canberra footballer James Hird - "one of the most impressive people I have worked with as a coach" - who came back from three stress fractures of the foot, and of his ability to take responsibility for his situation. "Do you take responsibility when things don't go the way they should, even when it is not your fault?" he said. "Everything that has happened in your life; the common denominator is you. Ask yourself, how have I contributed to what is happening?"

New youth team hits the road

The fifth Archdiocesan Catholic Youth Ministry team has been commissioned by Archbishop Mark Coleridge at a Mass in St Christopher's Cathedral.

The 2008 CYM team consists of new members Liam Mackay, 20, from Cooma, Rebekah Fulop, 19, from Narrabundah and Erin Cassidy, 18, from Wanniassa, second year team member Sarah Heffernan, 19, from Candelo, team facilitator Mr Sam Mullins and team coordinator Miss Daniela Kesina. 2006 team member, Joshua Goldsbrough, 21, from Narrabundah was a late addition to the team.

In his homily Archbishop Coleridge said those who were considered unlikely leaders would lead the Church. "To shame what is strong, He chooses the weak. You are weak, as am I," he said. "These are the ones God has chosen, those who are nothing, to show up those who think they are everything. They are young people who may seem to be nothing but they are something. And something vast."

Rebekah Fulop was inspired to join the team by the example of other youth leaders. She is looking forward to starting work in schools and to World Youth Day. She hopes to "share Jesus' love and hope with young people and to deepen my relationship with God this year".

Erin Cassidy joined after attending camps run by the CYM team over the past few years and seeing what an impact they can have on youth. She is looking forward to being able to spread the word of God to youth in a fun and exciting way. She hopes to "come closer to God and gain a greater understanding of the youth and what their needs are in relation to God".

Sarah Heffernan was inspired by past teams who had



ABOVE: The crossroads ... part of the liturgy at the conference Mass.

BELOW LEFT: St Lynette Young... "do the best you can."

BELOW RIGHT Mr John Quinn ... "you can't change

anyone; all you can do is show people what they are capable of."

NEXT PAGE BELOW RIGHT: The opening liturgy. BOTTOM RIGHT: Archbishop Mark Coleridge ... :no time for the panic button."





Liam Mackay, Rebekah Fulop, Erin Cassidy, Sam Mullins, Sarah Heffernan and Daniela Kesina with Archbishop Mark Coleridge after the commissioning Mass.

run retreats she attended. "They showed me how my faith could be relevant in my life. I decided to come back on a second year because I felt God calling me to continue. I hope to continue to grow in my relationship with God and be challenged by others to grow as a better person and a better Catholic."

Joshua Goldsbrough completed a year on CYM team in 2006 and is still very passionate for the ministry. "I am looking forward to providing my own experience on team this year as well as growing in my personal faith and relating to students." Samuel Mullins, 22, says Australia's young people are being "short-changed by a culture which refuses to acknowledge faith and the gospel, the young people of this region deserve better. They deserve to hear about the love of Christ". He hopes to gain a deeper understanding of the love of God and deeper relationships with others.

Liam Mackay, 21, was inspired to join the team to move from a comfortable environment and be really challenged in a variety of different environments. He is looking forward to the 12-month journey with the team and hopes to gain a deeper relationship with Jesus.

Archbishop urges teachers to... See Christ in every subject

Teachers in the Archdiocese have been urged to see Christ in every subject and include the values of Catholicism in every classroom.

Archbishop Mark Coleridge was speaking to more than 1200 ACT Catholic school teachers, staff and parents who attended a conference held by the Catholic Education Office in response to last year's bishops' statement 'Catholic Schools at a Crossroads'.

"Crossroads was a document before which the bishops trembled - blood sweat and tears congealed into a text," he said. "We understood the complexity of the task and we didn't want to make your job harder, to lay burdens upon you and not lift a finger to help you. The bishops wanted to join you on a journey as teachers."

In the document, signed by 17 bishops, they said it would be best to accept changing enrolment patterns as a sign of the times rather than to enrol only those who were committed to the faith.

"It's undeniable, quite dramatically fewer people are attending church," Archbishop Coleridge said.

"We have in our schools many more non-practising, non-Catholic students, parents and teachers. What this does is imposes with greater urgency, the question of the identity of Catholic schools."

Archbishop Coleridge said there should be an "evangelisation of the curriculum" in Catholic schools.

"RE curriculum will have to be sound, attractive and professional, taught by teachers with RE qualifications. In Catholic schools, God is everywhere. You can't just quarantine RE - that's not the Catholic way."

He encouraged teachers to see Christ in every subject and include the values of Catholicism.

"As teachers we look at what everyone else

sees, but we see more. Christ himself equips you with the eye that does see more, the eye that sees Christ everywhere. He is even in the darkest moments of conflict and desolation that are inevitably part of the life of a school - those deep and wounding parts that threaten to tear us apart.

"This is a time of deep and permanent change, a time of deep transition. But this is no time for the panic button, this is no time for melodrama and it's no time for a loss of nerves."

The type of person a child becomes is greatly affected by the influence of their school teachers, Archbishop Coleridge said. "Our schools exist solely to teach children the art of being human. The gospel in the end is the only way of learning how to be fully and truly human. The art of being human is a great art, and it's hard. It takes a lifetime of blood sweat and tears."

Archbishop Coleridge finished his address with words from the Crossroads document. "Great things have already been achieved in our Catholic schools and are being achieved daily - greater things are still possible and, indeed, required as together we forge the way ahead."

Director of mission at the MacKillop Heritage Centre in Melbourne Sr Lynette Young had the audience in stitches during her speech about pilgrimage and Mary MacKillop.

A former teacher, Sr Lynette also had a few stories about her experiences in the classroom. "You're teachers and sometimes the difficulties can swamp your dream and that dream that was part of your vitality and freshness of youth," she said.

"But focus on the positives. You are collaborators with God, you are not alone. Mary MacKillop said 'do the best you can with the means at your disposal, and leave all the rest calmly to God".



School's in

at St Greg's

Alice Taylor-Brown and Siana Black, of kinder gold class, play shop.



Kinder blue class' Ella Gleeson ia being helpful packing away the glue bottles.



All eyes are on kinder red class teacher Mrs Lauren Macdonald as she leads the rainbow song.



Play-time for Samuel Svager, Noah Vanderpol, Andre Arona and George Greentree.





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Novel look at church building

The Sirmione Agreement by Richard Falkinger. David Lovell Publishing, 191 pp, rrp. \$24.95. Reviewer: Janet Moyle.

The Sirmione Agreement is an account of a convoluted plot to assassinate the Archbishop of Sydney. Don't be alarmed. This is a work of fiction.

The story-line has Franz, an architectural historian, visiting Italy before his return to Sydney where he is involved in a building project for the sanctuary design in St Mary's Cathedral. On the island of Sirmione he meets Esther with whom he falls in love. They decide to meet again in six months at the same place. Hence the name the Sirmione Agreement.

The plot thickens when Franz sees Esther some weeks later leaving the Cathedral in Sydney. Why is she there? Could it be that his lover is deceiving him? Yes, indeed it could and Franz is the only one to be deceived. The rest of us can tell from their first encounter that Esther is up to no good.

The story rollicks along to its predictable conclusion and no archbishops were harmed in the process. Richard Falkinger is an architect turned writer. Which is probably better than the other way round.

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How to 'read' your church

How To Read A Church: A guide to Symbols and Images in Churches and Richard Taylor. Cathedrals by HiddenSpring, 246 pp. Reviewer:

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Janet Moyle. At first glance How to Read a Church is an odd title. Then we recall how in medieval times churches the and great cathedrals told the Christian story

in stained glass.

Many in the congregations were illiterate. They were educated and inspired by the images in the windows.

Richard Taylor believes that this ability, that is of being able to interpret the images, signs and symbols in a church is becoming rare. His book explains the main features:

How to interpret images in religious art, how to identify people, scenes, details and their significance, the symbolism of individual plants, animals, colours, numbers and letters, what all this means and why. He also includes a section on how to "read" a priest - with diagrams.

One can always learn something. For example the cassock, or soutane has 33 buttons for Jesus' 33 years on earth. If for an Anglican, there are 39 buttons for the Thirty-Nine Articles.

New to me is the Creed sequence listing common examples of prophets and prophecies which correspond to the Apostles and to the part of the Apostles' Creed associated with them.

Well worth a read and a great resource for RCIA and other teachers and catechists

Shapers of our modern history

Prophets, Guardians and Saints: Shapers of Modern Catholic History

by Owen F Cummings. Paulist Press, 197 pp, rrp. \$ 33.95. Reviewer: Janet Moyle.

The title Prophets, Guardians and Saints is an exact description of this fascinating book. The author, Owen Cummings, visits the 19th century to trace these shapers of modern Catholic history.

In chronological order he begins with that scholar of ecclesiology, Johann Mohler, and ends with Therese Martin.

The towering figure of John Henry Newman is over-arching as are those of three popes Pius IX, Leo XIII and Pius X all of whom had enormous influence on the belief and practice of Catholics.

One of the most interesting chapters for me is the one on the modernist crisis. Cummings rightly states that it is not easy to define "modernism".

He summarises it as "a group within the Church who desired to adapt the Church and its teachings to the modern world, especially the modern world of philosophical and theological scholarship".

And therein, of course, lay the crunch for the conservatives and for Pius X.

The section on the great theologian Baron von Hugel outlines the three essential elements to Catholicism as defined by von Hugel - institutional, intellectual and mystical.

The institutional has to do with structures and authority; the intellectual dimension concerns reasoning, understanding and making sense of things.

Finally, there is the mystical element expressed in worship, prayer and the sense of being in God's presence. All three elements are held in creative tension and are essential for our growth and balance in mature faith.

I was impressed with this book. The author, a professor of theology, has made a careful selection of pivotal 19th century figures and has presented a tightlywritten overview of these forerunners' contributions to 21st century Catholicism.

There are plentiful end-notes which should be useful especially for students of ecclesiology and theology.

Terrific for trivial pursuit

2008 Our Sunday Visitor's Catholic Almanac ed. Matthew Bunson. Our Sunday Visitor Publishing Division, 640 pp. \$ 48.95. Reviewer: Janet Moyle.

What, one may ask, is a Catholic Almanac? Mostly almanacs cover sport or similar pursuits. This one, published in the US, concerns

the Church and its governance.

There are four broad sections.

Part one is news and events. This details the Pope's movements and documents together with news reports for the past year.

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Part two covers the teachings of the Catholic Church. Among other items it has a glossary of Catholic terms, an overview of the history and principles of the Code of Canon Law, and a record of recent canonizations and beatifications.

Part Three: The Church Universal lists dates and events in history, gives a definition of, for example, the Roman Curia and its activities and includes biographies of the cardinals and the process of a papal election.

Being an American publication there is a large section devoted to statistics in the US - history, dioceses, shrines, churchstate relations and the like.

Part Four is the Life of the Church in the World. The consecrated life, ministries, education and ecumenism are some of its sections.

I guess all the information given is out there on the web. Nevertheless there's something to be said for being able to hold this book in your hand and to have a browse.

Much of the contents are standard and make a good reference. Just think how smart you might appear when playing ecclesiastical Trivial Pursuit.

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When did you last read a good book? **ARRIVING IN MARCH:**

Coming Home: A Guide to Teaching Christian Meditation to Children by Ernie Christie **\$32.9**5

This ground-breaking book opens up new approaches to the religious and spiritual education of children. Based on the professional experience of the Catholic Éducation Office of the Diocese of Townsville, Australia, it has already begun to inspire schools and families worldwide.

The great discovery behind this program of teaching Christian Meditation to children from age 5 to 17 is that children can meditate and that they like

to meditate. The book presents the results of an

extended pilot project in a school system in a way that can enlighten teachers and

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parents in meeting the spiritual needs of children in our confused and troubled world

The tradition of meditation as taught in

recent times by John Main and The World Community for Christian Meditation is clearly described. Practical and detailed accounts of introducing children to the experience in classroom and daily life also make this an invaluable resource and inspiration today for anyone serious about helping children to grow to their full potential. If the future of the world lies in our children, this book has a message that cannot be forgotten.

Story of Jesus' final days Videos & Betrayal, the Crucifixion and **DVDs** the Resurrection, this program looks at the Easter story as depicted by artists through the ages. The detailed analysis of each art piece by art historian

(Animated stories from the New Testament series, 30 min, ages 5-11).

this film shows the disciples of Jesus coming to terms with him as messiah. They witness Jesus cleansing the temple, triumphantly entering Jerusalem, and healing a lame man. It is not until after Jesus' resurrection that they understand him fully as messiah.

Crucifixion, and Resurrection (G, 50 min, ages 5-10).

This animated DVD tells the story of the events leading up to the crucifixion of Jesus and his resurrection. A young storyteller acts as a guide for viewers.

Easter in Art (66 min, ages

these events and a description of the artistic techniques used. SOUND RECORDINGS Oliveira, Plinio. 2001. The Way of the Cross. (CD and booklet). The Australian TFP Centre. (ages 16- adult). This sound recording provides a meditation and com-

Tim Marlow, gives the viewer

an insight into the theological

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mentary on the Stations of the Cross. The accompanying booklet includes the script of the sound recording. EASTER RESOURCES

Videos, music CDs, and books with an Easter theme are available for loan from the CEO Library, in the Rheinberger Centre, corner of Weston and Loch Streets, Yarralumla.

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are depicted and the significance of each food that was eaten during Christ's last meal is explained. The meaning of the events of the Last Supper for Christians is outlined.

The Passion of the Christ (122 min, MA 15+, ages 16adult).

This motion picture, produced and directed by Mel Gibson, and starring Jim Caviezel, depicts an explicit account of the crucifixion of Jesus on Calvary. Dialogue is in ancient Aramaic with English subtitles. NOTE: Scenes of graphic violence are depicted

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The Last Supper,

14 - adult).

background on films

Old-fashioned romance in a classic story

With director Richard Attenborough at 83, we are not expecting an avant garde film. No, this is old-fashioned film-making which appeals to older audiences and those with a romantic vein.

It boasts a good cast, a chance to see Shirley MacLaine in her early 70s doing her acerbic thing and Christopher Plummer, nearer to 80, exerting his charm.

Actually, the plot is quite complicated. There are two time eras, the 1940s and the 1990s and there are two place settings, the Michigan and Belfast.

The film moves from place to place, time to time with plenty of flashbacks. It is a bit like the cyclic indication of the title. We move around the ring and finally it is closed.

In the 1940s, three young men are great friends, enlist together after Pearl Harbour, train together and go on flying missions to Europe.

Closing the Ring.

Starring Shirley MacLaine, Mischa Barton, Christopher Plummer, Pete Postlethwaite and Neve Campbell. Directed by Richard Attenborough. 118 mins. MA. Reviewer: Fr Peter Malone MSC*.

At the centre of this circle is Ethel Ann (Mischa Barton) who loves one of the three, promising to love him forever. Caring for Ethel Ann, he asks one of his friends to look after her if anything should happen to him. This leads to some complications after the war and its effect on the older Ethel Ann (Shirley MacLaine).

In the meantime in Belfast, people have to shelter from raids. The IRA is active and the British troops watchful. Then the good-time Americans come.

In the 1990s, the young Belfast fireman from the 1940s (Pete

Attenborough's Closing The Postlethwaite) continues to dig on the mountainside at the edge of the city, helped by an exuberant young man (Martin McCann) who finds

Ethel Ann's ring. As might be imagined, this opens up all the memories, probes into the secrets, especially for the only surviving pilot friend (Christopher Plummer) and Ethel Ann's daughter, Marie (Neve Campbell).

A visit to Belfast and an experience of terrorist bombs lead to some resolution of the events which have bedeviled the characters for almost 50 years.

Despite the time and place shifts, this is plain and classic storytelling. Definitely not for those with Tarantino sensibilities. An entertainment and some emotions for those who like the old-style films.

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

Nicole does her best - to stay awake

Received poorly by public and critics, word came out that there was a change of directors for The Invasion, producers' intervention and re-editing.

If one looks at the film without knowing anything about the original from the 1950s and the 1978 remake, it might pass as a moderately suspenseful science fiction. But, most audiences who want to see the film will be well versed in the other films and will find this version wanting.

Starring Starring Nicole Kidman, Jeremy Northam, Jeffrey Wright and Daniel Craig. Directed by Oliver Hirschbiegel. 99 mins. M (moderate violence and themes). Reviewer: Fr Peter Malone MSC.

The Invasion.

It is a pity because Nicole Kidman does her best and the original director, Oliver Hirschbiegel, made that impressive film about Hitler's last days, Downfall. I presume he won't be in a hurry to rush back to Hollywood after this experience.

This version takes place in a big city of personal anonymity rather than a small American town. There is frequent reference to today's world troubles, especially Iraq and Afghanistan. When a spacecraft breaks up on return to earth, alien forces infiltrate earth and take possession of human beings who become conformist and emotionless pods. Nicole Kidman portrays a mother anxious to protect her son, especially from her infected former husband. Nicole has to keep awake so that the infection cannot take hold and much of the film has her eluding capture by pretending to be emotionless and trying to stay awake.

One of the main differences from the other versions is the hopeful ending. This time the process can be reversed and the point is made very strongly that while brainwashed conformism might bring about peace in the world, it is at the expense of free will and human error.

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Michael Caine and Jude Law in a scene from Sleuth. Paramount.

Caine's back in a '70s remake

Sleuth is a remake of Anthony Shaffer's play, Sleuth, and the film version directed by Joseph L Mankiewicz in 1972 with Laurence Olivier and Michael Caine. Michael Caine now takes on the Olivier role.

The film has been rewritten for the screen by playwright, Harold Pinter, using the basis of Anthony Shaffer's play, but introducing the dialogue so typical of Pinter himself and his plays like The Birthday Party, The Caretaker.

But, whether it works well on screen rather than on stage?

And how does Caine compare with Olivier and Law with Caine? The film is set in a rather lavish

modernistic mansion with very few scenes outside the house.

The film focuses on a popular novel writer who is visited by a part-time actor who wants to per-

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suade him to give his wife a divorce because the actor is living with her.

The actor then plays a psychological and physical game with the visitor. In the second part of the film, the visitor assumes the disguise of a police inspector, and turns the tables on the novelist.

The film is interesting verbally, for its performances, for its sleight of hand with the performance by the actor.

It has a rather sudden ending - something of a shock to the system.

Branagh has directed the thriller and mystery, Dead Again. He has followed in Laurence Olivier's footsteps by directing versions of Henry V. Hamlet, and performing as lago

V, Hamlet, and performing as Iago in a screen version of Othello. He also directed versions of

Much Ado About Nothing, Loves Labours Lost and As You Like It.

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Ethel Ann Roberts (Mischa Barton) visits Teddy's house, in a scene from Richard Attenborough's Closing The Ring. A Hopscotch film.

Sleuth. Starring Michael Caine and Jude Law. Directed by Kenneth Branagh. 88 mins. M (strong coarse language, infrequent aggressive coarse language, adult themes). Reviewer: Fr Peter Malone MSC.





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background on features

If you want performance, look after your driver

Computer software programs perform a wide variety of to print it. Drivers are vital pieces of data for your computtasks from word processing to games to watching DVDs on your computer monitor.

Every computer software program is a collection of information or data designed to do a specific task. These programs consist of small and large pieces of data that enable the software to work on your computer, whether it is a PC or Apple computer.

All software programs contain small pieces of programs called drivers. They are often called device drivers or dll files, which is short for dynamic link library files. The drivers tell your software how to interact with your computer to make the entire piece of software function the way you want it to.

Computer drivers interact within the computer and also with other pieces of computer equipment attached to your computer, such as printers, keyboards, webcams and modems.

For example the drivers in Microsoft Word interact with your printer drivers to tell the printer what to print and how



FACTS ON FUNERALS

What should I wear to a funeral?

Etiquette has changed much this century in all facets of life, but none more so than in the conventions of mourning

As late as the 1920's, etiquette for mourning precisely dictated what a person should wear according to their relationship to the deceased, For example, young widows were required to wear deep black crepe for a year, followed by a six month period of lighter mourning (usually still black but not necessarily crepe) and then second mourning (with colours such as lavender, purple or magenta being acceptable) until the second anniversary of the death. In those days, mourning clothes bore no relationship to the feelings of grief one did or did not have. It was a sign of respect for the deceased, and indicated to the community that a person was bereaved.

Since then, the social attitudes on clothing worn to a funeral have changed significantly. With the exception of some immigrant groups, there are no longer any "hard and fast" rules about the appropriate colour or style of mourning clothes, nor the length of time these should be worn.

As funerals are still events of significance, people will tend to wear their "best" clothes (even if this amounts to an open necked shirt and jeans).

Despite the many changes in etiquette over the years, one thing remains unchanged – the support you show to a bereaved family by attending the funeral. It goes without saying that your presence is much more important than what you wear.

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New drivers are often produced by software companies to fix or update existing ones on your computer. These drivers will help to improve the performance of the programs that you are using.

An example of this is downloading up-to-date drivers for a graphics card in your computer. The graphics card already comes with a set of drivers to help it function with the monitor.

As time goes by, the company such as Nvidia, finds new ways to improve the performance of their graphics card and supplies these to you through their websites (usually for free, but not always).

Sometimes if a computer program is not working properly it is because of a problem with the drivers. These problems may be caused by a faulty driver that may have been corrupted or because a driver is missing from your computer. Sometimes drivers are accidentally deleted when you remove a piece of software from your computer. This may

Catechists celebrate

More than 100 catechists, prayer partners and supportive parishioners gathered at a lunch in Cooma to celebrate 50 years of CCD in the Archdiocese.

They acknowledged and celebrated the work of the men and women who offer scripture lessons to children enrolled in state schools.

The Cooma catechists welcomed Archbishop Mark Coleridge and principals from many local state school as well as the principal of the parish school at Cooma.

Representatives from the Ministers Fraternal also joined in the celebration. The priests of the deanery attended and Bombala parish priest Fr Mick MacAndrew began with a prayerful reflection.

Guests were reminded that in the early 1950s Archbishop Eris O'Brien established the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine.

The CCD provides religious education for more than 50 per cent of Catholic children attending state primary schools in the NSW section of the Archdiocese.

Guests travelled from all parts of the Monaro deanery with Nimmitabel, Michelago, Jindabyne, Adaminaby, Delegate. Dalgety and Bombala represented. The afternoon was chaired by Cooma CCD co-ordinator Carolyn Heath.

Those present enjoyed the recollections of two experienced catechists. Mrs Jan Farrell, of Bombala, spoke of the joy of being

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Sr Mary Hamilton

Renowned educator, Sr Mary Hamilton, who died in Canberra, was a Mercy Sister for 54 years. Born in Orange, she was an extremely gifted and talented person and throughout her religious life was open to opportunities for further studies.

She continued to develop both academically and spiritually gaining an A.Mus.A, a Graduate Diploma in Education, a Bachelor of Arts, Master of Arts (in Department of Religious Studies) through Lancaster University, and had completed some subjects towards a Master of Theology course through the Melbourne College of Divinity.

Sr Mary undertook studies in pastoral theology in Dublin, in biblical spirituality in Jerusalem and spent 10 months at Stanbrook Abbey in the UK savouring the monastic life.

She taught in many schools within the Goulburn congregation, including atMurringo, Braddon, Goulburn, Finley, Tumut, Albury and Griffith.

At the time of her death, she was teaching philosophy and ethics to senior students at Daramalan College.

While she taught many subjects, she gave particular attention to religious education where she was able to touch the hearts of her students.

It was her belief in the innate goodness of her students and her ability to build a relationship with them that was instrumental in her achievements.

It was fitting Sr Mary's death and burial were surrounded by two important feasts of the Church Year - Corpus Christi and the feast of the Sacred Heart - both of which were significant in her life. The Eucharist played a pivotal part in her daily life and she had a long association with the priests and brothers of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart. Her contribution to the liturgical life of the Sacred Heart Parish in North Albury was also significant.

Mass of Christian Burial for Sr Mary was held at St. Brigid's Church, Dickson. Fr Jim Littleton presided over the Mass, together with several other concelebrating priests. About 1400 Daramalan students formed a guard of honour outside the church and school after Mass.

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Paul Jenkins

cause few if any problems until another software program needs to use this driver and cannot find it. The result will be an error message on your screen saying your computer cannot find a particular driver to operate the program. As a result the program no longer functions.

It is, therefore, extremely important to always follow the instructions supplied with most computer software programs when installing or uninstalling them from your computer. For more information and a diagram of how drivers work, go to PCMag.Com (www.pcmag.com/encyclopedia_term/0,2542,t=driver&i=42002,00.asp).

Next month, I will provide more information about fixing drivers and getting the most out of your software by updating your drivers. Till next month, happy surfing.



With Fr Mick MacAndrew are (from left): Chris Page Bonnie Llwellyn, Sr Helen Madden, Jan Farrell, Betty Lomas, Ellen Atkins, Carol Garnock and Therese Rumph.

a catechist, and Mrs Lou Mackay shared memories of her expe-



first marriage as understood by the Church.

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Catholics under siege but priest still hopeful

Almost 13 years after the end of the Bosnian civil war, the nation continues to face an exodus of Catholics.

On a visit to Canberra, provincial superior of the Franciscans in Bosnia Fr Mijo Dzolan said Catholics in Bosnia-Herzegovina had declined to about 10 per cent of the population from 17 per cent in the early 1990s.

"Almost half of the Catholics have been lost due to the last war in Bosnia," he said. "During the communist period Catholics were seen as the enemy of the regime because they never accepted communism."

Despite the 1995 Dayton Peace agreement, Fr Dzolan said Catholics still suffered discrimination and high unemployment.

"Our believers can find reasons to leave every day - their lives could be much easier in Australia or America. But we tell them there are reasons to stay.

"We've had an inconvenient history

which has lead to this situation. In our history Catholics suffered for their faith - this is a reason not to leave but to try everything with others to create the future of the country. There are a lot of obstacles, but I am hopeful."

This year Fr Dzolan was assaulted in his home during an attempted robbery. "They held a gun to my head and threatened to kill me. But there are many reasons I could have been a target."

Not long afterwards, a Catholic student was murdered in a tram in daylight.

"That could have also been an attack without any implications on Catholics, but it is up to the public how they interpret these events. I don't want to use these actions as a message to Catholics saying they are in danger."

Having enjoyed his first visit to Australia, Fr Dzolan said it was a fortunate nation. "When you walk down the street here the people are very calm," he said.





"You can see on the faces of people in Bosnia they are suffering and in pain. But you can tell by looking at the faces of Australians that they haven't had a war here.

ABOVE: Franciscan superior Fr Mijo

Dzolan (left) and Croatian chaplain Fr Drago Prgomet in the Croatian Catholic Centre at Farrer. People in Australia look very calm, says Fr Dzolan.

Revisiting Cursillo

Cursillo members who wanted to refresh, renew and deepen their relationship with God in the spirit of Cursillo got together at St Clement's retreat centre, Galong.

Thirty-one team members and candidates from every deanery in the Archdiocese gathered for the Cursillo revisited weekend.

Two women from the Wagga Wagga Diocese joined in the time of renewal.

Those who attended were (from left) back: Donna Bush (team), Jo and Craig Dixon, Jeanne Pratt, Christine Moloney, Tony Bird and Barry Pannerman.

Third back row: Fr Allen Crowe

(spiritual director), John Pola, Sharon Coleman, Bob Harrison (team), Joe Jambor (team), Kevin Norton, Carol Kennedy, Ted Streatfeild and Louella Dubbelaar.

Second row: Paul Stewart, John Cox, Mary Daly, Kathleen Roscarel, Maria Godec, John Rogers, Gary Potts and Donna Evans.

Front row: Arthur Gunning (team), Sunshine McDonald, Hilda Fitzgerald (lay director), Rose Forace, Vivianne Wheatley, Karen Schofield and Margaret McDonald. Victor Pini and Jule and Tony Brown (team) are absent from the picture.

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Ordinary: Chant Mass for Lent and Advent, Motet: O Vos Omnes (Jachet of Mantua) Processional: Faithful Cross, Recessional: Man Of Sorrows. Sunday, 16 March: Palm Sunday Propers of the Day, Ordinary: Chant Mass for Lent and Advent, Motet: Pueri Hebraeorum (Victoria), Recessional: Ride On, Ride On In Majesty.

Sacred Triduum: Thursday, 20 March: Maundy Thursday: Sung Liturgy 7pm. Friday, 21 March: Good Friday: Sung Liturgy 3pm. Saturday, 22 March: Easter Vigil: Sung Liturgy 8pm.

Sunday, 23 March: Easter Sunday: Propers of the Day, Ordinary: Missa Papae Marcelli (Palestrina) Motet: Regina Caeli (Lassus). Processional: Good Christian Men Rejoice and Sing. Recessional: The Day of Resurrection. Sunday, 30 March: Low Sunday Propers of the Day, Ordinary: Chant Mass: Missa Lux Et Origo Motet:Regina Caeli (Aichinger). Processional: At The Lamb's High Feast We Sing Recessional: Jesus Christ is Risen Today. Monday, 31 March: Annunciation of the BVM. Sung Mass 7pm.

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background on features



Jesus and justice - rarely do we bring them together as the gospels do.

Somehow we find it hard to bring together the Jesus who is so uncompromising in the area of private prayer and integrity, who says we delude ourselves if we think we are following him but are not praying or keeping the commandments, with the Jesus who tells us unequivocally that at the last judgment there will only be one test as to whether we will go to heaven or not, namely, how we responded to the poor during our lifetime.

The Jesus who invites us into personal piety and church doctrine is the same Jesus who tells us that nobody will get to heaven without a letter of reference from the poor.

But we have always had some special mentors who helped show us how this might be done.

Dorothy Day comes to mind, as do a number of others, Martin Luther King, Desmond Tutu, Mother Teresa, Jean Vanier, William Stringfellow. Dorothy Day perhaps best exemplifies this; she was equally comfortable leading the rosary or leading the peace march.

One of the persons who has been a special mentor to me, since I never had the privilege of meeting Dorothy Day, is Jim Wallis, the founder of Sojourners - a magazine, a peace movement, and a spirituality.

Wallis, a lay man, is an evangelical with deep catholic and ecumenical sympathies who, as a young man in the 1960s got kicked out of his own white evangelical church for standing up for justice during the race-riots in Detroit.

In the 40 years since he has lost neither his idealism nor his commitment to Jesus.

Moreover, like Dorothy Day, he resists the temptation to bracket half of the gospel and opt for either private morality or social justice.

For him, it is always both and that is why you find him leading both peace rallies and prayer rallies. Just in the past year, among other things, I have heard him speak at a Roman Catholic religious education convention and seen him lead a nationally-televised debate between the leading presidential candidates running for the 2008 election.

Four years ago, he wrote a remarkable book entitled, God's Politics - Why the Right Gets it Wrong and the Left Doesn't Get It.

Sensing that a number of things have shifted since, he has just published a new book, The Great Awakening, Reviving Faith and Politics in a Post-Religious Right America. His new book is very hope-filled.

In his view, what has changed, and changed for the better, are two things: The Left has awoken more to Jesus, even as the Right, particularly the Evangelical Right, has awoken more to instice

As a result, we are beginning to find more common ground because both sides are moving to higher ground.

Ron Rolheiser

Oblate Father Ron Rolheiser, theologian, teacher, and award-winning author, is President of the Oblate School of



Theology in San Antonio, Texas. He can be contacted through his website www.ronrolheiser.com

That is a very hopeful development which, after the deep political and ecclesial divisions of the past years, is opening up some wonderful new possibilities.

What possibilities? Let me have Wallis speak for himself:

"Given these new developments, how both the Left and Right have awoken more deeply to a new reality ... It is possible to call for personal responsibility and social responsibility at the same time. It is possible to preserve the environment and turn back the threats against our fragile planet while also promoting the kind of economic growth that can lift people out of poverty.

"It is possible to love one's country while admitting its mistakes, holding it to higher standards, and insisting that God's blessings are not only bestowed on one nation. It is possible to take the reality of evil and the existence of enemies very seriously, but also to see the 'logs in our own eye' and prefer the skills of conflict resolution and the requirements of justice to the habit of war.

"All these things are indeed possible, and could unite the best instincts of principled conservatism and progressive liberalism while balancing the values of both freedom and community."

Given all of this, he suggests that it is possible too to be pro-life, to believe that abortion is always a moral tragedy, without isolating those who are making desperate choices, just as it is possible to be strongly pro-family, defend the sanctity of marriage, without denigrating those whose lives are different.

And perhaps most important of all, it is possible then to let a passionate commitment to faith and justice not lead to sectarian warfare but to respectful dialogue and action for both Jesus and justice beyond just our own church, our own political party, and our own ideology.

To that end, Wallis suggests seven principles of engagement for Christian political involvement in the world:

1. God hates injustice. 2. The kingdom of God is a new order. 3. The church is an alternative community. 4. The kingdom of God transforms the world by addressing the specifics of injustice. 5. The church is the conscience of the state, holding it accountable for upholding justice and restraining its violence. 6. Take a global perspective. 7. Seek the common good.





ith Lent in full swing, it is an important time to reflect upon our relationship with Jesus and the impact this relationship has in our lives. It is a relationship that begins with God and ourselves but develops quickly through Christ's mission to include others.

ecently, young Ausralians have either paid their way or been supported by their community to undertake trips under Catholic Mission's Pilgrim Partners Program. This Program uses Catholic Mission's contact knowledge to assist dioceses around Australia to make contact with and have young people visit and meet their young people intending to visit local dioceses leading up to World Youth Day.

Luch trips have given great insights and increased awareness of life and its struggles for others who live in what is the majority world. Within these communities they witthe ness work enabled through the generosity of those who donate to Catholic Mission.

hese works include the very presence of the diocese and some of its running costs, water tanks for school children on islands that have no other catchments or fresh water rivers, and training of community church leaders including, clergy, religious and cate-

> God bless, Deacon Joe Blackwell

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relevence will be explored. Monday, 14 April to Thursday, 17 April, The Hermitage, .Marist Brothers. Mittagong. Bookings: Sr Lorraine Cupitt, telephone 6262 8974 EASTER SUNDAY AWAKENING MARCH - Gather at Glebe Park 1pm for short walk around Civic, 2.30pm celebration back at Glebe Park. Inquiries: Jill McKenzie, telephone 6286 2843.

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EUCHARISTIC ADORATION - St Benedict's Eucharistic Centre, Narrabundah, 1pm-9pm approx Monday to Thursday, Friday 7am to Saturday 8am. All welcome. Inquiries: Geoff, telephone 0416 430 669 or 6161 0711.

FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY - Sunday, 30 March, Clement's Monastery, Galong, starts with 2 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, 30m Mass. Please bring a plate. Inquiries: Gus or Ellen, telephone 6385 5225

GALONG MAY PROCESSION - Date change to Sunday, 18 May. Archbishop Mark Coleridge invites all parishes to take part in preparation for WYD.

GOOD FRIDAY PRAYER VIGIL - 6pm-6am Mount Ainslie and Red Hill. Help needed with prayers and music 6pm-8pm coordinated by Catholic Church. Inquiries: Jill McKenzie, telephone 6286 2843.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER -Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend for married couples, 28-30 March, Merroo Christian Centre, Kurrajong, NSW. Bookings, inquiries: Telephone 9589 4523 or 4283 3435, www.wwme.org.au

MERCY CELEBRATION - 150 years celebration of arrival in Goulburn of Sisters of Mercy. Weekend 24, 25 October, 2009. Inquiries: Telephone 4821 3304.

ST PATRICK'S DAY SERVICE - Annual Ecumenical Service, Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture, Blackall Street, Barton, noon, Monday, 17 March. Oration Senator George Campbell, homily Sr Barbara Murray. Light refreshments. Inquiries: Angela Devlin, telephone 6231 9104, e-mail angela1@homemail.com.au

ST VINCENT'S HOSPITAL CELEBRATION - 150 years celebration for graduate nurses from St Vincent's Hospital, Darlinghurst, Sydney. Lunch to commemorate the sesquicentenary, noon, Saturday, 12 April, at Royal Canberra Golf Club. Guest speaker Sr Anthea Groves. Inquiries: Telephone 6281 3250 or 6286 2406, e-mail admin@faztech.com.au

SCHOOL FETE - St Monica's Parish Primary School, Evatt, annual fete, 10am-2pm, Saturday, 15 March. Stalls include: white elephant, cakes and sweets, clothes, books, rides and lots more.

WYD ADORATION VIGIL - Pray for World Youth Day in the presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament every first Saturday of month, St Peter Chanel's, Weston St, Yarralumla. Exposition following the 6pm Saturday Vigil Mass, then adoration all night to 6am Sunday. Inquiries: Susanna Taylor, telephone 0419 902 293 or www.wydincanberra.org

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An item relating to a centenary Mass celebration that appeared in this column last month was sent inadvertently to Catholic Voice. The event has already taken place.

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journey of wyd cross and icon - off to the coast





ABOVE: Lumen Christi students take their own cross on the dragon boat.

RIGHT: On the streets of Eden.







TOP: A festival atmosphere for the arrival at Yass.

MIDDLE: Starting the journey towards the coast with a visit to the war memorial at Bungendore.

Goulburn.

Mary's Church.

war memorial and St Philip's

an ecumenical liturgy at St

the courtyard of Carroll

Anglican Church, finishing with

Parishioners and students

from surrounding schools filled

College, Broulee, to be part of

the cross and icon experience.

tised the Stations of the Cross

and team member Bernadette

encouraging those present to

only going to happen once and

attend World Youth Day. "It's

you don't want to watch it on

TV or hear how great it was

gave a heartfelt testimony,

The JCI Travelling Team drama-

When the cross and icon arrived at Victoria Park, Yass, it looked like the scene of a party, complete with community barbeque, face painting, balloons and pony rides. A member of the Stolen Generations and Aboriginal elder Ms Ruth Bell welcomed the cross and icon. "I was raised by the nuns and they taught me very well," she said.

The cross and icon started its journey to the coast with a procession and liturgy in Bungendore. They were welcomed with a handover ceremony from the archdiocesan Catholic Youth Ministry team to local students who attend Trinity Catholic College in

ABOVE LEFT: Processing from Rotary Park to Our Lady Star of the Sea Church in Narooma.

ABOVE RIGHT: Students at Carroll College welcome the cross.

The seaside Rotary Park marked the beginning for the Narooma parish cross and icon procession, which ended with Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church. Stations of the Cross was conducted at intervals throughout the procession. Narooma Parish Priest Fr Michael Mullen celebrated Mass and retired priest Fr Michael O'Brien concelebrated.

A ceremony was held out-School students. The cross and icon are a present for us," he said. "They are a symbol of how big God's love for us is."

Pambula's welcome to the cross and icon began with a ceremony at Lumen Christi College, where local Aboriginal elder Mr Ozzie Stewart handed the World Youth Day message stick to student John Aldridge. A procession delivered the symbols to the river mouth, where, despite rain, the message stick was taken aboard a dragon boat and transported to Aboriginal cultural centre, Jigamy Farm. Lumen Christi students had created their own cross, which was also taken aboard the boat. Pastor Ozzie Cruse conducted a welcome to

ABOVE: Students carry the cross in the procession at Bega.

LEFT: One of the many young people who came to venerate the cross.

> Jigamy Farm and expressed his hope World Youth Day would have a positive impact on Australia's youth. "The world has become such a cruel place, but I see all youth having the potential to be leaders," he said.

Threatening rain held off for the procession through Eden, ending with a ceremony focused on Mary MacKillop at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church. Journey of the Cross and Icon Travelling Team Coordinator Fr Chris Ryan said Mary MacKillop is the patron saint for the Journey of the Cross and Icon. "We are doing something Mary MacKillop would be proud of."

from your friends," she said. The procession through town included visits to the local

> side St Patrick's Church in Bega. Catholic youth ministry team member Mr Sam Mullins said they had constructed a drama performance "especially for the St Patrick's Primary

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ABOVE: A large welcome at Cooma in the grounds of St Patrick's Church. RIGHT: More than 1800 students gave a rousing reception at Marist College



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ABOVE: An early morning start at Bombala. LEFT: One of the first stops in Canberra was at MacKillop Catholic College. BELOW: At Daramalan College.

Bombala and Cooma were two destinations for the cross and icon on the Monaro. Friday's journey began with breakfast, a civic reception and an ecumenical prayer service beginning at 6.30am in the grounds of Lavender House, Bombala. Mayor Bob Stewart welcomed the cross and icon. Fr Chris Ryan reminded the gathering of people from around the Bombala-Delegate district that they were a part of something bigger as the cross and icon had already been greeted by more than 300,000 people.

On high ground in front of St Patrick's Church over looking the town, Cooma people welcomed the cross and icon. Fr Chris Ryan told students they should be proud they were carrying the cross in Cooma today. When Pope John Paul II first set it in motion 24 years ago he did not know it would come to Cooma, but he did know young people somewhere in the world would be welcoming it today.

At Marist College, a Year 12 student from last year, Matt Bray, told a crowd of about 2000 students, teachers and parents how the events of a Good Friday changed his life. He was speaking at a huge welcome to the cross and icon in an amphitheatre-like setting at the college - the first stop on their entry to Canberra. Former Marist student Fr Chris Ryan, who is guiding the cross and icon around Australia, returned to his old school to encourage students to come to World Youth Day in Sydney and through the cross to "discover a love like no other, Jesus Christ's".

Travelling team co-ordinator Fr Momorable Chris Ryan: "It was fantastic to be able to go home to St Benedict's, that was just great, but I loved being on top of the highest point in Australia praying for the young people."

Media officer Rodney Mansour: "In Canberra it's been great, especially the war memorial. Taking the cross along there, just that source of peace to bring to something that's etched in people's memories as a terrible time in history."

Archdiocesan co-ordinator Nathan Kensey: "Coming to realise this has been a real pilgrimage. It has been so hard for everyone travelling, but we have been amazingly uplifted by the beautiful communities and seeing people so excited about the cross.

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CYM team co-ordinator Daniela Kesina: "Bimbadeen was one of my highlights. I could just see what healing that brought. It made me realise how much pain and suffering is out there and how this cross had the power to draw people closer to Jesus.'

CYM team member Sarah

Heffernan: "At Gungahlin, when I saw a young girl about six come up to the cross; she hugged it and wouldn't let go it. Just to be able to see that such a young girl could really feel that love of Jesus in that way surprised me."

CYM team facilitator Samuel Mullins: "Throughout the Archdiocese we have met people from all different walks of life, and yet before the cross they are equal and they are the same in the eyes of God.





journey of wyd cross and icon - in canberra and surrounds













Thousands of people across Canberra made the effort to greet and venerate the cross and icon.

The symbols were taken to (clockwise from top): Merici College, Tuggeranong Town Park, the new Holy Spirit Church in Gungahlin parish, St Edmund's College, Belconnen parishes at the AIS, St Francis Xavier College, Kaleen and Evatt parishes at St Michael's, Weston Creek parish at St John Vianney's, Wanniassa parish and the historic Sacred Heart Church, Calwell.

ABOVE: Two young girls venerate the cross on its visit to Queanbeyan.











journey of wyd cross and icon - in canberra and farewell













The last leg ... clockwise from top: Jindabyne, the handover at the top of Mt Kosciuszko, veneration in a burnt out observatory on Mt Stromlo, Reconciliation Place, the Cathedral, the Apostolic Nunciature, outside the Legislative Assembly with Archbishop Coleridge and retired Bishop Aloysius Morgan, and at the Australian War Memorial.



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