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Cathedral facelift and a quiet place to pray

Expanses of well-worn green carpet will be replaced by marble tiles as St Christopher's Cathedral gets an internal facelift this month.

Work was due to begin on 28 April and will continue until a scheduled re-opening on Sunday, 15 June, with Masses transferred to St Peter Chanel's Church, Yarralumla, during the refurbishment.

The first major renovations to the Cathedral in many years will cost about \$300,000.

They include replacing the carpet on the main sanctuary, in the main body of the church down to the front pews, and along the aisles with russet and white marble tiles. The flooring under the pews will not be touched.

A room on the eastern wall at the back of the church will be turned into the All Souls Chapel to provide people with a quiet space to pray and remember loved ones

who have died. A book of life will be provided for the names of the departed to be recorded and to allow for them to be remembered at daily Mass in the Cathedral.

Other renovations will include replacing the fluorescent lighting, putting a new ceiling in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, tiling the chapel sanctuary and re-carpeting the chapel, embellishment of Our Lady Help of Christians shrine, refurnishing parts of the main sanctuary and moving the icon of St Christopher to a position above the door leading from the foyer into the church.

Cathedral administrator Fr Francis Kolencherry said he had received support "in a big way" for the refurbishment. "I received \$2000 from somebody only this morning, for example; God provides," he said.

He acknowledged that questions had been raised about the project, including the marble tiles making the Cathedral feel colder or the floor slippery. "Almost all cathe-



Cathedral administrator Fr Francis Kolencherry inside St Christopher's.

drals you are likely to go into have marble floors," he said. "I don't think it is a cause for concern." Fr Kolencherry said better heating as well as cooling for the Cathedral would be considered in the future.

One of the first major events to be held

in the Cathedral after it re-opens will be the ordination to the priesthood of Deacon Constantine Osuchukwu on Friday, 27 June.

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There's still time

Time is running out to register as a pilgrim for World Youth Day, but it is not too late yet to ensure a place in this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

Director of the Archdiocese's catholicLIFE agency Mr Shawn van der Linden says anyone who wants to take part in World Youth Day needs to register as soon as possible.

"We strongly encourage all those interested to register by 15 May at www.wyd2008.org," he said.

Only those who have registered for World Youth Day, which takes place in Sydney from 15 to 20 July, will have priority access to event venues during the week.

"World Youth Day is a once in a lifetime chance for young Australians to get together with other young people and stand with them in solidarity to celebrate their faith and their love for Jesus Christ and the Church," he said.

"We see World Youth Day and the Days in the Diocese as an opportunity to enliven and grow the Church in our Archdiocese; use this opportunity as a celebration of the Catholic faith for old and young alike."

Those registering as pilgrims will need to join a group, which is generally linked to a parish, school, diocese, priest or youth group.

10 weeks to go
from Sunday, 4 May.

There are a range of registration packages available which include free transport around Sydney and some meals. Package A includes accommodation, package B does not and package C is suitable for pilgrims who want to attend only the weekend events.

The next deadline for registrations is 15 May. Anyone who registers after 15 May until the final deadline of 1 June will need to pay immediately by credit card when they register.

The World Youth Day office is offering a comprehensive transport package for all pilgrims who wish to travel from their local communities to Sydney for World Youth

To register, go to www.wyd2008.org

Day and back. The archdiocesan transport package is based on the concept of sharing the load with regional and country pilgrims who face higher transport costs.

For \$150, registered pilgrims can travel to Sydney from wherever they live on archdiocesan organised transport.

In addition to the management and logistical advantages, Mr van der Linden said the transport package will "keep groups organised and together even in the chaos of Sydney at World Youth Day.

"It also promotes a sense of pilgrimage as everyone travels together and shares the same journey to Sydney."

Organisation for all aspects of World Youth Day in Canberra and Sydney depends on accurate registration numbers, so prospective pilgrims are urged to register now.

"The more accurate our numbers are the better we can prepare for Days in the Diocese and World Youth Day, and the better we can make the experience for our international and local pilgrims," he said.

For more information on World Youth Day, Days in the Diocese and transport, go to www.wydincanberra.org or call the World Youth Day hotline on 6163 4333.

● View the archdiocesan WYD office's new video on YouTube video at: www.wydincanberra.org/wyd.php

● Dominic Cudmore has been appointed liturgy co-ordinator for the commissioning Mass to be held at EPIC on 12 July. He has experience in running international liturgical events especially in France, Poland, Italy and Australia.

He is committed to the Church's call for a New Evangelisation and to presenting the perennial truths of the Faith in a way which speaks to men and women of today.

He is a partner in a Sydney-based legal firm specialising in advice to the charitable sector. For a number of years he led a youth choir at St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney, and is working on developing music and liturgy for the International Youth Forum to be held in Goulburn in July.

● World Youth Day organisers marked 100 days to go by unveiling the uniforms which an expected 8000 volunteers would wear during the July event.

So far 4000 applications have been received and volunteer roles are expected to fill quickly. All volunteers will receive the uniform, travel and meals.

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A family affair

Family support was the common denominator among graduates from ACU's Canberra campus. More than 120 students celebrated the completion of their studies at a graduation ceremony held in the Great Hall at Parliament House, the first presided over by ACU's new Vice-Chancellor Prof Greg Craven (pictured above).

The ceremony was well attended by family and friends including mother Ms Seija Touvinen, who travelled from Japan to see daughter Tanja graduate.

Sisters-in-law Ms Maggie Rice and Ms Megan Rice shared textbooks and their workplace, St Clare of Assisi Primary School in Conder, while studying at ACU. They have credited each other's support for graduating from full-time study with a Master of Education (Primary).

Mother and daughter Lennette and Susan Blinksell graduated with a Bachelor of Education (Primary) after having supported each other through their study and the arrival of Susan's first child.



Lives of service

Eight nurses who trained at St Vincent's Hospital, Sydney, in the 1940s were among those who gathered from Canberra, NSW, Queensland and South Australia for a lunch to mark the hospital's 150th birthday.

Former nurses came from many country areas including Uriarra, Wagga Wagga, Binalong, Sutton, Goulburn, Ardlethan and Breadalbane for the gathering held in Canberra last month.

The 74 nurses who attended had trained at St Vincent's from the 1940s to the 1980s. Guest speaker Sr Anthea Groves, who has

From a team to a community

Corpus Christi Parish, Tuggeranong, last year broke new ground when it initiated a part-time youth team, three men and three women who lived together to enliven the youth ministry of the parish and to help it prepare for World Youth Day.

After a successful year, the parish has decided to continue with the team. This year the distinctive nature and direction in which God is taking this work is on community away from the temporary volunteer nature of full-time youth teams.

This Corpus Christi Youth Community is a call to form a group of young people who will make covenant under a rule of life that regulates the way they pray, work and live together and witness to the world. It prepares a path to guide the enthusiasm of young people coming back from WYD.

The distinctive model is its setting within a parish community with a rule that is flexible enough to allow a part-time but real community to form with the strength that flows from this.

This year there is a core team of live-in members. The community meets twice a month to pray and undergo a review of life. The team has its own logo and book of



The youth team (from left) front: Des Jennings, Clair Cologon, Amy Rose, Angel Carlile, Rachel Kelly, Jeanette D'Souza. Second row: Thomas Nulley, William Burdett, Anne Marie Priestly, Kathleen O'Keefe, Emma Sharman. Back row: Fr Emil Milat, Daniel Clementine, Gerard Boniwell, John Yoon, Adrian Jama, Declan Nines. Absent: Glenn Wolski.

daily prayers.

Fr Emil Milat, who facilitates the team, said a key blessing for the community had been the formation provided by Sr Liz West LCM.

Parishioners had commented on what an important role the community was playing to enliven the parish as part of other initiatives under the Parish Pastoral Plan. The fact that three young men who entered the seminary last year emerged from contact with the CCYC within the parish was an important sign of how it had helped young people to engage with key elements of their faith.

been at St Vincent's for 50 years, discussed the mission of the hospital. The celebration was organised by Patricia Farrell and Veronica Ayers, who trained in the 1960s and went on to work as nurses in Canberra.

Colonial saga

Canberra author Stephen Utick has unlocked the colonial saga of the man who brought the St Vincent de Paul Society to Sydney.

Vinnies launched the book Captain Charles: Engineer of Charity, in the grand historical atmosphere of Great Hall at the University of Sydney.

Mr Utick has been a volunteer for the St Vincent de Paul Society for 35 years, since the age of 20. He holds Masters Degrees in science and society, philosophy and theology, and has worked in a number of Commonwealth Government departments.

Charles Gordon O'Neill was a brilliant young Irish Scot engineer and architect, a man torn between professional ambition and desire to follow the teachings of Jesus Christ



to serve the poor.

In 1881, at St Patrick's Church Hill in Sydney's Rocks district, he started the St Patrick's conference, the first group of members of the St Vincent de Paul Society NSW. It still operates today and is one of more than 600 groups carrying out O'Neill's vision to help the poorest of the poor. Net royalties from the sale of the book will support the society's work with the homeless in NSW and New Zealand.

ABOVE: Author Mr Stephen Utick with former NSW Premier Mr John Fahey and Vinnies NSW State President Ms Barbara Ryan.

New rehab unit for hospital

Calvary John James has opened the ACT's first private dedicated and comprehensive rehabilitation unit.

Last month the first patients were accepted into the unit, which has the ability to house 20 inpatients.

Next to the inpatient unit is a modern day-therapy unit with gymnasium, living skills area, consulting rooms and a hydrotherapy pool. The unit will provide programs in orthopaedic, neurological, pulmonary, cardiac, geriatric reconditioning and falls prevention for inpatients and day patients.

Little Company of Mary Health Care Board Director Mr John Mackay and Province Leader of the Sisters of the Little Company of Mary Sr Jennifer Barrow unveiled a plaque for the ward. Archbishop Mark Coleridge



blessed the rehabilitation unit and said he was impressed with the services it had to offer.

ABOVE: Some of the first rehabilitation patients (from left) Mrs Jane Campbell, Ms Verona Clarke, Mrs Pauline de Grave and Mrs Bev Leahy with (back) Deakin ward physiotherapist Ms Rachel Walker, director of rehabilitation Dr Geoff Speldewinde and nurse unit manager Ms Jane Buchanan.

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Rate rise last straw: Vinnies

Soaring interest rates and price rises for essentials are bringing a new set of people to Vinnies' door in Canberra.

Newly elected archdiocesan president of the St Vincent de Paul Society Mr Evan Brett said on one week alone last month six people had contacted the society for help.

They had said the latest interest rate rise had taken the last of their income and they had nothing to live on.

"We haven't seen this problem to this degree before. It is shown now that families are paying up to 75 per cent of their income on mortgages when once it was 25 per cent.

"They are saying the last rate rise just put them through the back wall."

Mr Brett said when Vinnies was approached by families in crisis, local conference members were alerted and they visited those affected to discuss issues and to offer help.

"Sometimes this is financial

assistance, sometimes advice on referral services; it can be just offering a shoulder to cry on, or perhaps food if things are really tough.

"In a lot of cases it's the bill from left field that sends people over the edge. For example, you get a mother on a pension who has a child at school and she finds she needs \$1000 to fix her car. She is just unable to handle a bill of that sort, so we do what we can to help."

Mr Brett said homelessness, particularly among men, was a huge issue in Canberra, and it was getting worse.

"We turn away 150 to 180 men a month from our crisis accommodation at Samaritan House in Hackett. I don't know where they go - and it's getting worse."

With the opening of the Alexander Maconochie Centre in Hume, the issue of catering for people facing the transition out of prison would become more pressing. The society saw that probably

the most marginalised people were single males coming out of prison with no support mechanism.

Another reality of the homelessness situation in Canberra was the fact that 12 families a month on average approached Vinnies for accommodation, which they were unable to provide.

Mr Brett, who has more than 20 years experience in Vinnies including five years as vice-president, said members would meet this month to look again at "how we can inject ourselves where the most needs are.

"We want people to know who we are and what we stand for. We also want to be realistic about what we can do with the resources we have."

He said he wanted members to look at why they became Vincentians, to re-examine the ethos and ideals of the founder Frederic Ozanam, and to look at how they put Christ at the centre of their work.



Outgoing Vinnies president Mr Tony Thornton (left) welcomes his successor Mr Evan Brett to the job.

"We need to look at what needs the public has and how we can intervene; how we can creatively attend to the problems of homelessness, mental health and balancing the budget. It is more than just going out and giving someone a food parcel or a voucher."

New date for an old tradition at Galong

Every year since 1943 on the first Sunday of May people have gathered at St Clement's Monastery, Galong, from the ACT, NSW and Victoria to take part in the Marian procession to Grotto Hill.

This year, the 150th anniversary of Our Lady appearing to a young girl named Bernadette Soubirous in the town of Lourdes, the event has been moved to Sunday, 18 May, due to a clash of dates with a meeting of bishops.

This apparition is celebrated each year in the tranquil surrounds of the Galong monastery with the dedication to Our Lady in the Rosary.

Those gathered are invited to meditate in the Rosary on the Mysteries of Light which Pope John Paul II added to the Rosary in October 2002.

This year an extra prayer has been added to ask Our Lady to inspire, unite and protect all those planning, attending and taking part in World Youth Day in Sydney in July.

Bede Polding, the first Archbishop of Sydney, during his pastoral visits to NSW, often stayed overnight at Galong Castle (later the Galong



During seniors week a tour group from Young visited St Clement's Monastery and Retreat Centre at Galong.

Monastery) and had the practice of climbing a nearby mountain and blessing the surrounding district.

While visiting Galong, Archbishop Polding climbed Bushranger Hill and on reaching the summit, changed the name to Rosary Hill leaving his Rosary on a branch on a tree.

Thus began a long tradition of Marian pilgrimages to Galong.

Many people are finding out that Australia has its own places of pilgrimage, rich in Australian history, which they can be a part of, and traditions that grow and evolve with every year.

Those who make the visit to Galong on 18 May will be able to see the historic castle, walk the labyrinth, climb the hill to the grotto, and check out the museum.

The day starts with Mass at noon; the climb to Rosary Hill begins at 2pm. Inquiries: Maria, telephone 6380 5222, e-mail maria@stclement.com.au

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St Christopher's: part of city's story

For the first time since it became the Cathedral, St Christopher's has closed its doors. It will re-open after a six-week closure during which works of repair and refurbishment will be done. I mentioned these works some time ago in Catholic Voice, but their nature and extent is now clearer, and I thought it would be good to provide an update. The works to be done are as follows:

- removal of the existing carpet
- laying of marble tiles on the sanctuaries (russet with white trim) and in the aisles of the nave (white with russet trim)
- timber panels at the back of the sanctuary on either side of the cathedra and matching its style
- painting of the white plaster work on the back wall in a russet colour to match the colour of the marble on the sanctuary
- removal and replacement of the Blessed Sacrament Chapel ceiling
- laying of carpet under the Blessed Sacrament Chapel seats
- replacement of the internal lights
- an All Souls Chapel in the former Baptistry, including a Cross, a Pietà, a Book of Life, a hanging-lamp and some seating: here I would like to remember in a special way Mgr Patrick Haydon, the first Parish Priest of Canberra who built the original St Christopher's
- repair and embellishment of the Marian Chapel with a blue glass mandorla placed behind the statue
- painting and installation of icons of St John Chrysostom and St Athanasius in the niches above the Franklin St side door: this would be to give the Fathers of the East a place in the Cathedral in order to represent the universality of the Church
- statues of St Benedict and St Dominic in the niches of the narthex: they are the two outstanding absentees from the windows, which is surprising given the contribution of the Benedictines to the Church in Australia and of the Dominicans to the Church in Canberra
- carpeting of the confessionals and two sacristies.

Consideration was given to replacing the heating system and refurbishing or replacing the organ, but it was decided that these would be too expensive at this time. Some suggestions were also made to improve and embellish the exterior of the Cathedral, but it was thought that these could wait until the Cathedral precinct

is developed in the not too distant future.

The works may seem many, but they are really quite modest when compared to the work that has been done in recent times and is being done now in various cathedrals around Australia.

The total cost should be in the vicinity of \$300,000, covered in large part by a generous bequest. There have been other smaller donations and more are expected; that will also ensure that the Archdiocese and the Cathedral parish will not be embarrassed financially.

I would like to see this refurbishment of St Christopher's as a way of marking the Diamond Jubilee of the Archdiocese. In 1948,

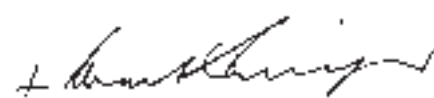
Pope Pius XII established the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn, which since 1862 had been the Diocese of Goulburn.

Archbishop Terence McGuire became the first Archbishop, and he now lies in the crypt of the Cathedral with his two successors, Archbishop O'Brien and Archbishop Cahill. The new Archbishop continued to live in Goulburn until Archbishop O'Brien decided to move to Canberra in the late 1950s.

The Cathedral, however, remained in Goulburn until Archbishop Cahill rather bravely decided to make St Christopher's the Cathedral in the early 1970s and doubled the size of what had been the parish church of the city. The work he did to extend and embellish St Christopher's was very well done, and we owe him a great debt of gratitude. Since then, little major work has been done on St Christopher's, and the Diamond Jubilee seemed like the right moment to take the plunge.

As the largest church in Canberra, St Christopher's takes its place not only within the Catholic community but also the wider civic community for whom it becomes a natural place to gather on certain great occasions.

It is, therefore, not only part of the Church's patrimony but part of the story of Canberra. When its doors are re-opened, my hope is that the Church and the city will see a building which speaks more eloquently of the dignity and beauty of God at the heart of the capital and which will be, therefore, as cathedrals have always been, a catechesis in glass and stone, speaking of the Word made flesh.



+Bishop Mark



Pray 'without ceasing' for unity

By Margaret Ryan

How often do you pray for or with Christians who aren't Catholic? How often do you pray that Christians may be "one"? Although prayer is at the core of Christian life, praying with other Christians seems to present problems of time, energy and motivation at least.

Many are aware of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity that takes place in the southern hemisphere in the week before Pentecost (Sunday to Sunday, an "octave"), in response to Jesus' desire that his followers "may all be one" (Jn 17:21).

This year marks the centenary of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (WPCU). Its conception goes back to the beginning of the 19th century, but it was in 1908 that an Anglican Franciscan friar and religious sister at Greymoor Chapel in New York organised an octave of daily prayer with a Christian unity focus, from 18 - 25 January. The Greymoor community vigorously promoted its annual observance.

Pope Pius X gave the octave his sanction and blessing in 1909, and Pope John XXIII blessed and encouraged it on its Golden Jubilee. It is interesting to note that the Second Vatican Council was called by John XXIII on the last day of the WPCU, 25 January (1959). The Council's Decree on Ecumenism called prayer "the soul of the ecumenical movement" and called the "reconciliation of all Christians in the unity of the one and only Church of Christ" a "holy objective."

In 1968, the World Council of Churches' Faith and Order Commission (of which the Catholic Church is a member) and the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity officially began jointly preparing materials for use during the octave. On the opening day of the WPCU in 2000, Pope John Paul II, Metropolitan Athanasius (representing the Archbishop of Constantinople of the Greek Orthodox Church) and the Archbishop of Canterbury prayed together at the Basilica of St Paul in Rome.

Ecumenism is a movement of prayer, Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity president Cardinal Kasper said. "These 100 years have been very rich, under the action of the Holy Spirit," he continued. "This week of prayer has been very helpful because ecumenism is not our work, but is of the Holy Spirit, and without him it is impossible to have unity."

Celebrating the centenary of WPCU this year will be an occasion to give thanks for the unity (however provisional) that Christian Churches have and live, and an impetus to continue to seek and work for such unity. Often unity needs to be sought within our Catholic Church too, as divisions can easily arise for theological, cultural or socio-political reasons.

This year, the WPCU runs from 4 -11 May. Its theme is "Pray Without Ceasing." If you wish to download a prayer service, go to the National Council of Churches in Australia (of which the Catholic Church was a founding member) website www.ncca.org.au and follow the prompts.

One young Australian, Samuel Clear, is on a 29,000km pilgrimage over 564 days to pray for the unity of all Christians. If you wish to follow his journey, go to www.ymt.com.au/walk4one/

● If you would like to pray for world peace, ecumenically and with people from other faiths, consider the monthly "Pause for Peace" which has been operating every first Wednesday of the month since "9.11" at the Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture Pavilion Room, from 12.20 - 12.55. Next one is on 7 May. Inquiries to Margaret on 6273 3615 or the ACCC on 6273 8805.

● Canberra Taizé Group will hold a special Taizé prayer evening from 8pm to 9pm on Friday, 9 May, at St Stephen's Anglican Church, corner Marconi and Kett streets, Kambah, to celebrate the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The evening is jointly presented by St Thomas the Apostle parish and St Stephen's. Everyone is welcome, of any denomination or none. Inquiries: St Stephen's, telephone 6287 3079 or Trish, telephone 6231 8468, or Annemarie at nicol@velocitynet.com.au

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Help for rural women

Rural women and their communities in the Archdiocese that are hurting as a result of drought are being offered financial help for projects they are planning.

The Archdiocesan Women's Commission is offering a series of grants for rural women, chair Ms Julia Trimboli said.

Ms Trimboli, who succeeded Ms Andrea Dean at the beginning of the year, said the commission was delighted to be able to offer further support to rural women and their communities.

Funds raised from last year's successful lake cruise had already helped parishioners at West Wyalong to fund a local gathering and to support those hard hit by drought.

"We would now like to invite communities across the Archdiocese to let us know about their projects, so that we can offer them some practical financial assistance," she said.

"Several \$1000 grants are available and the commission intends in 2008 to provide this funding to community projects where rural women in particular will benefit."

Projects must benefit the local community and rural women in particular, be accessible to the public, have demonstrated support of the local community, should involve volunteers and/or community based groups, and should enhance the wellbeing of rural women and their families.

Applications should specifically address all criteria. They will be judged on their worthiness and merit, and on the demonstrated need.

Applications should be sent to the Archdiocesan Women's Commission, c/o The Rheinberger Centre, P O Box 7174, Yarralumla 2600. Closing date is 1 July, and successful applicants will be notified by 30 July.

in brief

A FUNDRAISER Vietnamese banquet was enjoyed by 140 people at St Thomas the Apostle Primary School hall in Kambah. The feast was provided by the Vietnamese Catholic Community and all money raised will go to support local and overseas pilgrims.

CHIFLEY resident Mr Luke Shaw, 30, missed out on a role in the WYD Stations of the Cross. Mr Shaw was one of four men short listed to play Jesus in the performance which will take place at various Sydney CBD locations. Alfio Stuto will play Jesus, Marina Dickson will play Mary, Don McDonald will play Pontius Pilate, Chechade Richa will play Judas and Mark McCormick will play Peter.

TV STAR Ray Martin will host the official broadcast for World Youth Day. Mr Martin will lead a team of clergy and young people to deliver the broadcast of the week-long youth event to the English speaking world. "In almost 40 years as a broadcast journalist, I have never been involved in something quite like World Youth Day," he said.

PILGRIMS wanting to visit the tomb of Blessed Mary MacKillop are being urged to register or risk missing out. Up to 30,000 pilgrims a day are expected to visit Mary MacKillop Place in North Sydney from 12 to 22 July. Pilgrims may register to visit by logging onto the Ticketek website (www.ticketek.com.au) and nominating a preferred day and time. More details can be found at the Sisters of St Joseph website www.sosj.org.au

SOME of central Sydney's busiest roads will be shut down and George Street will become a huge pedestrian mall in the week leading up to World Youth Day. To deal with the expected crowds, 500 special event clearways and 300 road closures will be implemented from Friday, 11 July. Deputy Premier John Watkins says the event will be unlike anything Sydney has ever seen. "It's like the Olympics and APEC combined," he said.

A NATIONAL youth gathering is planned for November to tap into the enthusiasm and spiritual awakening among young people after WYD. The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference will seek registrations for the gathering from youth leaders.

THOUSANDS of Australian Defence Force men and women flocked to the Garden Island Naval Base at Woolloomooloo to host the WYD cross and icon. Australian Military Bishop Max Davis celebrated Mass at the dockyard chapel.

100,000 will make the most of Days in Diocese

About 100,000 people are expected to play some part in the Archdiocese's Days in the Diocese program in the week before World Youth Day.

World Youth Day archdiocesan coordinator Mr Nathan Kensey said parishes all over the Archdiocese have prepared activities and events incorporating the four elements of the Days in the Diocese program - spiritual, cultural, service and wilderness, which aim to showcase the Australian life, culture and environment.

"I think it's fair to say that close to 100,000 people will be involved in the Days in the Diocese; hosting, cooking, driving, talking, celebrating," he said. "It will be an incredible display of activity and participation across the Archdiocese."

Mr Kensey is pushing for more people to get involved in parish preparations for the Days in the Diocese, which will be held from 10 July to 14 July.

"Days in the Diocese is going to be one of the most incredible displays of multicultural interaction, community celebration and faith sharing the people of the archdiocese have ever seen," he said.

"It is a chance for everyone to get involved and to help prepare for World Youth Day. Anyone can get involved with the Days in the Diocese preparation by calling their local parish or the World Youth Day office to volunteer in any capacity they can offer."

Information on parishes' plans for Days in the Diocese can be found on the archdiocesan World Youth Day website www.wydicin Canberra.org

Mr Kensey said the Archdiocese would host about 5500 international pilgrims dur-



A new hotline is available to provide answers for pilgrims to questions they have about World Youth Day and Days in the Diocese. The hotline is one of many recent changes made in the Archdiocese's pastoral support agency, catholicLIFE in preparation for WYD.

Former Catholic Youth Ministry team member Miss Ana Manenica will operate the new hotline on 6163 4333 from 9am to 5pm weekdays. An after-hours message bank and e-mail wyd@catholiclife.org.au are available.

Other additions to the catholicLIFE team include Miss Helena Kesina as executive assistant to the director and Ms Claudia McIntyre as part-time office and functions coordinator.

In the WYD office, Mr Brett Anderson has moved into a part time

advisor role for WYD and Days in the Diocese, and Miss Rosamia Larla Pascual has joined as communications officer.

For WYD and Days in the Diocese, Ms Angella Malizani seconded from the Catholic Education Office will take care of administration, Mr Mark Ransom accommodation logistics and Mr Dominic Cudmore will coordinate the Days in the Diocese commissioning Mass.

The World Youth Day office is seeking volunteers in the areas of event management, communications, IT, administration and more. Students who need experience, retired people or anyone with spare time is invited to contact the World Youth Day office.

ABOVE: Director Shawn van der Linden (back left) and the team at catholicLIFE.

ing the Days in the Diocese although there was room for more. "Many more international pilgrims want to come here, so the more beds we find, the more people we can welcome."

On Friday, 11 July, a concert featuring touring musicians the John Angotti Band along with local musical talent will be held at Exhibition Park in Canberra (EPIC).

Mr Kensey said the World Youth Day festival and commissioning Mass on Saturday, 12 July, at EPIC would be the "biggest event of its kind" for this Archdiocese, attracting up to 20,000 people. "It will be a wonderful and memorable celebration," he said.

From 11am to 6:30pm, the festival will include musical performances, discussions and prayer sessions, adoration and contemplative prayer and plenty of family enter-

tainment, including jumping castles, face painting and a rugby match for everyone to enjoy.

The commissioning Mass celebrated by Archbishop Mark Coleridge will take place in the main arena of EPIC from 4pm to 6:30pm. "The Archbishop has approved the cancelling of Saturday vigil Masses in all parishes across the archdiocese so that as many people as possible will be encouraged to attend. At this stage we have seven other bishops joining us for the commissioning Mass."

There will also be an opportunity for organisations and movements to showcase their activities at EPIC. They will be given a 15-minute platform to speak about their contribution to the Archdiocese. Groups interested in taking part should contact the World Youth Day office, telephone 6163 4333.

Mum's determined to give a lot more than she gets

By Naomi Fallon

A motorcycle riding mother of two and saxophone playing former DJ who has been committed to volunteer work her whole life, Ms Leonie Greenwood is not as "boring" as she thought.

Despite her workload as a project manager with Medicare Australia, Ms Greenwood, 51, volunteers for Marymead's Kid's Companions Program, which provides social opportunities and short periods of respite care for children affected by a disability - either their own or that of a family member. "I have a strong belief in community values," she said. "A community is only as good as the people who contribute to it."

With her friendly and easy-going personality, Ms Greenwood has enjoyed taking on many pro-

fessions in different places. She spent 10 years as a remedial therapist, has worked in the mining and construction industries and "many years ago" was a DJ at a Melbourne nightclub. She surprised herself most when she enjoyed "a great five years" being a stay-at-home mum

She has started four degrees but decided textbooks were not for her. The past five years have been spent working for the government and most recently living closer to her daughters, aged 21 and 22, in Queanbeyan, where she said the neighbours take her bins in at night and collect her mail when she is away. "I love it. I would hate to live in an environment where I didn't know the neighbours and no-one talked."

At 30, Ms Greenwood took up



Ms Leonie Greenwood and her pride and joy the Triumph Bonneville.

playing the saxophone and she first learnt to ride a motorcycle three years ago. "When I didn't have to taxi my children around anymore, I did it. I never want to wake up on my death bed and wish I'd done something."

Ms Greenwood has always taken part in volunteer work. "I was raised in a family which encouraged self responsibility. It's not possible to solve the problems of global war and famine, but it is possible to contribute value in your local environment. Lots of

people doing small things can be a powerful mechanism for change."

Ms Greenwood has always considered herself to be fortunate. "I was declared clinically dead twice in my life. I was a sickly kid, always in and out of hospital. But now I'm 51, I'm healthy and I think I've had a good life. I've been incredibly lucky, so I should help others who aren't so lucky."

For about seven years from the age of 15, Ms Greenwood volunteered for the Red Cross and when she lived in Melbourne she

worked with Down syndrome children. She has knitted children's toys for charities. "I get a real buzz out of giving people opportunities they otherwise wouldn't have. You get back a thousand times more than you put in."

Managing a heavy workload of 10 to 12 hours a day, Ms Greenwood makes sure she enjoys her time off. A keen gardener, her spare time is spent tending roses and vegies, visiting her mother and two sisters in Melbourne and one day a fortnight with Marymead buddy, 13-year-old Steven.

The eldest of six, Steven is not able to do things many other kids take for granted, so Ms Greenwood and he "just hang out" for the day. "The point is that he has the chance to be in a different world for a day. It's really nice to spend time with someone who appreciates the opportunities given to them." So far she has been go-karting and laser-shooting with Steven, but she drew the line at paint balling.

"At the end of the day I think it is more important to know that you have put a smile on a kid's face than have a spotlessly clean house."



It's a happy and vibrant school

St Thomas Aquinas, Charnwood, is a vibrant, happy school which serves the community of West Belconnen.

The St Thomas Aquinas community believes in a Catholic education founded on the teachings and example of Jesus Christ, and this belief provides the base for relationships with each other.

With an enrolment of 178 children, teachers, parents, students, and community members work together to provide an environment which supports, encourages and challenges students to reach their full potential.

St Thomas Aquinas offers:

- * Dedicated and professional staff
- * A quality academic program
- * Well resourced facilities
- * A comprehensive induction program for Kindergarten Students
- * Interactive White Boards in every class
- * Information Technologies inte-



grated into all areas

- * Specialist Music and Physical Education Lessons
- * Pastoral Care, Peer Support and Buddy System
- * Modern Information Literacy Centre incorporating the Computer Laboratory
- * After School Care run by YMCA
- * School Choir
- * Active Parish Education Board and Parents and Friends Association
- * Playgroup for under school aged children
- * A variety of sporting and social opportunities

OPEN DAYS: 8am-6pm, Wednesday, 7 May; 9.30am-11.30am, Saturday, 10 May.

Contact the school for more information, telephone 6258 4077, e-mail office@staquinas.cg.catholic.edu.au



E-mail ed.voice@cg.catholic.org.au

Internet www.cg.catholic.org.au



Saint Thomas Aquinas

Lhotsky Street, Charnwood




OPEN DAYS

Wednesday, 7th May 2008 8.00 am to 6.00 pm

Saturday, 10th May 2008 9.30 am to 11.30 am

Guided tours of the school will be available

All prospective parents are warmly invited to attend these open days.

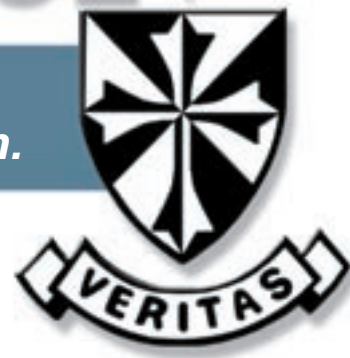
For more information please contact: Principal – Mr John Bourke

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Phone: 6258 4077 Fax: 6259 1930

ROSARY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Rosary School is a Christ-centred family striving for educational excellence in the Dominican spirit of truth, justice and celebration.



ROSARY SCHOOL IS PROUD OF MANY FEATURES INCLUDING:

- Its **advances** in the use of **learning technologies**
- The **extensive grounds** which boast a newly re-developed, beautifully green oval with a landscaped perimeter of trees to provide shade



- The **music program**. All students participate in specialist music classes. Tuition for a variety of instruments is also available through private teachers and *Musicorp*

- The pursuit of **chess** which has

become a passion at the school. Teams are represented at many competitions throughout the A.C.T.

- Its **vibrant library** which is a hub of learning through stimulating, educational experiences that support classroom programs. *Book Week* and *Literacy Week* are festive and fun whilst activities bubble over in the excitement of the 'Access Asia' perspective
- The **various sporting pursuits** available to students and the many successes at all levels of competition
- The **'buddy' system** in which Kindergarten and Year Six get together to share educational experiences and provide peer support

- Its **'Sun Smart'** policy

- The **involvement of parents and friends**. Opportunities to be involved occur through a variety of means including support of literacy and mathematics



- blocks; assistance to the PTFA and Canteen; representation on the School Board; association with sporting groups and general help in the classrooms and library as well as special projects

- The committed and active **PTFA and School Board**
- A **healthy canteen**
- Excellent **out-of-school-hours** care available on site
- **Strong links with the Parish** including 'Family Masses' and Sacramental programs
- **Liturgical celebrations** and ceremonies which enhance and strengthen the community's relationship with God.

'A Great School for Great Kids'



All enquiries to:

The Principal, Mrs. Maureen Doszpot

ROSARY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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OPEN DAY

Thursday 22nd May, 9:30am-12:30pm

From Small Things...

Never a truer word was spoken when one considers the rapid growth of Canberra's newest Catholic School. Almost seven years ago Good Shepherd Primary School opened its doors with an enrolment of seventy-five this year the school's numbers have almost reached six hundred children. This year marked the completion of the final building stage with the finalisation of the Year Five Six building and most significantly the commemoration of the Parish Church, which adjoins the School Hall.

The end product is a magnificent building, which boasts state of the art facilities adjoined by wonderful playing fields. More significantly though is the spirit of the school, which despite its rapid growth, remains true to the ideals, which were first, established in 2002.

To Be the Heart of God in Amaroo remains the cornerstone of the school's identity. The school staff, in cooperation with the Parish Team, strives to base all its actions on a relationship with Jesus.

At Good Shepherd Catholic School we strive to build an exciting and dynamic environment where your child will flourish to the best of his or her ability; academically, emotionally, physically, socially and spiritually. To achieve all this, we must provide for each child and home a community that clearly identifies a common set of values and principles guiding everything we do. There is no better blue print than the Gospels.

Good Shepherd is an integral part of Holy Spirit Catholic Parish, Gungahlin and we are blessed and privileged to be a companion school with Holy Spirit School at Nicholls.



Good Shepherd School, Amaroo

A Caring, Creative, Community of Learners



Communication Technology lessons in up to date Computer lab.



Perceptual Motor Program for Kindergarten



Modern Spacious Classrooms Interactive Whiteboards



Swimming Program in Term 4



Vibrant, Enthusiastic Teachers



- Excellent Sporting Facilities
- First-rate equipment
- Lush expansive Oval
- Involvement in numerous sports



Before and After School Care Facilities



- Weekly Music lessons by specialist teacher
- Performances and Choir
- Opportunities to learn an instrument and be part of a band

... To Be Together, the Heart of God in Amaroo

Open Day 20th May 9:30-11:00 am



**HOLY SPIRIT
CATHOLIC
SCHOOL
NICHOLLS**

From the desks of our Year 6 Roving Reporters...

Developing the Mind at Holy Spirit

At Holy Spirit Catholic Primary School students share a campus with Gold Creek Primary. The two schools share the canteen, library, hall and oval. Some students asked Mrs Moroney (school principal) what she thought about the learning facilities, 'I like the learning facilities because they are easy to work with and great for the kids.' Students from Years 2-4 learn Japanese and the Year Six children do I.C.T. All children attend a weekly library class.

When asked how her Kindergarten children were working Miss Nuske said, 'they are focused and working very hard'.

Sensei (our Japanese teacher) was asked what it is like being a teacher and teaching another language. 'It is wonderful as I have had a good experience!'

At Holy Spirit we have many facilities such as a library, ICT, computers, robotics and many others.

By Kristina, Kelly, Eliza, Ben & Liam



Developing the Body at Holy Spirit

At Holy Spirit we love sport and play lots of sports such as soccer, football, AFL, netball, basketball and many others. We represent our school in many carnivals playing these sports and we have had great success. We always represent Holy Spirit in a good way.

For P.E we do different thing for different classes. The sport we do is not competitive but is to make us well fit.

Our school also does Wakakiri which is representing our school in a story

told by dancing and speaking in a positive way. Our story this year is very dramatic; we can't tell you yet what it is about!

The playground is a place where children of all ages like to play.

By Marko, Ethan, Matt, Meg, Thomas & Liam

Developing the Spirit at Holy Spirit

Here at Holy Spirit School we have a new School Focus every term. The teachers give us the opportunity to make our own positive decisions to help the school grow in spirit. Another main

thing at Holy Spirit is our unique buddy system between different aged classes.

By Pat, Eboney & Bethany

Community at Holy Spirit

Holy Spirit community gets involved in carnivals, fetes and all community occasions. We visit Good Shepherd Primary School to build a bond between the two schools and we share a playground, special occasions and activities with Gold Creek School.

Holy Spirit Community is full of hard working people; our teachers, children, parents and parish team of Fr Bernie and Sr Genny.

By Anita, Thomas and Emily

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WE LOVE HOLY SPIRIT!

20 years of vibrant, shared faith

Founded in 1988 and first led by the Good Samaritan Sisters, St Francis of Assisi Primary School this year celebrates its 20th anniversary. The once fledgling school soon established itself as a place striving to meet the needs of its growing local community.

Since that time it has built a reputation for living out the teaching of its patron St Francis of Assisi.

A real concern for young students, a focus on relationships and personal growth, and a genuine commitment to the care of our natural environment nurture

the whole person within the school.

Vibrant schools are places of activity and special events.

When it's a vibrant Catholic school it is also a place where the dignity and worth of each child is recognised in light of shared faith.

St Francis of Assisi Primary School, located in the Parish of Corpus Christi, has a strong commitment to developing the whole person - academically, socially, emotionally, physically and spiritually.

The student leadership program is highly regarded.

The focus upon sustainability was recognised through an ACT Bronze No Waste Award. Constructive measures are taken to improve classrooms, facilities and grounds.

In 2007, St Francis of Assisi Primary School was one of just 100 primary schools across Australia to join the national KidsMatter initiative.

Focussing upon the personal wellbeing of children, together with strengthening the support structures within the school community, KidsMatter is the framework for positive action. The school's Seasons for Growth, Student Support and chaplaincy programs demonstrate our commitment to action.

Set on spacious and picturesque grounds, the physical learning environment is unique and child-friendly. A walk along corridors sees children engaged and absorbed in the task at hand while outside spaces enhance learning opportunities for students.

Staff are committed to challenging each child to reach his or her full potential as together we seek to foster an awareness of the sacredness and interconnectedness of all life.

St Francis of Assisi Primary School Calwell welcomes all who would like to visit on Open Day.



St Francis of Assisi Primary School

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www.sfa.cg.catholic.edu.au

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Developing the whole person



Respecting and nurturing the uniqueness of all




Reaching our full potential

- ❖ Enrolments accepted for all years
- ❖ Quality Before and After School Care available
- ❖ Broad co-curricular and sporting program

**OPEN DAY this year is on:
WEDNESDAY MAY 21ST
10am – 12:30pm**



School focus is on literacy, numeracy



St Michael's Primary School

'A People of Harmony, A Place of Challenge'

Tyrrell Circuit, Kaleen Ph: (02) 6241 4022 Fax: (02) 6241 4803
 Email: david@stmichaelsps.cg.catholic.edu.au
 Website: www.stmichaelsps.cg.catholic.edu.au

St Michael's School is proud of many features including:

- Being a friendly, welcoming community
- A highly committed and energetic staff providing a secure Christian learning environment
- A balanced and comprehensive curriculum
- An inclusive and comprehensive education for boys and girls, Kinder to Year 6
- Its advances in the use of learning technologies including the use of Interactive Whiteboards in all classrooms
- Private lessons with specialist teachers in chess, speech and drama, dance, guitar, flute and piano
- An emphasis of Physical Education and Sport and living an active, healthy lifestyle
- A 'fruit break' each day at 10am
- spacious grounds, well equipped library and computer laboratory
- After-School Care on the premises



OPEN DAY
 Monday 12 May 9.30am-11am
 and 5.30pm-7pm

ENROLMENT ENQUIRIES ARE MOST WELCOME

Please contact the principal, Mr David Austin, (02) 6241 4022 or visit our website: www.stmichaelsps.cg.catholic.edu.au

St Michael's is a Catholic systemic school catering for 225 students from Kindergarten to Year 6. The school is situated in Tyrrell Circuit, Kaleen, on spacious and well kept grounds featuring extensive playing spaces for all students.

At St Michael's, the staff, students and parish family strive to achieve a curriculum that maximizes opportunity for each child to learn. The parent community is very active in its support of the school.

The school is committed to providing strong quality curriculum in all academic areas and provides an education based on the values of Jesus. St Michael's has a particular focus on developing literacy and numeracy skills across the school.

The school is staffed by highly trained professionals who are committed to providing the best of Catholic education for our children.

St Michael's values a fully sequenced curriculum from K-6 which is comprehensive, progressive and well-resourced.

Current academic emphasis at St Michael's is on the implementation of the new ACT curriculum framework and the Essential Learning Achievements which identifies what

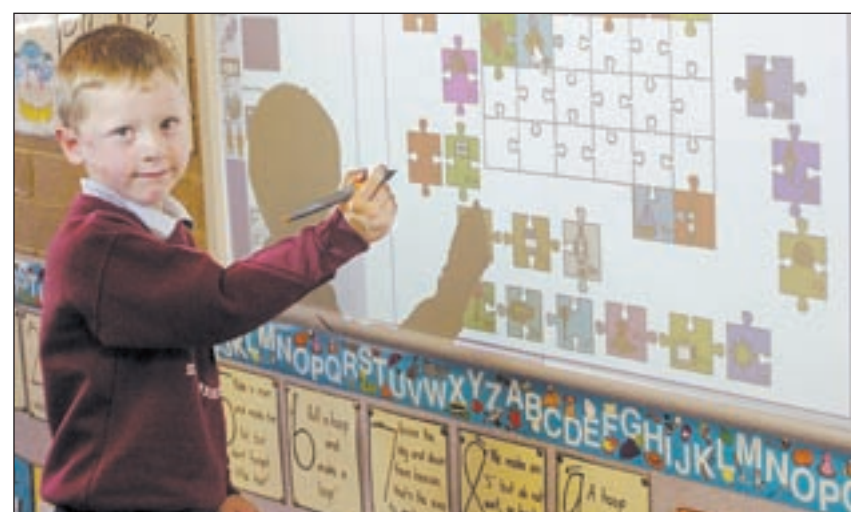
is essential for ACT students to know, understand, value and be able to do.

St Michael's has a comprehensive ICT integrated program with computers and Interactive Whiteboards (Activboards) linked by network in all classrooms. These Activboards use a digital whiteboard, tailor-made software and unique remote devices designed to engage the students in the lesson more than ever. Its possibilities are endless!

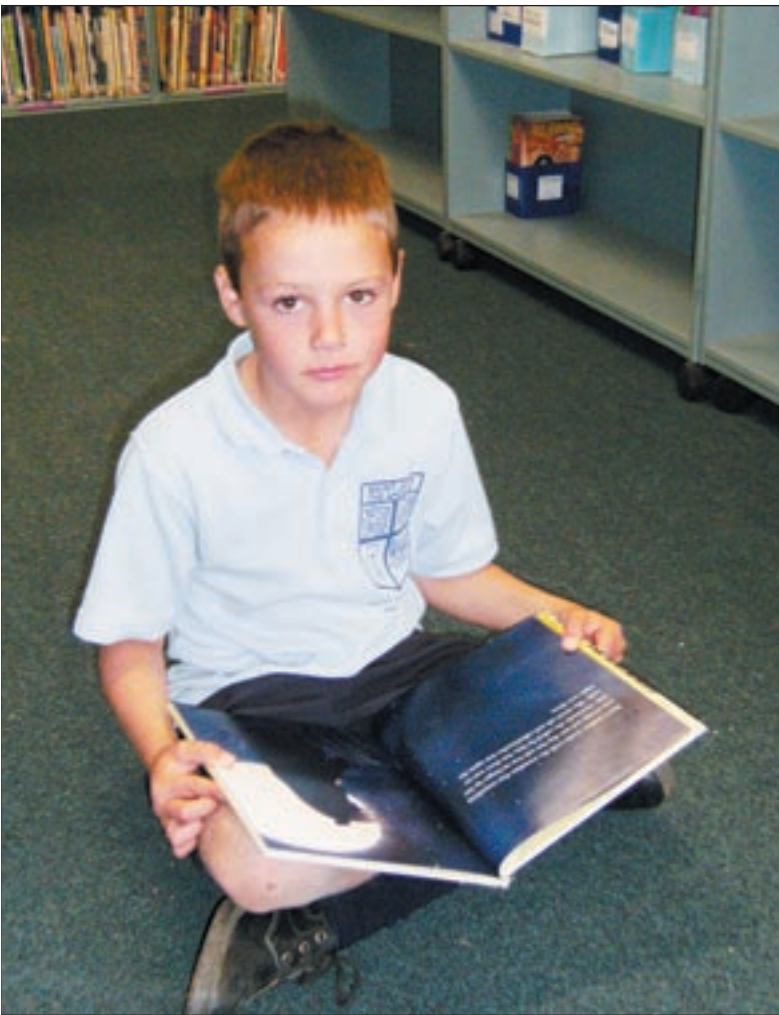
The school also offers private music and drama classes, individual education programs assisting students with special needs, a program for gifted and talented students and a strong student leadership focus.

The community at St Michael's believes it has an exciting, challenging and happy school, which is a reflection of our school vision: a people of harmony, a place of challenge.

You are invited to come and see St Michael's and meet teachers, students and parents at the Open Day 9.30am to 11am or 5.30pm to 7pm on Monday, 12 May. Please feel free to contact the Principal, Mr David Austin on 6241 4022 for further information, or visit the school website www.stmichaelsps.cg.catholic.edu.au



Aiming to be the best they can be



St John the Apostle Primary School, Florey, is an all-embracing educational community.

It is inspired by Jesus and united in love, truth and courage. It is on earth the heart of God.

As a learning community it strives to:

- inspire faith and spirituality, teach Catholic traditions and encourage a passionate response to the needs of our contemporary society;
- encourage all members of our school community to be critical, reflective, life-long learners who are committed to doing their best;
- provide a safe and nurturing environment where persistence and resilience are valued and where the dignity and wellbeing of self and others are paramount;
- allocate appropriate resources to ensure that a rich

and equitable learning environment exists.

The spiritual dimension of Catholic education is very strong at St John the Apostle School.

Celebration of the Eucharist and participation in liturgies contribute to the overall welcoming and nurturing nature of the school.

Prayer is a focus at St John the Apostle School.

The whole school prays together and individual classes pray throughout the day asking God's blessing on what they do and thanking God for the gifts given.

The school community recognises the need for generosity and compassion. Money is raised each year to support worthy causes.

St John's provides opportunities for students in a range of endeavours including sport, public speaking, dance and music.

Students participate in both the Catholic school carnivals for netball and soccer and in the Primary Schools Sporting Association athletics, swimming and cross-country events.

An after-school sports program is available for students in Year Kindergarten to Year Two.

The emphasis continues to be on improving student outcomes particularly in Literacy, Numeracy and ICT. Students have access to a computer lab and computers in every classroom.

The P & F is funding the purchase of Smart Boards so that within a few years each classroom will have one installed.

St John the Apostle School endeavours to help each child to be the best they can be.



UNITED IN LOVE, TRUTH
AND COURAGE

OPEN DAY

ST JOHN THE APOSTLE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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**ENROLING
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FOR 2009**

THURSDAY 22nd May 2008

Guided tours at ~ 10am ~ 12noon ~ 2pm ~ 5pm ~ 7pm



*St John the Apostle
School is an
all-embracing
educational community.*

*We are inspired by
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in love, truth and
courage. We are on
earth the heart of God.*





Where upper primary boys belong and strive to do their best

Marist College Canberra is an independent Catholic school for boys, under the care of the Marist Brothers.

The College accepts students from Year 4 to Year 12, with a total enrolment of approximately 1650. It consists of a Junior School (Years 4-6) and a Senior School (Years 7-12).

Situated on a large campus in the Woden Valley, Marist enjoys a reputation as one of the city's leading educational institutions.

It aims to promote the Gospel within individuals and the community by providing an education which is profoundly Christian, while being both broad and rigorous.

Its programs address the education of the whole person, contributing to spiritual, academic, cultural and physical development.

Marist fosters a school climate

which allows boys to pursue their studies with purpose and confidence, and which promotes their full human growth.

Curriculum at Marist seeks to maintain a balance between religious and moral education, scholarship, sport and physical pursuits, and creative and practical activities.

The College provides many opportunities for boys to develop physically and emotionally in line with their intellectual and moral growth.

It has a long standing commitment to organized sport, to outdoor education and to an array of cultural pursuits.

The College strongly encourages every student to avail themselves of as many of these opportunities as their time will allow and we welcome families as part of these endeavours also.



Marist College Canberra Junior School



Marist College Canberra
Junior School: for boys from Years 4 to 6
Senior School: for boys from Years 7 to 12

- A Catholic school in the Marist tradition
- A broad varied curriculum geared to the needs of boys
- Consistently high academic performance
- Outstanding professional staff
- Excellent all-round co-curricular opportunities
- A strong sense of belonging in a secure environment

<http://www.maristc.act.edu.au>

Open Day

Sunday 4 May 2008

From 9.30 am-12.30 pm

College facilities will be open for inspection

Senior & Junior Schools

Marr Street, Pearce

For Enrolment enquiries please call 6298 7271



From the CDF Chairman



In the absence of Bishop Power, who is on overdue long service leave, Archbishop

Coleridge has appointed me to deputise as CDF Board Chair.

As the 'new boy on the block' it is gratifying to see that the CDF's overall annual result has improved over previous years. This is especially gratifying when measured against so many financial institutions with difficulties caused by the sub-prime mortgage debt in the USA.

The CDF has always focussed on the funding of church projects balanced by a very high risk adverse investment strategy. It is good to know that our CDF deposits continue to be secure and safe while building a stronger and more vibrant Church.

A special word of thanks goes to the staff of the CDF, especially Victor Dunn, the CDF

Manager. Victor has brought his extensive church related experience to bear on the CDF operations, not the least through innovative advertising.

Thank you too to all depositors for without your loyal support the CDF could not be the success it is.

Mons John Woods.

From the Manager



After more than twenty years as the Fund's General Manager Herbie O'Flynn relinquished the reins at the end of July 2007 with the appointment of Victor Dunn. Over the twenty years of Herbie's stewardship the Fund grew in financial terms from \$2M to over \$200M and contributed in excess of \$13M to

the works of the archdiocese. It is truly a remarkable achievement and a great debt of thanks is owed to Herbie for building the Fund into the archdiocesan establishment that it is today.

Whilst the management of the Fund may have changed the vision and mission that was formulated during Herbie's time has not. The Fund continues to be here to meet the needs of its clients, "to build the Church" and to this end the Fund has demonstrated remarkable success during 2007. The financial highlights for 2007 are set down in the accompanying details.

The Fund can only grow and fulfil its mission with the ongoing support of its clients and friends. We are indebted to the parishes, schools, enterprises and individuals that save with the Fund. Thank you. At the same time we look to increasing the Funds attractiveness to individual depositors seeking to position the fund as a genuine 'savings option' for people who have funds set aside for retirement, business, investment etc and who are in a position to put those funds to work with the CDF in providing for aged care facilities, hospitals, schools and churches.

As we look to the future I would like to acknowledge the skill and professionalism of the team that constitute the human face of the Fund; Ann, Jenny, Michelle, Jen, Karin and Howard. Without their dedication and, most importantly, desire to assist clients whatever the circumstances the Fund would not be the success that it is. Mention should also be made of the Fund's board who willingly give of their time and wisdom in helping the Fund achieve its goals.

Victor Dunn, Manager



Financial Highlights in 2007

Financial Summary

2006 \$		2007 \$
Income		
7,982,088	Interest revenue on loans	11,073,190
3,320,140	Investments.....	2,864,867
148,381	Other income	24,601
11,450,609		13,962,658
Expenses		
9,030,893	Interest expense to depositors & other expenses	11,310,664
2,419,716	Net Revenue.....	2,651,994
649,326	Less Operating Expenses.....	679,614
1,770,390	Net Operating Surplus	1,972,380
	Distribution	
1,068,730	Archdiocese.....	1,497,380
275,425	Archdiocese (Favier House loan) .	100,000
175,000	Diocese of Wilcannia-Forbes	175,000
251,235	Addition to Surplus.....	200,000
1,770,390	Total.....	1,972,380
	Assets	
1,3992,831	Investments.....	27,982,199
153,533,906	Loans.....	150,941,731
1,405,646	Other Assets	6,518,139
168,862,383	Total.....	185,442,069
	Liabilities	
160,487,103	Depositors Balances	181,848,789
5,000,000	Borrowings.....	93,280
75,280	Other Liabilities.....	
165,562,383	Total.....	181,942,069
3,300,000	Accumulated Funds	3,500,000
168,862,383	TOTAL	185,442,069

Auditors, Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu, have completed the audit of the CDF accounts for the year 2007.

Build the church across the archdiocese

Funds saved with the CDF directly assist the work of the archdiocese.

- Funding charitable and welfare activities.
- Supporting archdiocesan ministries & Catholic Life
- World Youth Day 2008
- Parish support services

Do you have a Self Managed Superannuation Fund?

- Open an account to manage the cash component of the fund.

Do you have funds for deposit in a secure environment?

- Open an online 'cash management account'.

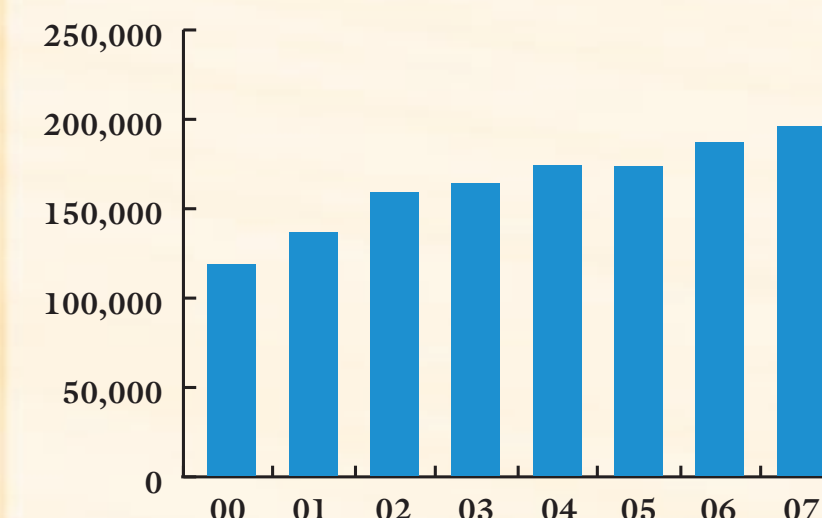
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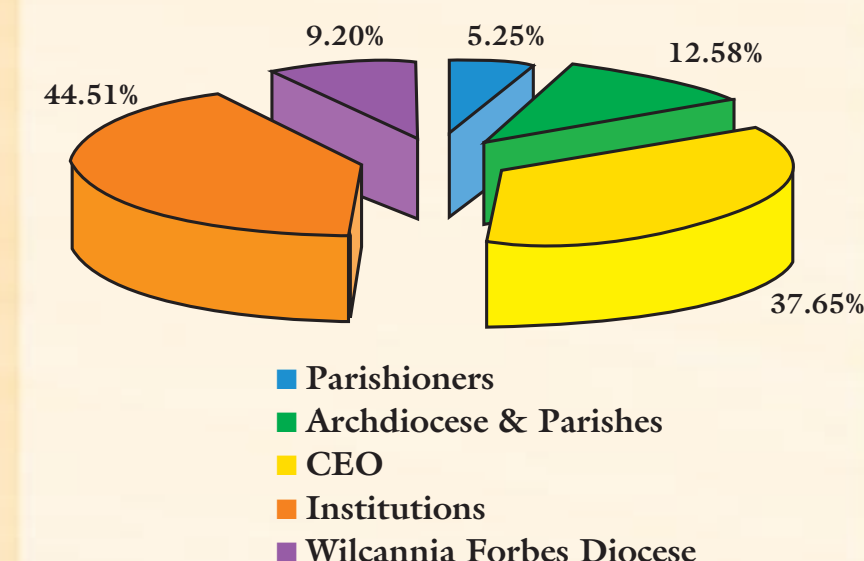
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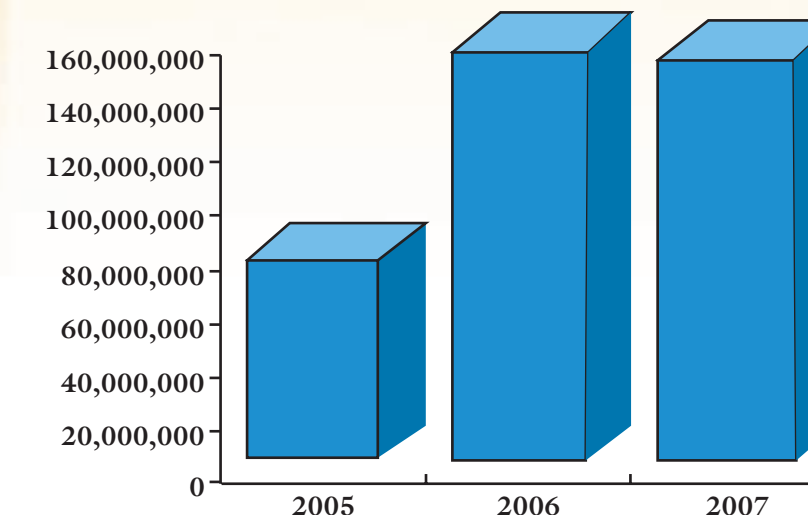
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Achieving today - leading tomorrow

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new Interactive Whiteboards installed this year.

Children have opportunities for school, regional, and state representation in sport as well as specialist sports clinics. The "Fitness First" experience, daily fruit break, nutritious breakfast program and healthy canteen strategy teach children about lifestyle choices, whilst the extra curricular activities provide ample opportunities for students to be enriched, accelerated and extended. Students are involved in public speaking, debating, yoga, band, water aerobics, golf, and tennis. The French language is taught and several opportunities for academic competitions are offered to the students. The arts feature strongly with music, drama, dance and choir revealing great talent and confidence among many of the children.

St. Josephs receives a high level of support and interest from the community and has strong links with the Parish and Indigenous community. We value relationships, teamwork and justice, and collectively celebrate our Catholic tradition. Justifiably, we are proud of our small school where "little is big" and "less is more".



Getting into the swing of things are St Josephs Primary (Eden) students Erin Grimes, Mia Ruiz and Jayden Clery during their Wednesday morning music class, lead by teacher Janice Bool.

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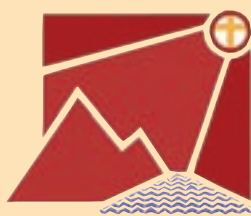
St Josephs (Eden) Stage 2 students Shara Streater-Mason, Erin Grimes and Emily Xar enjoyed the 'hands-on' experience with their chemical reaction science experiment led by Lumen Christi (Pambula) high school students during Catholic Schools Week.



Lumen Christi (Pambula) high school students Amanda Foat and Katie Ganchov went back to their primary school beginnings when they led a numbers exploration class for St Josephs Primary (Eden) students Jake Sandrey, Jayden Clery and Mia Ruiz during Catholic Schools Week.



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around our schools

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Trinity School at Murrumburrah took part in fundraising for the "Pigitas" project, an initiative developed by Catholic aid organisation, Caritas. A coin trail, jellybean guessing competition and an Easter basket raffle raised \$220, which was enough to buy and raise four pigs for a Vietnam family.

Religious education coordinator Ms Jodie Houghton said the children were enthusiastic about each fund-raising activity, contributing when they could, as well as filling their class and tuckshop Caritas boxes. "What a fine example of community spirit," she said.



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All the colour of Mt Carmel



Catholic Voice's Naomi Fallon visited Year 4AL at Mt Carmel Central School, Yass, this month. Photographs clockwise from top right: The Year 4 class with teacher Ms Angela Luchetti; Molly Freeman, Huw Williams and Clayton Dunley take a

break from maths; Myles Firth reads teacher Ms Luchetti a story; Molly Schlunke and Casey Owen hard at work. Drawings, top: By Sam Pye; above left by Casey Owen; and above right by Imogen McGrath.

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Join the polliēs: start a blog

Ever heard the term blog used in a conversation, and wanted to know what they were talking about, but were too afraid to ask? If you answered "yes" you are not alone.

A blog is the combination of two words: web and log. It is a website similar to a conventional written diary, where an individual or group of people add entries on a regular or semi-regular basis. Entries can come in a variety of ways including typed text, pictures, photos, music, podcasts and video recordings.

People who use blogs are sometimes referred to as bloggers. They use their blogs to share information about a wide variety of topics such as what's happening in their lives, work projects, social commentary and important occasions. Blogs are also used by corporations to communicate internally and externally.

Internal blogs can take the form of general memos to employees, while external blogs are for sharing information with customers about the product being manufactured.

Blogs have reached the political arena with politicians seeing the benefits of sharing their views with voters and constituents about topics concerning their electorates.

Blog entries can come in many sizes from a few sentences in an entry to essay length. The size depends on the time and effort of the blogger. Blogs can be created using a variety of devices. Typically computers are used, however more people are using mobile phones and PDAs (Personal Digital Assistants). It is possible to record your blog to use as a podcast on your iPod or MP3 player.

Entries in an online blog are usually displayed in reverse chronologi-

Living with the net



Paul Jenkins

cal order, meaning that the most current entries are at the top of the page.

While there are many advantages to blogging including: they are easy to create and maintain; they are easy to find using search engines and they are usually free to use, there are disadvantages as well. There is the possibility of legal action if the blogger releases private or personal information about another person without their permission; accidentally or intentionally publishing confidential information about their place of business; and action for defamation.

For these reasons, bloggers should monitor carefully what they write or others write in the personal blogs. Bloggers also need to take care not to release personal information about themselves including addresses, bank details and other confidential information.

If you are interested in creating a blog, the Internet has many sites that will host your blog free or at a cost. Big Pond hosts a site called the Top 100 Australian Blogs Index (<http://blogpond.com.au/top-100-australian-blogs-index/>).

The Internet also contains sites that will help you create your own blog. Using Google, I typed in "creating a blog" and found 8,100,000 webpages. One interesting site is the RSS Specifications webpage on blogs called 10 Tips for Bloggers (www.rss-specifications.com/10-tips-for-bloggers.htm). Useful search terms for finding more information about blogs include blogs, blogging, and creating blogs.

At some point we have to choose

What makes a saint? One of my favourite definitions comes from Soren Kierkegaard who once famously wrote: "To be a saint is to will the one thing."

That sounds simple, but, as we know, choosing something in fidelity is one of the hardest thing to do in the whole world. Why?

Because as Thomas Aquinas says, every choice is a renunciation. In fact, it's a thousand renunciations.

Simply put: If you choose to marry one person, you can't marry someone else; if you choose to live in one city, you can't live in another; and if you choose to spend your time and energies in one place, you can't spend them somewhere else. We can't have it all.

And yet that's what we want, we want it all and we are built to have it all.

There's a story told about Therese of Lisieux in this regard:

When she was a girl of seven, one of her older sisters, Leonie, had decided that it was time for her to give up her toys. So she gathered them all into a basket and went into a room where Therese and her sister, Celine, were playing.

She told them that each of them could choose one thing from the basket and the rest would be given to an orphanage. Celine choose a colorful ball, but Therese was paralyzed, unable to choose, and at a point simply said: "I choose them all. I want them all."

Henri Nouwen once described his own struggles in choosing: I want to be a great saint, he wrote, but I also want to experience all the sensations that sinners have; I want to spend long hours in prayer, but I don't want to miss anything on television; and I want to live in radical simplicity, but I also want to have a comfortable apartment, the freedom to travel, and all the things I need to be a professional scholar and writer.

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

Small wonder my life is trying and tiring. It's not easy to be single-minded, to be a saint - or to be a human being, for that matter.

I have always prided myself, perhaps arrogantly and to my own detriment, on recognizing that life is complex, that human nature is pathologically layered, and that ambiguity is the fundamental phenomenon within our universe.

Our hearts and souls contain more things than we honestly admit.

For this reason, I have always leaned towards authors who have tried to honestly face and name this, teachers who haven't denied or made light of our sexual complexity, and spiritualities that have taken seriously the fact that, given human nature with all its grandiosity, we shouldn't be so surprised to see in our world a lot of jealousy, breakdown depression, anger, and violence.

Even our most intimate relationships aren't simple. We carry too many complexities, too many wounds, too much grandiosity, so that, as James Hillman puts it, the first function of any family is to help carry the pathologies of its members.

Life isn't simple and for that we can thank, among other reasons, the very way we are built. We carry inside of us the image and likeness of God.

That's more than a beautiful icon stamped into the soul. It's a

divine fire, a hungry energy, an insatiable appetite, an incessant yearning, a paralysis when we try to make choices.

As the author of Ecclesiastes says, God has put eternity inside of us so that we are out of sync with the seasons from beginning to end.

We are complicated, not ever satisfied, and, like Therese of Lisieux, don't like to choose. Instead we want it all. Every spirituality that grasps human nature keeps that in mind.

So where do we go?

Our complexity notwithstanding, in the end, we need to become saints. Leon Bloy, the French philosopher who was so instrumental in helping bring Jacques and Raissa Maritain to the faith, once packed an entire commentary on spirituality and life into a single line: "Ultimately there is only one human sadness, that of not being a saint."

The older we get, the more we realize how true that is and how important is that truth. Real sadness has but a single source

But becoming a saint has a real cost: Hard choice, commitment, single-mindedness, willing the one thing, renouncing whatever stands in the way, sweating blood to remain faithful, and sustaining the emotional, sexual, and spiritual asceticism needed to protect that choice.

We shouldn't, of course, try do this simplistically in a way that denies the complexity of our souls and bodies, but we shouldn't remain paralyzed either in the face that complexity, rationalizing that things are just too complicated and we are just too torn to make a choice.

At some point our procrastinating and the rationalizing have to end, we have to choose, accept the painful renunciations inside that choice, and will the one-thing, God and faithful service of others, because ultimately our sadness comes from the fact that we are not yet saints.

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Missionary's zeal inspires today's Serrans

The Serra Club of Canberra will celebrate its 30th anniversary on Sunday, 1 June, with a Mass at Holy Trinity Church, Curtin, followed by a luncheon at the Canberra Southern Cross Club.

Archbishop Coleridge will celebrate the Mass and anyone who would like to attend is invited. Similarly an invitation to the luncheon is extended to all. Details are given in the advertisement on this page.

Fr Junipero Serra was a Spanish Franciscan missionary in Mexico, and later in Baja California from 1767 until his death in 1784. His loving work among the American Indians, in a time of harsh Spanish colonization, led to his beatification by Pope John Paul II on 25 September, 1988.

A statue of Fr Serra represents the state of California in Statuary Hall in the US Capitol Building. The chapel at Mission San Juan Capistrano, built in 1782, is believed to be the oldest standing

building in California and is known as "Father Serra's Church".

In 1934 in Washington, Seattle, four Catholic laymen came together to form what would become the first Serra Club, choosing that name because of Fr Serra's missionary zeal. The primary work of Serra is to pray and work for vocations, particularly vocations to the priesthood and religious life. It supports those already in ministry. Its aims assist its members in a fraternal organisation to recognize and respond in their own lives to God's call to holiness.

The Canberra Serra Club was chartered on 6 May, 1978, after three years of formation. Serra members pray daily for vocations. Every month, members gather for Mass (usually celebrated by Chaplain Mgr John Murphy) and then have a dinner/meeting to plan activities and affirm individual prayer life.

Two Canberra Serrans, John Stephens and Max Spencer, have



John Stephens and Duncan Francis (deceased) shown with Vic Gilles and Paddy Riordan at the Careers Market, 2001.

made the Camino pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela in recent years. They offered prayers for vocations during their pilgrimage and also sought donations for the intentions of Serra from people in the Canberra community.

Together they raised \$20,000 for the work of Serra.

John Stephens and the late Duncan Francis were instrumental in the formation of a governing Council (SCANZSPAC.) for Serra in Australia, New Zealand and the

South Pacific, co-ordinating the 11 clubs in the region.

Every August members of Serra spend two days at the Canberra Careers Market organized by Rotary to help high school graduates choose their career.

Serrans operate a booth which seeks to engage young people in deeper thought about their choices, working under a banner of "Life is not just a career, Life is a vocation!"

Serra supports the Youth Ministry of the Archdiocese because the future of the Church is our youth and from them will come the vocations for which we pray.

Membership of the Serra Club is open to any Catholic who has left school and is willing to embrace the elements of Serra. For further information about membership, contacts and activities, please visit www.serracanberra.org or telephone 6231 2935.

On pilgrimage in Archdiocese

A beautiful monstrance blessed by Pope Benedict was given to the Serra Clubs of Australia and New Zealand to be a catalyst for adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for the intention of vocations.

During September and October 2006, members of Canberra Serra took the monstrance to almost every parish of the Archdiocese, where they participated with parishioners in adoration.

Serra members were so moved by this experience of pilgrimage and the relationships they developed with priests and parishioners of other parishes that they decided to continue an Archdiocesan pilgrimage, even though they no longer had the use of the special monstrance.

Recent pilgrimages have been to the parishes of Wanniasa, Boorowa and West Wyalong in October and November 2007, and to the parishes of Harden-Murrumburrah and St Christopher's Cathedral in March and April 2008.

In his message for the 41st World day of prayer for Vocation in 2004, John Paul II said "My



Adoration pilgrimage at St Patrick's Boorowa.

heartfelt wish is that prayer for vocations be intensified ever more; prayer that is adoration of the mystery of God and thanksgiving for the "great things" that he has accomplished and does not cease to carry out, despite human weakness. Contemplative prayer is pervaded with wonder and gratitude for the gift of vocations."

There are many ways to meditate in silence before the Blessed Sacrament. Serra has developed a simple liturgy of prayer, scripture

readings and hymns to be used during a day of exposition, while maintaining lengthy periods of silence to promote individual meditation and petition before the Blessed Sacrament.

Country parishioners commented that it is a refreshing change that Canberra has come to the country.

For Canberra Serrans it has been a wonderful experience to meet the people and visit their beautiful old churches.

Serra Objectives

- To foster and promote vocations to the ministerial priesthood in the Catholic Church as a particular vocation to service, and to support priests in their sacred ministry;
- To encourage and affirm vocations to consecrated religious life in the Catholic Church; and
- To assist its members to recognize and respond in their own lives to God's call to holiness in Jesus Christ and through the Holy Spirit.



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What is a vocation?

For most Catholics the word vocation connotes priesthood or religious life. However the fundamental characteristic of a vocation is that it is a complete gift of self. That gift can be to Christ, the divine person, or to another person (man to woman and woman to man). Thus marriage is also a vocation. It is the first of all vocations. Pope John Paul II said marriage was the first sacrament, because it was undertaken in its perfection by our first parents before they sinned.

A complete gift of self is only possible for the human person when it is a gift of love. This is the reason that God gave us freedom; without free will there cannot be love. Today, many people think that freedom is the power to do anything at all. God allowed that we could misuse our freedom so that there could be love. (See Richard M. Hogan, The Theology of the Body in John Paul II, the Word

among us Press, 2006.)

Some persons choose to forego unity with another person in marriage and opt for a special union with Christ in this life. They become "witnesses to the Kingdom". God only calls some to embrace celibacy or virginity for the sake of the kingdom; "whoever can accept this ought to accept it" (Matthew 19, 12). Those called to these vocations must realize what marriage is in all its goodness, in order for their choice to be meaningful. Marriage complements all the other vocations because the union of man and woman is a constant reminder of God's gift of love and life.

Perfection in the gift of self is what one should pray for in a vocation. While God may lead us into several careers, he calls us to only one vocation. Pray to know what your vocation is. Having chosen it, live it with the power of your freedom.

Reading reflections

Jesus Our Teacher: Reflections on the Sunday Readings for Matthew's Year, by Martin Hogan. The Columba Press, 2007, 143pp, rrp \$21.95. Reviewer: Janet Moyle.

There have been a number of books offering reflections on the Sunday Readings. I find some of these quite useful particularly when preparing to read at a weekend Mass.

Jesus Our Teacher is written by Martin Hogan, a Dublin priest who teaches Scripture at a teacher training college there. The introduction offers an overview of Matthew's Gospel, the uniqueness of his portrait of Jesus and of his target community.

Each of the Sunday readings is treated simply in a double page format which makes it user-friendly. I was disappointed in this book. The reflections read more like mini-homilies. For some inexplicable reason no scriptural references are given - a glaring mistake in my opinion.

Jesus Our Teacher is offered as a resource to prayer and bible study groups. Homilists would need to use extra sources.



Insider's view of 'family'

Keeping Faith, by Frank O'Shea. National Capital Printers. \$30 soft cover, \$50 hard cover, from Marist College. Reviewer: Fr J B Wellspring.

Keeping Faith tells something of the story of Marist College over the past 40 years. This book in fact is a family album. It's full of facts, figures and faces from the past. It is beautifully produced with glossy pages, vivid colour photographs, blue text and plenty of white space for visual appearance.

The author is an insider having been a long-standing member of the senior executive team. His knowledge of the school and research are first class. His insider perspective and sympathies are often evident, mainly in a positive way. They are so much the key to understanding the selection of material in the book.

The book itself is a popular history based on official records and conversations. While there is attention given to major leaders and events, it captures the activities of ordinary people, especially students. This will surely give the book a certain popular appeal.

The author provides us with a chronology of the Marist years. Each year constitutes a chapter with key events, issues and personnel identified. Featured profiles of successful old boys are always interesting



but invite the question how much does a school contribute to the later successes of former students?

As a chronology of events over the past 40 years this book is a certain kind of history. Some of the great educational issues for the Church and schools generally are reported but in-depth analysis carefully resisted. If readers are seeking to discover the meaning of the Marist story for the school itself, the city of Canberra or the Archdiocesan Church they will seek a more narrative history.

The market for this work is obvious: apart from the present Marist school community, it is a book for old boys, their parents and other associates. Those with an interest in Catholic education will also enjoy it. It will become a source book for future historians of the Marist enterprise.

A good guide to the real Jesus

Jesus. A Historical Portrait., by D J Harrington. St Anthony Messenger Press, 2007, pb, 130pp. rrp \$21.95. Reviewer: Margaret Ryan.

Has it all been said already? How many books can be written about Jesus?!

Lots. This book, which (largely) originally appeared as a series of short newsletters in 2006-7, is concerned with the time and person of Jesus. Its 12 chapters give an account of what is known of Jesus' life, teachings and activity of his earthly existence.

Daniel Harrington, Jesuit and Professor of New Testament at the Weston Jesuit School of Theology in Cambridge, Massachusetts, for almost 40 years, is the author of dozens of books.

This text, suitable for those in their mid-teens onwards, outlines the historical context of Jesus in Judaism, his birth, ministry, teaching, miracles, his attitudes towards and interactions with women and political leaders, the reasons for and method of death, his resurrection and the establishment of the early Christian community.

There is a chapter on the future/ second

coming, and an appendix which compares and contrasts the Essene community's vision and practices (as seen via the Dead Sea Scrolls) with those of Jesus.

Harrington writes for a general audience, presenting the synthesis of much scholarship in the New Testament area simply, succinctly and effectively. He consistently draws on and discusses particular extracts from the gospels in illustrating his conclusions.

Its sound scholarship, clarity and brevity make it a good guide and overview of the real Jesus the Christ, Son of God.

Liturgical Resources for the Year of Matthew, by Thomas O'Loughlin. The Columba Press, 2007, pb, 332 pp, rrp \$39.95. Reviewer: Margaret Ryan.

This is both a liturgical and spiritual support for priests, liturgical ministers (especially readers) and those who take the prayerful and reflective preparation for Sunday Mass seriously.

O'Loughlin has written three earlier pastoral volumes in a similar format: for Lent and Easter, Advent and Christmastide, and for the Year of Luke. He

is a Professor of Historical Theology at the University of Wales, with degrees in philosophy and theology.

The chapters concentrate on Ordinary Time in Year A. Each one includes an introduction to that Sunday, a suggested Rite of Penance, General Intercessions, Eucharistic prayer, notes on the readings and homily notes.

Additional chapters are on Sacred Vessels, Liturgy and Accountability, and "defects" in Eucharistic celebrations (suggestions for improvement: such as a warning about hearing and seeing only males at Eucharist, the use of bells, generals intercessions, length of homily, when to announce parish notices...)

The chapters make extremely good preparation for a reflection on Sunday Mass and would encourage pastors and people to see each Sunday's readings and prayers as a unified whole. O'Loughlin's notes draw together his insights from scripture, theology and liturgy in such a way that they shed light on each other. His passion for liturgy is infectious. Highly recommended.

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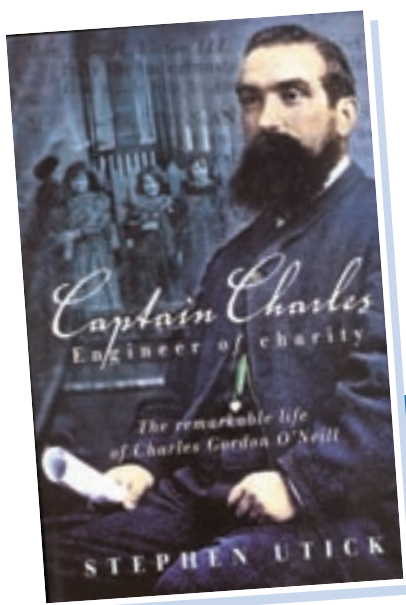
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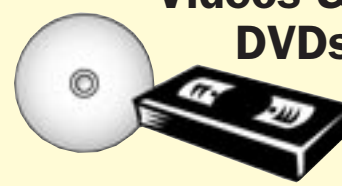
Tu es Petrus. (60 min, ages 12 to adult).

"Tu es Petrus" (You are Peter), is an emotional documentary that follows the dramatic last days of Pope John Paul II until the election of Pope Benedict XVI. The film illustrates the importance that Pope John Paul II gave to handing over to his successor the "Keys to the Kingdom". Scenes from the funeral of Pope John Paul II and the election of Pope Benedict XVI are shown in this Vatican Television Centre production.

Karol II: The Pope the Man. (186 min, M, ages 15 to adult).

This feature length film is the second part of a portrayal of the life of Karol Wojtyla. Part II follows the life of Pope John Paul II from the time he was elected Pope until he died in 2005. Highlights of John Paul's work, including his efforts to protest against war and violence, are shown. His visits to Poland and third world countries are also depicted, as well as his health problems in later years.

Videos & DVDs



Into Great Silence. (162 min, ages 15 to adult).

This engrossing documentary was filmed at the Grande Chartreuse monastery in France. The film follows the daily lives of a silent order of monks. Daily prayers, tasks, rituals and outdoor activities are shown. The film includes fascinating visual images. There is no dialogue or music score. The viewer is immersed into the lives of the monks, resulting in a very spiritual experience for the viewer.

Therese. (96 min, ages 12 to adult).

This motion picture recounts the life of St Therese of Lisieux, the most popular saint of modern times. It follows Therese's life

from birth to a Victorian French family, through to her efforts to enter a Carmelite monastery at 15, and the rigours of monastic life that led her to discover holiness by small acts of love and compassion. Therese found the spiritual path she called her "Little Way". The film is a drama of tragedy and triumph.

MUSIC

As One Voice: The Next Generation. (CD, 2007, 30 min, ages 10 to adult).

This Australian production from Willow publishing includes a collection of 14 spiritually uplifting songs. Singer/songwriters include Trisha Watts, Amanda McKenna, Gina Ogilvie and others.

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Adventure yarn that's ideal for children

This is a family-action adventure yarn that is an adaptation of a story written by Wendy Orr who had a role in writing the film's script. The film takes source material from Orr's novel of the same name, "Nim's Island."

Named as one of the Best Books for Children of 2001 by the Los Angeles Times, this movie draws from it and should appeal to the whole family. Its country of origin is the US, but the movie was filmed on location at Hinchinbrook Island and Warner Bros Studio, Gold Coast, Queensland and the scenes captured of our local environment does Stuart Dryburgh proud as the movie's Director of Photography. The movie was made in Australia and has for the most part Australian actors.

Nim's Island is a magical place

Nim's Island

Starring Jodie Foster, Abigail Breslin, Gerard Butler. Directed by Jennifer Flackett and Mark Levin. 87 mins. PG (mild adventure action and brief language). Reviewer: Peter W Sheehan*.

ruled by a child's imagination and the film deftly combines animated special effects and realism to engage the viewer.

Nim, the child, is played ably, though a little too cutely, by Abigail Breslin. She lives on the island with her father, Jack, played by Gerard Butler who sets off in a sailing boat and disappears.

Jodie Foster is the draw-power to the movie and plays a reclusive author, Alexandra, who has written the novel Nim is reading on the

adventures of "Alex Rover". Alex gets into terrible trouble but always manages to escape following the inventiveness of Alexandra.

Alexandra is summoned from afar by Nim when left alone after her father's disappearance. A ship appears, spilling out some terrible Australian tourists, and Nim calls on her animal friends to help preserve her very special island.

In the telling, the film strikes a nice balance between the child's independence, self-reliance and vulnerability. Jodie Foster escapes the role of traumatized victim for once to play here a comedy role as an obsessive-compulsive writer.

All the elements come together but not with a great deal of finesse, and the film plays hard to win the attention of viewers with some over-the-top acting and sentimental



Nim (Abigail Breslin) on her island.

tugs at the heart strings. The father appears to lose his life several times, but eventually emerges from the sea to re-unite himself with his daughter and team up with Alexandra, his daughter's favourite writer. There are themes of empowerment in the movie and the moral values of the movie are without question.

The most enjoyable parts of the movie are the trained animals - a sea

lion called Selkie, a marine iguana called Fred, and a pelican. They are called to do amazing things and they are wonderful to see.

The mixture of realism and special effects and animation is always worth watching. The overall result is a movie for children, who will undoubtedly be entertained.

* Peter W Sheehan is an associate of the Australian Catholic Office for Film and Broadcasting.

Rivetting focus on a life about to end

Cities such as Paris live as vividly in our imagination as in reality. In this film, Cedric Klapisch, directs a love letter to a Paris which continues to shape his imagination. His penchant for dizzying sky shots, seen already in The Spanish Apartment, is taken to new heights, as the film opens, and the camera shot radiates from high on the pinnacle of the Arc de Triomphe.

Below us emerges a kaleidoscope of avenues and rooftops, all spiralling geometrically, just as Baron Von Haussmann had in mind. The mapping remains the leitmotif of the film, whether from the balcony of Pierre's (Romain Duris), apartment or from the perspective of cars or motorcycles as they wend their way through the streets at ground level. What is unveiled is a shapely, patterned and dizzyingly human Paris.

At the centre of the film is its pensive protagonist Pierre, him of the faulty heart. Pierre has been told that he is unlikely to survive a transplant, so he occupies himself observing the tapestry of life from his apartment window.



Romain Duris as Pierre on the balcony of his Parisian apartment.

He notes the beautiful girl from the apartment opposite (Melanie Laurent); the men who do the garbage; the insufferable woman in charge of the boulangerie and her hapless helpers. The little stories of these people keep him going, he says. Duris, finely expressive with that steadfast observant gaze, is rivetting as a young man tenderly aware that his life is about to end. And he is in love with life! It is

Paris

Starring Juliette Binoche, Romain Duris, Fabrice Luchini. Directed by Cedric Klapisch. 130 mins. Rated M (some suggestive sexual scenes, some violence and coarse language). Reviewer Jenny MacMillan*.

with reason he is one of Klapisch's favourite actors.

It seems hearts are faltering all around Pierre. His sister, Élise, (Juliette Binoche), comes to look after him with her three children. She has given up on men and, pretty much, on her harried and seemingly thankless job. She struggles joylessly through her days. Even so, the camera hardly ever gets her wrong, even on bad hair days.

Then there is Fabrice Luchini who plays the pompous but deluded historian Roland. On the one hand, the middle-aged Prof Roland is a hit with his students as he pontificates floridly in his lectures on the culture and history of Paris, but on the other hand,

when it comes to his heart, he is a mess.

The story always returns to Pierre, and strength bred from weakness; the ability to find life beautiful. He has the capacity to touch the truth into other people.

He brings back the magic of Christmas for Élise's children; he smiles into the heart of Khadija, (Sabrina Ouazani), the North African employee in the boulangerie, and makes her happy; he jostles his sister into giving romance a go. At the end he throws a party and dances in brave celebration of living. We even see Élise herself dancing a sweet striptease to Rosemary Clooney's Sway, dancing for the man she finally allows herself to love. It has taken the whole film.

Pierre is literally and figuratively the beating heart of the film, which is funny and whimsical as well as dark, enigmatic, even melancholy, but always confident of life's transcendent beauty and purpose.

* Mrs Jenny MacMillan is an associate of the Australian Catholic Office for Film & Broadcasting.

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Sunday, 18 May, Feast of the Blessed Trinity: Propers of the Day, Ordinary: Missa Orbis Factor (chant Mass) Motet: O Beata Trinitas (Palestrina), Hymns: Processional: Praise to the Lord, Recessional: God Whose Almighty Word.

Thursday, 22 May, Feast of Corpus Christi. Sung Mass 7pm.

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Humble man who served many

John William Cleary
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John Cleary spent two decades of a long career in the Commonwealth Public Service helping co-ordinate arrangements for visits by the Queen and others monarchs, presidents and heads of government.

He served in the Commonwealth public service from 1942 until he retired in 1986. His first appointment was to the Department of Home Security. In 1944 at the age of 18, he enlisted in the RAAF for training as a member of air crew. His time in the RAAF was short as the war in the Pacific ended on 15 August, 1945.

After discharge, he resumed duty in the Public Service, this time with the Department of Immigration.

In 1952 he took up duty on promotion to the Prime Minister's Department. In 1965 he moved into the Department's Office of Government Ceremonial and Hospitality, where for the next 20 years he had responsible roles in coordinating arrangements for royal visits by the Queen and other members of the royal family, state visits by monarchs of kingdoms and presidents of republics, heads of government and ministers of state.

In 1970 when the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh visited Australia for the bicentenary of Captain Cook's voyage of discovery, he was given the role of secretary to the Commonwealth Director, Lt General Sir Reginald Pollard. At the end of the visit the Queen appointed him a member of the Royal Victorian Order, in recognition of personal service to the reigning Sovereign.

For the silver jubilee visit by the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh in 1977, his role was executive officer to the Commonwealth Royal Visit Organisation. At the end of the visit, the Queen appointed him a Commander of the Royal Victorian Order. The award was given personally by the Queen on board the royal yacht Britannia.

John William Cleary was born in Sydney on 29 November, 1926, the son of John Ennis Cleary and Clare Mary Hopper. He was the third of five children, three brothers and two sisters. In 1936 the family moved from Sydney to Canberra where John and his siblings attended St Christopher's School at Manuka under the tutelage of the Sisters of the Good Samaritan.



On 24 September, 1955, he was married at St Christopher's Cathedral to Joan Maguire, a registered nursing sister, born in Gympie, Queensland, and by then a member of the nursing staff at the Royal Canberra Hospital at Acton. The couple became members of the newly established parish at St Joseph's, O'Connor, and became involved in a range of parish activities. Mrs Cleary became a member of the Catholic Women's League and

Mr Cleary a member of the Order of the Knights of the Southern Cross.

Together they became active members of the O'Connor conference of the St Vincent de Paul Society, giving generously of their time. They were particularly involved with helping, mentoring and resettling newly arrived Vietnam refugees. Later they moved to the then new parish of St Monica's, Evatt.

Mr Cleary was a keen sportsman with a talented gift of ball sense. He had a long association with the Ainslie Football Club, prominently and actively participating in the premierships years of 1946, 1947 and 1952. He also played cricket for the Northbourne Cricket Club. He enjoyed golf and bowls with many like-minded friends.

John Cleary was a humble man, content with his lot in life and generous with his time among the less privileged.

He had many friends both in quantity and quality. He was devoted to his family and his wife of 52 years and loved Australia. Above all he was a man for all seasons with a transparent love for his God.

Mr Cleary died after a short period of rapidly declining health. A Mass for Christian Burial was offered by Fr Paul Huthnance at St Monica's Church, Evatt, where he was an acolyte, and he was buried at Hall cemetery. He is survived by his wife Joan, their six children and 18 grandchildren.

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What is a Hospice?

The word "hospice" originally meant a "house of welcome", and usually referred to religious houses where travellers (e.g. Pilgrims) could rest and enjoy some hospitality during their journey.

A hospice is now not so much a place but rather philosophy of care. The goal of hospice and palliative care is the achievement of the best possible quality of life for patients and their families. The hospice approach strives towards creating a feeling of acceptance and a level of preparation for death. Hospice and palliative care affirms life and attempts to reduce feelings of powerlessness and hopelessness by involving the person and their family in the decision making, whether the care is provided in the home, hospital or hospice.

It is a holistic approach to the care of a person living through the latter stages of a progressive illness and closely involves the person's family and carers until the time of death and thereafter as required. This care acknowledges the uniqueness of each person and will vary according to individual physical, emotional, social, spiritual and cultural needs.

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Schools with spirit



Students and staff from the Catholic schools of the Eurobodalla came together for their third combined schools Mass. Students from Carroll College in Broulee, St Mary's Moruya and St Bernard's Batemans Bay gathered in St Bernard's school grounds.

Drawn from the World Youth Day song was the theme of the liturgy, "Receive the Spirit". Each school made and decorated a cross to reflect the spirit of their community and these were processed in at the beginning of the Mass, which was celebrated by Fr Tom Thornton. Carroll College students provided the music, year six students from St Bernard's performed a liturgical movement and St Mary's prepared the reflection hymn.

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Pentecost celebrates the gift of the Holy Spirit received at our Baptism and Confirmation that empowers us in faith and calls us to involvement in Christ's mission.

Opportunities for involvement appear to be growing in our world, our country and our local communities. Many people continue to struggle to live and ensure access to much of life's basic requirements.

These issues find faith communities among the affected whilst seeking to address them and bring faith and hope to their broader communities. Here Catholic Mission and our supporters seek to stand in solidarity with them.

Provision of clean water, basic staple food, clothing, shelter, education and a sense of security are all needed for growth and future hope. Meeting these needs and having the freedom and means to live their faith enables them to make real differences in their lives and those of their wider communities.

Our prayers, voices and generosity place their efforts within the much larger embrace of the global faith community and add to all they do the knowledge that others share their concern and have concern for them too. Together we form the hands of Christ reaching out to bring life to all.

God Bless
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Bells ring out to mark a parish's joyful history

The same year Big Ben was first rung in London, the foundation stone of St John the Evangelist Church, Jugiong, was laid.

Last month, altar servers Georgie Butt and Amanda Fitzpatrick had the bells ringing during Mass at Jugiong to mark the sesquicentenary of the occasion back in 1858.

About 250 past and current parishioners attended Mass celebrated by Archbishop Mark

Coleridge, assisted by Archbishop Francis Carroll, Harden-Murrumburrah parish priest and Jugiong administrator Fr Simon Falk, a predecessor Fr Frank Keogh, Cootamundra parish priest Fr Kevin Barry Cotter and Yass parish priest Fr Laurie Bent.

The singing raised the roof and was beautifully led by organist Denise Reardon and the Gundagai choir.

Members of Jugiong Parish and three generations of some families took part in the Mass.

Three symbols, a candle, the Bible and a history booklet compiled by Joy Coggan, Colleen Honner and Jim Sheahan were carried in the opening procession and passed along the pews to the front of the church where Fr Falk received them.

They were handed down by parishioners Paula

Butt, Michael Honner and Peter Fitzpatrick to the youth of the parish Charlie Butt, Jim Honner and Emma Fitzpatrick at the end of Mass.

Celebrations after Mass continued in the church grounds.

Chairperson of the parish pastoral council Mrs Colleen Honner spoke of the history of the church, followed by Mr Charles Sheahan who gave an insight into the history of the pioneering priests.

Tom and Georgie Butt and Alex Honner did a recital of "The Bush Christening".

Leigh Butt entertained the crowd with his poetic skills and gave a recital of "Said Hanrahan".

Fr Falk spoke of Jugiong's wonderful community and parish spirit, as the parish has been maintained and cared for over the years.

Mr Jim Sheahan thanked Archbishop Coleridge and all the priests who have served Jugiong community over the years and will continue to do so.



Youth of the Parish carrying symbols handed down from previous generations Emma Fitzpatrick, Jim Honner, Charlie Butt with altar servers Georgie Butt and Amanda Fitzpatrick. Back: Fr Kevin Barry-Cotter, Fr Simon Falk, Archbishop Mark Coleridge, Fr Frank Keogh, Archbishop Francis Carroll, Fr Laurie Bent.



Archbishop Francis Carroll with Joy Coggan, Therese McTavish, Carmel Coggan, Jenny Crozier and Colleen Honner.



Margaret Daley(daughter of W F Sheahan) with Peg McGrath and Kath Sheahan (daughters of J D Sheahan), and Margaret's husband Bob Daley.



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