

Welcome world



About 100 students from Marist, MacKillop, St Clare's and St Francis Xavier colleges helped prepare 4000 backpacks to distribute to World Youth Day pilgrims to the Archdiocese. ABOVE: Year 11 Marist student Ben Macintyre, year 10 St Clare's student Emma Bumpus and MacKillop year 10 students Chris Lenard and Caitlin Matthewson take a break on top of the pile of brightly-coloured backpacks.

About 5000 pilgrims from across the globe are about to make the Archdiocese their home for a week before they head for Sydney to take part in the biggest event in the history of the Catholic Church in Australia.

Parishioners in Canberra and many regional centres have spent the past few months planning events ranging from bush dances to tree planting to Aboriginal cultural performances, and arranging accommodation.

The archdiocesan leg of the adventure

will culminate on Saturday, 12 July, with a huge festival and commissioning Mass to be held at Exhibition Park in Canberra.

The event is billed as one of the biggest archdiocesan events held in Canberra and is aimed not only at local and overseas young pilgrims but all Catholics, young and old.

All pilgrims will then leave for Sydney to take part in WYD. The Pope will arrive on Sydney Harbour on Thursday, 17 July. The Stations of the Cross will take place in central Sydney

on Friday afternoon, followed by an evening vigil with the Pope at Randwick racecourse on Saturday. The final Mass celebrated by the Pope at 10am on Sunday is expected to attract hundreds of thousands of people.

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near and far

Making music together



St Josephs Primary School, Eden, hosted an inter-school music workshop for primary and high schools around the area as part of Education Week. Sixty music students from Merimbula Public, Pambula Public, Eden Marine High and St Joseph's came together to celebrate music led by local tutors and teachers. The day culminated in a concert which involved all children and was organised by Ms Janice Bool.

ABOVE: St Joseph's clarinet players Emily Xar, Mia McMullen and Teresa Doherty play in harmony with Pambula and Merimbula Public students.



New skills put to work

Seventeen students from St Francis Xavier College have put new-found skills in bricklaying to good effect by paving an outdoor café area at the school.

They had spent a week at the Construction Industry Training and Employment Association in Dickson learning something of the trade as part of the Adopt-a-School program in collaboration with the Australian Brick and Block Laying Training Foundation. Principal Mr Angus Tulley said he hoped students would be encouraged to consider similar careers. "This is a great opportunity for students to test their interest in a particular industry area, learn new skills and put them into practice for the benefit of the college," he said.

ABOVE: Mark Rowbotham, Aaron Knoestal, Jake Liesegang, Mark Olivieri and Caleb Evans get to work.

Weekend of prayer and reflection

Twenty-four Josephite associates gathered at St Clement's retreat centre, Galong, to spend a weekend in prayer and reflection. Under the guidance of Fr Leo Coffey CSsR and Sr Mary Murphy RSJ and Sr Colleen Howe RSJ, the men and women were given an opportunity to renew and strengthen friendships, and to share the experience of knowing the presence of God's love in their lives. The group was nourished with the Word of God, the celebration of the Eucharist and the sacrament of Reconciliation. Therapeutic massage was an added feature and Sr Julie's presence was greatly appreciated.



New education leader

West Australian Mrs Therese Temby has been appointed chair of the National Catholic Education Commission by Australia's bishops. She was director of Catholic Education in Western Australia from 1992 to 2003 and has first-hand experience of all facets of Catholic education - primary, secondary and tertiary. She succeeds Mgr Tom Doyle, who retires after serving Catholic education nationally for more than three-and-a-half decades.

Bermagui Confirmation

On Pentecost Sunday, parishioners at Our Lady Help of Christians Church in Bermagui saw eight boys receive the sacrament of Confirmation from Fr Henry Byrne in the absence of parish priest Fr Michael Mullen. For three months the boys and their parents attended Sunday Mass followed by instructions for one-and-a-half hours.

BELOW: With Fr Henry Byrne are (back row), teacher Colleen Manns, Mark LeCussen, Andre LeCussen, Angelito Cotterill and teacher Cecilia Moore. Middle row: John Halloran, Connor Manns, Isaac Reid, Jacob Tot. Front: Branden Lagana.



Praying for the city

An ecumenical gathering of 60 people celebrated God in our community to mark the 10th anniversary of Prayer for the City at St Anthony's Church, Wanniasa.

Senior Pastor Brian Medway, of Grace Christian Fellowship, Canberra City, said it was "truly a tangible expression of the presence and heart of God. I was so grateful to be invited and appreciated the various gifts that so many good people contributed

St Anthony's started praying for the city in May 1998 when 33 parishioners committed to pray as part of Target 2000, an ecumenical prayer movement in Canberra and Queanbeyan initiated by Pastor Medway and the then Canberra Christian Network.

At the celebration, master of ceremonies Deacon John Lim prayerfully guided the proceedings, and Wanniasa parish priest Fr Mietek Markowicz, former parish priest Fr Peter Cronin and Kambah parish priest Fr Peter My led prayer and read scripture selections from the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Pastor Medway, Senior Pastor Steve Janes, of the Christian City Church, Tuggeranong, and assistant priest at South Tuggeranong parish Fr Emil Milat gave presentations.

Sue Orchison, of Kambah parish, Sarah Hill, of Christian City Church, Tuggeranong, Noel Levings, of Grace Christian Fellowship, and Karyn Connelly, of Wanniasa parish led uplifting prayers for Christian unity and for

the city. Musicians from Wanniasa and Kambah parishes led praise and worship. Wanniasa parishioner Mary Miliano organised the evening with the support of Deacon Lim, Wanniasa parish secretary Lyn Mexon, Anne Lim, Sue Behm and the musicians.

Showcasing their talent

St Bernard's Primary School in Batemans Bay held its annual Talent Showcase evening which included instrumental, dance and vocal performances by students from Year 2 through to Year 6. Many students performed again the following evening at the local Stockland Mall for the Batemans Bay community. Assistant principal Miss Jacqueline Lee said the school was proud of the students' special talents. "It can be rare that some of these children are given the opportunity to perform in front of a live and appreciative audience."

BELOW: Mikaela Eltherington and Melissa Pradmuang sing If Mamma were Married.



Mass for healing

A healing Mass will be celebrated in Canberra next month by a Filipino priest who travels widely to exercise the charism. Fr Fernando Suarez, of the Companions of the Cross, will visit Canberra as part of an Australian tour. He will celebrate Mass at 7pm on Monday, 18 August, at St Benedict's Church, Narrabundah. Fr Suarez was born in the province of Batangas in the Philippines and, after working in his native land, he moved to Canada to study for the priesthood. He is based in Ottawa, and since July 2003 has had the ministry in his community to foster the spiritual gifts God has given him. His Australian visit is sponsored by the Cenacle group of Mary Mother of the Church parish, Macquarie Fields, NSW. His website is www.fatherfernando.com

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All is ready for pilgrims

Events have been planned, spare bedrooms cleaned out and transport is at the ready as the Archdiocese prepares for an influx of 5000 international pilgrims.

World Youth Day coordinator at one of the most active parishes, Kambah, Mrs Trish Jarzynski said the parish had long been planning to look after nearly 200 pilgrims from France, Paraguay and Samoa.

"Our tree planting on Thursday, 10 July, with Greening Australia has turned out to be very popular," she said. "Groups from Weston Creek and Kippax are also joining us near the Cotter Dam so there will be a total of 350 pilgrims at this stage."

Wanniassa and South Tuggeranong pilgrim groups will also team with environmental organisation Greening Australia the following day, to continue planting trees in the area devastated by the 2003 Canberra bushfires.

Goulburn Parish is hosting the International Youth Forum on 9-13 July, facilitated by the French Emmanuel Community. About

1800 international, Australian and local pilgrims will take part in the forum, including 300 French and 600 young people from the Netherlands. Pilgrims will take part in prayer and sharing, workshops at 15 different venues around town and a "fun forum", which will involve music, dance and sport at Belmore Park.

Coordinator Ms Barbara Hall said the whole idea was for the forum to be a cultural exchange with the people of Goulburn.

WYD coordinator at Young Ms Cheryl Hamill said 60 French-Canadians, 30 Papua New Guineans and 10 Samoans will experience country lifestyle.

"On Wednesday, 9 July, we are going out to a parishioner's property for sheep shearing and damper making," she said. Pilgrims will visit Weddin Mountains, where they will meet up with Grenfell parishioners; they will plant trees with Young council and witness an Aboriginal cultural performance.

WYD coordinator at Weston Creek Mr Steve Peterson said pil-



Kambah mum Ethel Ringrose-Voase gets some help from daughter Liz as they prepare a bedroom for the pilgrims they will be billeting.

grims would benefit from local tourist attractions such as Parliament House, the Australian War Memorial and the Tidbinbilla nature reserve. "We are billeting 47 Polish pilgrims and are very excited," he said. "We also plan to have a parish cultural barbeque and give them another taste of Australian culture with an evening at our local pub."

WYD organisers at Bungendore went back to basics and have organised an evening bush dance at the local showground.

About 25 Papua New Guineans, 45 Italians and 10 Samoans are in for a real treat with the The Bunyip and Blue Gum band.

As part of the Days in the Diocese celebrations, the French Chemin Neuf community has organised an international ecumenical youth festival at the Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture in Barton.

From Wednesday, July 9, to Sunday, July 13, "Receive the Power!" will incorporate a youth retreat program for young adults

who want to know more about God and an open program of talks, videos, prayer and dance parties to which anyone is welcome.

The Catholic Chemin Neuf community has an ecumenical vocation to work for reconciliation and unity worldwide.

For more information on Days in the Diocese events or for those who are interested in volunteering for the Festival and Commissioning Mass, telephone the WYD office on 6163 4333 or email wyd@catholiclife.org.au

Church leaders on the way too

About a dozen international bishops, including Archbishop of Paris Cardinal Andre Vingt-Trois, will visit the Archdiocese in the lead-up to World Youth Day.

Among the bishops will be three from France, including Cardinal Vingt-Trois and Paris Auxiliary Bishops Jean-Yves André Michel Nahmias and Eric de Moulins-Beaufort, the Maronite Patriarch of Antioch Cardinal Nasrallah Boutros Sfeir, two from Italy including Archbishop Bruno Forte, of

Chieti-Vasto, Archbishop Alapati Mataeliga, of Samoa-Apia, two from Papua New-Guinea, and one each from the Philippines, Poland and Canada.

Archbishop Mark Coleridge will concelebrate an internationally televised Mass in French with the three French bishops at 6pm on Sunday, 13 July, in St Christopher's Cathedral. About 700 French pilgrims - one of the larger international groups coming to the Archdiocese - are expected to attend the Mass which will be held during Days

in the Diocese.

Archbishop Coleridge will take part in the International Youth Forum, which will run in Goulburn from 9 to 12 July. He will also celebrate the Archdiocese's Commissioning Mass at Exhibition Park at 4pm on Saturday, 12 July.

During World Youth Day in Sydney, he will be one of the bishops providing catechesis and will take part in the major events with the Pope. He will lunch with the Pope on the Saturday of WYD.

Beanies, scarves for sale

The Archdiocese is selling beanies and scarves embroidered with the archdiocesan logo to raise money for World Youth Day. The souvenirs would be great gifts for international visitors and would keep pilgrims warm. Cost is \$10 for the black and red beanie and \$15 for the black scarf. Buy both for \$25 and you will receive a free wrist band. Stock is limited, so for orders and inquiries contact Meg Lillcrap, telephone 6201 9800 or e-mail meg.lillcrap@cg.catholic.org.au

Visit the Village Space

During the WYD festivities in Sydney, Catholic Mission will present a series of dramatised stories and cultural exchanges called "Village Space" which will be held at the Mint in Macquarie Street, from Tuesday, 15 July, to Friday, 18 July. Those who want to see a performance can register online at www.catholicmission.org.au or telephone 1800 257 296.

An oasis in the city

Young meditators from the Australian Christian Meditation Community have organised an "Oasis in the City" which will be held at Paddington Uniting Church in Oxford Street. The program will include a short film about meditation, expert talks, sessions about the body in prayer, reflection on scripture and silent meditation together.

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Tasty icons for pilgrims

About 25 million food items, including some iconic Aussie snacks like Tim Tams, Weet-Bix, Vegemite and lamingtons, have been ordered to feed the masses at WYD and give international visitors a real taste of Australia. A "WYD Big Aussie BBQ" will take place on Wednesday, 16 July, when more than 120,000 pilgrims are expected to take part in about 200 locations.

Canberran confirmed

Pope Benedict XVI will confirm 24 young people - 14 Australians and 10 internationals - at the WYD final Mass, including ACT resident Riordan Wang.


Christians network

The WYD online social networking site www.Xt3.com is up and running, connecting pilgrims around the globe with one another and the Catholic Church. Inspired by Pope John Paul II, the name Xt3 represents Christ in the Third Millennium and the site has features such as "Ask a Priest" and "Prayer Intentions".


Beethoven performance

The Sydney Symphony Orchestra will give two special WYD performances of Beethoven's Missa Solemnis on Friday, 18 July, and Saturday, 19 July. To book tickets, call Sydney Symphony customer service on 02 8215 4600 or visit sydney-symphony.com

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Visitors have something to teach us about pilgrimage

They're coming from far and wide - the hosts of pilgrims on their way through the Archdiocese to World Youth Day in Sydney. Some are our near neighbours, from places like the Philippines, Papua New Guinea and the Pacific Islands. Some are from places we may hardly have heard of - there are 30 pilgrims from Aruba coming to Cootamundra. In Canberra, we have hundreds of Samoans for whom winter in the capital will be a new experience. On Sunday, 13 July, we have hundreds of Spaniards for Mass in the morning in the Cathedral (with the Cardinal Archbishops of Madrid and Valencia) and hundreds of French in the evening for Mass with Cardinal Vingt-Trois of Paris.

Like millions through the centuries, they will all be on a journey of faith. Pilgrimage has been part of many, even most religions since the dawn of time. It's central to Judaism, Islam and Christianity. One reason for this is that the Bible understands our experience of God primarily as a journey. The real God never leaves us where and as we are. He shows his true form when he appears out of nowhere to Abraham and simply says, "Go!" No ifs or buts: he gives a command. Abraham then sets out on a journey into the unknown which will define for ever the life of religious faith. It is a life of following where God leads, even if that involves a painful dislocation.

Pilgrimage has always been part fun and part hard work. It has always been a combination of party and prayer-meeting. It has had elements of tourism, but also elements of spiritual journey. And that's what the World Youth Day pilgrimage is like. It's a small symbol of the great journey that takes us from Baptism into eternity. It may be small, but it has great power; and that's what John Paul II understood when he established World Youth Day. He understood the power of pilgrimage, so deeply etched into the soul of Europe but something relatively new to us here in Australia. The pilgrims who come may have something to teach us about pilgrimage and its power.

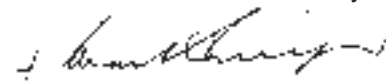
I made my own uncomfortable little pilgrimage going to Turin to receive the relics of Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati, whose brief life was itself an amazing pilgrimage that somehow still continues. I groaned at the thought of having to get to Italy and back; the last thing I needed was more time in the air. But I decided to offer up whatever sacrifices were involved for the good of World Youth Day; and that's what I kept telling myself as I lay sleepless and uncomfortable for hours in a plane. Mind you, when I got to Turin it turned out to be a marvellous and moving experience. So my own little pilgrimage was itself the usual pilgrim mix of pain and pleasure, joy and sorrow.

In this year the Archdiocese as a whole has come to an important point on its pilgrimage. In 1948, the Diocese of

Goulburn became the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn, so this is our Diamond Jubilee. In celebration of that milestone on our journey through time, we have refurbished the Cathedral and the Archbishop's House, both of which were showing the wear and tear of the years. Physical refurbishment may be costly, but it's easy when compared to the spiritual refurbishment that is our real task. My hope is that the works on the Cathedral and the House will in some small way serve the spiritual refurbishment of the entire Archdiocesan community. The interplay between buildings and people is mysterious: "men make buildings and then buildings make men", the old saying goes. And that has been in my mind through this long pilgrimage of renewing the Cathedral and the House.

Another pilgrim comes crucially into our midst in this Diamond Jubilee year. Fr Constantine Osuchukwu was finally ordained priest on 27 June after what has been a remarkable pilgrimage through many years in various parts of the world. It's not just that he has come from Nigeria to Australia. That makes it sound too simple. Fr Constantine's journey has been full of challenges and setbacks, through all of which he has shown the kind of resilience which only faith can give. His family - mother, sister and brother - are here with him through these days, and theirs too has been an extraordinary journey. When first they applied for visas to come to Australia for the ordination, Mrs Osuchukwu was given a visa but Fr Constantine's sister, Isabella, and his brother, Christian, were not. The saga wore on and eventually justice prevailed: all three were granted visas. Among all the pilgrims who come we welcome them with a special joy. We also thank them for the gift of their son and brother to serve as a priest among us. That is one of God's finest gifts to us in this year of Jubilee.

Whatever about buildings and their power to build us, priests are vastly more important, indeed powerful with the power of Christ who serves. I can only pray in this Jubilee year of our journey, that God will give us more excellent priests in the Archdiocese to lead us and feed us on our pilgrim way into the future. That God is calling young men to leave their boats behind, to set forth from their familiar world on the great journey of the priesthood is certain. My hope is that the pilgrimage of World Youth Day will lead many of them to say "yes" to the God who calls, so that they may in turn help all of us to listen to the voice of him who leads us on our way.



+Bishop Mark



More to life than a world title

I would suggest that to speak of sport as an end in itself is to sell sport short. Play / sport should open us up, should initiate a quest, should make us thirst for more. Therein lies the potential for sport to be a truly human and therefore graced experience.

Play / sport is a parable on life; it is not the end game. As St Augustine put it, "Our hearts are restless till they rest in God". In other words, the premiership, the hole in one, the Grand Slam, the world title are not as good as it gets!

As spiritual author Ronald Rolheiser has noted, we have a deep down "dis-ease" with our lot. We are not able to satisfy our deepest cravings; we are "dis-eased".

And mores the pity, therefore, that too often the human qualities found in sport - self-discipline, commitment, enthusiasm and perseverance - are not equally applied in developing one's inner awareness or spiritual life. If we did harness such qualities in developing a prayerful attitude, that is, a sense of being present to the pervasive divine presence, then potentially every activity of heightened awareness - and there are many in sport and play - can become a prayer.

If competing at the highest level and being totally focused as a result of rigorous training, if skiing with a heightened sense of being at one with nature, if running with ease and taking in the beauty of the early morning, if laughing spontaneously at play with children, if bonded with others to cheer your team to a last minute victory, then such an outlook would deem these to be prayerful experiences. So too an autumn walk through leaves at the Cotter, or an elite triathlon or a leisurely bike ride around the lake while passing joggers, skateboarders and strolling families, or to be still and gaze upward on a starry night, or the endorphin release following a workout or a climb up Mt Ainslie, and then to look out and think "How good is this?"

My own experience and that of the behavioural scientist, the Zen master and the existential philosopher all variously affirm the transcendental capacity of sport and play. In other words, sport can allow the individual to become more acutely aware of him/herself or the totality of the experience can override this sense of self. We are one yet a part of the whole; we are individuals called by name into the dance of life.

Those in sport who have impacted others for their good are those with a graced awareness of what it means to be human. They have a developing sense of self, others and the Other. They have tapped into the something more of life beyond self-serving opportunism; they are on a journey of transformation. In 1987 after the Raiders were defeated by Manly in their first grand final, assistant coach Wayne Bennett said of the team, "I know that they are better footballers, I hope that they are also better men." The positive impact of sport has been argued for but cannot be presumed. Sport takes place in a culture and reflects the values, positive and negative, of that culture. It would seem that the potential of sport to impact positively on the individual both on and off the field is dependent upon the people involved. At the recent funeral of Jack Gibson, the acclaimed rugby league Coach of the Century, his rosary beads were placed on his coffin. The same man once asked his players, "If you were a nine-year-old boy, would you be proud of the man you had become?"

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Priests on the move

Another four parishes will get new parish priests from the beginning of August. Archbishop Mark Coleridge has announced Fr Julian Wellspring will become parish priest of Campbell, Fr Paul Huthnance will go to Cooma, Fr Emil Milat to Moruya, including Bodalla, and Fr Lachlan Coll to Wanniasa.

Assistant priests will also be appointed to Goulburn and to the Western Mission. The parish priest appointments are for six years.

Previously, the following parish priests were appointed: Fr Mietek Markowicz, Queanbeyan; Fr Peter Doai, Kaleen; Fr Warrick Tonkin, Evatt; Fr Bernie Patterson, f Bega. Boorowa parish priest Fr Greg Beath will assume responsibility for Harden-Murrumburrah parish. Fr Varghese Vavolil will become administrator of Braidwood and Bungendore, with Fr Joseph Tran priest-in-residence at Bungendore.

Eddies old boy honoured

St Edmund's College old boy and ACT Chief Justice Terence Higgins received one of the highest Queen's Birthday honours. He became an Officer of the Order of Australia (AO). The appointment was made for service to the judiciary and to the law, and to the community through leadership roles with a range of sporting, educational and social welfare organisations. Justice Higgins is a former St Edmund's College board chair and a current board member of the Edmund Rice Foundation. Another AO recipient was Brisbane Archbishop John Bathurst.

New award hits the right spot

A new scholarship has been established at the Australian Catholic University's Canberra campus in memory of a man and his love of liturgy.

During the university's scholarships and awards ceremony, the first Kevin Moyle Award for liturgy or ministry studies was won by Bachelor of Theology and Social Work student Miss Katharine Parks.

The award, which is worth \$1000, was presented by Mr Moyle's widow and scholarship provider Mrs Janet Moyle.

"I wanted the award to go to a first-year undergraduate student who is the highest achiever in a



Mrs Janet Moyle (left) with winner Miss Katharine Parks.

liturgy or ministry subject," she said. "That's who I think needs encouraging and I think Kevin would have wanted that too. I'm

so pleased the award went to a young woman as well." Coincidentally, Miss Parks and Mrs Moyle are both Page parish-ioners.

Jessica Dunn from Temora received the Francis Carroll Scholarship, first-year nursing student Fiona Martin won the Laurie Daniel's Scholarship and Karina Padovan, Tania Bright, Leonie Walker and Lauren Eames received Primary Pre-service Teacher Awards for excellence in science education.

It was announced the St Vincent de Paul Society would establish indigenous scholarships worth \$4000 for 2009.

The big and the small

The Archdiocese has one of the biggest and five of the smallest parishes in Australia, according to the latest snapshot of church life.

This is part of a profile of Australia's Catholics developed by the Pastoral Projects Office of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference.

Statistics from the 2006 Census shows South Tuggeranong parish with more than 17,200 parish-ioners was the sixth largest in Australia headed by Burleigh Heads with more than 28,000, Narre Warren, Maroochydore, Camden and Caloundra.

At the other end of the scale, Jugiong (108), Ungarie (193), Weethalle (205), Barellan (244) and Bribbaree (244) were among 21 parishes in the nation with fewer than 250 Catholics. The smallest was Campbell Town in Tasmania with 84, with Jugiong second smallest.

The 2006 National Church Life Survey, based on a sample of about 70,000 Mass attenders from 229 parishes in every diocese, showed they were on average older, better educated and more likely to be female, married and born overseas than Catholics in general.

The survey found that 61 per cent of Mass attenders aged 15 and over were female, compared to 53 per cent of the same age group among Catholics as a whole. Among Mass attenders aged

15 and over, 28 per cent had a degree or higher qualification, while 68 per cent were married, 10 per cent were widowed, five per cent were separated or divorced and one per cent were in a de facto relationship. The Pastoral Projects Office's national count in May 2006 showed the number of people at Mass on a typical weekend was 708,600, or about 14 per cent of the Census Catholic population, down from a little over 15 per cent in 2001.



St Monica's looks to future

Staff and students at St Monica's Primary School Evatt have celebrated the blessing and opening of a classroom and canteen refurbishment project.

The project began in 2004 when the Catholic Education Office and the St Monica's community began a master plan for refurbishment of the school. Funding provided by the Commonwealth Government and Catholic Education Office combined with school funds enabled the school to begin stage one.

"We were able to rethink how classrooms of the future could look," acting principal Mrs Lyn Smith said.

"This planning and implementation time was exciting as the consulta-

tive group collaborated with the architect in thinking about how the school could be changed so that classrooms and other spaces reflected the educational needs of the 21st century. The group wanted to keep aspects of the traditional classroom and incorporate this into a more flexible learning environment. We wished to incorporate the latest in technology."

The project is the first part of a three-stage plan. The next stage includes relocation of the library learning space, further classrooms refurbishment and incorporation of technology including computers.

ABOVE: Jordan King carries in a candle during the liturgy to celebrate the opening of the refurbishments.

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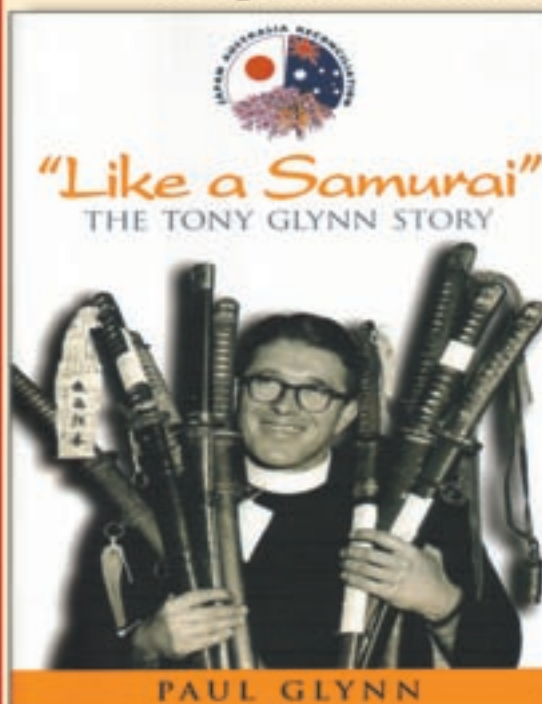
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Schoolboy Tony Glynn excelled in rugby, track and field, boxing, cricket and surfing. He spent 42 zestful years in Japan, where he first built an Old Folks Home. Then, beginning from scratch he set up a parish plant including a thriving kindergarten, day nursery and an ever crowded church.

His effectiveness in healing Pacific War wounds brought him an unsought MBE, AO and Japanese Order of the Rising Sun. He helped thousands to forgive and get on with positive living. A multitude of people benefitted from his practical help.

Proceeds from this sixth of Marist Fathers Books go to Aboriginal and Sudanese education, and to Philippine's clinics for the impoverished. Well over one million dollars have gone to the world's poor from the five previous Marist Father's Books.

Tony Glynn suffered much from cancer but ever lived that wise old saying: "Suffering is inevitable but misery is optional". His parishioners said he died like a Samurai.



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'Generous' spirit remembered

MacKillop Catholic College student Tegan Blunt, who died in an accident last month, will be remembered in a practical way by her school.

The 16-year-old Year 11 student died when the utility she was travelling in crashed on a farm near Wagga Wagga. Eight fellow MacKillop College students were involved in the accident.

Speaking at her funeral in Canberra, college principal Mr Michael Lee said she would be long remembered through the Tegan Blunt Memorial Scholarship, which would be awarded annually and administered by a committee of teachers and students.

"To make certain that her compassion endures in a practical way, the college has decided to establish a fund



that will support students who have a worthwhile need or initiative," he said. "It will be sustained by ongoing fundraising and subscription."

Mr Lee said the scholarship would be set aside for worthy student projects, ideas and initiatives. "Tegan was very much a person who looked out for other people. She was quick to put up her hand to volunteer and brought energy and enthusiasm to everything. Tegan's care for others will go on." He said she would be remembered for her "generous spirit" and "ability to look after others in need". Many MacKillop College students were among the mourners who packed St Paul's Anglican Church, Manuka, for the service.

Shaken but undeterred

After being shaken about, St Mary's Church in Bombala is undergoing repairs. Three seismic events measuring above 3.4 on the Richter scale caused cracking to both internal and external walls and destruction of the imitation marble sanctuary floor.

Bombala parish priest Fr Mick MacAndrew said the marble floor was the original laid when the church was built during World War II by Fr David Griffin.

"Parishioners could actually sit inside the church and see daylight

through some of the cracks which completely separated both internal and external walls in the sanctuary," he said.

"A new wooden floor for the sanctuary will be built, giving some protection from the tremors which are expected to continue into the future, as there is a fault line stretching from the Snowy Mountains into Bombala district," Fr MacAndrew said.

Work began in mid-May and is expected to be completed in September.

Aust must push harder on peace, say church leaders

Australia was well placed to give a lead in working with Israel and Palestine towards peace in the Holy Land, a group of church leaders have said.

In a statement to mark a week of International Church Action for Peace in Palestine and Israel, they called on the Australian Government to give the peace effort a much higher priority.

Signatories included president of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference Archbishop Philip Wilson, of Adelaide, Archbishop Mark Coleridge, of Canberra and Goulburn, and his predecessor Archbishop Francis Carroll. Archbishop Carroll visited the Holy Land last year on a National Council of Churches in Australia delegation of church leaders.

"The people of Israel and Palestine desperately need and want peace," they said. "The world desperately needs peace in the Holy Land."

"Palestinians have suffered 60 years of dispossession, 41 years of military occupation, land confiscation and illegal settlements, and thousands of violent deaths. Israelis have suffered 60 years of armed hostilities and constant threats, scores of suicide bombings and rocket attacks, and thousands of violent deaths."

"After decades of conflict and tension, there is little reason for optimism or even hope. Resentment and hatred continue to grow. The cycle of violence continues. We implore the Australian Government to increase its support for peacemaking between Israel and Palestine. We respectfully recommend that increased support include:

- persistent advocacy for a freely and peacefully negotiated solution acceptable to both Israelis and Palestinians, whether in the form of two states or one;



Carolyn Kitto from World Vision, Archbishop Mark Coleridge, Anglican Primate of Australia Archbishop Phillip Aspinall and President of the Uniting Church in Australia Rev Gregor Henderson at the launch.

- greater recognition of the plight of Palestinians after 41 years of military occupation;

- advocacy for the implementation of international law in reaching a negotiated solution;

- a quadrupling of Australia's aid contribution to the social and economic development of Palestine; and

- the facilitation of a multi-faith delegation from Australia to visit Israel and Palestine.

"It's more than time for a concerted effort by the international community to work with Israel and Palestine to bring about a just peace. Australia, with its vibrant Jewish and Palestinian communities, is well placed to give a lead."

"Without a politics of forgiveness, the wound will fester forever," Archbishop Coleridge said. "Now is the time for a new marriage of political will and spiritual power."



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Priest author seeks to encourage young men

Canberran Fr Ken Barker's latest book aimed at young men in Australia has its inspiration from a time of prayer some years ago on another continent.

In 2000, Fr Barker, moderator of the Missionaries of God's Love, was praying in the small church at Assisi in Italy where St Francis spent much of his time.

While praying, he said he had the sense that God wanted him to take on a particular work with young men in Australia.

"He wanted young men to rise up in the Church today with deep faith, purity of heart and strength of character," he writes in the introduction.

This led to the birth of the Young Men of God movement in Canberra and later in Melbourne and Sydney, and to Fr Barker's third book, *Young Men Rise Up*.

"I was concerned to write a book about young men growing in virtue that provides them with encouragement, that they will rise up in interior strength, live out the gospel life and have an impact in the world today," he said.

Although the book is aimed especially at



Fr Ken Barker with his latest book outside the Missionaries of God's Love novitiate house at Garran.

young men, Fr Barker says it is applicable to all men.

"It's an introduction to the moral life in many ways. I'm also finding that women are supportive of it because they want to see their men grow in their spirituality and in their moral life."

The book uses real life stories of young men Fr Barker has met who have struggled to live the virtuous life, as well as those of saints who have shown qualities of heroic virtue.

* Fr Barker will be a speaker on the Tuesday night of the Youth Festival at WYD at a big gathering of Catholic young men in Sydney's Hordern Pavilion.

About 3000 young men are expected to attend the rally, MAD08 (Make A Difference).

Young Men Rise Up is available from the Catholic Bookshop Braddon for \$22.95.

Fr Mick backs his flock

An archdiocesan priest has earned himself local hero status and plenty of media attention for his outspoken defence of Australian wool producers.

Due to his criticism of the anti-mulesing animal rights group People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA), Bombala parish priest Fr Mick MacAndrew has been featured in reports in *The New York Times*, *The Land*, *Bombala Times*, *The Canberra Times* and the *CathNews* service.

"I've had a tremendous response. I've been getting e-mails of support from all around the world," he said.

"People go by the house tooting the horn and when I go to get groceries it takes me two hours with people stopping me all the time to say 'thank you'."

Fr MacAndrew has condemned PETA for campaigning for a boycott of Australian wool because of a common sheep farming practice, where skin is removed from around a sheep's tail to guard against fly-strike.

"I've been out and I've mulesed sheep myself and I've also treated fly-blown sheep, and I know which is more inhumane," he said.



"Why are ordinary honest decent hard-working farmers being held up to be criminals by PETA? The way PETA talks about the surgical procedure of mulesing is

absolutely wrong."

If it protects their wool prices, Fr MacAndrew has told farming parishioners they may lie about whether or not produce has come from mulesed sheep.

"The Catholic law of equivocation states that it is okay to lie if it is morally withholding truth from an unjust organisation."

"Wool prices are already down and the alternative is to undertake expensive breeding programs."

"Putting animals above human kind is wrong and what PETA is doing is just appalling, and our poor farmers are getting harassed by absolutely ignorant people."

Fr MacAndrew said he encouraged the public to oppose PETA's "campaigns of economic sabotage."

"I want to make it known, we're not cruel, we're not committing crimes. We've got to turn the tables on PETA. So many urban Australians have turned on the farmers."



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The Archdiocese's newest priest tells Naomi Fallon about his long journey from Africa to priesthood in Australia.

Following God's road map to 'the end of the world'

When Constantine Osuchukwu made his most important life choice at the age of 11, he didn't follow his father into teaching, or choose to be a fireman or a builder. He chose the priesthood.

An average young man who enjoys playing soccer, listening to music and reading a good book, Constantine, now Fr Osuchukwu, was ordained a priest of the Archdiocese late last month in Canberra.

At the age of seven, he discovered an interest in the priesthood when his father began to take him to Mass at 6am every day.

"I didn't mind doing it," he said. "I made friends with the parish priest, and that friendship and love he showed me made me want to grow up and be just like him."

At 11, he entered the minor seminary, where he boarded away from home until he graduated from high school.

"This was not uncommon. It was a private school with a good education and from a class of 264, only 24 became priests."

In the town of Orlu in Imo State, south eastern Nigeria, it was culturally unusual for a family to allow their eldest son to become a priest.

"My father never said anything like that. He said it was my choice - I could do whatever I wanted."

"My dad taught me to be a 'Catholic' and my mum taught me to be a 'Christian'. My mum is a true Christian; she has a very good heart."

During a parish placement, a priest suggested he study in another country to get an idea of the church outside of Nigeria, although Australia was not in his original plans.

"I didn't know a lot about Australia, except what I saw on the TV during the 2000 Olympics. When I told my father I was going to Australia he said I was crazy. 'Australia is the end of the world,' he said."

On leaving for Australia, he remembered his father telling him things would be different in a foreign country.

"He told me not to be distracted by material things and that I should concentrate and say 'yes' to my vocation."

"Dad led me to Christ and I owe it all to him. I didn't see him again as he died in 2003. But I'm sure he'd be smiling down on me from heaven."

After arriving in Australia, he spent about two years with Fr Frank Jones in Yarralumla parish learning about Australian culture and undertaking a probation period, until he entered Good Shepherd Seminary in Sydney in 2005.

"I became attached to the parish at Yarralumla. They took me in like a son and I have very good memories of being there. I became very good friends with Fr Frank. I call him the 'brother I have in a foreign land'".

Now in Ecuador doing missionary work, Fr Jones returned for Fr Osuchukwu's ordination. "That means a lot to me, he is a very good friend."

He may not be an Australian citizen yet, but Fr Osuchukwu said he had found a home in the Archdiocese.

"I've made some very good friends here whom I can call my family, although every now and then something happens that reminds me I am a stranger here."

"But because of Jesus Christ we have brothers and sisters everywhere. if you walk with Christ, you never walk alone."

Despite becoming accustomed to the Australian lifestyle, Fr Osuchukwu keeps a special place in his heart for Nigeria, where his mother, three siblings and many friends and relatives still live.

"I have not lost a connection with my Nigerian people. I very much carry my people in my heart. When I go back it's like I never left at all. My heart is still back home in Nigeria. I'm African."

"I don't think I'll lose that. I still feel like I'm one of the gang."

Ahead of his ordination, he said he believed God has given him the means to make a good priest.

"You wait all of these years and suddenly it happens. I'm so grateful to God for the gift of vocation. This is God's gift and I feel humbled by it. In Nigeria we have a saying that 'God who has given a child a difficult task will also give him the means to do it'."

"It has given me great pleasure and joy to serve the people of this Archdiocese. The beauty of this country is only surpassed by the generosity of the Australian people."

After a brief stay in Queanbeyan Parish, Fr Osuchukwu has been appointed by Archbishop Mark Coleridge as assistant priest in South Tuggeranong parish from August.

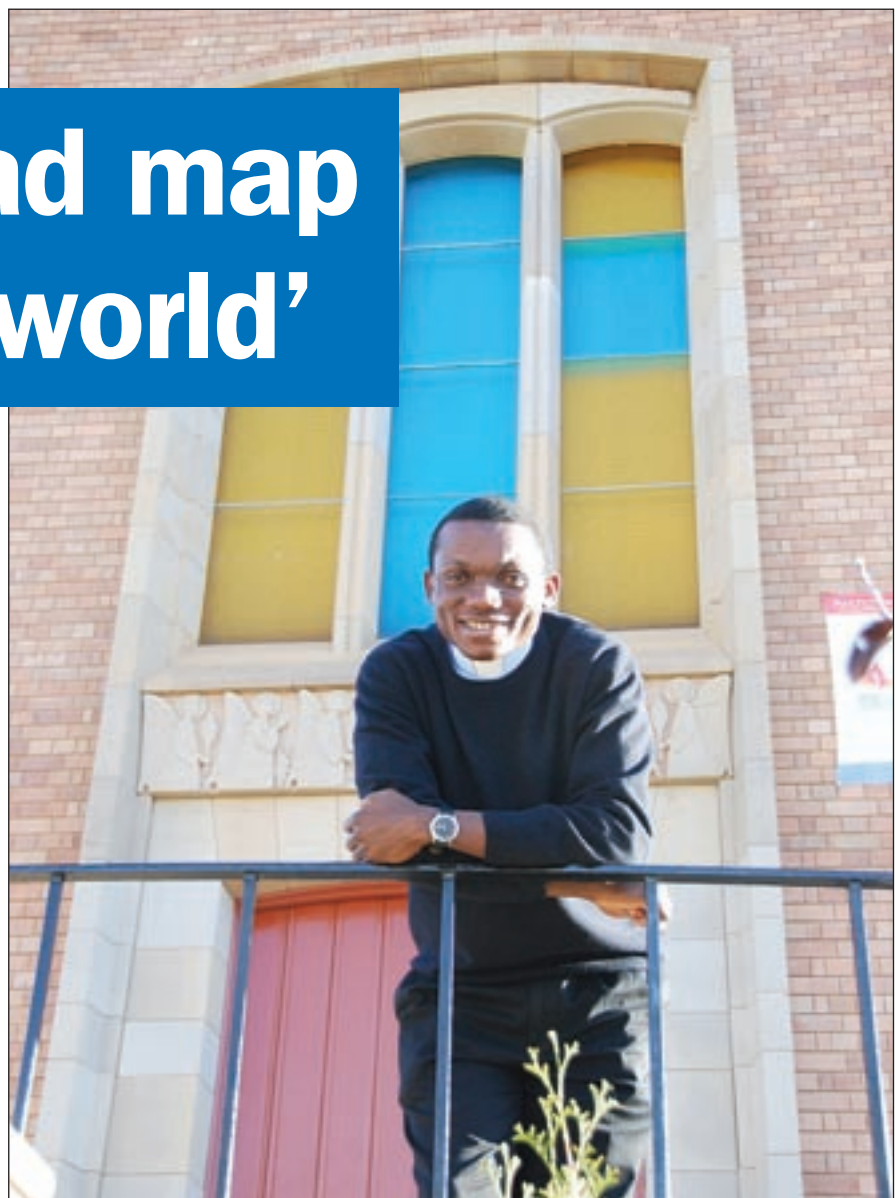
"I feel I'm meant to be where God wants me to be. That gives me peace and joy. That's what your life is about."

"When God calls you he doesn't give you a road map."

After ordination and almost two years since his last trip, Fr Osuchukwu looks forward to visiting Nigeria finally as a priest.

"It will be great to be with my people again. I can say Mass for them and do things a priest does - they have journeyed with me as well."

RIGHT: Shortly before his ordination, Constantine Osuchukwu ... "the beauty of this country is only surpassed by the generosity of the Australian people".



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Compassion and caring 'not all about science'

Second year Bachelor of Nursing student and recent Laurie Daniels Scholarship winner Fiona Martin has found tertiary study to be something of a challenge. Determined to succeed in her studies, she has had to work hard to adjust to a very busy life.

"I have never studied at a tertiary level before," Ms Martin said. "I have learnt to be pretty organised because in my situation, I really need to know what I am doing well in advance to plan work and study."

Sharing her time between work and study in Canberra, and her partner and work in Cowra, Fiona is grateful to the university for the way it accommodates working students.

"Many of us are working as enrolled nurses to support ourselves and the university has been really accommodating in structuring the course so that we can work around it," she said.

A desire to work with people and an interest in science influenced Ms Martin in her decision to study nursing.

"I like the social interaction that is a big part of nursing, dealing with people and helping them. I also find the disease processes really interesting, and understanding a patient's illness".

The course includes studies relating to the art and science of nursing, development of clinical skills and understanding of health and illness.

"I have particularly enjoyed gaining an understanding of the scientific principles behind nursing," she said. "I find that having that knowledge base really helps you to make the patients more comfortable and provide better quality care."

A stand-out feature of the degree is the ability of students to reflect upon and develop moral values appropriate to the practice of nursing.

"Throughout the Bachelor of Nursing I have learnt that compassion and caring for people is not all about science.

"Some of the units we have studied emphasise the importance of treating the person as a whole and having compassion and respect for the individual, which I find now influences me in my work," Ms Martin said.

The Laurie Daniels Scholarship is offered for students who are enrolled in the Bachelor of Nursing at ACU National's Canberra campus (Signadou).

"I applied for the scholarship because I knew the money would really help. It will allow me to focus on my studies and alleviate some of the pressure," Ms Martin said.

The Laurie Daniels Scholarship was established through Australian Catholic University Foundation and commemorates the life of Laurie Daniels, a founding member of the University Senate, an active supporter of ACU National and a life-long advocate of Catholic education.

Originally established to support postgraduate students enrolled in the Master of Social Work program at the Canberra campus (Signadou), the conditions were varied in 2006 to allow support for students in the new School of Nursing (NSW & ACT) at the Canberra campus (Signadou).

BELOW: Second year Bachelor of Nursing student and Laurie Daniels Scholarship recipient Fiona Martin.



Want to make the world better place? Apply here

Australian Catholic University (ACU National) has good news for Year 12 students hoping to attend University next year.

Up to 50 per cent of undergraduate places at ACU National will be available through the Early Achievers Program. The program provides early offers of a place at ACU National to students who can demonstrate a commitment not only to their studies, but to their communities as well.

The scheme offers confirmed places in the university course of the student's choice in December 2008, giving them more time to prepare for their first year of tertiary study. Traditionally, offers are not made until early in the following year.

To apply, students will need to demonstrate their ongoing involvement in the community, whether that be school, local community organisations, culture, sport or a religious group. It is believed to be the first scheme in Australia to consider a student's contribution to society as part of the application process.

The Early Achievers Program is also being made available to non-school leavers and takes into consideration formal as well as non-formal education and relevant work experience.

Undergraduate courses available at ACU National's Canberra campus include Nursing, Early Childhood and Primary Education, Theology and Social Work.

Australian Catholic University (ACU National) Vice Chancellor Prof Greg Craven spoke of his desire to nurture students with a commitment to the common good, with the launch of the Early Achievers Program this week.

"At ACU National we want our students to have not just their heads in their calling, but their hearts as well. We want people who are committed not just to working and earning but to making the world a better place," he said.

Students who want to find out more about the Early Achievers Program and studying at ACU National can speak to Student Recruitment Officer Jessica Brodie at the Royal



Student Recruitment Officer Jessica Brodie

College of Nursing, Australia Nursing and Health Expo at the National Convention Centre Canberra on Sunday, July 6. Alternatively, students should visit www.acu.edu.au/earlyentry or call 1300 ASK ACU (1300 275 228).

Hands-on experience is vital

ACU National's School of Nursing has nursing laboratories that simulate facilities in hospitals, nursing wards, treatment rooms and preparation rooms.

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"Our clinical nursing laboratories are constantly updated to ensure the provision of sophisticated equipment and our students frequently comment on our small class sizes and the personalised learning experience they receive at the university's Canberra campus," she said.

Students undertake comprehensive clinical placements at various hospitals and health care facilities in Canberra to provide them with a first-hand understanding of the profession.

"We have forged strong partnerships with numerous health and nursing industry bodies that provide quality clinical and field experiences and opportunities for our students to apply and validate their knowledge," she said.



Bachelor of Nursing students David Robb and Kylie Dyball at work in a nursing laboratory.

Graduates of the Bachelor of Nursing will be able to practice nursing in a range of areas including aged care, maternal and infant care, community, developmental disability, medical/surgical, men-

tal health and paediatric nursing.

Prospective students can visit the campus on Open Day (Saturday, August 30) to speak to staff and students and tour the facilities.

New nursing degree launched

Australian Catholic University's (ACU National) Canberra Campus (Signadou) has announced the introduction of a three-year Bachelor of Nursing degree beginning in 2009.

The degree is set to boost the number of nurses in the region, preparing students to embark on challenging and rewarding careers as professional nurses who will be qualified to work in a variety of health care organisations and community settings.

Until now, the ACU National's Canberra Campus offered the final two years of a standard three-year Bachelor of Nursing with special admission available for enrolled nurses.

The first cohort of students began at ACU National in February 2007 after completing a bridging program run through the Canberra Institute of Technology (CIT).

However, the new three-year Bachelor of Nursing provides prospective students the opportunity to enter straight from year 12 or as a mature age student (with appropriate prerequisite knowledge) into the first year of an undergraduate degree.

Prof Pauline Nugent, Dean of



Second-year nursing student Anneke Schoots with Dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences Prof Pauline Nugent in a nursing laboratory.

ACU National's Faculty of Health Sciences, said she was delighted to see the introduction of a first year to the existing program.

"It is our hope that by offering the three-year degree we will be working toward addressing the shortage of nurses in the region," she said.

ACU National has a rich tradi-

tion of educating nurses since its very beginning, with the institutions that merged to form the University in 1991 having their origins in the mid-1800s when religious orders and institutes became involved in preparing nurses for Catholic hospitals.

Canberra campus rector Prof Peter Camilleri expressed his grat-

itude to the local health sector.

"The introduction of the three-year nursing program has been an outcome of strong collaboration between the University and ACT Department of Health.

"We are excited about this opportunity to provide the sector with high quality nursing graduates in the near future."

ACU National nursing students undertake an academically rigorous yet highly practical course, participating in hands-on learning sessions in a high-fidelity simulation laboratory environment.

The nursing laboratories are equipped with up to date technologies including simulator mannequins that enable students to practice life like scenarios before coming in to contact with patients.

Graduates of ACU National's Bachelor of Nursing, already offered at the University's Brisbane (McAuley at Banyo), North Sydney (MacKillop), Ballarat (Aquinas) and Melbourne (St Patrick's) campuses, are highly regarded in the healthcare sector and have a 99 per cent employment rate. (Source: 2006 Graduate Destination Survey, Graduate Careers Council of Australia).

"As Australia's only truly national university, the Canberra campus' new Bachelor of Nursing will bring this campus in line with our highly-reputable nursing programs in other states," Prof Camilleri said.

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Touch and go but SFX win

A great team effort resulted in a win for the St Francis Xavier College Year 9/10 girls team at the ACT high school girls touch footy carnival.

The girls were undefeated in their pool, winning 3-2 against Stromlo, 3-0 against Belconnen, 5-1 against St Clares and 4-0 against Daramalan.

They came up against Lyneham in the semi-final, resulting in a 4-1 win.

In a close grand final game SFX beat Merici 4-3, to be named ACT champions.

Former NSW touch representative player, Year 12 coordinator and PE teacher Ms Sarah Marsh coached the girls and said it was a fantastic day.

"The girls were very focused all day and meshed really well as a team," she said.

"It was a huge achievement considering they only had one opportunity to train prior to the carnival."

Lauren Donohoe, Brooke Debritt, Alyce Blakeney were named as the most valuable players on the day and the coaches encouragement award went to Karissa Carkeet.

RIGHT: Back row - Ashlee Mewburn, Brooke DeBritt, Lauren O'Meara, Lauren Donohoe (Captain), Alana McQueen, Karissa Carkeet, Sarah Marsh (Coach); front row - Alyce Blakeney, Sophie Roper, Jess Cox, Samantha Davis, Tara Buckley and Shannon Smith.

● In other SFX success, hockey players Alex and Jacquie Carle have been selected by ACTAS to tour New Zealand.

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Melissa dashes to make her mark

Year 12 student Melissa Breen from MacKillop Catholic College will represent Australia this month when she heads to Poland for the IAAF World Junior Athletics Championships, which will be held in the city of Bydgoszcz.

Melissa, 17, who made her international debut as a member of the 4x100m women's relay team in the Osaka Grand Prix in May, will compete in her signature 100m event in Poland.

She qualified for the championships late last year when she won the under-18 100m and 200m at the Australian All Schools Championships, before confirming her place with a time of 11.73 seconds at the ACT State championships in March.

Since then, Melissa has reduced her benchmark time to 11.46 seconds and has won a host of awards to add to her Clubs ACT Junior Sports Star Award which she received in December last year.

She heads into the World Juniors having taken out the Canberra Medal, the ACT Athletics Junior Athlete of the Year Award 2007-8 and the ACT Under 18 Most Outstanding Female Athlete Award for 2007-8.

Despite coming up against some tough competitors, Melissa is confident in making the 100m final in Poland.



"If it happens, it happens, but I know that I've got a lot of work ahead of me and even if I'm not so successful this time around, it doesn't mean that I can't be successful in the future," she said.

Her success is made even more remarkable by the fact that she is balancing her running with a rigorous tertiary package at MacKillop and has identified PE teaching as a possible career. "The teachers here understand my workload, and are all supportive of me," she said.

Jackson No 8 in world

Jackson Frew from Marist College competed in the world BMX titles in Taiyuan, China and achieved a world ranking of eighth in the under-10 boys division. The nine year old battled through extreme smog levels in China to gain the ranking.

Silver shot

Hennessey College, Young, Year 8 student Gerard Holland was NSW squad captain at the Australian Little Athletics Championships. He won a silver medal in the 13 years boys' shot put. Gerard also placed 5th in discuss and javelin events.

Eden's top runners

Year 6 students Amber Keft and Josh Hickman from St Joseph's Primary, Eden, represented the school at the Archdiocesan Cross Country Championships in Canberra. Amber and Josh placed 7th and 8th respectively, narrowly missing out on a top six finish which would have seen them qualify for the MacKillop state cross country trials.

The talented athletes also excel in soccer, being the only primary students in Eden to be selected for the Far South Coast under 12 soccer teams.

Best times for Andy

Following his success at the Northside swimming championships, Year 8 SFX student Andy Chen competed at the Australian Age Championships in Brisbane. Andy achieved personal bests and came 7th in 100 metre breaststroke and 10th in the 200 metre butterfly. He has since been selected in the NSW Age Development Squad to compete in Sydney.

Carroll College shines

Carroll College Year 7/8 girls and Year 9/10 boys teams competed in the Combined Catholic Colleges of NSW Southern Conference Basketball Titles in Albury. Both teams were very strong competitors with the girls placing third and the boys finishing runners-up to Albury's Xavier High Team. The boys qualified to compete in the next round in Sydney. Team member Darcy Harding was selected to try out for the Open State Team of the NSW Combined Catholic Colleges.

Young tennis champs

Amy Wills, Prue Hancock, Georgie Mahar and Georgie Gray from Hennessey Catholic College in Young represented the Archdiocese and came away champions from the Combined Catholic Colleges tennis tournament in Bathurst. As a result of winning, the girls will play at the Combined Independent Schools Championships. They were also invited by Tennis Australia to compete in the Australian Teams event.

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Young men searching for direction

Five seminarians, three members of the CYM youth team and eight men ranging from some who have decided to enter the seminary after World Youth Day to others who were having a tentative look, attended a vocations weekend at Galong.

Organiser Fr Emil Milat said the focus was on getting priests of the Archdiocese to share their vocation journey with the men.

The group reflected on what a modern priesthood could look like for a modern world. The weekend revolved around great social times and filling food and warm hospitality offered by the staff and religious at Galong, Fr Milat said.

Archbishop Mark Coleridge, who attended the whole weekend, reminded the group that the key to their call, as evidenced in biblical tradition, was to listen as crystallised in the influential rule of St Benedict.

"Comments of the men after the weekend were that they now know more clearly one way or the other the direction Christ is leading them," Fr Milat said.

For more information on the next weekend in late November,



contact Fr Emil Milat, telephone 6291 6688, e-mail emil.milat@ccparish.org.au The next vocations event focused on priesthood will be a dinner at the Archbishop's House on 22 August.

ABOVE: Seminarians Trenton Van Reesch, Duc Mac, Luke Verrell, Paul Nulley and Jorge Nulley with Archbishop Mark Coleridge.

Heading to Canberra

CaSPA is coming to the national capital. Not quite the friendly ghost, but the Catholic Secondary Principals Association, which is moving its office and executive officer to Canberra next year.

What was the Association of Principals of Catholic Secondary Schools Australia (APCSSA) has undergone a name change to CaSPA.

The organisation is seeking a new executive officer as the incumbent since 2005, Ms Mary Ciccirelli, is resigning to pursue other interests.

The board of CaSPA has representatives from each state and

territory and meets face to face at least four times a year.

CaSPA's role is to represent the views and interests of Catholic secondary school principals in the national education debate, to provide insight into the impact of policy changes on schools, and to recommend changes in policy, procedure or direction to the Commonwealth Government. Directors meet with departmental officials and the minister, and serve on many educational bodies. The move to Canberra will provide easier access to ministers and their departments and to the National Catholic Education Commission.

Vandals hit valley school

Vandals have struck at St Clare of Assisi Primary School, Conder, three times in recent months. One weekend last month, 21 windows were smashed and graffiti was sprayed on a school wall. Deputy principal Mr Gerard Galvin said the damage appeared to have been done by children walking through the school grounds and there were no attempts to break in. "It's more disrupting than anything and it's dangerous. We don't want a five year old to pick up a piece of glass and cut themselves." St John Vianney's Primary School, Waramanga, has also been targeted by vandals who destroyed the bin storage area.

Communion memento



Children in the First Holy Communion class from St Patrick's School, Gundagai, received Rosary beads made by Mrs Pat McCall and her helpers Petronella and Grace Fluistma. Children in the kindergarten class were fortunate to be given a set of Rosary beads as well.

The children are (from left) front: Maddie Dean, Julia Hay, Romani Morath, Grace Harpley, Rachel Stuckey, Taylah Bower, Annabelle Makeham.

Back: Charlie Barton, Dylan Murdoch, Austin Hay, Mrs Pat McCall, Kyle Smith, Toby Frost, Andrew Bower.

Fond memories up on the hill

St Patrick's College in Goulburn may no longer exist, but a former student and teacher has tried to preserve accurate and fond memories of the school which shaped so many lives.

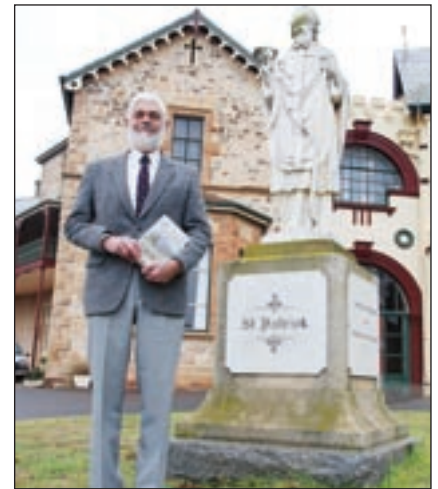
Dr David Bollen detailed the history of St Patrick's College in a book entitled "Up on the hill", which was launched at the annual old boys' reunion at the St Patrick's campus of Trinity Catholic College. Commissioned by the Christian Brothers who founded the college, the five year project was anything but a chore, Dr Bollen said. "It was just one of my interests."

The associate history professor at Macquarie University missed the country lifestyle and returned to St Patrick's in 1980 to teach for 20 years. "The school had a culture of its own. It was unusually influential as a school; lots of lives were shaped up here by the brothers and the boys interacting with one another."

After St Patrick's was amalgamated with Marian College to establish Trinity Catholic College in 2000, Dr Bollen said it was more important than ever to retain its history.

"I think the older boys would be particularly inclined to recollect their school days and appreciate the impact the school had on them. Now looking back on it they can make a judgment on what it has all meant to them."

Now retired and farming merinos with his wife on a property near Goulburn, Dr Bollen's link with St Patrick's continues, with daughter Jenny teaching at Trinity Catholic College.



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We've done too much too soon

More than a generation ago, before the sexual revolution, Nobel-prize winning novelist and philosopher Albert Camus had written: Chastity alone is connected with personal progress. There is a time when moving beyond it is a victory, when it is released from its moral imperatives. But this quickly turns to defeat afterwards.

What does he mean by those words? Whatever they mean, they are not understood by our generation. Today's world, with few exceptions, considers the move beyond chastity as anything but a defeat. For it, this is progress, a sophistication, a liberation from a past ignorance, an eating of the forbidden fruit that is more of an entry into Eden than an expulsion from it. Today, in Western culture, chastity is generally seen as naivet , timidity, frigidity, lack of nerve, being uptight, as an innocence to be pitied.

A salient example of this can be seen in the debate surrounding AIDS and teenage pregnancy. In this discussion, the argument for chastity is generally seen as naive, impractical, narrow, religious (as if chastity was a religious concept), old-fashioned, and even dangerous.

Conversely, those who argue on the basis of safe-sex (as if that wasn't an oxymoron) claim the high ground, intellectual, moral, and practical. The same holds true today in virtually the entire discussion around sexuality. Chastity is given little place and little respect. At best, it is seen as an impractical ideal, at worst, as something to be pitied or ridiculed. This is not progress. Why?

Because, in the end, chastity is partially the key to everything: joy, family, love, community, and even the full enjoyment of sex. When a society is chaste, family can happen; when a family is chaste, it will find joy in its everyday life; when lovers are chaste, they will experience the full ecstasy of sex; when a church is chaste, it will experience the Holy Spirit. The reverse is also true. Chaos, joylessness, division, erotic numbness and hardness of heart are generally a fault in chastity. To say this, though, implies a certain understanding of chastity. What is chastity?

Generally we identify chastity with a certain sexual reticence or simply with celibacy. This is too narrow. To be chaste does not mean that one does not have sex, nor does it imply that one is a prude. My parents were two of the most chaste persons I ever met, yet they obviously enjoyed sex, of which a large family and a warm vivacious bond between them gave ample evidence.

Ron Rolheiser

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Chastity, at its root, is not primarily even a sexual concept, though given the power and urgency of sex, faults in chastity often are within the area of sexuality. Chastity has to do with all experiencing. It is about the appropriateness and maturity of any experience, sex included. Chastity is reverence and all sin, in the end, is irreverence. To be chaste is to experience people, things, places, entertainment, the phases of one's life, life's opportunities, and sex, in a way that does not violate them or ourselves.

Chastity means to experience things reverently, so that the experience of them leaves both them and ourselves more, not less, integrated. Thus, I am chaste when I relate to others in a way that does not violate their moral, psychological, emotional, sexual, or aesthetic contours. I am chaste when I do not let irreverence or impatience ruin what is gift, when I let life, others, and sex, be fully what they are. Conversely, I lack chastity when I transgress boundaries prematurely or irreverently, when I violate anything so as to somehow reduce its full gift.

Chastity is respect and reverence. The fruits of that are integration, gratitude, and joy. Lack of chastity is irreverence. The fruits of that are disintegration, bitterness, and cynicism.

Allan Bloom, the famed educator, speaking purely as a secular observer, without any religious angle whatsoever, 20 years ago affirmed that lack of chastity in our culture, particularly among the young, is perhaps the deepest cause of unhappiness and flatness in our lives.

He submits that lack of chastity has, paradoxically, robbed us of deep passion and rendered us erotically lame. We have, he asserts, experienced too much, too soon. We have sophisticated ourselves into boredom and unhappiness. We have been to too many places and done too many things before we were ready for them. The result is that we have stripped life, romance, love, and sex of their mysteries and their capacity to enchant us. We have, through lack of chastity, de-sacralized our experience and robbed it of its capacity to enchant the soul. He's right, and the re-enchantment of our souls will be predicated on reinstating a proper chastity into our lives

Our generation suffers too much from boredom, disrespect, emotional chaos, lack of family, sexual irresponsibility, despondency, cynicism and lack of delight. We need to be slower in denigrating chastity and more honest in assessing what constitutes victory and what constitutes defeat in our lives.

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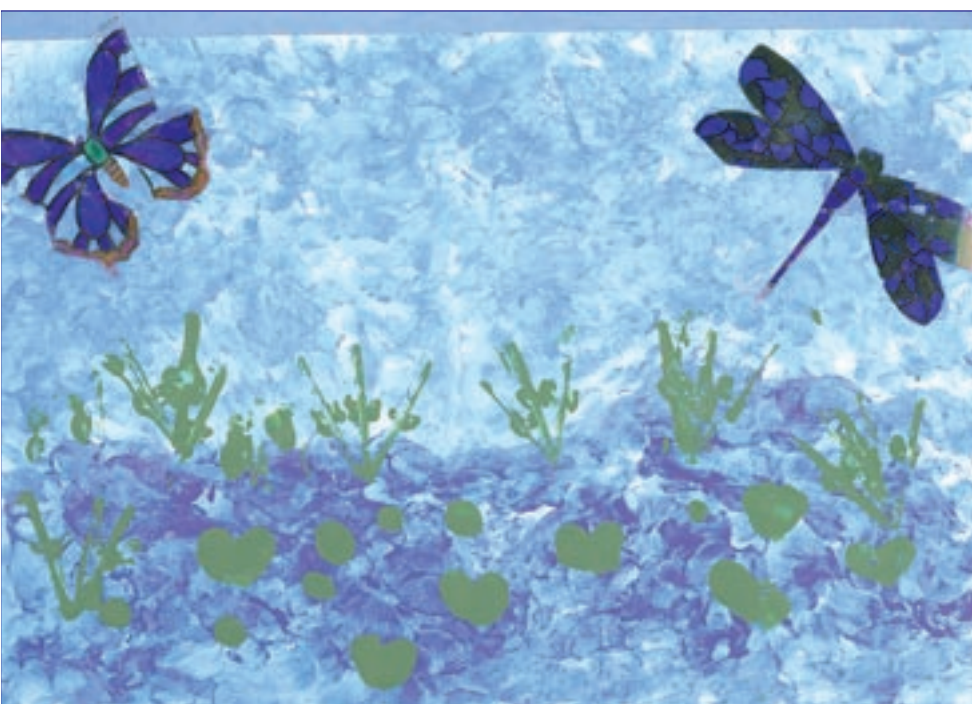
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2B are having fun at Florey

This month Catholic Voice's Naomi Fallon visited Miss Marianne Bailey and Year 2B at St John the Apostle Primary in Florey. It was 2B's turn to perform at assembly and the theme was "blessed are the pure of heart". 2B were working in their literacy groups when Naomi visited, and were enjoying reading, writing, computer work and memory games.

ABOVE LEFT: Monet inspired waterways picture by Angela Doan. ABOVE RIGHT: Fly face by Lachlan Moran for her 'fly dance'. RIGHT: Miss Bailey and class 2B with the hearts and stars they used in their assembly performance.



TOP LEFT: Samantha Lavis, Michelle Sawa, Nicholas Parkinson, Joel O'Brien and Brittany Allen-Gray help one another with their reading.

MIDDLE LEFT: Tamsyn Daw, David Knight and Bailey Ross work on the computers.

BELOW LEFT: Nicola Greaves loves writing with her favourite pencil.



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Finding courage to trust and love again

This is an Australian movie that has been a firm audience favourite on the festival circuit, wherever it has been shown. Filmed on location at an old homestead, Wyambin, at Beaudesert, Queensland, the movie tells the story of a reclusive outback farmer, John Woldring (William McInnes who acted in Look Both Ways) who hesitantly befriends Tahmeena, an illegal Afghan refugee (sensitive played by Monic Hendrickx).

Tahmeena has fled from being held captive in a brothel and finds herself on the road by John's farm and is desperate for help.

Intelligently written for the screen by the film's director, Peter Duncan, and based on a screenplay by Kees van der Hulst, the film is no ordinary version of a

run-of-the-mill outback romance.

Plot and setting don't exactly fit and the ending disappoints a little, but psychological and emotional overtones abound and they bring to the film considerable complexity and impact.

It is very well acted and directed, and the photography of Robert Humphreys (who gave us Suburban Mayhem) is excellent. This is a political-romantic story of a growing love between two injured people. John Woldring is injured by his own isolation and consuming grief over the death of his wife; and Tahmeena is injured by the hurt others have done to her. The mutual hesitancy of both of them is slowly replaced by trust and love.

The Australian landscape provides excellent contrast with the human drama

Unfinished Sky
Starring William McInnes, Monic Hendrickx and David Field. Directed by Peter Duncan. 91 mins. M (moderate themes, violence and coarse language). Reviewer: Peter W Sheehan*.

that unfolds. John is emotionally isolated from the community by his own choice. Tahmeena is struggling to regain trust after her abuse, and she has virtually no English to cope. Tahmeena's words in her own language are never sub-titled. The audience and the principal characters have to find in common the ways to understand what is really happening; and meaning comes through visual and emotional cues that ultimately reflect very fine direction by Duncan and quality acting by McInnes and Hendrickx.

The movie is about finding the courage to trust and love again, and this is a genuinely uplifting message.

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

More soul-searching than savage

It is a pity that the ironic overtones of the name of the focus family, The Savages, indicates more of a barbarity than they actually display.

Lenny Savage, the ageing father slipping into dementia, has acted in savage ways towards his children when they were growing up and has become a cantankerous old man who taunts his carer by smearing insults on the bathroom wall with his excrement.

But, his two children, who have to face up to the reality of his condition and their filial

The Savages
Starring Laura Linney and Philip Seymour Hoffman. Directed by Tamara Jenkins. 114 mins. M (moderate themes, infrequent moderate coarse language). Reviewer: Fr Peter Malone MSC*.

responsibilities, are by no means savage. In many ways, they treat him far better than he deserves. Wendy is late 30s, unmarried, living in New York City, a would-be playwright, a temp who keeps applying for

literary grants and who is having an affair with a married neighbour.

John, on the other hand, is early 40s, a theatre professor in Buffalo writing on Brecht, living with a Polish woman who is about to be deported.

As played by Laura Linney (receiving an Oscar nomination) and Philip Seymour Hoffman, they are well-delineated characters whom the audience gets to know well. Philip Bosco is excellent as the obstreperous father.

The film is about middle-

aged children coping with their father's decline, the problems of moving him into a care institution, how to overcome their past hostilities, spending time with him while coping with their own problems.

With the two leads, there is quite an amount of verbal sparring, some of which is cleverly humorous. There is also soul-searching and facing the true self which is cleverly serious.

* Fr Peter Malone MSC directs the film desk of SIGNIS: the World Association of Catholic Communicators.



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The Band's Visit
Starring Sasson Gaabai, Ronit Elkabetz and Saleh Bakri. Directed by Eran Kolirin. 86 mins, M (infrequent moderate coarse language). Reviewer: Fr Peter Malone MSC*.

Charming way to seek peace

What if an Egyptian police band turned up to the wrong Israeli town to play at the inauguration of the Arab cultural centre?

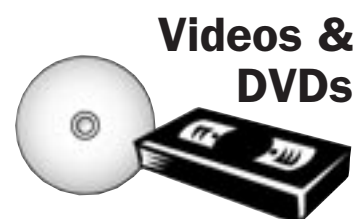
A pleasing premise for a light story of friendship and understanding.

Director Eran Kolirin remembers his past when there was such a visit, the days when families in Israel used to watch soap operas from Egypt on TV.

He also says that the question for this part of the world is not how peace can be achieved but, more deeply, why peace?.

As we see the band leader reminisce with the woman who owns the bar and they exchange stories, as we see the assistant conductor at home with a husband who has had an argument with his wife, as we see the young policeman coaching a gawky local how to charm a young woman at the local skating rink, something of the answer comes across in a light, often charming, way.

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



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God Speaks Through the Church. (Two 40 min. programs, Cafe series, ages 16-adult).

Archbishop Mark Coleridge presents his learned and interesting insights into the traditions and teachings of the Catholic Church in this CAFÉ series lecture. He speaks about Church traditions, such as Holy Scripture, the Divinity of Christ, and the changes of Vatican II. He comments on the teachings of the Church, including the Catechism of the Catholic Church, and the meaning of apostolic authority of the bishops and popes.

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Unstoppable Global Warming: Every 1500 Years by S Fred Singer and Dennis Avery. Maryland: Roman and Littlefield, 2008, 278 pages. A Moral Climate: the Ethics of Global Warming by Michael Northcott. London: Darton, Longman and Todd, 2007, 336 pages, \$39.95. Reviewer: Janet Moyle.

Nowadays anyone who picks up a newspaper is only too aware of the issue of global warming. Unsurprisingly it is an all-pervasive topic. Possibly this is because we've always talked about the weather and its impact on our activities.

Global trends are harder to grasp. The latest debates have spawned climate sceptics and climate alarmists with all shades in between.

Unstoppable Global Warming is placed squarely in the first category. The authors are S Fred Singer, a climate physicist, and Dennis Avery, an agricultural economist and writer on environmental issues.

Their thesis is that global warming is moderate and not man-made. They argue that Earth's climate is constantly changing and has always done so. For at least the last million years a moderate warm-cold cycle has been superimposed over the longer stronger ice ages and warm interglacials. Often these changes have been quite rapid.

They report on the Roman Warming from 200BC to 600AD and the Medieval Warming 900AD to 1300AD, both of which were preceded and followed by cold periods. As these periods were pre-industrial, they argue, the changes then had nothing to do with green house gas emissions of today.

If the greenhouse theory were valid, they say, temperatures at the poles would have risen several degrees Celsius since 1940. However the reverse is true. The dramatic reports about melting ice from the Antarctic Peninsula (which is getting warmer) are because that's where many of the instruments and thermometers are. The other 97 per cent of Antarctica has been cooling since the 1960s.

The cynic might observe that their stance sup-

Climate debate just keeps getting hotter

ports the choices of us who are wedded to our appliances and to our fossil-fuelled cars.

In contrast, Michael Northcott, Professor of Ethics at the University of Edinburgh and a priest in the Scottish Episcopal Church, sees global warming as one of the biggest moral dilemmas of our time. He begins each chapter with a quote from the biblical prophet Jeremiah who was not known for his optimism.

Northcott laments the dismantling of localised self-sufficient economies when people lived more simply. Societies were agricultural, travel was restricted, pilgrimages were made on foot, humanity lived in response to the rhythm of the earth.

He advocates "faithful feasting" - a commitment to vegetarianism as a counter to violence and cruelty and in solidarity with the world's poor. He believes that industrialised farming has huge impacts on health due to the use of pesticides and additives. Northcott is critical of the assumption that increased economic growth equates to increased welfare.

I checked the index pages for common sources. There were only eight. Among them was Michael Mann the proponent of the "Hockey Stick" graph based on his 1998 study. Northcott uses the graph to give credence to his belief that there is rapid and escalating climate change. Singer and Avery, however, demonstrate that the Mann data is flawed and ignores the physical evidence of previous warming and cooling periods. Make of that what you will.

We are all in this together

Just One Year. A Global Treasury of Prayer and Worship, ed Timothy Radcliffe. Orbis, 2007. 288 pp. rrp \$39.95. Reviewer Margaret Ryan.

Do you celebrate (rejoice in, pay honour to) the cycle of the Christian year from Advent to the feast of Christ the King? The annual cycle follows the symbolic evolving of the mystery of Christ with its rhythm of anticipation and celebration, mourning and rejoicing. It gives us responses to at least two concepts: who we are and what we hope for.

Just One Year provides an introductory commentary on each of the seasons, reflections written by spiritual writers of some stature (eg, Henri Nouwen,

Margaret Hebblethwaite, Sheila Cassidy), as well as poems, songs, litanies and other prayers by people and communities, such as St Anselm, the South African Council of Churches and a Brazilian youth group.

The volume and breadth of the human stories and life reflections remind us of who we are: that to be Christian is to realise that one's ultimate identity is to be found in unity with all of humankind, because Jesus Christ broke all age, social, gender and political barriers and reconciled the earth to the Father.

The book reminds us that our interconnections with each other are such that on Good Friday, all of us suffer with the poorest, those crucified by debt and

poverty, with those unjustly arrested and tortured, those humiliated and weakened by unjust social structures. Jesus' story is our story.

The liturgical cycle also gives us hope: something that takes us beyond the everyday presence of crime, poverty, war, disease, ecological disaster, exploitation and clinical depression.

The text is edited by Timothy Radcliffe, who was leader of the world's Dominicans for 10 years, and is a renowned speaker and author. The book is inspiring and suitable for personal reflection or group discussion. It challenges complacent attitudes and draws readers towards enlightened action on behalf of the gospel.

Answer to prayer

The Year of Matthew. Bringing Home the Gospel. A Weekly Journal for Parents, by Judith Dunlap. St Anthony Messenger Press, 2007. 126pp. rrp \$16.95. Reviewer: Margarey Ryan.

How do busy parents link Sunday Mass and the gospel with their children, daily life, some reflection time and goals for the week?

This little book is just the go. It provides two A5 pages per Sunday, outlines a principal theme of the Readings, gives a brief commentary on the gospel and invites family and personal responses to three questions. Two of these questions feature every week, allowing gentle reflection on one's aims and reality.

It could be the basis for a weekly family link up over a cuppa or meal. The theology is orthodox and contemporary, the language informal. It's suitable for families with children of school age and beyond.

Judith Dunlap has been involved in religious education for nearly 30 years. Definitely recommended.

Learn from poor: author

Listen to the poor was the advice author and academic Fr Gerald Arbuckle gave at the launch of his book in Canberra.

In A Preferential Option for the Poor: Application to Catholic Health and Aged Care Ministries in Australia, Fr Arbuckle campaigns for improved access to healthcare for the disadvantaged.

Those who gave to the less fortunate would benefit from what they received back, he said. The way through social exclusion was to listen

to the poor. "If we are unable to listen to them and actually learn from them, the heart of the gospel message is being denied," he said.

Parliamentary Secretary for Social Inclusion Senator Ursula Stephens, who launched the book at Parliament House, said it was "an intellectually stimulating gem of a read."

"This book gives every reader the space to contemplate and reflect upon the spiritual dimensions of poverty. In reading it I am doubly spurred on to push harder and more intensely on the government's social inclusion agenda."

"Dr Arbuckle reminds us that it is in giving to others that we receive



Catholic Health Australia chief executive officer Mr Martin Laverty, Parliamentary Secretary for Social Inclusion Senator Ursula Stephens and author Fr Gerald Arbuckle at the book launch.

most, that God chooses the weak to shock the strong, and chooses the foolish to highlight the wisdom of the worldly wise."

Catholic Health Australia's chief executive officer Mr Martin Laverty said Catholic Health Australia was preparing a framework for improved access to health for the socially disadvantaged.

"At a time when government hospital and health services are under strain and for-profit services are becoming increasingly commercialised, the role of non-government not-for-profit service providers could not be more important," he said.

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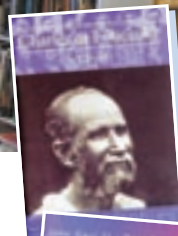


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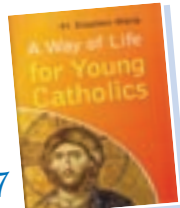
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Sunday, 6 July: 8th Sunday after Pentecost: Propers of the Day, Ordinary: Missa Orbis Factor, Motet: Ave Verum (Penalosa), Processional: Lord of all Hopefulness, Recessional: Praise the Lord, Ye heavens Adore Him.

The choir is in recess until Sunday, 3 August.
The choir sings at the 11.30 am Traditional Roman Rite Mass on Sundays at Sts Peter's and Paul's Church, Garran. Inquiries: Maria Henry, telephone 6249 6278 (home), e-mail mariahenry@bigpond.com or write to PO Box 434, Gungahlin ACT 2912. Traditional Mass chaplain Fr Ken Webb FSSP, telephone 0410 838 882, e-mail canberra@fssp.net

Cathedral Mass times

St Christopher's Cathedral parish new Mass timetable: Cathedral - Sunday 8am, 11am and 5.30pm. Monday 12.15pm, Tuesday 6.45am and 12.15pm, Wednesday 6.45am and 12.15pm, Thursday 6.45am and 12.15pm, Friday 6.45am and 12.15pm, Saturday 12.15pm. St Peter Chanel's Church Masses - Saturday 6pm vigil, Sunday 9.30am, Tuesday 5.45pm, Thursday 10am.

Coming Events



ADOPT A SCHOOL CHARITY DINNER - In aid of Fr Frank Jones' Latin American Mission. St Clare's College Hospitality students in conjunction with Southern Cross Club 3-course dinner, wine, entertainment, raffles, charity auction. 6.30pm, Wednesday 30 July, Top of the Cross, Southern Cross Club, Woden. Tickets \$60 per person. Bookings: Telephone 6283 7288.

COOTAMUNDRA SCHOOLS REUNION - All ex-students of Cootamundra Catholic schools, reunion long weekend, 4-6 October. Forward names and addresses to be included on mailing list to Margaret Large, 51 Temora Street, Cootamundra, telephone 6942 1851 or 6943 2274.

COURAGE CANBERRA - Group for those experiencing same-sex attraction and desiring to live sacramental life of the Church. Confidentiality assured. Inquiries: Telephone 6254 9540, e-mail couragecanberra@hotmail.com

CURSILLO - Ultreyas: Southside, Corpus Christi Parish Centre, 167 Bugden Ave, Gowrie, 8pm, Tuesday, 22 July. Northside: Marian Hall, St Matthew's Church, 12 Chevington Street, Page, 8pm, Thursday, 24 July. All welcome.

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL - Novena of evening Masses in honour of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, the Carmelite Chapel, 28 Mugga Way, Red Hill, 7-15 July. Archbishop Mark Coleridge will open the novena with Mass and a homily on Our Lady, 5.30pm, Monday, 7 July. Feast of Our Lady of Mt Carmel, Wednesday, 16 July, 10.30am Mass celebrated by Fr John Armstrong. All welcome.

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS - Holy Family Church, Gowrie. Devotions begin with Mass at noon, followed by Cenacle, Confession and Benediction. Afternoon tea in parish centre. Inquiries: Fr Emil Milat, telephone 6291 6688.

FUND-RAISING DINNER - Gala dinner and raffle to raise funds for basic vocational training centres in Sri Lanka for FEPCOW (Feed and Educate Poor Children of Our World) project, 26 July, Italo-Australian Club, Forrester. Inquiries: Telephone 6254 9924, website www.fepcow.org

GOSPEL CHOIR CONCERT - Strange Weather Gospel Choir winter concert, 8pm, Saturday, 9 August, Canberra Girls Grammar senior hall. Plus guest choir Honeybees from Sydney. Tickets, telephone 6247 1223.

HEALING MASS - Fr Fernando Suarez, of Philippines, as part of his healing ministry, 7pm, Monday, 18 August, St Benedict's Church, Narrabundah.

L'ARCHE FUNDRAISING CONCERT - By Robert Schmidli for L'Arche Genesaret Canberra, 3pm, 20 July, Wesley Music Centre. He will play Hummel: Rondo in E flat minor Op11, Bach: Partita in C minor BWV 826, Beethoven: Sonata Op 109 in E major, Liszt: Venezia e Napoli. Tickets at door \$25, concessions available. L'Arche Genesaret provides accommodation to 13 people with intellectual disability.

MEDITATION ON JESUS - In style of Fr Gilbert Carlo, meets Thursdays 7.30pm, St Thomas the Apostle, Kambah. Inquiries: Trish Jarzynski, telephone 6231 8468.

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

PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION - Croats in the National Capital, part of Ljudevit Seselja's vast collection of documentary photographs of this migrant community. 22 July to 22 August, Monday to Thursday 10am-5pm, Friday 10am-3pm. Croatian Embassy, 14 Jindalee Crescent, O'Malley. Inquiries: Mirjana Piskulic, telephone 6286 6988, e-mail croemb@bigpond.net.au

PRAYER IN THE CRYPT - Lectio Divina, a contemplative praying of Scriptures, 2.30pm-3.30pm each Thursday, in crypt of St Christopher's Cathedral. Inquiries: Parish Office, telephone 6295 9555 or e-mail stchris@velocitynet.com.au

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SERRA CLUB OF CANBERRA - 6.15pm, Thursday, 10 July. Rosary and Mass at Holy Trinity Church, followed by dinner.

SEXUALISATION OF GIRLS - Talk by Melinda Tankard-Reist, St. Benedict's Parish Centre, Narrabundah. 7.30pm, Wednesday, 2 July. Inquiries: Telephone 6286 5679.

TIMOR-LESTE FUND-RAISING DINNER - Guest speaker leading political journalist Michelle Grattan. In aid humanitarian programs of the Ryder-Cheshire Foundation and Canberra Friends of Dili. 7pm, Saturday, 26 July, Royal Canberra Golf Club, Yarralumla, \$80 a head two-course dinner with wine. Bookings: Paperchain Bookshop, 34 Franklin Street, Manuka.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER - 4-6 July, weekend for married couples, Merroo Christian Centre, Kurrajong, NSW. Bookings: Telephone 9489 4523 or 4283 3435.

WYD ADORATION VIGIL - Pray for World Youth Day in the presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, first Saturday, 5 July. St Peter Chanel's, Weston St, Yarralumla. Exposition following the 6pm Saturday Vigil Mass, then adoration all night to 6am Sunday. Inquiries: Susanna Taylor, telephone 0419 902 293 or www.wydcin Canberra.org.

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Many testify to the impact of adoration

St Benedict's Eucharistic Centre at Narrabundah has become a powerhouse of prayer for the new evangelisation with at least 60 hours of Eucharistic adoration each week.

People from all over Canberra take the opportunity of the presence of the exposed Blessed Sacrament to drop in for a time of quiet prayer.

"Many have committed themselves to being on the roster for an hour each week," centre director Fr Ken Barker MGL said. "They find this commitment bears good fruit in their lives."

Many people at a recent retreat for adorers had testified to the impact of regular adoration on their lives.

Peter Meli, 17, said his commitment to adoration had given him a new courage for living the Christian life faithfully.

Maja Lukasik, a young single woman, shared how Eucharistic adoration helped her deepen in personal faith and discover a living encounter with Jesus.

Adrian Wellspring, a father of a young family, said adoration had brought a profound peace to his heart in a period of personal turmoil.

Michael Lahiff amused the congregation by sharing how he had been drawn to Eucharistic adoration at St Benedict's to pray for a wife. Simultaneously, so had his future wife, Gillian. They are now happily married.

"Many who have been afflicted with anxieties testify how they have

been able to give their burdens over to the Lord during the time of adoration and find a new peace," Fr Barker said. "Those who have been despairing about life find new hope. Those who may be angry and finding it hard to reconcile with people who have wounded them speak of finding a new grace to reach out again with forgiveness."

To find out about Eucharistic adoration at St Benedict's, contact Geoff Mongan, telephone 6161 0711, Fr Barker 6281 0132, or St Benedict's office 6295 7879, or just go and see.

St Benedict's Eucharistic Centre offers a range of ministries, including evangelizing cell groups, youth ministries, healing weekends, outreach to the poor and, at the heart of it all, the popular charismatic 7pm Sunday Mass.



Spiritual needs of mental illness patients 'neglected'

People with a mental illness and their families would benefit from volunteers providing regular spiritual companionship, the Archdiocese's Social Justice Commission says.

Chair Mr Mike Cassidy said there was a particularly acute need for spiritual support in the area of medical treatment, but this was often lacking.

"Frequently their spiritual needs can surface most profoundly during medical treatment and counselling, and if attended to positively will be a key factor in the improvement in their health," he said.

"There is evidence confirming that the spiritual needs of patients are often neglected during treatment.

"Clinical acceptance of the close connection between spirituality and mental health is growing, but only slowly.

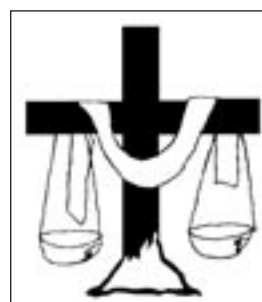
"The Church lay community is

well placed to assist in the expansion of spiritual support services for the ill and their families.

"While the Archdiocese provides spiritual support to the capacity of its resources, more prayerful and active support is urgently needed from the lay Church if the justice of Jesus Christ is to reach more of those with a mental illness.

"Family and friends can ensure that the ill person receives clinical and related support from professionals who recognise the importance of addressing the spiritual needs of the patient in a positive way."

Mr Cassidy said anyone wanting to discuss these issues or volunteer their services in developing this ministry should contact him at e-mail csjc@cg.catholic.org.au or Noel Bentley at nlbentle@bigpond.net.au telephone 0427 170 780.



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For those attending WYD, Catholic Mission's Village and Cultural Festival will be located at The Mint, 10 Macquarie St, Sydney from 15-18 July til 9pm. Visit catholicmission.org.au or phone 1800 257 296 for more information or to register.

Village Space, where a troupe engage in an interactive performance focusing on the voiceless of Uganda, Bougainville and Jabiluka, are scheduled. Hennessy Catholic College senior student's recent Village Space experience, when it visited Young, saw it rated highly, informative and engaging.

God bless,
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State school trio will go to WYD

The CCD Ministry in the Archdiocese will sponsor three state school students in Year 12 to attend World Youth Day. They are Caitlin Tubb, from Barellan Central School, and Samantha Casuer and Stephen Montgomery, from Henry Lawson High School in Grenfell.

Each student was invited to write why they would like to attend WYD. Caitlin Tubb wrote: "This would be an experience I would never forget. I would be able to bring a lot back to our small community/ parish and perhaps inspire other young people back to our church."

Samantha Casuer wrote: "I hope to become aware of the Holy Spirit in my life and have a better understanding of my faith and Christ. I am also looking forward to building friendships with Christians from other countries." Stephen Montgomery wrote: "It will be a fantastic experience and to meet the Pope would be outstanding. I would like to build on my Catholic faith."

WYD 2008 primary and secondary student resource booklets were given out to Catholic primary students in Years 4-12 who received Catholic SRE classes during term two. The booklets were an idea resource for SRE teachers /catechists to use in lessons and for students to take home so that parents and siblings could better understand about WYD.

BELOW: Samantha, Stephen and Caitlin.



Festival, Mass has ‘something for all’

The Days in the Diocese Festival and Commissioning Mass will offer "something for everyone", not just those who are going to World Youth Day.

As part of the archdiocesan Days in the Diocese celebrations, the festival and commissioning Mass will be held on Saturday, 12 July, from 10am to 6.30pm at Exhibition Park in Canberra.

"Contrary to what many people think, the Days in the Diocese Festival and Commissioning Mass is not only a youth event," catholicLIFE director Mr Shawn van der Linden said.

"It is open to everyone who wants to celebrate Canberra and the region's richness of faith and culture. There will be something for everyone to enjoy - musical performances, prayer sessions, talks and information stalls and displays."

Local and international acts and performances will be held across three stages, Canberra's Catholic secondary schools will compete against one another in a touch football competition and formative talks will be presented throughout the day from internationally renowned speakers.

Children will be well catered for during the festival, with jumping castles, face painting, giant slides and circus acts throughout the day.

Italian churchman to lecture

Leading Italian Archbishop Bruno Forte will deliver a free public lecture on religion and freedom as part of his visit to Canberra in the lead-up to World Youth Day.

Archbishop Forte, of Chieti-Vasto, will speak from 12.30pm to 1.30pm on Thursday, 10 July, at The Hall, University House at the ANU.

He is widely published in Latin America and is a visiting professor in several European and North and South American universities. He is committed to the ecumenical movement and is a member of the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity.

"We are encouraging everyone to bring the entire family to enjoy the day's activities and share in the experience," he said.

For those who are looking for something quieter, a chapel will be available for prayer and adoration. A wide variety of food will be on sale from 11am to 7pm.

Archbishop Mark Coleridge has decided the Mass will qualify as a Sunday vigil Mass and has strongly encouraged all parishioners to attend.

"The Days in the Diocese Festival and

He is also a member of the Pontifical Council for Culture, the International Theological Commission of the Holy See and the Joint International Commission for Dialogue between the Catholic and Orthodox churches. Many of his books are translated into English, French, German, Portuguese, Spanish and Polish. In the lecture, Archbishop Forte will reflect on the development of religion and freedom at a time when the two are often thought of as opposed.

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Commissioning Mass is going to be one of the largest archdiocesan gatherings that Canberra has ever seen," Mr van der Linden said.

"It gives everyone the opportunity to interact with our international pilgrims, see prestigious local and international performers and learn more about our Archdiocese's faith and culture. "It gives people who will not be going to World Youth Day in Sydney a chance to share in some of that experience."

Days in the Diocese canberra 2008 9-14 July				
Festival and Commissioning Mass Program				
Main Stage Arena	Indoor Stage Budawang Pavilion	Carpark Stage Outside Coorong and Budawang Pavilions	Talks Parkes Room	
10	Samuel Mullins & Friends Easy listening Jamming			Prayer in Chapel Quokka Pavilion
10:30	The Original Few Canberran Christian Band			Facilitated by the St Benedict's Eucharistic Centre
11	Amanda Vernon and Joyful Noise American Catholic Singer	Indonesian Dance Troupe Melbourne Music Duo	Hearing the Call: Vocations Seminar CC vocations & Serra Club of Canberra	There will be quiet prayer and adoration throughout the day. There will be Charismatic Prayer between 11:30 and 12 and Taizé Prayer between 1:30 and 2. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will also be available at the Chapel.
11:30	Amanda Vernon and Joyful Noise American Catholic Singer	East Timorese Performance	Young Men and the Challenge of Jesus Young Men of God Movement	
12	Priest Band International Clerical Rock Band	For Youth. For Life Ministry activities led by CYM Teams	Christian Unity Chemin Neuf	
12:30	Sand & Stone, Caritance, Natalia Harvey Jazz Band	Youth Brass Band German band from the Diocese of Fulda	Archbishop Mark Coleridge	
1	Samuel Mullins Acoustic Rock Extravaganza	Let's dance! Worship Band led dance party	Pilgrims who Transform L'Arche	Kids & Families Coorong Pavilion
1:30	John Angotti American Rock and Folk Musician		Getting Real: How Young Women Can Resist the 'Thin, Hot Sexy' messages of popular culture. (Melinda Tankard Reist)	
2	Mass Revival Local Catholic Worship Band			
2:30	Stephen Kirk Music Ministry			
3	Commissioning Mass			Entertainment for kids and families will be available throughout the day including:
3:30				Face painting Clowns Circus acts Plaster painting
4				
4:30				
5	Stephen Kirk Music Ministry	Amanda Vernon and Joyful Noise American Catholic Singer		
5:30		John Angotti American Rock and Folk Musician		
6		John Angotti American Rock and Folk Musician		
6:30		Mass Revival Local Catholic Rock Band		
	Close of program			