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Archbishop Mark Coleridge with O'Connor parish priest Fr Bill Kennedy.

Rising from the ashes

It was built from lottery winnings and destroyed by fire, but following its fair share of both luck and misfortune, St Joseph's Church in O'Connor was given another chance at a new beginning.

About 300 people attended Mass to mark the reopening of the church after it was badly damaged by fire in August 2007.

In his homily Archbishop Mark Coleridge paid tribute to the "extraordinary efforts" of parish priest Fr Bill Kennedy.

"Some years ago on the steps of this church, Fr Kennedy was bashed for no apparent reason and by those he didn't know," he said.

"He had hardly recovered from that attack when he woke one night to find the church ablaze. It was a second cruel blow to a man who had given magnificent priestly service through so many years."

Archbishop Coleridge said the Fr Kennedy's misfortune gave him "a new lease on life."

"It would have broken others, but it didn't break Fr Bill."

Fr Kennedy's brother Mr Bryan Kennedy, from Crookwell, agreed with Archbishop Coleridge. "I think it really sparked him up," Mr Kennedy said.

Fr Kennedy's sister Ms Pauline Coady travelled from Cronulla to be at the ceremony.

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Bishop our top citizen

'A champion of the voiceless'

Bishop Pat Power has been heralded as a champion of the voiceless and named Canberra's Citizen of the Year.

In announcing the award, ACT Chief Minister Mr Jon Stanhope said Bishop Power had been "a central and influential figure in the spiritual life of Canberra for many decades."

"He has lived and breathed his vocation not just in his words, but in his actions - even when it might have been easier or safer to stay away or stay silent."

To thousands of Canberrans he was a man "ready to speak out against prejudice and inequality when he encounters it, a champion of the voiceless, a thinker and a doer, an advocate for reconciliation, for refugee welfare, for the unemployed, for racial respect and for the rights of the aged and the dying."

"Our community is the richer for his presence and our city a better place."

The award was made in recognition of Bishop Power's "personal efforts and significant contribution to the ACT community", his strong

advocacy for all Canberrans, particularly those in need and for "publicly giving voice to many issues of concern to the wider community".

Bishop Power promised to do all he could to promote Canberra as the heart of the nation, sentiments expressed on what he called "my favourite ACT numberplate".

"I am deeply conscious of the honour being bestowed on me today by the Chief Minister on behalf of the people of Canberra."

He said Canberra was a city "which cares for its environment and all its people, especially the most vulnerable in our midst."

"Some of the greatest lessons of my life in Canberra have come from the battlers in our community - the people of Causeway in my years as a young priest in the 1960s, the residents of the Narrabundah Longstay Caravan Park, the members of the L'Arche community, the refugees who have shown so much tenacity and courage; the people I stand beside in Weston Park, Yarralumla, in October most years, mourning the



Bishop Pat Power with ACT Chief Minister Mr Jon Stanhope (above) and speaking after the presentation (left).

loss of loved ones from illicit drug use.

"In the years to come, I know that one of my most significant memories will be the national apology given by the Prime

Minister in February last year to our indigenous people.

"I took part in the year 2000 walk over the Sydney Harbour Bridge, while many others did likewise here in Canberra. Many

of you people, especially the Chief Minister, can be proud of what you have done in giving recognition to and seeking justice for the people who have lived on this land for 40,000 years.

"In the audience today is my Archbishop, Mark Coleridge. I would like to thank Archbishop Mark and his predecessor, Francis Carroll, for allowing me the freedom to spend so much of my time involved in community activities."

"They have never begrudged the time I have spent out on the fringes and at times they have had to cop a bit of flak when my stances have appeared to be controversial."

"Canberra, our city and our home, is also the national capital where we are in a special position of influence in relation to the rest of Australia and the international community."

"For us, that is an enormous privilege which brings with it the responsibility to help shape a better world."

Bishop Power said he was proud of his origins in Queanbeyan and Canberra.

"Having done all my primary schooling at St Christopher's in Manuka and my early secondary education as a foundation student of St Edmund's College, I still have lots of my childhood friends around me who have had a profound effect on my life," he said.

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Catholic Voice each month is following the everyday experiences of St Francis Xavier College schoolgirl Emma as she navigates her way through year 12.

I'm not a huge fan of musicals. There's something about dancing around stage singing about your sorrows that I can't take seriously. Nevertheless, I've been in every school musical I possibly could.

At St Francis Xavier College we have a musical every second year, every other year we have the fashion parade. So while attending you have the opportunity to be in three musicals and three fashion parades. The first musical I was a part of at this school was Paris.

I stood there in front of five teachers with note pads and stern faces. I was only a year 8, had never seen a musical other than The Sound of Music and had never sung in my life. I was so nervous I felt that I was going to be sick. For some reason though, I was determined to be part of the fun.

I spent the next few months in the chorus practising as much as possible and scoring myself a few bit parts. I had a lot fun and hoped that I could learn enough so that next time I wouldn't be in the chorus.

Our second musical was Oliver. I was once again in that room, except this time I knew the teachers, had a vague idea of the musical and had a song prepared to sing. I was so excited when I got the minor role of Bet and once again had great fun with my friends back stage playing games of shoe toss (a modified game of lawn bowls played with shoes, a wallet and many strange kicking motions). It was once again an experience filled with new friendships and fun that you can only have back stage of a musical.

This year we are doing none other than The Sound of Music. I tried out for a minor role and was sure I wouldn't do very well. As I said, I'm not a huge fan of musicals.

So you can imagine my surprise when someone congratulated me one morning. "Oh... What for?"

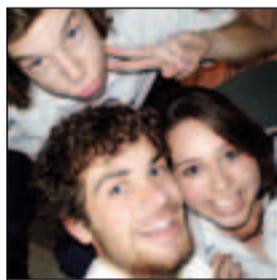
"You don't know?" she replied.

So this is how I was informed I had the role of Maria. I wasn't sure whether to be happy or worried. Should so many hours in a year 12's busy schedule be dedicated to a musical? I didn't try out for that part, how does that work? Do I stress too much to be a lead?

I suppose that over the years I've worked my way up the musical food chain and plan to learn as much from this role as possible.

I'm so excited to see all the little year 7s and 8s that have put themselves out there and had the confidence to audition, maybe I'll even be able to share a thing or two that I've learnt about musicals over the years. Anyone for shoe toss?

emma's year



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Remarkable 93 years



At a meeting of St Christopher's branch of the Catholic Women's League, members helped Mrs Joyce Purcell celebrate her 93rd birthday. She has been a long-standing, faithful member since the branch was formed 63 years ago and has been a wise mentor, councillor and friend to many members. She is pictured (above) cutting the birthday cake with the help of daughter-in-law and branch vice-president Mrs Dianne Purcell.

At the branch's annual meeting, Angela Devlin was elected president for another 12 months, Jacqueline Hipwell secretary, Minneke Peerboom treasurer and Mollie McMahon one of two vice-presidents.

Seven out of eight Central Region CWL branches were represented at the region's annual meeting. Office-bearers elected are president: Mieke Foley (St John's Kippax), secretary Angela Devlin (St Christopher's), treasurer Anne O'Neill (Holy Rosary), vice-presidents Marie Gallagher (Holy Rosary) and Pat Liddiard (St Joseph's, O'Connor). A motion presented by St Christopher's branch on violence against women in Australia was passed unanimously and will be sent to the archdiocesan executive for consideration at the annual conference at Galong on 16 May.

VALENTINE'S Day, 14 February, for most people is synonymous with love and romance, red roses, chocolates and candle-lit dinners. Katherine Stone will remember it as the day that she made her vows to the love of her life. Katherine, 26, stood before family and friends and professed her initial vows of poverty, chastity and obedi-

ence in the Missionaries of God's Love Sisters. Originally from Hobart, she moved to Canberra in 2005 to join the sisters and undertake her novitiate studies. "I thought it was very fitting. I wanted to emphasise that it was all about love, and that certainly helped me to do that." BELOW: Katherine Stone (left) makes her vows before leader of sisters Judy Bowe.



ABOUT 30 people gathered at St Thomas the Apostle Church, Kambah, for a St Valentine's eve Mass to celebrate married life. They renewed marriage promises and received a blessing from celebrant Fr Brian Ebert.

what do you know?

1. Name 3 parishes in Archdiocese starting with the letter Y.
2. Where is the only Church of St Therese in Archdiocese?
Binya, Barellan, Bega or Bribbaree
3. Which religious congregation celebrates the 150th anniversary of its arrival in Goulburn this year?
4 Which priest of the Archdiocese marks his 50th anniversary of ordination this year?
- 5 What year was the Archdiocesan newspaper Catholic Voice first published?
6. What could have been making this nine-year-old happy back in the black and white photography days? The thought of money perhaps? Who is he?

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ABOVE: Helen Johnston, her mother Gwen Green, Kathleen Boutcher and her daughter Janet Kelly at the Mass. BELOW: Shirley and Greg Ryan.

Church rises from ashes

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"It was such a beautiful Mass," she said. "We wouldn't have missed it."

During the Mass Fr Kennedy cast his mind back to the feast day of Mary MacKillop, when St Joseph's Church was left in "dust and ashes".

Grateful to Tony Dewar and staff from R & F Management, Fr Kennedy said the church was rebuilt "exactly as it was".



Shirley and Greg Ryan have lived down the road from St Joseph's since 1954 and could not agree on whether the church still looked the same.

"To me it looks the same but she thinks it looks different," Mr Ryan said.

"It was so sad when it burnt down," Mrs Ryan said. "But it really has been a wonderful new beginning."

O'Connor neighbours for 55 years, Mrs Gwen Green and Mrs Kathleen Boutcher had been attending Mass for the past 18 months in St Joseph's chapel on weekdays and St Joseph's Primary School hall on weekends.

"It has always been a nice church, but it's even more beautiful now," Mrs Boutcher said.

"It was so nice of the Sisters to let us have Mass in the chapel, but it's lovely to be back in the church," Mrs Green said.

Following the fires in the church and parish centre which resulted in a damage bill of about \$2 million, ACT police confirmed they were deliberately lit.

Inside the church the fire had funneled up through the roof in a chimney-like effect and spared much of the building including the stained glass windows from Dublin, the mosaics and the wooden carvings.

A treasured picture of Mary MacKillop, which had been moved from the parish centre to the church for her feast day, was saved.

The parish centre, including two parish offices, was re-built between the church and the convent.

\$100,000 boost for Vic bushfire victims

More than \$100,000 was raised for the victims of the Victorian bushfires, as a result of the archdiocesan bushfire appeal.

On behalf of the Archdiocese, Archbishop Mark Coleridge presented archdiocesan St Vincent de Paul Society president Mr Evan Brett with a cheque for \$101,812.

Archbishop Mark Coleridge said the efforts of St Vincent de Paul were often hidden.

"Faced with such enormous human need, St Vincent de Paul is at its best," he said.

"The way in which the society meets human need at the coal face is right at the heart of what we are and what we do as the Church."

Archbishop Coleridge said the "substantial sum of money" was a result of the "generosity and humanity" of the archdiocesan Catholic people. "I look at some of these rural areas who have been devastated by drought and the generosity is extraordinary."

Mr Brett said Canberra could relate to the devastation in Victoria, due to the 2003 Canberra bushfires. "It brought all of these memories back," he said. "A lot of people relived their own terror through the bushfires there."

Mr Brett said recovery from the bushfires would take many years and the archdiocesan donation would go towards that process.

"People's lives emotionally need to be rebuilt and St Vincent de Paul will be there as best they



Archdiocesan St Vincent de Paul president Mr Evan Brett (left) and chief executive officer Mr Bob Wilson accept the cheque from Archbishop Mark Coleridge.

can. The greatest assistance we can provide is just to listen to people."

"The people in this town and across Australia never tire of giving to the society and that is because they see the society does something worthwhile with the money. This money was given with love."

Despite Canberra's own increasing need, Mr Brett said \$90,000 of the \$370,000 raised during this year's St Vincent de Paul Doorknock Appeal would be allocated to the bushfires.

"We'll build that up to \$200,000 and we'll send that down to our brothers and sisters in Victoria."

Mr Brett said the society's calls for assistance had increased 30 per cent in January and 40 per cent in February over the same time last year.

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A new resting place for builder Barry

As the shadows lengthened on the evening of 25 March, Feast of the Annunciation, we gathered in the Old Cathedral of Sts Peter and Paul in Goulburn to re-enter the remains of Bishop John Barry, third Bishop of Goulburn from 1923 to 1938.

Bishop Barry had asked that he be buried in the mortuary chapel at the Goulburn cemetery which was dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus. Throughout his life,

Bishop Barry had had a great devotion to the Holy Name and he was a keen supporter of the Holy Name Society which was a power in the land at that time.

But in more recent times it has been decided that the mortuary chapel will be converted to a crematorium facility, and it was felt more appropriate that Bishop Barry be brought back to the Old Cathedral where Mass would be celebrated regularly at the place of his burial, as was his clearly expressed wish.

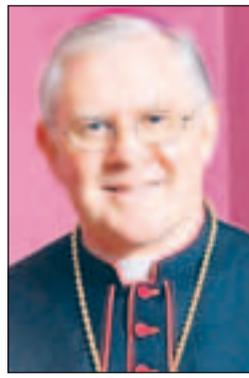
So now John Barry lies at rest together with the first two Bishops of Goulburn, William Lanigan and John Gallagher.

Recent works in the crypt of the Old Cathedral brought Bishop Lanigan's tomb to light, and he has been more fittingly

accommodated. Bishop Gallagher's coffin was simply lying on the floor of the crypt, and he too has been given a proper tomb.

So side by side beneath the altar of what was their Cathedral we now have the three Irish-born Bishops of Goulburn, who together cover a time-span from 1867 to 1938.

John Barry was born on 18 June, 1875, in Cork, the eldest of 10 children. He studied for



He left for Australia that year and arrived in Melbourne on 8 November.

He was assistant priest in a couple of parishes before being made Parish Priest of Mansfield, up towards the snowfields about two to three hours from Melbourne, where he was from 1907-1912.

He was then brought back to Melbourne and made Administrator of the Cathedral and Chancellor of the

(also a Cork man) confirmed Barry in his roles. During Mannix's absence overseas in 1920, Barry was in charge of the Archdiocese where he was well known for his energy and efficiency, but also for his gentility and sanctity.

On 5 March, 1924, Barry was named third Bishop of Goulburn and was ordained Bishop on 29 June of that year, with Mannix remarking what a great loss this was for Melbourne.

It was a time when the pinch of the Depression was growing stronger, but Barry nonetheless quickly became known as a builder.

He renovated the Cathedral, extended the St John of God Hospital and the orphanages, founded a technical school and established a diocesan library.

He also began to set up Catholic institutions in Canberra. He started the building of St Christopher's church, school and convent; and he had drawn up plans for a Cathedral worthy of the national capital, splendid drawings for which still hang in Archbishop's House and in my office at Favier House.

Barry travelled constantly throughout his very large Diocese, as I realise when I see his name at every turn.

In fact, I never cease to be amazed at the energy and zeal of my predecessors who didn't have the comfort of an air-conditioned car but still managed to travel to every corner of the Diocese.

The portrait of Barry in Archbishop's House suggests the truth of what the Australian Dictionary of Biography says of him: "Possessing restless energy, a flair for diplomacy and a never-failing sense of humour, Barry was popular both with his own flock and other denominations".

He fell ill in Newcastle in early 1938 and died in Sydney of coronary occlusion on 22 March of that year.

A large crowd attended his funeral in the Cathedral at which Archbishop Mannix preached the sermon.

He was then buried in the Goulburn cemetery where he lay until this year. In his new tomb, beneath the altar where he so often celebrated the Sacrifice of Christ, may Bishop John Barry rest in the peace of Christ and pray for us who follow in his steps, especially for me, his unworthy successor.

Mark Mannix
+Bishop Mark

Bishop Barry (second from left) with Papal Legate Cardinal Cerretti on his visit to Canberra in 1928. With them are then curate Fr



Terence Dunleavy and then Canberra parish priest Fr Patrick Haydon. Picture from The Hallowed High Adventure by Alexander J McGilvray.

the priesthood at St Patrick's College, Maynooth, and was ordained on his birthday in 1899.

Archdiocese by Archbishop Carr.

Carr died shortly thereafter and the new Archbishop Mannix

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Why are wealthy so healthy?

Here's a trick question. Is cholesterol, blood pressure and smoking a better predictor of death from cardiovascular disease than the type of job you have?

I once would have argued blood pressure and cholesterol was more a sign of the likelihood of heart disease than employment.

Evidence now establishes that job classification, as a measure of socioeconomic status, is in fact a far better predictor of cardiovascular death than cholesterol levels, blood pressure, and smoking status combined. Indeed evidence suggests a person's wealth is the most important factor to their health.

Don't interpret this to mean we can avoid healthy eating and exercise to focus on getting a better job. It actually means there are factors you don't discuss with your doctor that are more important to your health and life expectancy than the prescription she or he might write.

Many believe the health of the nation, and particularly the health of no or low income earners, is determined by the quality of hospitals or universal access to general practitioners.

Catholic Health Australia, which oversees 75 not-for-profit hospitals, believes the quality of our hospitals and strength of the health workforce is centrally important to providing care to all Australians, particularly those for

voices

Martin Laverty is the CEO of Catholic Health Australia, and author of the research paper Addressing the Social Determinants of Health to Achieve Social Inclusion.

who health costs mean they might go without. We understand the inputs of how healthy a person is occur outside of hospitals. In fact, a person's health is mostly determined by factors that doctors, nurses, and hospitals have no say in. The social determinants of health are a set of events that influence a person's average life expectancy, and the likelihood of them experiencing chronic disease. Health researchers have found these determinants include the experience of a baby in the womb, early childhood, school participation, transition to work, levels of income, geographic location, and social connectedness. Overwhelming evidence is the first few years of a child's life are the most important in setting up their lifetime's health outcomes. To put this in simpler terms, the law of averages means a person living in a middle to high income household will be healthier than a person in a low to no income household. In fact, low income earners have been found to face twice the risk of avoidable death than high income earners. These facts are not widely discussed in the Catholic Church. With this knowledge, if the Church is to properly respond to the health and well-being of those in poverty, it needs give consideration to its position of the social determinants of health. ● **Cont Page 8.**

WHAT DO YOU KNOW? Answers: 1. Yarralumla, Yass, Young. 2. Barellan. 3 Mercy Sisters. 4. Fr Stanislaw Sniezek, now chaplain at Mt St Joseph's Home for the Aged, Young. 5. 1988. 6. Archdiocesan financial administrator Herbie O'Flynn.

Big role for faith dialogue

With queries about the Australian Government's position on the political situation in Zimbabwe and Sudan, question time at St Thomas More's Forum felt more like it belonged at Parliament House.

However, guest speaker and Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade Secretary Mr Michael L'Estrange (pictured right) kept his cool and stayed close to the forum's topic of foreign policy and interfaith dialogue.

Speaking at this year's first forum, which is facilitated by Campbell parish, he said there was an expanding role for interfaith dialogue, not only to build understanding and cooperation but to break down the stereotypes of different faiths and cultures. "Although it has its origins in faith and religion, the implications of interfaith dialogue go beyond both," he said.

"They can certainly build confidence, trust, respect and understanding between faith communities but in doing so they can also enhance broader positive, cultural, institutional and social dynamics.

"They can strengthen voices of moderation and tolerance and they can contribute to stability, peace building and conflict resolution in certain regions.

"It is not in my view designed to fudge, obscure, still less to eliminate differences of faith



but rather to recognise that those differences do exist and to accept them in the spirit of tolerant diversity.

"Interfaith dialogue does not require of those who participate in it unnecessary compromises in relation to their beliefs. Its purpose is to find common ground."

Mr L'Estrange, whose former roles include Secretary to Cabinet, head of the Cabinet Policy Unit and Australia's High Commissioner to the United Kingdom, said governments could sometimes act as facilitators of interfaith dialogue.

"In the end it is not governments or officials, but the leaders of faith communities and individuals in those communities that make such dialogues work effectively, who build the bridges of understanding, who define the common cause of practical action, who deny extremists any religious participation and who strengthen the foundations of a broader peace and tolerance."

Life in fast lane for this achiever

Former captain of Trinity Catholic College in Goulburn, Katie Jayne O'Brien of Braidwood, last year had far more on her mind than the Higher School Certificate.

While juggling her studies and captain's responsibilities, Miss O'Brien promoted the Red Cross Blood Service, hosted French World Youth Day pilgrims and helped organise bush dances and the Braidwood Show.

Miss O'Brien is one of the first successful applicants for Australian Catholic University's Early Achievers' Program, which recognises more than the HSC score and offers early entry to students who have contributed to their communities.

Not only did Miss O'Brien receive an early offer to study education at the



LEFT: Fellow achievers ... Katie Jayne O'Brien (right) with former Trinity Catholic College and early achiever student Sophie Cummins.

University, but she was also awarded a Canberra-Goulburn Catholic Education Office scholarship.

"The program is a fantastic opportunity to let young people show what they are about," she said.

"It takes the pressure off the HSC."

Vice-Chancellor Prof Greg Craven said he was delighted to welcome such bright and enthusiastic students to the university.

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By Naomi Fallon

After seven years apart a family of West Papuan refugees are united and their story of hardship and struggle may have a happy ending in Canberra.

In June last year, Mr George Dimara was finally reunited with wife Irene and eight children, who were all born in refugee camps and now range in age from seven to 24.

The couple's story began in 1984 when Mr Dimara, who was working for the Indonesian army, and several other soldiers took their weapons and escaped into the jungle where they planned to support West Papuan freedom fighters.

When Mr Dimara realised his wife Irene would be in danger because of his escape from the military, he returned disguised as a school student to find her.

Together they fled paddling a canoe across the ocean to Papua New Guinea. "We had no food and we met a cyclone at sea," Mr Dimara said. "It took us 24 hours to get to the border. In the end we didn't have any more strength to paddle and we had no circulation in our bodies, but we believed that God would help us."

They were spotted by PNG border security and taken to hospital, where they recovered before being sent to a refugee camp.

Six months later on hearing the leader of the Free Papua Movement had been killed, Mr Dimara

Refugee family has nothing - but freedom

returned to the West Papuan jungle with about 60 other people. "I was one of the leaders in the jungle. We had to go back to fight the Indonesian army and fight for the human rights of West Papua."

While his wife remained behind at the refugee camp, Mr Dimara spent three years hiding in the jungle and supporting the Free Papua Movement.

"My job was to lead and teach people in the jungle. Many of them had led primitive lives and didn't know anything about laws. We taught them that civilians were not the enemy. We taught a lot of modern revolution and understanding.

"It was a terrible life in the jungle; we had no rice and no milk, so I returned to the refugee camp where Irene was suffering from malaria."

Mr Dimara and his family had spent more than a decade in PNG refugee camps without citizenship, when he was attacked with a knife

by people he believed to be against the Free Papua Movement.

"The government would not make us citizens and we were still openly supporting the campaign by playing music around the city and giving meetings and seminars. After the attack I decided to get out of PNG. I had some friends in Australia who were involved in human rights and so I applied for a tourist visa."

Mrs Dimara and their children remained in Port Moresby while Mr Dimara went in search of a better life. "My family really, really suffered during this time. After three years in Australia I went to immigration office to apply for a bridging visa, but they wouldn't give it to me and sent me to Arthur Gorrie Correctional Centre. We lived side by side with criminal detainees - they treated us like criminals as well."

Mr Dimara spent almost three years in the correctional centre in Queensland and Baxter Detention Centre in South Australia before he



George and Irene Dimara... found freedom in Australia.

was found to be "wrongfully detained" and released in December 2006.

The Dimara family came to Canberra earlier this year to perform in the National Multicultural Festival and liked the city.

"I will be sitting for my citizenship test next month and I'd like to study more English and political science at university. If we can find a house and a school for our children, then we would really like to stay in Canberra," he said.

"We're a lot happier in Australia - even though we have nothing. We definitely have some problems and will need counsel-

ling because the situations we faced were utterly indescribable, but we're very happy."

"It is sad but we can not go back to West Papua. My father passed away last year and my mother passed away three weeks ago, but we could not go back - I would be arrested if I went back."

Mr Dimara said he was grateful for the opportunities Australia had given him and his family.

"I respect the way Australian authorities operate and I always cooperated with them. There are wonderful people in Australia. We'd like to contribute a lot of good things to the Australian culture."



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How long have you been a Vinnies volunteer?

I have been a member for 45 years. I joined the St Vincent de Paul Society when I was at Marist Brothers High School, Kogarah, in Sydney. When I married Helen (who has supported me in this work all these years), we moved to Campbelltown, and joined the Conference of St John the Evangelist. After living there for 12 years we moved to Yass where I joined St Augustine's Conference where I am still a member.

Why did you first get involved?

I wanted to do something that made my faith and Christian beliefs real and meaningful. I was also impressed with the attitudes of the boys who were involved. Later, at the parish Conference of St. Patrick's at Kogarah I was inspired by one member in particular, Harry, a very humble and compassionate man. Together we visited the cancer ward.

What part of the job do you enjoy most?

I'm not sure whether enjoy is the right word when talking about the work. I certainly enjoy the company of my fellow members (and members and volunteers of the society in general) who tend to be very special people. In the main the work is pretty serious business, attempting to help people through their difficulties. There is a certain sense of satisfaction when you are able to help a person resolve a problem. It is also satisfying when people you have helped feel sufficiently comfortable to greet you in the street when they are not in need. I also enjoy the rapport that I have with a number of indigenous people. I also feel our visits to farming families are special.

What part of the job do you find most challenging or confronting?

Dealing with people who continue to require the society's assistance. The way I think of it is that as individuals when we are continually struggling in our relationship with our Heavenly Father and we rely on His compassion to heal the relationship when we stray off course. In a similar way Vincentians have to show compassion to these people and help them pick up the pieces of their lives so that they can keep going. The words that Christ spoke are relevant in these situations: "the poor will always be with us".

In an ideal world, what would you most like to change or achieve through volunteering for Vinnies?

Why I do ... what I do

A column in which well known and not so well-known people in our Archdiocese tell us about themselves. This month we speak to Vinnies volunteer Michael Van Wanrooy, of Yass.



I would like to see more Catholics join the society, especially those aged between 20 and 50. I know it is not easy these days because people are under so much pressure, but being a Vincentian can give real meaning to our life as Catholics.

What are you most looking forward to in 2009?

I'm hoping we will be blessed with good rain to relieve the pressures on our farming families and to restore the beauty of our countryside.

What was your day job and what do you do for fun?

Helen and I are both retired (I was a customs officer) and continue to live in Yass, while our two daughters live in Sydney and our son is in North Western Australia. I enjoy keeping in contact with the family (especially our grand-daughter) and friends. I'm also a keen gardener and take a close interest in current affairs.

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SOS! - Christianity in the Middle East

DEEPLY saddened by the crisis engulfing Christianity in the Middle East, Pope Benedict XVI has asked the Catholic charity Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) to provide urgent help.

In many parts of the land Our Lord Jesus Christ knew so well, the faithful now live in fear as increasing poverty and growing extremism threaten the survival of these ancient communities.

A mass exodus of Christians from the Middle East is now taking place. For some it is a question of escaping bloody persecution. In the Holy Land for example, the proportion of Christians has plummeted from 20% to as little as 1.4% in the last 40 years.

ACN is helping to keep faith and hope alive throughout the region by providing urgent aid to priests, religious and lay people, offering subsistence help to refugees and building and repairing Churches and convents. Please help us strengthen and rebuild the Church in the land of Christ's birth.

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Help Holy Land Christians

Good Friday churchgoers across the Archdiocese will again be asked to support Christians in the Holy Land.

The annual collection, which raised more than \$1 million from Australian dioceses last year, helps to provide for the upkeep of the sacred places.

Last year, the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn gave \$26,200.

Franciscan friars have been caring for the churches and shrines of the Holy Land as part of their everyday pastoral ministry for centuries.

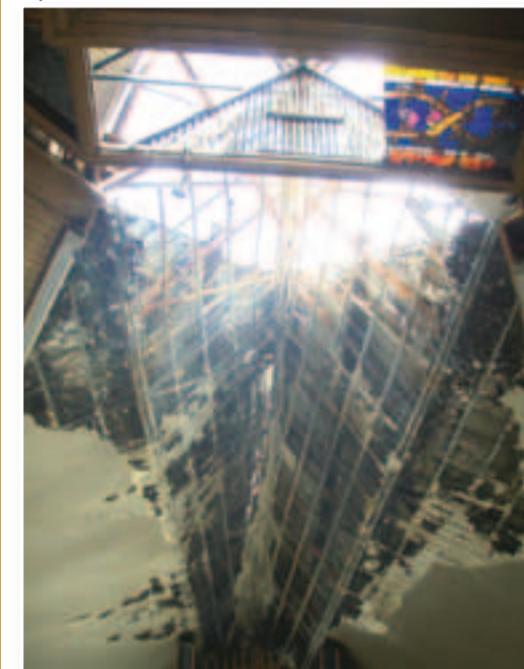
Super fund backs schools

The Catholic Superannuation and Retirement Fund for the third year in a row is supporting dioceses in NSW and the ACT in their promotion of Catholic Schools Week.

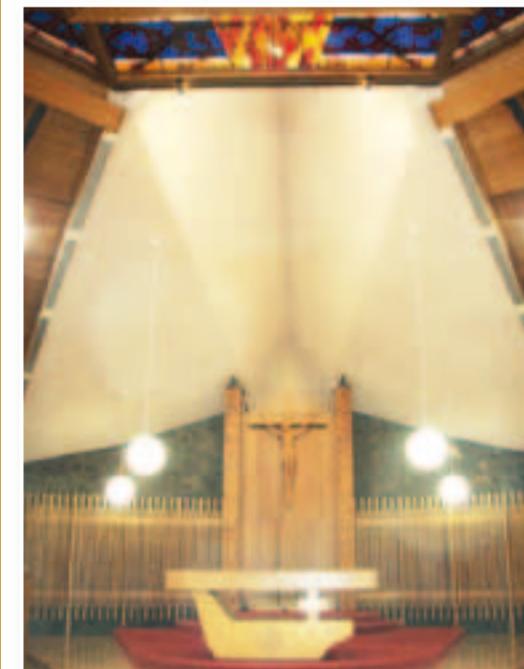
Fund chief executive officer Mr Greg Cantor said its alignment with Catholic schools was in keeping with its aim to better educate members and the broader community about money and superannuation.

"We have an important role to play in helping our members and the wider community make better financial decisions by increasing financial literacy across all age groups. CSRF cares for its members in these difficult financial times and this role has never been more important or needed than in the current market downturn."

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University life will be a little bit easier for six education students from Australian Catholic University, after receiving scholarships from the Catholic Education Office.

RIGHT: Graduate Certificate in Secondary Studies student Andrew Wadey, and Bachelor of Education students Laura Canning, Lauren Webb, Katie Jayne O'Brien, Rosalie Iannelli and Narisa Thomas, who have received \$3000 to spend within 12 months on university necessities.

Each year, first-year students enrolled in an education course at the ACU Canberra campus are eligible to apply for the scholarships.

"Good teachers aren't born, they are shaped and supported," Catholic Education director Ms Moira Najdecki said in congratulating the winners.

Archbishop Mark Coleridge presented the "teachers of the future" with their awards.

Students get helping hand



Why are wealthy so healthy?

• From page 4.

Nearly all of the social determinants of health occur outside the health system, yet health policy rarely pays them attention. The report of the National Health and Hospital Reform Commission took a good step in acknowledging the importance of tackling social determinants, but didn't go all that far in outlining how.

The how is pretty easy. For example, researchers have shown biological factors are less of a risk in the development of several chronic diseases than non-completion of high school. This does not mean biological factors play no role; of course they do. Yet it means we can lower the incidence of exposure to chronic disease by encouraging kids to finish year 12.

Similarly, researchers have shown the level of a person's education had a greater influence on cardiovascular mortality than some drug therapies in a three-year clinical trial. Again, the answer here is that we can keep people alive longer through encouraging school completion and post-school qualifications, and this can be more important than drug treatment.

Understanding why a person's income, level of schooling, job status, and geographic location so strongly influences health outcomes is still an emerging field. For people living in the affluent north shore of Sydney today, men can expect to live on average for 80.3 years and women for 84.5 years. Drive a few hours over the Great Dividing Range, and men in western NSW will die 4.3 years earlier at 76, and women 2.6 years earlier at 81.9. For indigenous Australian's the gap is worse.

Because addressing the social determinants of health is an international challenge, the World Health Organisation last year outlined a blueprint for member countries to act to improve the health of the poor by raising social incomes, improving school retention for children, tackling violence and family breakdown, and supporting the isolated to participate in society.

The Australian Government is yet to respond to the WHO. It can do so by using its commitment to social inclusion by legislating for improvements in the social determinants of health, as Sweden has done. Yet this is not just an issue for government. It's a challenge to us all, the Church included. All those in the Church who have an interest in the social welfare, education, and health of the poor should be turning their minds to what action we can take. To really improve the health of the nation, we need to give kids a better start in life, we need to keep them at school, and we must ensure all have financial resources to live well.

Gowrie kids sock it to 'em



Children from Holy Family Primary School and the parish school of religion at Gowrie will be instrumental in keeping many fire victims in Victoria warm this winter.

The school communities decided on a sock-a-thon for their Lenten appeal after checking with the St Vincent de Paul Society in the Sale Diocese.

Each week during Lent a year level was asked to bring in new socks for a given age. The children in the year level were able wear their favourite coloured socks to school on the Friday and parade them at assembly. More than 520 pairs of socks were brought in in the first fortnight of the appeal.

The target is 1km of socks in many sizes and colours for babies, toddlers, children, teenagers and adults, plus men's working socks, socks for school wear and sporting activities, and in AFL team colours.

Towards the end of Lent the socks will be packaged and sent to Sale so families in need will have new colourful warm socks for winter.

ABOVE: Showing off their colourful socks are (from left): Lamita Maatouk, Joshua Ryan, Hayden Thomas, Travis Grady, Jacob Leahey, Lachlain Banton, Jessica Mak, Ella Glew, Abigail Mitchell, Georgia Mercieca and Sarah Wicks.

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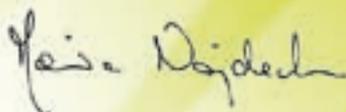
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I hope you enjoy what you learn in this supplement - it is a snap shot of a very lively school system. Please feel free to learn even more by visiting the schools in your area.



Moira Najdecki
Director.

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(Co-educational) 4822 2544

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TEMORA | St Anne's Central School
(Co-educational) 6977 1011

TUMUT | McAuley Catholic Central School (Co-educational) 6947 2000

WEST WYALONG | St Mary's War Memorial School
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YASS | Mt Carmel Central School
(Co-educational) 6226 3357

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(Co-educational) 6258 1055

GRIFFITH | St Clare's College
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GRIFFITH | St Edmund's College
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TUGGERANONG | MacKillop College Isabella Plains Campus (Years 10-12)
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BOMBALA | St Joseph's Primary School
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BOOROWA | St Joseph's Primary School
6385 3263

BRAIDWOOD | St Bede's Primary School 4842 2413

COOMA | St Patrick's Parish School
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CROOKWELL | St Mary's Primary School 4832 1592

EDEN | St Joseph's Primary School
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GOULBURN | Sts Peter & Paul Primary School 4821 3304

GOULBURN NORTH | St Joseph's Primary School 4821 3510

GRENFELL | St Joseph's Primary School 6343 1514

GUNDAGAI | St Patrick's Primary School 6944 1085

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CALWELL | St Francis of Assisi Primary 6292 4500

CAMPBELL | St Thomas More's Primary 6249 8869

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EVATT | St Monica's Primary School
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GARRAN | Sts Peter and Paul Primary School 6281 1932

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Q: How will the faith life of MacKillop benefit my child?

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Q: Will co-education benefit my child?

A school for all



reflects the society the students belong to and are being prepared to one day lead.

Q: How will I be included in my child's MacKillop education?

A: Parents are listened to at MacKillop!

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A parent can expect to be able to meet with and talk to their child's teachers, to have effective phone and email contact, and to have their questions, hopes, concerns, and anxieties listened to and acted upon. MacKillop recognises parents as the first and best teachers of their children.

A: Yes! Learning is a lifelong experience. Learning in kindergarten and early childhood centres is co-educational, most K-6 primary schools are co-educational, and CIT and university are both co-educational, as is the work place.

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It's a great place to learn

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A large proportion of the graduating class consistently

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Student interest in complementary academic pursuits including ANU College, debating, eisteddfod, Chorale, ensemble and combined band opportunities, drama and the arts attest to the superb approach to learning and the supportive and challenging learning environment. Academic life at the College is full and rewarding.

The co-curricular sports program offers a wide range of opportunities to participate in traditional sport options as well as diverse sports including dragon boating, snow sports and outdoor pursuits such as Duke of Edinburgh and World Challenge.

Effective pastoral care underpins all the College offers and a program especially tailored to the needs of Year 7 students ensures the transition from primary school.

The house-based pastoral care system provides opportunities for many students to



become involved in leadership and facilitates the development of the College community, terrific school spirit and outreach programs.

The College is justifiably proud of its strong support for charities and causes in the wider community.

St Clare's has a proud tradition of educating young women in Canberra who proclaim with pride "I was a St Clare's girl".

From its inception in 1965, generations of students and

their families have been associated with this dynamic learning community and have made a commitment to providing the best facilities and resources.

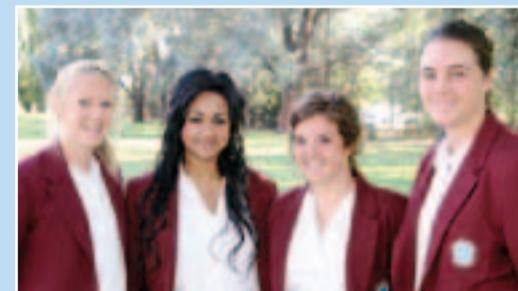
Almost every area of the College has been refurbished in the last six years ensuring excellent facilities for learning and teaching.

The latest refurbishment has transformed the science facilities with all laboratories being upgraded. Future plans will see the development of an even

more contemporary learning environment benefitting all students.

If you are considering St Clare's College as the school of choice for your daughter, please feel free to contact the school to discuss your needs and to become a welcome partner in your daughter's education.

A well balanced academic, sporting, cultural and spiritual program ensures St Clare's College is indeed a great place to learn!





St Clare's College

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Welcome to the family

The staff of Daramalan College are very mindful of the concerns that many young students have when they start high school so a great deal of planning is undertaken to ensure that the students feel part of the Daramalan family as quickly as possible.

Each year about 250 students begin in Year 7 from a wide range of ACT primary schools as well as a number of schools inter-state and overseas.

From the outset the College seeks to make students feel welcome and comfortable in the Daramalan school community.

There is a successful Peer Support programme to assist students in the transition to high school.

The Year 7 camp week in February is a great way for stu-

dents to get to know each other, learn new skills and get an introduction to the MSC ethos.

Parents are encouraged to take an active interest in their child's education and early in the year there is a series of welcome dinners held for all parents of Year 7 students as well as any new parents of students in Years 8-12.

At the dinners, parents get to meet some of the staff who will be closely involved in their son or daughter's education as well as members of the College Executive.

In 2009 these dinners were held in the college's new function room with students from Hospitality classes showcasing their talents and the facilities by preparing and serving an excellent two-course meal.



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There is also a strong alumni who are still connected to the college through sporting and social links that have developed over the years.

Many former students have their children attending the college which creates another strong connection for some families.

The College's Open Evening is on Thursday, 7 May, from 5pm to 7pm. Come and see what Daramalan has to offer.



DARAMALAN COLLEGE OPEN EVENING

THURSDAY 7 MAY 5.00PM - 7.00PM



DARAMALAN
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A Catholic co-educational
secondary school established
by the Missionaries of the
Sacred Heart in 1962

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is Education of the Heart*

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2010 ENROLMENTS
COMMENCE
MONDAY 11 MAY

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their unique potential as joyful, intelligent,
compassionate and socially aware individuals.*



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Trinity Catholic College Goulburn



A Secondary Co-Educational School



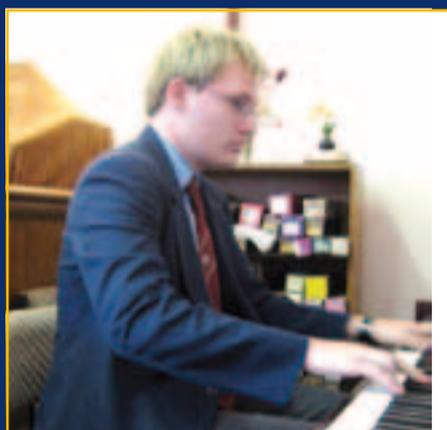
2009 Year 9 Leaders enjoyed their celebratory lunch with parents and teachers.



PDHPE classes make use of the College pool.



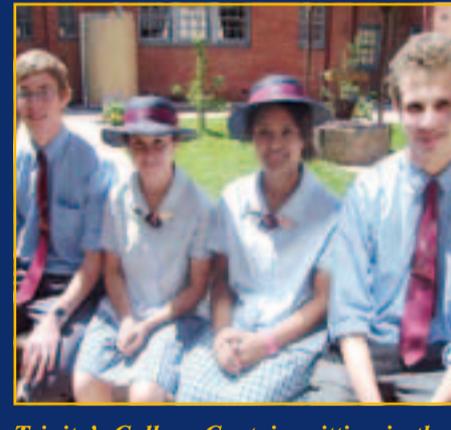
HSC Major Art Work.



Goulburn's Senior Citizens enjoyed Trinity's Music performances during March.



Trinity celebrates its 10th birthday this year, continuing 150 years of Catholic education in Goulburn.



Trinity's College Captains sitting in the garden recently refurbished by TAS students & staff.

Trinity Catholic College Goulburn is a co-educational secondary school catering for approximately 760 students.

Prior to opening its doors in 2000, Trinity operated as separate schools run by the Sisters of Mercy, the Sisters of St Joseph and the Christian Brothers. Today it is proud to continue the legacy left by these three Religious Orders and the respective charisms of their founders.

A feature of each is that they were able to respond creatively to the needs of their time. Trinity also aims to do this. Staff at Trinity are committed to providing a stimulating and challenging curriculum within the context of Catholic faith and life and master planning is well underway to ensure that the College can meet the challenges and demands of the current and future educational agenda. At the same time, Trinity recognises that education is not simply about academic success but rather is about developing the whole person. Staff therefore strive to nurture and develop the youth whom they serve so that they grow into confident and self-assured young adults who are ready to make a difference in their world.

Enquiries: Mrs Mary-Jane Carroll-Fajarda, Principal, Telephone 02 4824 1207

Celebrating 10 years in 2009...

Continuing 150 years of Catholic Education in Goulburn



OPEN DAY:
WEDNESDAY 6 MAY
10.00 a.m. to 7.00 p.m.
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- Merici Offers:
- a caring Catholic environment with a rich, formal Religious Education program
 - an educational setting tailored to the needs of young women
 - an excellent track-record of academic achievement
 - a rigorous academic program based on the principles of Powerful Learning
 - an innovative Pastoral Care program supporting the needs of all students
 - extensive student leadership opportunities across the years
 - Annual retreats, challenge camps in Years 7 and 9 and a Year 11 induction Conference
 - a diverse, successful vocational program from Year 10 onwards
 - a comprehensive foreign languages program in Italian, French, Japanese and German, including overseas tour opportunities
 - exceptional ICT facilities
 - an optional laptop program for Years 7 to 9
 - formal computer skills training
 - ICT skills integrated across the curriculum
 - diverse sporting, cultural and social activities
 - planned and supported transition from Year 10 to 11, including comprehensive career guidance.
 - a state of the art library facility in our newly refurbished Information Centre
 - a comprehensive induction into senior college including a Year 11 Conference
 - a diverse, successful vocational program
 - academic, spiritual and sporting leadership opportunities
 - well-resourced facilities, including the opening of the new library and administration wing later this year



INFORMATION EVENINGS

<p>For YEAR 11 Students 2010: Monday 11 May 2009 5.30pm - 7.00pm Formal presentation beginning at 6pm Careers and subject information from 5.30pm</p>	<p>For YEAR 7 Students in 2010: Wednesday 13 May 2009 6:00pm - 7.00pm Information Displays and Tours from 5.00pm</p>
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Celebrating 50 years of excellence

In February 1959 among many notable events, Switzerland votes down women's suffrage in a referendum, Buddy Holly dies in a plane crash, Fidel Castro becomes Premier of Cuba and Merici College opens.

Moving forward to 2009, Merici College, in the heart of Canberra, celebrates its 50th jubilee, an achievement recently recognised at the Chief Minister's annual Gold Awards.

Merici builds on a solid tradition of diverse achievement and innovation in education of girls, preparing confident and competent young women, equipped to contribute to the world.

Merici is a vibrant, welcoming and energetic community with a rich and varied curriculum and an outstanding system of pastoral care.

The Mission Statement is a lived reality within the College: "Merici challenges you to love life, have hope, be faithful and build futures more wondrous than you dare to dream".

The theme for each year is chosen to provide a holistic focus linking an element of the Catholic ethos and a significant pastoral aim. The theme for 2009, Moving Forward, enables the College, in this jubilee year as it treasures its past, to also look forward to the next 50 years.

Merici is a school at the forefront of technology, known for its optional laptop program but equally committed to enhancing learning through technology for all students.

Its Powerful Learning Principles are testament to a desire to ensure that teaching and learning at the College is based on the most recent educational research. Through these it seeks to work closely in partnership with students and their parents to maximise student performance regardless of ability levels.

The College is committed to innovation and continuous improvement. In 2008 the new information centre and administration wing was opened and planning for a performing arts centre has begun.

Well-equipped facilities and a rigorous academic program across the school



ensure that Merici is exceptionally well placed to guide students through their adolescent years into young adulthood.

Excellent results in Year 12, 2008 and in the inaugural Year 7 and 9 NAPLAN tests.

Year 12 students once again obtained impressive results in 2008, well above the ACT average for both university-bound students and for those who proceed along other pathways.

In 2008, 20 per cent of Merici's eligible students exceeded a UAI of 90 with one student above 99.

The College achieved a median UAI of 79 and over 80 per cent of tertiary students achieved a UAI above 65 - sufficient for entry into University of Canberra courses. Thirty five per cent of all students received a Vocational Certificate.

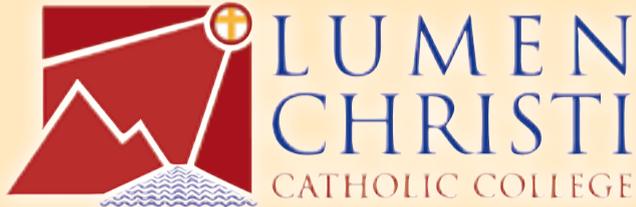
In 2008, the Federal Government instituted the first round of standardised testing for Year 7 and 9 in the fundamental areas of literacy and numeracy. The results were excellent in the majority of areas and well above the national and state average.

Further details of excellent academic results can be found on the website: www.merici.cg.catholic.edu.au





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Lumen Christi is a progressive Year 7-12 Catholic College that values a holistic Catholic education.

The College, established in 2001, is a welcoming and pastorally supportive community serving families in the Bega Valley under the direction of the Catholic Archdiocese of Canberra Goulburn.

**Lumen Christi works with families to assist our students
strive to reach their full potential**

We value:

- Using our God given gifts to be the light of Christ
 - Quality teaching and learning
- An integrated learning focus across all Key Learning Areas
 - Personal excellence and high standards
 - Inspiring hope and service to others
 - A dedicated staff who go that "extra mile"
- Pastoral Care where relationships and responsible decision making are core beliefs
 - A curriculum for the academic and practical student
- A wide ranging extra curricular program providing ample opportunities for students to be enriched, accelerated and extended



Joey's Jottings

St Joseph's Eden
S has a most magnificent outlook over the ocean, where every day is a gift. As the happy smiling faces of our students greet us each day we are reminded of the goodness of our God. This year our students have used their unique gifts in many ways:



Our swimming team has excelled, with our senior boys relay team heading off to Sydney on 26th March. Patrick, Oliver, Sabastian and Hayden are proud to be representing our school as well as our Archdiocese, at the MacKillop Championships at Homebush a wonderful achievement for our school.
Our classrooms reflect the enjoyment and diversity of learning. Our Year 2/3 class confidently presented

assembly last week, and proudly displayed much of their learning, including creative writing, poetry and artwork.

Each week students present a Joey's segment on the local community radio. They share their ideas, opinions, work and fun through the airwaves. All classes are eagerly tuned to 104.7 FM every Thursday.

New Principal, Anne Maddock, is loving the change she has made, from Sydney to Eden. It is exciting, new and very rewarding, having the opportunity to lead the St Joseph's school community. Bigger and better things are on their way!!!

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A view to our relationship with God and one another.

LOOK INTO THINKING

A view to creative and critical thinkers.

LOOK AHEAD TO THE FUTURE

A view to life long learning.



Catholic Education in the Bega Valley

Kindergarten to Year 6 St Patrick's Bega Year 7 to 12 Lumen Christi Catholic College Pambula

ST JOSEPH'S BOMBALA

St Joseph's is a small but vibrant school with a dedicated staff that catering for the individual needs of each students. Modern classrooms and the use of technology are also features of the school. All Key Learning Areas are covered based on a Christ-centred approach.

The school has an active and interested parent body and have recently begun the development of a School Community Council. The school is very well support by the Parish of Bombala and Delegate and works hand in hand with the surrounding schools.



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St Francis Xavier College

*providing quality Catholic education
for students in Years 7 - 12*

ENROLLING NOW FOR 2010

Parents and prospective students are cordially invited to attend the following Information Evenings to be held at the college:

YEAR 7, 2010

Information Evening

Tuesday 19 May 2009

5.30pm – 8.30pm

5.30pm formal information session

7.45pm formal information session (repeated)

6.30pm - 7.45pm tours of the College

YEAR 11, 2010

Information Evening

Wednesday 13 May 2009

6.00pm tours and subject displays

7.30pm formal information session

*For more in information please contact our
Enrolment Secretary,
Mrs Jennifer Madgwick
on 6258 1055*



Facing the future with truth and courage

Saint Francis Xavier College (SFX) is a Christian school in the Catholic tradition.

It is a Year 7 to 12 coeducational college with an enrolment of 1180 students in 2009. SFX, as it is often called, has a long tradition of meeting the needs of its students. It offers a strong academic program, a diverse range of electives and strong pastoral care.

Traditionally enrolments come from Belconnen suburbs but there are increasing numbers from Gungahlin and North Canberra.

The College has strong links with the local community. Students are encouraged to play sport for the clubs of Belconnen and Gungahlin. Many of the students hold down part-time employment in the local community.

The College is blessed with state-of-the-art facilities. Classrooms are very different from those of the mid '70s when the College began.

There is an emphasis on students taking responsibility for their learning and they are well supported with Smartboards or data projectors in classrooms and most specialist areas.

In the latest refurbishment, the old corridors have been transformed into break-out areas to support an ICT-rich learning environment. The facilities have been designed to maximise the use of light, air and space and as such provide a learning



environment in which the students feel valued, safe and secure.

The environment is conducive to different learning styles. Learning has also been supported with an increase in the number of teacher librarians, supervised study lessons for Year 11 and AST preparation lessons for Year 12.

Initiatives in 2009 include:

- A stronger focus on numeracy and literacy across the curriculum
- Further support for VET and careers and additional time supporting students on ASBAs
- Air conditioning of the Resource Centre
- Professional development for middle managers and executive through Dragonfly Consulting and Coaching
- Preparation of a masterplan to build on the successes of recent building programs
- Modifications to the uniform to better meet the needs of our students, eg, boys may now wear an 'out shirt'
- Continued involvement in the University of Southern Queensland's IDEAS Project and the Quality Teacher Project.



An exciting time for college

St Edmund's College is a Catholic school for boys with a proud tradition that is being enhanced through a renewal process which is reinvigorating the school community and engaging students in exciting, challenging learning experiences.

Over the last 54 years the College has made a significant contribution to the Canberra community.

This fact was recognised recently when the College received one of 10 Gold ACT Chief Minister's Awards. At the same award ceremony one of its foundation students of 1954, Bishop Pat Power, received the 2009 Canberra Citizen of the Year Award from the Chief Minister, Mr Jon Stanhope.

This is a fitting acknowledgement of a life spent in the service of others and of championing the causes of marginalised groups in the community. The College is very proud of the contribution made by Bishop Pat and congratulate him on this achievement. His life reflects the values that St Edmund's College continues to strive to instil in its students. As a Catholic school living the tradition of Edmund Rice, the College is guided by the call to fulfil the values as stated in The Charter of Edmund Rice schools.

At St Edmund's College students experience a holistic education in which they are encouraged to work to the best of their abilities, to realise their potential and to strive for individual excellence. The College's vision statement is captured in the

words - Achieving today. Leading tomorrow.

This achievement comes in a variety of forms through a curriculum that challenges and stimulates young men to express their diverse talents. The range of subject offerings enables students to achieve in academic and vocational pathways. The school renewal process of recent years has resulted in the publication of the School Wide Pedagogy document. This consultative document has assisted the dedicated and passionate staff to distil the key elements to successful teaching at St Edmund's College. They are the College's five Cs - Challenge, Collaborate, Create, Contemplate and Connect.

In seeking to develop young men who will lead tomorrow, St Edmund's provides students with a range of opportunities that enable them to view leadership as service of

others, to strive for justice and to do so in humble ways that respect the dignity of the individual.

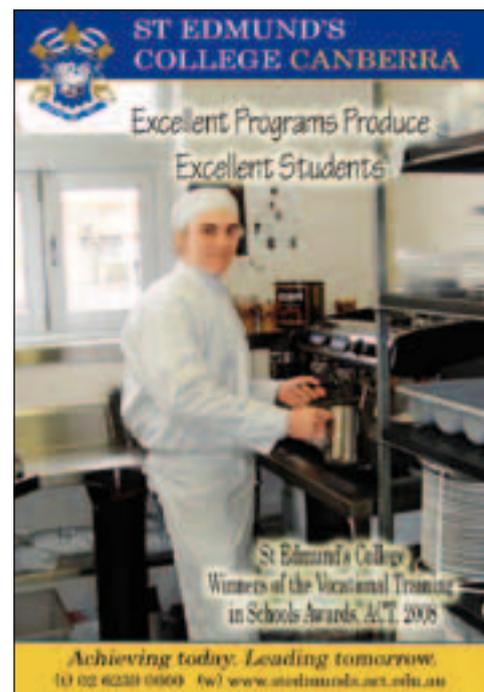
The new vertical House system focuses on the pastoral care of each student. Additionally, it also provides many students with opportunities for leadership development. Across the College the Brothers program, the work of the Youth Ministry team, support of Caritas and other fund raising efforts, are all examples of students making a positive difference as young leaders.

Achievement and leadership opportunities are also provided through a diverse range of co-curricular activities. St Edmund's College has a proud tradition and fine reputation as a sporting school. The College also has a growing name as a school that provides an exciting range of cultural pursuits in which all students may participate.

At a strategic level the College is embarking upon a new strategic planning process that will facilitate its vision for the future of St Edmund's.

As part of this process, a new capital management plan will enable the College to reinvigorate existing facilities as well as develop new facilities that will enhance the teaching and learning experience for each student.

Most certainly it is an exciting time to be a part of the St Edmund's College community - a school of proud traditions and stimulating change.



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A Catholic boys' school, Yrs 4-12, living the Edmund Rice tradition

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*Enrolments 2010
11 May - 29 May*

**Ask us why we chose St Edmund's College.
Open Day - Saturday, 2 May, 12noon until 3pm**

Public information sessions: 1 pm "Helping your child with Literacy" & 2 pm "Numeracy and your child".

Central schools – the best of both worlds

In our Archdiocese, we offer parents and their children a range of educational options. As well as forty two primary schools and eight secondary colleges, we also have five **central schools**, uniting primary with secondary.

They are St Patrick's Central School, **Cooma**; Sacred Heart Central School, **Cootamundra**; St Anne's Central School, **Temora**; McAuley Central School, **Tumut** and Mt Carmel Central School, **Yass**.

Each of these Catholic schools enjoys a unique history, built upon the heroic efforts of the founding Religious Congregations – Brigidine, Josephite, Mercy and De La Salle - supported by the endless generosity of local parents. Each is committed to continuing that sense of service and educational excellence in order to prepare students appropriately for life in the twenty-first century.

Class sizes in Central Schools tend to be comfortable, enabling

dedicated staff to maximise the services offered to students. Classes are large enough to support diverse interaction but small enough to allow the individual to flourish.

Students at our Catholic Central Schools are justifiably enthusiastic about the close relationships that flourish across the whole school. This personal relationship enhances each student's sense of well-being and safety, and permits students to exercise practical leadership in diverse situations. A strong commitment to pastoral care ensures that no-one is left out, and the structure of the school removes the sense of division between primary and secondary, making transition across stages much smoother.

The five schools are proud of their academic and cultural achievements, as well as of their strong religious atmosphere. Each one is dedicated to the provision of a thorough, child-centred Catholic education to all comers.



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Tumut

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Excellence in literacy and numeracy, Leading technology in classrooms, Realistic class sizes, Leadership and mentoring programs, Peer support and buddy programs, Christian values and personal excellence, Caring and supportive environment

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- A caring Christian environment, promoting respect and justice
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- An inclusive and comprehensive curriculum from K-9
- A focus on Technology across all KLA's, with interactive white boards in every class
- A friendly and welcoming community
- A strong partnership between school, family and parish

ENROLMENTS currently being accepted for Kindergarten to Year 9, 2010

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Open Day Thursday 21st May

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A School with Altitude

St Patrick's is a K-10 school offering:

- The development of the faith dimension in our students as the central focus of the school's vision statement: "A School with Altitude".
- The reflection of Gospel values which is seen in all we do at St Patrick's through our pastoral initiatives, and our comprehensive co-curricular and extra-curricular programs.
- A vibrant learning community of 380 students across Kindergarten to Year 10, with an educational focus catering for the spiritual, academic, sporting, cultural and social needs of our students.
- Our technology centre that boasts the latest computer hardware with PCs, iMACS and interactive whiteboards.
- An extensive building program over the last 12 months which has seen the construction of a 'state of the art' classroom block for our 3 Stage 2 classes as well as the refurbishment of the Stage 3 classrooms.

Enrolling Now for 2010

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Kinder to the School Certificate Year Sacred Heart Central School, Cootamundra

FAITH IN LIFE - FAITH FOR LIFE
Our 2009 Focus...
'Aspire not to have more, but to be more'

Our History

Parish School 1870, Sisters of Mercy 1882
De La Salle Brothers 1913, Catholic High School 1967
Sacred Heart Central High School 1982



Our Motto

Faith & Knowledge

through Gospel Values and a Comprehensive Curriculum

About Our School

- ◆ A structured Pastoral Care Policy and House System
- ◆ Retreats and liturgical celebrations
- ◆ De La Salle Technology Building refurbishment
- ◆ Small class sizes
- ◆ Family involvement and close links with parents
- ◆ Committed to academic excellence. Above average results in external examinations
- ◆ Strong links with our Sacred Heart Parish through Sacramental programs, classroom visits and YCS Youth Group
- ◆ A K-12 continuum with Hennessy College, Young
- ◆ An affordable fee structure
- ◆ High Standards
- ◆ A personal caring environment
- ◆ A collegial and experienced staff willing to go the extra mile
- ◆ A dynamic School Board and passionate P & F Association
- ◆ Pastoral Care, respect, responsibility and consideration for others are priorities
- ◆ Sacred Heart is an inclusive school Community dedicated to a holistic Education

For enrolment package or information phone 6942 2612
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Mt Carmel School Yass 2009

The 2009 school year is a year full of promise for Mt Carmel. It has been a positive start during which we have renewed and consolidated our emphasis on academic achievement and have taken some significant steps towards further developing this joyful Catholic learning community. In order to help this ideal to live we have embraced three words which will epitomize our actions this year and in the years to come:

Belong which speaks of our pride in who we are and our strong sense of community. It speaks of the welcome we offer new-comers and the care we show each other, the prayer life we share and our connection to the wider community. Strive which contains the ideals of our motto: Age Quod Agis and our

emphasis on making a strong effort and on academic achievement. Succeed which expresses our celebration of our achievement as a learning community. This is not intended to be a new motto, simply a focus for 2009 and the next few years.

As part of our drive for academic excellence we are working towards effective implementation of the Quality Teaching Framework and the teaching staff are working to design and deliver lessons consistent with the ideals of the framework with its three dimensions and associated elements:

DIMENSION	ASSOCIATED ELEMENTS
Intellectual Quality	Deep Knowledge, Deep understanding, Problematic knowledge, Higher-order thinking, Meta-language, Substantive communication
Quality Learning Environment	Explicit quality criteria, Engagement, High expectations, Social support, Students' self-regulation, Student direction
Significance	Background knowledge, Cultural knowledge, Knowledge integration, Inclusivity, Connectedness, Narrative

The school excels in a number of co-curricular activities and our students successfully represent us and our region in football, swimming, debating, the arts, public speaking and equestrian events.

The Education Revolution is not simply bricks and mortar and the support and teaching staff at Mt Carmel are striving to help our students to have access to the best possible education. However, bricks and mortar and the facilities they contain are important.

This year Mt Carmel has been most fortunate to secure a share of the Federal Government's economic package to the tune of \$2.7m. This money will be spent on a library and a significant and much-needed upgrade of the physical Mt Carmel.



goulburn update



Former bishop remembered

Vestments originally belonging to Bishop John Barry (above) were among those on display at Sts Peter and Paul's Old Cathedral, Goulburn, as part of the celebration of Roses and Heritage Week.

The Goulburn rose featured in the floral display.

Bishop Barry was the fourth Bishop of the then Goulburn Diocese. The marble altar now in use in the Cathedral was dedicated to the memory of Bishop Barry.

This altar was installed in the Cathedral and rededicated by Archbishop Mark Coleridge last year.

The restoration project is progressing steadily. Work on the western façade of the church will be completed this month and the scaffolding will be dismantled and re-erected on the northern wall (Verner Street).

A survey will then be carried out to inspect the repairs and renovation that will be needed on this wall.

The work on the western façade has been extensive. All the mortar has been repointed, the large stained glass window has been repaired and cleaned, and much of the sandstone has been recarved and replaced.

The statues of saints Peter and Paul have been restored and repositioned, as has the cross at the apex of the gable.

One of this year's major projects will be the installation of a mosaic of Caroline Chisholm to cover the concreted window on the Verner Street gable behind the organ.

Prayers urged for unity

Catholics have been urged to offer special prayers for Pope Benedict XVI and for church unity, as part of their Lenten observances.

President of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference Archbishop Philip Wilson said Pope Benedict's recent letter to bishops regarding the Society of St Pius X was a deeply personal and moving account of the pontiff's desire to take all possible steps to work towards church unity.

The Pope's letter referred to the recent heated discussion which erupted both within and outside the Church, in the wake of his decision to lift the excommunication of four bishops who were illicitly consecrated in 1988 by Archbishop Lefebvre.

The Pope spoke of his regret that the gesture of reconciliation had been overshadowed by revelations about the unacceptable position of Bishop Richard Williamson on the Jewish Holocaust. He accepted that more rigorous internet checking would have alerted the Holy See to Bishop Williamson's views. "The Holy Father's letter was a uniquely personal plea for understanding," Archbishop Wilson said. "It contains both humble acknowledgement of mistakes made, as well as a deeply human insight into the suffering felt by subsequent attacks on him."

Fire victims get blanket support from uni

Staff and students of Australian Catholic University's Canberra campus are doing something different to support the victims of the Victorian bushfires.

The Signadou Student Association put out the call for volunteers to knit 20cm squares which would be made into large blankets.

Association member and joint project organiser Ms Naomi Jacob said the blankets were gifts to last a lifetime.

"I am so happy to contribute something to those homeless victims of the fires who have been left to find shelter in their cars, tents or community centres," she said.

The blankets will be delivered to the victims in about six months when they start to rebuild their homes.

If anyone would like to contribute to the ACU Bushfire Knitting Appeal, they can e-mail Naomi Jacob on nmjaco002@student.acu.edu.au.

TOP RIGHT: Naomi Jacob knitting squares for the bushfire appeal.

Gold, gold, gold

St Bernard's Primary School in Batemans Bay held a non-uniform day and a community barbeque at Corrigans Beach which raised over \$1200 for the Red Cross Victorian bushfires appeal.

ABOVE RIGHT: Kindergarten students with their gold coin donations: Dylan Golden, Nayte Greiner, Wyatt Wakelam, Olivia Le Comte, Caitlin Horsburgh and Sarah Penberthy.

BBQ backing



In response to the bushfires, Lumen Christi College held a school liturgy followed by a barbecue lunch. During the day staff, students and their families raised close to \$1500.

ABOVE: Marvin Maher Smith and Nicole Parker enjoy their barbecue lunch.

James set sights on being a tennis ace

He takes his tennis pretty seriously, but Year 10 Daramalan student James Frawley makes sure he has a bit of fun along the way as well.

The 15-year-old was a favourite to win the under-16 division of the ACT Junior Tennis Open last month, but lost the final in two sets.

"I had beaten the same guy most times before," he said.

"But I was tired and injured, so I didn't win this time."

With the narrow loss behind him, James now has his eye on upcoming national and international tournaments.

"This is my first time in the under-16 division at nationals, so the competition will be harder.

"This year the aim is to get an international ranking and from then on I don't know. Hopefully I'll get onto the men's tour eventually."



Shave strikes a chord

A music teacher from Daramalan College was driven by a personal experience when he shaved his head for the "World's Greatest Shave".

Mr Jack Machin's mother is a cancer survivor, which spurred him to raise close to \$200 for the cause.

"I've also been inundated from the students with their own stories since I started this," he said. "Everyone has had their own story about cancer."

Student Alex Ringrose won a raffle for the privilege of shaving Mr Machin's head.

Senior student Luke Loiterton also raised \$900 when he shaved his long hair off.

LEFT: Hairdresser-for-a-day Alex Ringrose gets to work on Mr Machin.



First Communion

ABOVE: Cootamundra parish priest Mgr Kevin Barry-Cotter with Sarah Morton and Abby Perry after making their Holy Communion at St Joseph's Church, Stockinbingal.



James first got involved with tennis when he was six years old and his parents gave him a tennis racquet for Christmas.

"I really love it and enjoy it but I have to take it seriously."

With training five days a week, James admitted it was not always easy to get his school work done.

"The school gives me free periods so I can study in them because I don't get a lot of time to do it at home."

In case he does not turn out to be the next Roger Federer, James has not forgotten a back-up plan.

"If I don't become a tennis player I'd like to work in physio or be a tennis coach."

At the heart of our faith lies the deep truth that we are unconditionally loved by God.

We believe that God looks down on our lives and says: You are my beloved child, in you I take delight. We do not doubt that truth of that, we just find it impossible to believe.

Some years ago, at a workshop, a woman came up to me during the break and articulated this in these words:

"God loves me unconditionally. I know that's true, but I how can I make myself believe it? I simply can't."

She could have been speaking for half of the human race. We know we are loved by God, we can say the words, but how do we make Why? Why is that so difficult to believe?

For many reasons, though mostly because (unless we are extraordinarily blessed) we rarely, if ever, experience unconditional love. Mostly we experience love with conditions, even from those closest to us.

Our parents love us better when we do not mess up. Our teachers love us better when we behave and perform well.

Our churches love us better when we do not sin. Friends love us better when we are successful and not needy. The world loves us better when we are attractive.

Our spouses love us better when we do not disappoint them. Mostly, in this world, we have to measure up in some way to be loved.

Moreover many of us too have been wounded by supposed expressions of love that were not love at all but were instead expressions of self-serving manipulation, exploitation, or even positive abuse.

Beyond even this, all of us have been cursed and shamed in our enthusiasm by the countless times someone, either through words or through a hateful or judgmental glance, in effect said to us: Who do you think you are? We wither under that and become the walking wounded, unable to believe that we are loved and loveable.

So, even when we know that God loves us, how can we make ourselves believe it?

At one level, we do believe it. Deep down, below our wounded parts, the child of God that still inhabits the recesses of our soul knows that it is made in God's image and likeness and is special, beautiful, and loveable.

That is why we so easily become angry and enraged whenever someone violates our dignity or puts us down.

But how do we make ourselves believe that we are unconditionally loved in a way that would make us less inse-

Why is it so difficult to believe God loves us?

Ron Rolheiser

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cure in our attitude and our actions?

How do we live in a surer confidence that we are unconditionally loved so as to let that radiate in the way we treat others and ourselves?

There are no easy answers. For a wounded soul, like for a wounded body, there are no magic wands for quick easy healings.

Biblically, however, there is an image that, while confusing on the surface, addresses this.

When God gives Joshua instructions on how to move into the Promised Land he tells him that, once there, he must "kill" everything there, all the

men, women, children, and even the animals.

Taken literally, this text is horrible and speaks about everything that God is not.

But this is not a literal text but an archetypal one. It is an image, a metaphor. I suspect that someone in an Alcoholics Anonymous program will more easily get its message.

Killing all the inhabitants of Canaan means precisely giving away all the bottles in your liquor cabinet - the scotch, the bourbon, the wine, the cognac, the gin, the beer, the vodka, and everything else that's there.

You can't take the Promised Land and still keep a few "Canaanites" on the side or you will soon lose the Promised Land.

That image also tells us what we must do to enter our true self-image, the deep truth that we are unconditionally love by God.

In great mythical literature we see that, usually, before the great wedding where the young prince and the young princess are to be married so as to live

happily ever after, there first has to be an execution, the wicked older brothers and the wicked step-sisters have to be killed off.

Why? Because they would eventually come and spoil the wedding.

Who are those wicked older brothers and wicked step-sisters? They are not different people from the young prince or princess getting married.

They are their older incarnations.

They are also inside of us. They are the inner voices from our past that can, at any given moment, ruin our wedding or our self-image by dragging in our past humiliations and saying:

"Who do you think you are? Do you really think that you can marry a prince or princess? Do you really think that you're loveable? We know you, we know your past, so don't delude yourself."

To actually believe that we are unconditionally loved, we first have to kill a few "Canaanites".

Music in Mass speaks to the soul

We seem to do a lot of singing in our church. I understand it's OK for Easter and Christmas but do we have to do it all the time? And what kind of music should we sing?

You would need to congratulate your parish liturgical committee and music ministry if you do a lot of the right kind of singing.

Don't forget that St Augustine believed that singing is praying twice and that "music is for lovers".

For most human beings, across national and ethnic divides, music plays an important social and religious role. It can reveal and bring forth a depth of meaning and feeling, highlight ideas and intuitions, that words alone cannot do.

Music speaks to the soul and psyche, as well as to the body. In the Mass, music encourages, even demands, a response that includes a change of heart or a deepening of commitment to a loving God.

Music is essential in every liturgy, not just on special feast days, but it has a servant role: it must never dominate.

The musicians' and singers' primary role is to lead and support the people in prayer. For that reason, liturgists and theologians have outlined that some music in liturgy takes precedence over others.

As the Mass is an action of prayer to and worship of God, and involves a dia-

In the liturgy

Chair of the Archdiocese's Liturgy Commission Margaret Ryan answers a question posed by a reader. Send your questions to Catholic Voice, GPO Box 3089, Canberra 2601.

logue between priest and people, the most important singing is that of the acclamations (gospel, "holy holy", memorial and great "Amen").

They need to be from the same Mass setting (eg, Mass of Creation, Mass for Moderns, Mass of Freedom).

Next most important are the gathering song (to help people recall who they are and their purpose in attending), the psalm (it's a song) and communion procession (usually a chant such as Taizé, or a very familiar and appropriate hymn).

Singing "the Lord have mercy", the Gloria and "Lamb of God" also help the people pray the Mass.

Rather than having too many hymns, instrumental music may accompany the

procession of the gifts and form the recessional. Usually some silence is preferable after Communion (rather than another hymn). Silence must dialogue with sound in liturgy.

The liturgical year has an influence on the music chosen too. In Lent, for example, there needs to be simplicity in the style and number of hymns chosen.

What kind of music is a tricky one to answer briefly.

Effective liturgical music is artistically sound and theologically orthodox, uses approved liturgical texts (eg, the scriptural wording of the Lord's Prayer), expresses the intent and spirit of that part of the liturgy and is suitable for the expression of faith in that congregation, in that place, in this age and culture.

So, for example, music heard in the cathedral when the archbishop is presiding may include music that may not be so appropriate in a tiny country church.

In short, "the four-hymn sandwich" is out. Singing the Mass responses is the primary aim.

Music encountered in the Mass will either attract or discourage participants, so needs careful thought, and a year's planning (eg, when to learn new Mass settings, psalms etc).

Music does not make the Mass, but good liturgical music, strong singing by the people and implementation of liturgical principles is crucial.

You might consult the Archdiocesan website at www.cg.catholic.org.au/_uploads/rsfil/00056.pdf and Office of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales www.liturgy-office.org.uk/Resources/Music/Singing.html

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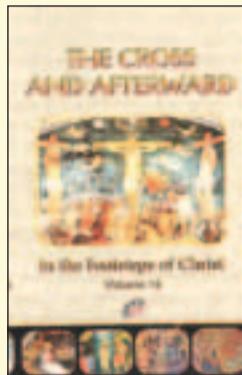
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- Dennis Granlund (librarian)

Full of inspiration to be savoured

Joan Chittister: In My Own Words. Compiled and edited by Mary Lou Kownacki. Ligouri, 2008, 103pp, rrp \$ 30.95. Reviewer: Janet Moyle.

Joan Chittister OSB is known worldwide as a visionary voice and spiritual leader in the post-Vatican II period. Now in her 70s she remains passionate about women's issues, peace initiatives and human rights. She is a gifted speaker and author of more than 30 books.

In My Own Words is a compilation of excerpts from Chittister's prolific speeches and writings. This is a truly mammoth task for its editor, also a Benedictine sister. The contents are divided under chapter headings containing pithy and often witty sayings taken from a variety of Chittister's works.

The one that appealed to me most was "Who is a Contemplative?" "To live a contemplative life", Joan says, "does not mean that we spend life in some kind of sacred spa... Contemplation is immersion in the God who created the world for all of us". And again "...we have been trained to pray, instead of being trained in prayer". This is a special little book full of inspiration and wisdom to be pondered and savoured in small bites.

Alzheimer's: Caring for Your Loved One, Caring for Yourself by Sharon Fish Mooney. A Lion Book, 2008, 256pp. Reviewer: Janet Moyle.

As we know the Australian demographic is becoming older along with an increased awareness of geriatric health and a rise in what is jokingly referred to as old-timers' disease.

But Alzheimer's is no joke for sufferers or their carers. Neither is it confined to the aged. This timely

Spiritual approach to life's anxiety

Living with Anxiety Another Way. Louis Masquin. Translated by Wendy Brennan. St Paul's 2008. pb, 106pp. Reviewer: Margaret Ryan.

Most of us would know of someone who is living with anxiety, or perhaps we have suffered from it ourselves. Ten years ago the WHO ranked serious depression as the fourth most debilitating pathological condition in the world.

The first half of the book describes the nature of anxiety, anguish and fear and considers the difference between normal and pathological anxiety, the part played by "hidden wounds" in people's lives (seen through moral, sexual and psychological lenses) and outlines psychological and medical management of anxiety from prevention to psychotherapy.

The second section presents a spiritual approach to anxiety. Human beings seek meaning in their lives and Masquin sees this as founded on faith: human and religious.

Old Testament figures suffering anxiety have been categorised (van Balthasar) as "the wicked" and "the good". Jesus dealt with his anxiety in Gethsemane in three stages, culminating in total abandonment to God's will.

Masquin proposes that trials, suffering and surrender to God can lead to peace and redemption, enabling people live in trust day by day. Anxiety cannot be conquered by personal brute strength, the author believes, but through confidence in God, by letting God pilot our plane. He also encourages sufferers to seek the intercession of Mary.

Masquin is a neuropsychologist, a former senior registrar in the faculty of medicine at Marseilles. His grasp of anxiety is explained simply and deepened by drawing on patients' stories in his clinical practice.

Could this book be part of the answer, or is its proposition simplistic? Is the author's proposal the best way to live our lives, regardless of the presence or absence of anxiety?

book canvasses the salient issues that families anywhere find themselves facing when it dawns on them that something is going wrong with a loved one.

There is practical intelligent advice on caring for Granny; what to do and what to avoid when dealing with baffling behaviours and trying to keep her safe.

These are illustrated by short first-hand accounts from those at the coal-face, as it were. There is a long section on caring for yourself and handling the attendant grief, anger and depression.

This book is an an extraordinarily useful guide through all the heartbreak.

Rights, obligations

The Rights of Catholics in the Church by James A Coriden. Paulist Press, 2007, 146 pp, rrp \$24.95. Reviewer: Michael Jarvis.

This book by James Coriden will amply meet the needs of Catholics who have not studied Canon Law but who want to know what their rights are under the 1983 Code.

The author has assembled an impressive compilation of those Canons which describe the rights of Catholics and presents them in such a way, in accordance with his stated intention, that will "enhance the sense of justice and fairness in the Church community"; will not foster individualism; will "increase the sense of rightful belonging and full participation" especially of the laity; to "avoid litigation, not to promote it" and "to reduce conflicts, not to stimulate them." The author has achieved what he intended.

The rights of Catholics, whether in full, partial or even no communion with the Church, are thoroughly surveyed, including rights to pastoral care, rights to start and carry out apostolic works, and rights connected to whether one is single, married, a religious or ordained. It also covers the right to be catechised and formed, and, in the case of disciplinary action by the Church, the right to due process.

The book is written in a straightforward manner and is easy to read and to understand. However, it generally lacks references to sources used by the author which makes it difficult to treat it as a reference book as the author claims it to be.

A failing in the book and a caveat for readers is Coriden's use of case studies some of which seem to support dissident groups, suggest solutions and propose positions contrary to that of the Church, and leave open questions which have a clear answer from the Magisterium. Apart from the above concerns, I can recommend this book to Catholics interested in learning more about their rights and obligations within the Church.

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Aussie drama with punch

Two Fists One Heart

Starring Daniel Amalm, Ennio Fantastichini, Jessica Marais, Tim Minchin, Paul Pantano, Rosemary Lenzo and Rai Fazio. Directed by Shawn Seet. 105 mins. M (frequent coarse language, sporting violence and sexual references). Reviewer: Jan Epstein*.

Two Fists One Heart is a powerful Australian drama about boxing and the fraught relationship between an Italian father and his son. Directed by Malaysian-born Shawn Seet and produced by David Elfick (Newsfront, The Rabbit Proof Fence), this upbeat film packs a mighty wallop and rings true about Australia in ways that Baz Luhrmann's much-hyped Australia does not.

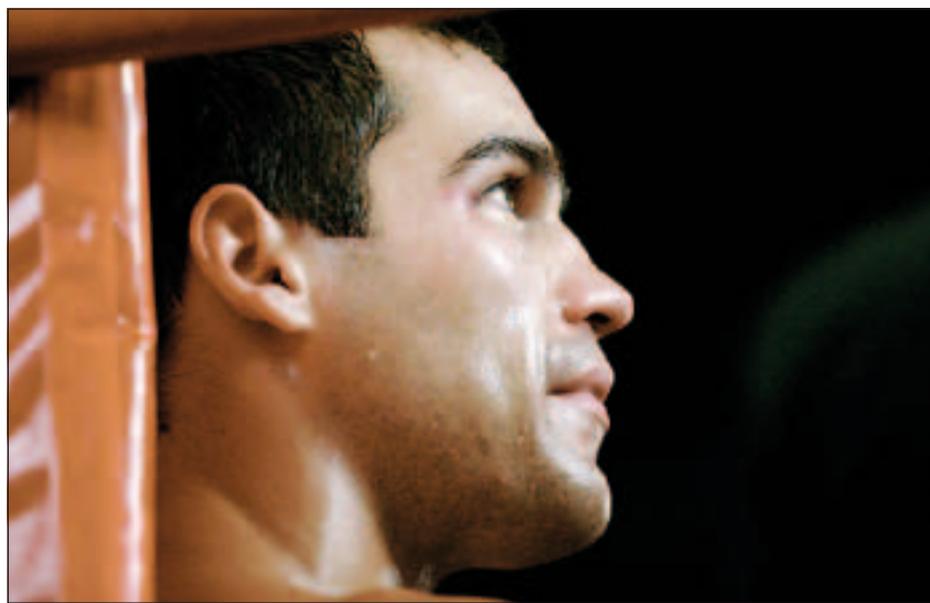
Set in Perth, Anthony Argo (Daniel Amalm, Underbelly) is a talented young boxer who has been trained in the sport by his father Joe (Ennio Fantastichini) since he was young.

In the evenings, Anthony works as a nightclub doorman with his best friend Theo (Paul Pantano), and having recently added amateur champion to his slew of trophies and awards, he longs to taste the good life and explore the world beyond his father's backyard gym.

But when his mother Concetta (Rosemarie Lenzo) suggests on his behalf that Anthony should take time out from boxing before turning pro, Joe erupts in a rage, and throws Anthony out of the house.

Joe turns his attention to Nico Mancini (Rai Fanzio), a gifted boxer recently released from prison who he treats as a proxy son.

Anthony, hurt by his father's rejection but relishing his freedom, begins a romance with Kate (Jessica Marais), a first year psychology student from an Anglo-Australian background whose good-



Anthony Argo (Daniel Amalm) in the ring in Two Fists One Heart. Picture: Andre Carvalho. (c) Palm Beach Pictures.

natured brother Tom (musician/comedian Tim Minchin, Rock and Roll Nerd), also becomes his friend.

Anthony is forced back into the ring when Nico betrays Joe, and in the process discovers the true meaning of his father's adage, "two fists one heart".

This is a powerful drama that speaks movingly about the ancient antagonisms that often erupt between fathers and sons, while at the same time painting an engrossing and realistic portrait of Australia's emergence in the 21st century as a genuinely multicultural nation.

Films about boxing often place undue emphasis on the violence of the sport. Two Fists in no way shies away from showing the punishing nature of boxing (with sound amplification increasing our awareness of its brutal force).

This highlights all the more Anthony's conflict with his Sicilian father, which is as

much about culture clash, and different attitudes to conflict resolution, such as literally taking the law into your own hands or fighting in court, as it is about Anthony's hunger to map out his own path through life.

Based on the real life experience of scriptwriter Rai Fanzio, who also gives a powerful performance as Nico, Two Fists' strength and dramatic tension comes from its script, which is focussed, emotionally rich, and character driven.

Two Fists One Heart is also consummately acted, especially by the talented newcomers Amalm, Marais and Minchin, and imported veteran Italian actor Ennio Fantastichini, who is utterly convincing as Joe, the loving authoritarian father who wants for his son everything that he failed to achieve for himself in his native Sicily.

* Jan Epstein is an associate of the Australian Catholic Office for Film & Broadcasting.

Comedy romance set in troubled times

What is it about the surname Gunderson in the north of the US? A character in the movie New in Town, which is set in Minnesota, is Blanche Gunderson. From her manner, speech and attitude she could be the sister of police chief Marge Gunderson, played so memorably by Frances McDormand in the Coen Brothers' Fargo, set in adjacent North Dakota.

Are we to conclude that every Tom, Dick and Harry in that neck of the woods is named Gunderson?

Siobhan Fallon Hogan's performance as Marge is the highlight of Jonas Elmer's comedy-romance. Marge is one of the salt-of-the-earth inhabitants of the small town of New Ulm, Minn., where the main employer is Munck Foods.

Blanche, secretary to the plant boss, is fundamentally religious ("We don't make jokes about Jesus here"), she is fiercely protective of her secret tapioca recipe and will likely greet you with "pleased as punch t'meetcha".

In Hogan's beautifully judged performance, Blanche is a character you can laugh at for her simple artlessness but love for her common decency.

Life in New Ulm revolves around Munck Foods, and the trouble starts when company head office in Miami, looking to bring its operations up to date, decides to retool its most remote plant with robotics and consequently dismiss half the workforce.

New in Town

Starring Renée Zellweger, Harry Connick Jr, Siobhan Fallon Hogan and J.K. Simmons. Directed by Jonas Elmer. 96 mins. PG (coarse language). Reviewer: Jim Murphy*.

Sent to oversee this operation is Lucy Hill (Renée Zellweger), an executive with big ambitions who is ill-prepared for the culture shock of her move from sunny boardrooms to a freezing blue-collar world.

Director Elmer and writers Ken Rance and C. Jay Cox set the scene nicely. Even the jaunty folksy/country pre-title music by John Swihart gets you in the mood for a feelgood movie, and the set-up recalls the scenarios of those heart-warming Ealing comedies of half a century ago in which small-town interests took on big business. And is it not particularly pertinent in these troubled times, when firms all over the world are shedding workers?

Unfortunately, all the good work generated by the splendid characterisations of the New Ulm citizens is dissipated by basing the plot so predictably on Lucy's initial clash with the union leader Ted Mitchell (Harry Connick Jr).

* Jim Murphy is an associate of the Australian Catholic Office for Film & Broadcasting.



Renée Zellweger as Lucy Hill in a scene from New in Town. Picture: Rebecca Sandulak.

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Love the Beast. Starring: Eric Bana, Jay Leno, Jeremy Clarkson, and Dr. Phil McGraw. Directed by Eric Bana. 88 mins. M (coarse language).
This is a very good documentary film that has been created, directed, produced, and acted by Eric Bana. It is not about the actor (directly), but about his love affair with his 1974 Ford GT Falcon coupe, which he has owned since he was a teenager.

The Uninvited. Starring David Strathairn, Emily Brunning and Elizabeth Banks. Directed by The Guard Brothers. 87 mins. MA 15+ (strong themes and violence).
A rather neat little thriller, not in the chatty sense of neat meaning pretty good, although it is that, but neat in the sense that there are clues as to what is going on for those on the alert and they all come together very neatly by the final credits, no loose ends.

Confessions of a Shopaholic. Starring Isla Fisher, John Goodman, Joan Cusack and Hugh Dancy. Directed by P.J.Hogan. 104 mins. PG (mild coarse language).
Spending 100 minutes with a young woman who can't say no to a dress, a bag, a pair of shoes, a scarf or any number of accessories and can put her head down with the best of them stampeding the doors of a bargain sale, is not necessarily what you would choose to watch. But, here it is in this age of fashion and Sex and the City and arriving during the credit crunch.



Duplicity. Starring Julia Roberts (above), Clive Owen, Tom Wilkinson, and Paul Giamatti. Directed by Tony Gilroy. 118 mins. PG (mild sexual references and coarse language).

Julia Roberts and Clive Owen have achieved good chemistry together in the past and they return again to the screen in this thriller, which teams them up as a strong romantic couple.

Passengers. Starring Anne Hathaway, Patrick Wilson, Dianne Wiest and Andre Braugher. Directed by Rodrigo Garcia. 92 mins. M (mature themes).

Passengers defies categorisation. To call it a romantic thriller combined with a psychological study and elements of the supernatural would come pretty close but, since it relies on a surprise twist, it is impossible for a reviewer to be too specific without ruining the experience of seeing it.

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PRAYER to the Holy Spirit. Holy Spirit you who make me see everything and show me how to reach the ideal. You who give me the divine gift to forgive and forget the wrong that is done to me and who are in all instances in my life with me. I, in this short dialogue, want to thank you for everything and to confirm once more that I never want to separate from you no matter how great the material desires may be. I want to be with you and my loved one in your perpetual glory. Amen. People must pray this three consecutive days after stating one's wish. Publish this as soon as your favour has been granted. Thank you Holy Spirit.

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CANBERRA CHORAL SOCIETY CONCERT - Featuring the Gloria by Francis Poulenc, Totus Tuus by Henryk Mikolaj Gorecki and Brahms' Liebeslieder walzer op52. Conducted by Dr Peter Pocock at Canberra Girls' Grammar School Hall, 2pm, 19 April. Tickets \$35, senior \$30, concession \$25, under 27s \$15 available from Canberra Ticketing.

CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME - Our Lady Queen of Apostles parish Goulburn. Meetings 7pm, 20 May to 24 June, Catholic presbytery, Verner St, Goulburn.

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

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY - 19 April, St Clement's Monastery Galong, 2pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, 2.15pm Confessions, 2.40pm Chaplet, 2.55 veneration of image, 3pm Mass. Afternoon tea. Inquiries: Gus or Ellen, telephone 6385 5225.

EASTER LABYRINTH - Meditation noon to 6pm, Easter Sunday, 12 April, St Albans Church, 34 Chappelle St, Lyons. Community barbeque for opportunity to talk about labyrinth experience. Inquiries: Revd Rebecca Newland, telephone 6281 4505.

GALONG PROCESSION - Sunday, 3 May, annual May procession in honour of Our Lady, St Clement's Conference & Retreat Centre, Galong. Open air Mass noon, procession to Lourdes Hill (The Grotto) 2pm. Inquiries: Telephone 6380 5222, e-mail info@stclement.com.au

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

OLMC GOULBURN EX-STUDENTS REUNION - 23, 24 May, to mark 150th anniversary of arrival of Mercy Sisters in Goulburn. Inquiries: Send stamped self-addressed envelope to OLMC Ex-Students, P O Box 742, Goulburn 2580, or telephone Mary Sykes 4822 0910, Sue Burgess 4821 5219, Rose Liardet 4821 8692.

RAPHAELS - Singles social group for Catholics and Christian-minded people, aged 24-40. Meet people for social activities, including dinner, movie, social sport, coffee and Mass every two months. Inquiries: Telephone 0401 918 717, www.catholic-socialgroup.com, e-mail raphs-group@yahoo.com

SERRA CLUB OF CANBERRA - 6.30pm, Thursday, 2 April. Rosary and Mass at Holy Trinity Church, Curtin, followed by dinner. Next meeting Thursday, 14 May.

Written entries are invited for the May issue to: Catholic Voice, GPO Box 3089, Canberra ACT 2601, or e-mail ed.voice@cg.catholic.org.au by Wednesday, 15 April. Entries which are accepted for this section are free, courtesy of sponsorship by the Catholic Development Fund.

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Easter ceremonies

Adelong: Holy Thursday 7.30pm, Good Friday Stations of the Cross 10am, liturgy Batlow 3pm, Easter Vigil 7pm, Sunday Batlow 9am.

Aranda: Holy Thursday 7pm, Good Friday Stations of the Cross 11am, liturgy 3pm, Easter Vigil 7pm, Sunday 9am.

Ardlethan: Holy Thursday Ardlethan 7pm, Good Friday Stations of the Cross Barellan 3pm, liturgy Aria Park 3pm, Easter Vigil Aria Park 6pm, Sunday Ardlethan 8am, Barellan 10am.

Batemans Bay: Holy Thursday 7.30pm, Good Friday 3pm, Easter Vigil 7.30pm, Sunday 9am.

Binalong: Good Friday liturgy noon, Sunday 11am.

Bombala: Holy Thursday Delegate 5pm, Bombala 7pm, Good Friday Stations of Cross Endeavour Reserve 7am, liturgy Delegate noon, Bombala 3pm, Easter Vigil Delegate 5pm, Bombala 7pm, Sunday Bombala 9am.

Boorowa: Holy Thursday 7pm, Good Friday 3pm, Easter Vigil 6pm, Sunday 8am.

Braidwood: Holy Thursday 7pm, Good Friday Stations of Cross 10am, liturgy 3pm, Easter Vigil 7pm, Sunday 9am.

Bungendore: Holy Thursday 7pm, Good Friday Stations of Cross 10am, liturgy 3pm, Easter Vigil 7pm, Sunday 9am.

Campbell: Holy Thursday 7.30pm, Good Friday Stations of Cross 10am liturgy 3pm, Easter Vigil 6pm, Sunday 10am.

Central Canberra: Holy Thursday Dickson 6:30pm, Good Friday Stations of the Cross Braddon 11am, liturgy Dickson 3pm, Easter Vigil Dickson 7pm, Sunday Braddon 8am, Dickson 9:30am.

Cathedral: Holy Thursday 7:30pm, Good Friday Stations of Cross Yarralumla 10am, ACCC 11am, liturgy cathedral 3pm, Easter Vigil 7:30pm, Sunday 8am 11am 5:30pm, Yarralumla 9:30am.

Charnwood: Holy Thursday 7.30pm, Good Friday liturgy 3pm, Stations of the Cross 7.30pm, Easter Vigil 7.30pm, Sunday 10am.

Cobargo: Holy Thursday 7pm, Good Friday liturgy Bermagui 3pm, Easter Vigil Bermagui 7pm, Sunday Bermagui 7:30am, Cobargo 9:30am.

Cooma: Holy Thursday Cooma & Nimmitabel 7pm, Good Friday Stations of the Cross Cooma 10am Nimmitabel noon, liturgy Cooma & Nimmitabel 3pm, Easter Vigil Cooma & Nimmitabel 7pm, Sunday Adaminaby 8am, Cooma 10am.

Cootamundra: Holy Thursday 7pm, Good Friday Stations of the Cross noon, liturgy 3pm, Easter Vigil 7pm, Sunday Stockinbingal 8am, Cootamundra 9:30am

Crookwell: Holy Thursday 7pm, Good Friday liturgy 3pm, Easter Vigil 7pm, Sunday 9am, Binda 10:30am.

Evatt: Holy Thursday 7:30pm, Good Friday Stations of the Cross Hall 11am, liturgy Evatt 3pm, Easter Vigil Evatt 7pm, Sunday Hall 8:30am, Evatt 10am.

Galong: Holy Thursday 7pm, Light to the Nations in the great tent 8pm, Good Friday Light to the Nations Stations of the Cross 10.30am & liturgy 3pm, liturgy Galong 3pm, Easter Vigil 8pm, Light to the Nations 7:30pm, Sunday 9am.

Goulburn: Holy Thursday 7pm, Good Friday liturgy 3pm, Easter Vigil 7:30pm, Sunday Our Lady of Fatima 8am, St Peter and Paul's 10am, Marulan 9am.

Grenfell: Holy Thursday 7:30pm, Good Friday Stations of the Cross 10:30am, liturgy 3pm, Easter Vigil 8pm, Sunday 8am, Quandialla 10am.

Gungahlin: Holy Thursday 7pm, Good Friday Stations of the Cross 11am, liturgy 3pm, Easter Vigil 7pm, Sunday 8am 9:30am, no 5:30pm Mass.

Jindabyne: Holy Thursday Berridale 6pm, Jindabyne 7pm, Good Friday liturgy Berridale & Jindabyne 3pm, Easter Vigil Thredbo 5pm, Dalgety 6pm, Jindabyne 8pm, Sunday Perisher Valley 8:30am, Jindabyne 8:30am 10:30am, Berridale 10:30am.

Harden: Holy Thursday 7pm, Good Friday Stations of Cross 9.30am, liturgy 3pm, Vigil 7pm, Sunday 9.30am.

Kaleen: Holy Thursday 7:30pm, Good Friday Stations of the Cross outside 10am, liturgy 3pm, Easter Vigil 7:30pm, Sunday 9am 5:30pm.

Kambah: Holy Thursday 6pm, Good Friday Stations of the Cross 11am, liturgy 3pm, Vietnamese liturgy 7:30pm, Easter Vigil 6pm, Sunday 8:30am 10am, Vietnamese 5pm.

Kippax: Holy Thursday 7pm, Good Friday Stations of the Cross 10am, liturgy 3pm, Easter Vigil 7pm, Sunday 8:30am 10am 6pm.

Lake Cargelligo: Holy Thursday 7pm, Good Friday Stations of the Cross Tully 7:30am, liturgy Lake 3pm, Easter Vigil 7pm, Sunday 7:30am, Tully 9:30am.

Moruya: Holy Thursday 7:30pm, Good Friday Carroll College Stations of the Cross 10.30am, private Stations of the Cross until 2pm, liturgy 3pm, Easter Vigil 7pm, Sunday 10am, Tuross Head (The Pines) 8am.

Narooma: Holy Thursday 7pm, Good Friday liturgy 3pm, Easter Vigil 7pm, Sunday 9:30am.

Narrabundah: Holy Thursday 7:30pm, Good Friday Stations of the Cross 11am, liturgy 3pm, Easter Vigil 7pm, Sunday 9am, charismatic 7pm.

North Woden: Holy Thursday Curtin 6:30pm, Good Friday Stations of the Cross Garran 10am, liturgy Curtin 3pm, Easter Vigil Curtin 6pm, Sunday Curtin 8:30am 5:30pm, Garran 9:30am.

O'Connor: Holy Thursday 7:30pm, Good Friday Stations 11am, liturgy 3pm, Easter Vigil 6pm, Sunday 9am.

Page: Holy Thursday 7.30pm, Good Friday Stations of the Cross in the church 11am, liturgy 3pm, Easter Vigil 7pm, Sunday 8am 9:30am.

Pambula: Holy Thursday 7pm, Good Friday Stations of the Cross all churches 11am, liturgy 3pm, Easter Vigil Eden 7pm, Sunday 8am, Merimbula 10am.

Queanbeyan: Holy Thursday 7:30pm, Good Friday 3pm, Easter Vigil 7:30pm, Sunday 8am 10am.

South Tuggeranong: Holy Thursday Gowrie 7:30pm, Good Friday Stations of the Cross St Clare of Assisi School 11am, liturgy Gowrie 2pm 4pm, Easter Vigil Gowrie 7.30pm, Sunday Gowrie 8.30am 10am 6pm.

South Woden: Holy Thursday Pearce 7pm, Good Friday liturgy Pearce 3pm, Easter Vigil Pearce 8pm, Sunday Farrer 8:30am, Pearce 10:30am.

Taralga: Holy Thursday 7pm, Good Friday liturgy 3pm, Easter Vigil 7:30pm, Sunday 9am.

Temora: Holy Thursday St Anne's School Easter pageant in church 2pm, 6pm Mass, Good Friday Stations of the Cross 10am, Barmedman 7:30pm, liturgy Temora 3pm, Easter Vigil 6pm, Sunday Barmedman 8am, Temora 10am.

Tumut: Holy Thursday 7pm, Good Friday 3pm, Easter Vigil 7:30pm, Sunday 6:30am, 10am outdoors, Talbingo 8:07am.

Ungarie: Easter Vigil 6pm.

Wanniassa: Holy Thursday 7pm, Good Friday Stations of the Cross 10am, liturgy 3pm, Easter Vigil 7.30pm, Sunday 9am. No Sunday evening Mass.

Watson: Holy Thursday 7:30pm, Good Friday Stations 10am, liturgy 3pm, Easter Vigil 8pm, Sunday 8am.

Weston Creek: Holy Thursday Holder 7:30pm, Good Friday Stations of the Cross in school grounds Holder 11am, 3pm liturgy Waramanga, Easter Vigil Waramanga 7pm, Sunday Holder 8:30am, Waramanga 10am.

West Wyalong: Holy Thursday 7pm, Good Friday Stations of the Cross 10.30am, liturgy 3pm, Easter Vigil 7pm.

Yass: Holy Thursday 7pm, Good Friday 3pm liturgy, Easter Vigil 7pm, Sunday Gunning 8:30am, Yass 10am.

Young: Holy Thursday 7.30pm, Good Friday Stations of the Cross 11am, Passion 3pm, Easter Vigil 7pm, Sunday 8am, 9.30am. No country Mass.

We are nearing the celebration of God's life giving gift, resurrection: the gift that is given in Christ for us to realise and to share. Equally, our relationship with its giver, Jesus, is such that it changes our whole lives and perspectives, challenging us to each assist in spreading the good news of Christ.

Having recently returned from Alice Springs and the surrounding communities, the need for hope, voices for justice, prayers and support for the people in these places continue to be pressingly apparent. These needs are not without people with ideas and great concern, and who are endeavouring to address them.

They are people who are part of much larger fabrics which include our faith communities, the wider Church and Australia itself. It is together that issues such as the 'silence' of men and challenges facing young people, children and others can be considered and engaged with constructively. For many of us this means offering our prayer and financial support to support the mission work of these communities; work which is supported through the programs and projects of Catholic Mission.

Help Catholic Mission to further such life giving activities and work in solidarity with these local communities. Contact Kate, Ruth or myself on 6163 4321.

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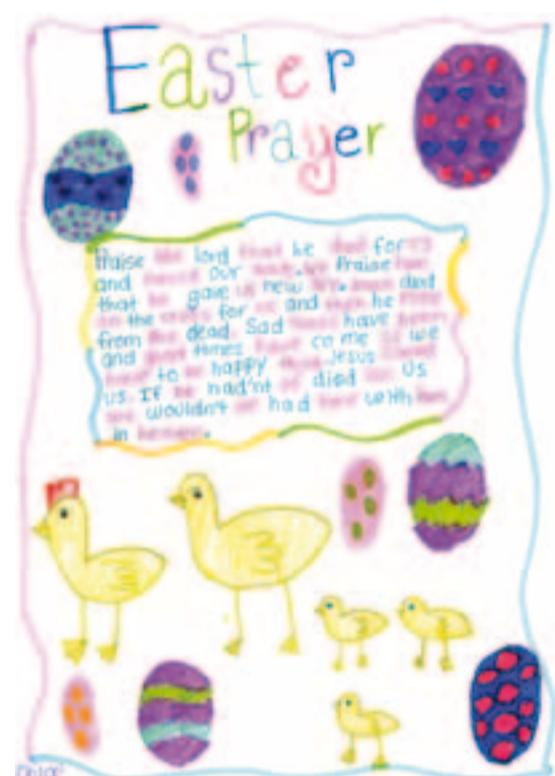
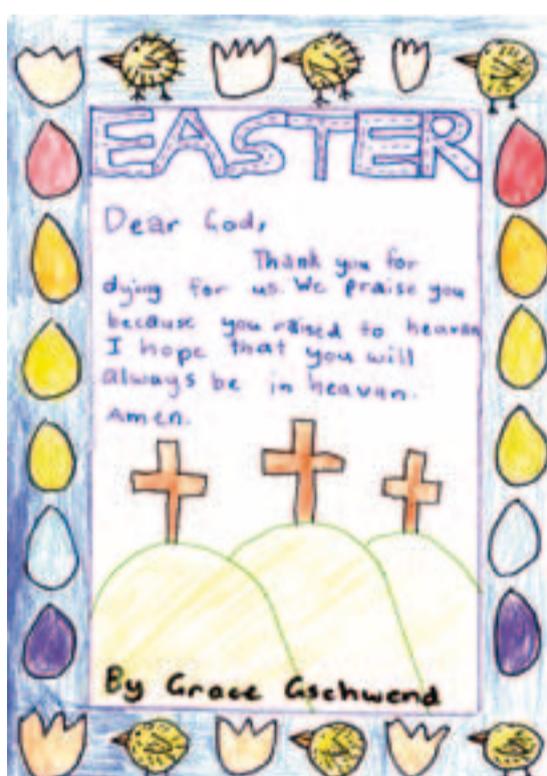
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 Ann Tunnecliffe & Victor Dunn

Year 5 at St Mary's Primary School in Moruya have been working hard over the past few weeks learning all about Antarctica. Teacher Mrs Karen Hadley said the students had used books and the internet to learn everything they could about the very cold continent. They have also written some nice prayers in preparation for Easter.

Pictured above Mrs Hadley with the class (far left), Connor Roberts, Naomi Place, Grace Gschwend and Chloe Wells research on the internet (middle), and Kate Blackmore and Tori Dallas enjoy their day (right).

Drawings and prayers by Grace Gschwend (below left), Chloe Wells (below right), Greta Cooper (below middle), and Ashton Paisley-Topp (bottom).





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