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Fond memories at St Bede's



There are many fond memories from 150 years of education at St Bede's Primary School in Braidwood. LEFT: Oldest living ex-student Mr Patrick Coffey reminisces with daughter and former student Ms Carolyn Coffey. ABOVE: Kindergarten student Jack Tetley tells former student Mrs Clare Sutherland what it is like at St Bede's nowadays. • Full story, picture - Page 12.

Council decision on project for homeless makes ...

A dream come true

A priest's dream of a home for people with chronic mental illness has become a reality, following Queanbeyan City Council's approval of the development application.

Councillors approved Fr Peter Day's project - HOME in Queanbeyan - during a planning and development review committee meeting, with construction to begin on the former Anglican Church hall site this month.

"This great news represents the culmination of nearly three years hard work and commitment by many, many extraordinary people," HOME in Queanbeyan co-chair Fr Day said.

During the meeting, HOME chair Mr Tony Carey spoke in support of the application.

"I'm sure you can tell from the number of people here, the enormous support this project has," he said.

"This is indeed part of the very heart of the Queanbeyan community - doing something for people

who are very vulnerable in our society."

Fr Day said most of what was done for the mentally ill today through welfare and charity "addresses 'houselessness' but not homelessness.

"We meet people's physical needs but not their emotional needs. Unfortunately, we just end-up recycling the problem.

"HOME seeks to change this by creating a safe, supportive home where vulnerable people can live for as long as they want with the dignity and love they deserve.

"This will all take place in a residential setting comprising 20 self-contained, one-bedroom apartments, with care offered 24/7."

Following a sod-turning ceremony which would take place on 24 June, Fr Day said he expected HOME to be completed by mid next year.

"I feel really proud of Queanbeyan as a community and I am really delighted for the people we will be looking after.



Fr Peter Day ... "the people of Queanbeyan took the decision not to sit back and wait for others to make a difference."

"It's one of those rare yes's to people who are usually told no. The Queanbeyan community is providing national leadership in the care of people with a mental illness."

At the council committee meeting a local resident opposed the project due to its "fundamental

flaws and the potential impact on the broader community.

"Each weekday this location has close to 1000 children come through the area where the facility is proposed," he said.

"Young children are extremely vulnerable and easily scared by behaviour that is out of the ordinary.

"They should not have to be escorted to manage their fears or because their parents are concerned about potential violence or antisocial behaviour in the area."

Fr Day said such concerns were "pretty understandable.

"Our proposal is pretty controversial - if you don't get any resistance then something has gone wrong.

"A lot of these objections are just about misinformed stereotypes of people with a mental illness - they confirm why we need HOME, to undermine such stereotypes.

"The people of Queanbeyan took the decision not to sit back and wait for others to make a difference, but to lead the way.

"We hope this community-based leadership inspires other towns to do the same, and that one day we will see HOMES in many other places across Australia."

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The image we expect?

I've never been a party animal. I'll happily attend parties and, most of the time, have a great night. Yet I've never been the sort of person who will go out and drink on a weekly basis.

A couple of weeks ago I was invited to an 18th. I was somewhat anxious to go to the party, and for good reason. Before I go on though, let me introduce you to a few people.

Firstly, there's the shy girl who I always see at the mall with people I know - but I've never heard her speak.

Then, there's that younger boy who I can honestly say that I've never seen without a smile on his face or making someone laugh.

And lastly, meet the 17-year-old girl who seems to have the personality of a six-year-old child.

So I went to the party and in brief this is what I saw as I walked in:

Quiet Girl is going crazy, dancing provocatively on the dance floor, a passionfruit cruiser in one hand.

Smiley is staring off into the distance, clutching onto an empty whiskey bottle (not to mention his last shreds of dignity).

And finally, our Kindergartener has collapsed into a fit of giggles about how much she's drunk so far.

While all of this is happening, I'm deciding whether or not I want to end up in a similar situation.

We seem to have lost our sense of values. Where have the days gone when some loud music, food and friends were a perfect concoction for a fun night? It seems to be that it's being replaced by young teens who have memorised a collection of recipes for cocktails.

Innocent and harmless nights of fun are becoming increasingly dangerous and I wonder who is supplying the alcohol? Yes, everyone is turning 18 and suddenly it's legal, but are the rest of us striving to grow up too fast?

On the other hand I have no problem with having a drink or two socially. I'm at the crossroads on this issue.

Our society has become about excess in all areas of our young lives, including the abuse of alcohol.

I was fine with others drinking at this party, but for some reason I was surprised to see these three people in a state of inebriation. Should I have been surprised? Isn't this the image that we have come to expect?

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

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Accolades from the PM

Following a 44-year career in the public service, Cathedral parishioner Ms Barbara Belcher retired this year - but not without accolades from Prime Minister Mr Kevin Rudd and Opposition Leader Mr Malcolm Turnbull.

At the time of her retirement, Mr Rudd said without her efforts following his election in 2007 "the transition to government would have been much more arduous.

"I knew at that time that I had met an individual who was in many ways the epitome of the professional Public Service that I was hoping to find: dedicated, apolitical, knowledgeable, discreet and ready to offer constructive advice," he said.

Mr Turnbull said he found her knowledge "completely encyclopaedic, unerring and always reliable".

"It was slightly frightening to meet someone in Canberra who was so precise and exact in their opinions," he said. "Above all, she has always been a delightful person to work with."

Among various positions, Ms Belcher was the first woman to work as the parliamentary liaison officer in the House of Representatives and for the past 10 years, she worked as the first assistant secretary to the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet.

Mini-Vinnies have big impact



It might be a small school, but St Thomas More's Primary School in Campbell has a big heart.

The Student Representative Council's new initiative called "Mini Vinnies" aims to reach out to members of the community and make a difference.

Most recently, the families of 169 students at the school managed to collect 400 food items which will be distributed to needy people in Canberra.

Mini Vinnies' next venture will be for each class from Years 3-6 to visit residents of the recently rebuilt Southern Cross Apartments (formerly known as Ozanam) and spend time reading, playing games or just talking to the older people.

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Station making waves

Canberra's Christian radio station 1WAY FM is making a special effort this month to increase its influence in the local community. In daytime hours from 8 to 18 June, it is offering high quality revamped programming, to give listeners a taste of the station's future direction, with an enhanced music playlist, more interesting interviews and the launch of a new interactive website. The station is looking for feedback from Christian listeners. It can be accessed on FM 91.9, or 94.3 in Tuggeranong.

Orphanage couple in doco

Founders of a Mexican orphanage, Pam and Alan Skuse are about to become stars of a new documentary.

Mrs Skuse, originally from the Sunshine Coast in Queensland, is the sister of Kippax Parish assistant priest Fr Mark Hanns.

Director Mr Stefan Hunt from Sydney was in America promoting his film Surfing 50 States when he heard about the orphanage, Mision Mexico.

"I decided to go and volunteer for a few months and after one week there I knew I just had to make a movie," he said.

"It's a truly inspiring story that I had to capture and hopefully share with as many people as possible."

Mr Hunt said the movie Somewhere near Tapachula would be released in October. "The movie is about the orphanage, how it came about, the parents - Pam and Alan and the kids. It focuses on some of the kid's stories, and their unimaginable childhoods prior to life at Mision Mexico. "The movie also heavily focuses on the kids love for surfing. It is more than a sport to them, it's an escape from the past."

what do you know?

1. St Bede's School, Braidwood is celebrating its 150th birthday. Who was it named after?
2. In what year was Mary MacKillop beatified?
3. Which south Canberra parish is finalising arrangements for the 25th anniversary of its church this year?
4. In 1820, 32 years after the arrival of the First Fleet, the Catholic population of Sydney was...800, 8000, or 80,000?

5. In what town of the Archdiocese is the Church of St Columbkille?

6. This cute three-year-old turned out to be a model citizen. Who is he?

Answers: See bottom of Page 4.



Friendly, generous - and the food is just great too



Fr Daniel M Eshete, Fr Sunil Kadaparambil and Deacon Loothusamy Irudeyasamy in St Christopher's Cathedral.

The heat is on this winter

Vinnies is bracing for a busier-than-ever winter with newly jobless, struggling rural families, the homeless and elderly shut-ins all seeking the society's help in increasing numbers.

To help cater for the demand, the St Vincent de Paul Society Winter Appeal 2009 has been launched with the theme "Tomorrow can be different".

"It can be different if we are given the resources from donors and government to make a difference," Vinnies president in the Canberra/Goulburn Central Council Mr Evan Brett said.

"More Australian families are finding themselves under enormous financial strain. Commentators are predicting that things will get much worse before they get better and this means the pressure on the society will increase.

"Last month alone our call centre received 843 calls from people seeking assistance. Of these 101 calls were from people we hadn't heard from before, and 16 of these new callers had lost their jobs."

Mr Brett said Vinnies was more families and individuals becoming homeless for the first time, as people found themselves no longer able to survive in the private rental market.

"We have expanded our homeless person's services with the establishment of St Anthony's Women's service in Goulburn, catering specifically for single women with an emphasis on older women whose circumstances have caused them to be homeless.

"Being homeless in winter is no joy for anyone. Our services in the ACT and Goulburn are turning away people at the rate of 180 individuals and 12 families per month.

"We need the resources not only to try and address part of this problem when it occurs but to try and find out what has caused this in the first place so we can assist before it is too late."

In rural areas, many people in country towns and surrounding districts were struggling to make ends meet. "Drought and natural disaster has taken its toll on many of our rural

HOW YOU CAN HELP

MAKE a financial donation at your local Vinnies store or conference appeal. Or, go online at www.vinnies.org.au and specifically record your donation for the ACT (Canberra/Goulburn Central Council). The Central Council encompasses every NSW country town in the Archdiocese and once your postcode is recorded your donation will go to the Vinnies conference in that area. Calls to 6282 2722, or posting donations to PO Box 642, Mawson, ACT 2607, will also have the same result. All donations over \$2 are tax deductible and receipts will be issued.

MAKE a gift-in-kind. Donations of good quality blankets, doonas and clothing are always welcome, especially in the colder months.

ORGANISE a community fundraising event.

communities and the society stands ready to assist, Mr Brett said. "The predicted cold dry winter certainly won't help.

"Pride often stops many country people from asking for help but we urge those feeling the effects to swallow that pride and ask for help."

Mr Brett said Vinnies in the past month had received an unprecedented 35 calls for help from people aged over 65.

"There is evidence that our elderly citizens living by themselves spend the majority of their waking hours alone. Some see no-one, day in, day out.

"The calls last month were generally for food, but, when conference members visited, the real need was for someone to talk to.

"It just highlights once again how bad this situation will be throughout the area in winter when weather dictates these people to stay indoors. That in itself results in higher energy bills, and, for those who can't afford to heat their home, increased medical bills."

After about six months as assistant priest of Goulburn Parish, Fr Sunil Kadaparambil from India has noticed a big difference in Australian churches - the small number of young people.

Fr Kadaparambil is one of four clergy who have come from overseas to the Archdiocese in the past 12 months.

Ethiopian priest Fr Daniel M Eshete is stationed at Narooma, African Deacon Charles Dufour is at Bega and Deacon Loothusamy Irudeyasamy from India has been at South Tuggeranong for the past 10 months.

Fr Kadaparambil said he had found a lot of differences between the Church in Australia and in India.

"Church is less important here," he said.

"India is more faith oriented. Of those who are Catholic, 90 per cent go to Mass, but here I would say only 10 per cent are coming to Mass."

Fr Kadaparambil said he could not help but notice few young people attend Mass.

"I can only find a few young people who go to Mass, although we're working with the young people in Goulburn now and I'm starting to see more."

After only a couple of months in Australia, Fr Eshete said he was still adapting to the Australian culture.

"Easter celebrations here were a bit different," he said.

"But this is not a new experience for me. I have been in London and Italy for many years before this so I am used to being away from my family.



Deacon Charles Dufour

"I find the people very friendly. They want to talk and learn about my culture which is good."

Deacon Irudeyasamy will be ordained on 14 August. "Of course, sometimes I miss home but at the same time, I feel at home here," he said.

"The priests are very good, they are encouraging me to adapt to the new situation and culture. And hopefully my parents will come over for my ordination.

"I find the nature of Australian people to be very friendly and accepting. I think we're all enjoying that."

After a few months on the South Coast in Bega parish, Deacon Dufour will experience a different side of the Archdiocese in the rural parish of Young.

"The people here are really good and welcoming, so generous and interested in my story," he said.

"I was born in Zaire (now the Democratic Republic of the Congo) in Central Africa, but I also studied in Belgium, France and then South Africa, before coming here in February."

Despite Australia's different culture, Deacon Dufour said he has not found it hard to adapt.

"When Australians speak - they sound like they are singing to me. So I just have to listen really carefully."

Australia's "brilliant" food is something he has enjoyed in particular.

"You can get a variety of international food in Australia - if you want Chinese or Indian, you can have it. But I would prefer Australian lamb casserole. I had it at (parishioner) John Frawley's house on my birthday and I want to have more!"

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We have a fascinating story, let's not forget

One weekend not long ago I was thinking a lot about the past and the future. In fact, I find myself as Bishop thinking a lot about both, in part because it seems to me more and more that you can't have one without the other. No past means no future, which is why in the Church it's always a matter of "back to the future". We look back in order to move forward. Like someone in a row boat, we look one way in order to go in the other.

On the weekend that had me thinking about these things, I was at Braidwood on the Saturday evening for the celebration of the 150 years of St Bede's school. In other parts of the world, 150 years isn't a long time, but here it's a very long time indeed. Even the name of the school - St Bede's - takes us back to the dawn of the Catholic Church in Australia.

The school was named after the first Bishop of Australia - originally the Vicar Apostolic of New Holland - John Bede Polding, a Benedictine monk from Downside Abbey in England in whose vast diocese the school lay when it was founded in 1859.

So much has changed in the school and in Braidwood in those 150 years, and during the celebration we gathered all of that up and gave thanks to God. We gave thanks for the lay teachers who ran the school for its first 20 years; we gave thanks for the Good Samaritan Sisters - an order of Sisters founded by Bishop Polding - who were there from 1879 till 1975; and we gave thanks for the lay teachers who have done a great job at St Bede's since then.

We also gave thanks for what hasn't changed: the timeless truth of Jesus being taught to the young by people who sacrificed themselves to that great task. After the Mass, there was a dinner-dance in an old shearing-shed which has had a facelift. All the place-mats at the tables had old photos of the school, and there were lots of "old boys" and "old girls" in every corner of the shed. I had to leave early to drive back to Canberra because I had an early start the next morning. So back I drove wearily through the night, only just missing a wombat as I did.

The reason for the early start was that on Sunday morning I had the opening and blessing of the new presbytery in Young. North-west I drove through the morning sun, the countryside looking splendid after recent rain. It seemed so green after all the dryness, though much of the green remains cosmetic.

At the end of Mass we blessed various objects that would find a home in the presbytery - a Bible, a statue of Our Lady, the Church Directory and even a visitors' book.

Then we processed to the basketball court for the blessing itself. Speeches were made; prayers were said; a plaque was unveiled; the microphone broke down. I walked across the road to the new presbytery to cast holy water in all directions as cameras flashed left and right.

The house isn't quite finished despite the frantic efforts of the parish priest and the tradespeople. But enough of it was finished to have the opening and so to begin a new chapter in the long history of the Parish of Young which stretches back to 1871.

At a time when some people seem to think the Church is going out of business, this celebration was a sign of new life and a vote of confidence in the future. It looked back upon a long story - especially the procession of priests who have served in Young.

But it also looked to a future in which the priesthood, however different it may look, would still be there at the heart of the Church. After the blessing and opening, we all adjourned for lunch on the lawn beside the church with lashings of local wine to help with the mountains of country food. I then rolled back to Canberra with not a wombat in sight, though I did have to stop for a drink at Yass because I was in danger of nodding off at the wheel.

An old school at Braidwood and a new presbytery in Young: both in the space of about 15 hours. It had my head spinning between past and future. Two of our oldest parishes with wonderful stories to tell, but also two communities that know they have a future because they have a past.

That is where we are as a Church. The great danger is amnesia in an often amnesiac culture; and often as a Bishop I find myself the voice of times past, the keeper of the story. Perhaps my biblical training has made me unusually sensitive to that. But this is an Archdiocese with a varied and fascinating story to tell, and at times we can overlook that too easily.

In the Bible, one of the words for sin is "to forget"; and it would be something like sin if we were to forget the stories that are all around us - simple stories that take us to deep places and end up being the story of God-with-us.

Jesus it is who has been the teacher in St Bede's school through all these years; and Jesus it is who will pitch his tent among us in the new house in Young, since he is the only priest.




ARCHBISHOP MARK COLERIDGE

June diary

3-4 June: Synod of bishops meeting, Rome.

17-30 June: Pilgrimage in footsteps of St Paul.

AUXILIARY BISHOP PAT POWER

4 June: ACT Churches Council meeting.

7 June: Day of Prayer for Jerusalem; Mass for Filipino National Day (3pm St Christopher's Cathedral).

8 June: Parish Feast Day, Corpus Christi South Tuggeranong.

10 June: Confirmation Ungarie.

11 June: Confirmation West Wyalong.

12 June: Confirmation Temora.

13-14 June: Confirmation Tumut.

17 June: Episcopal ordination of Bishop Les Tomlinson, Melbourne.

18, 19, 20 June: Confirmations, Gungahlin.

26 June: Episcopal ordination of Bishop Michael McKenna, Bathurst.

28 June: Confirmations Holy Trinity, North Woden.

Dilemmas over a Catholic identity

By Prof John Warhurst

Late last year a high-profile anti-discrimination court case pitted the St Vincent de Paul Society in Queensland against a disgruntled former member and office-holder. She had been dismissed from a leadership position because she was not a Catholic. The society lost the case and received a great deal of bad publicity.

Why talk about it again now? Because, putting this particular case aside, it raises an issue that ought to be considered more widely within the Church. It is not a one-off situation.

The issue is the place of people who are not Catholics in official church agency positions in Australia, bearing in mind Vinnies is a lay organization that can make its own decisions.

The Queensland Anti-Discrimination Commission agreed with the complainant that it was not necessary for her to be a Catholic in order to perform her leadership role and that therefore she had been sacked improperly.

In the public controversy that followed the actions of Vinnies were defended on the grounds that the Catholic identity of the organisation means that it is logical that only Catholics hold leadership positions.

However, if that apparently sound logic applied across the whole of the education, health and welfare sectors then there may be unintended consequences.

These Catholic systems are dotted with outstanding individuals who are not Catholics but are exercising leadership at various levels and sharing fully in the ethos of the organizations they serve.

The instinct of the Church is to put the question of religious affiliation to one side in the search for the best people for jobs in church agencies.

This understandable position is based on a different logic. But the issue won't go away. There are not always enough Catholics to draw upon when filling positions.

In education the Church has an exemption from anti-discrimination law to allow only Catholics to become school principals. But ordinary teachers may not be Catholics.

This is a practical and reasonable solution, but it creates inevitable consequences because it must reduce the pool from which those school leaders are eventually drawn. Many teachers are non-Catholic as are about a quarter of the students in Catholic schools.

In the health and welfare sectors the situation may not be as pressing, though the essential dilemma remains in the appointment of senior staff.

In all sectors great attention is being paid to the reinvigoration of Catholic identity as the number of remaining priests and religious declines dramatically. There are, for instance, several graduate university courses available in leadership and Catholic identity to which leaders and prospective leaders are being directed.

There are several alternative approaches to maintaining Catholic identity and culture but each of them contains dilemmas.

Should the Church in Australia restrict Catholic agency leadership to Catholics only, therefore losing the services of excellent professionals who share our ethos whether from a Christian, non-Christian or humanist perspective?

This alternative will offend wider community standards too.

Should the Church affirm more open policies that regard personal integrity as more important than religious affiliation?

This has inevitable complications as church organizations search for a Catholic identity in an era in which nuns, brothers and priests have virtually disappeared from the education, health and welfare sectors.

Should the Church adopt a type of "don't ask, don't tell" policy? In the long run that is not an answer.

The Church should face the issue and have an open debate about the questions it raises.

voices



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WYD anniversary

The first anniversary of World Youth Day will be celebrated in the Archdiocese on Saturday, 18 July, at St John the Apostle Church, Kippax.

The celebration will include Mass at 6pm with Archbishop Mark Coleridge and a prayer rally.

Project officer Miss Jenny Drum said the event was open to everyone.

"It will be a great opportunity to see old friends and make new ones, celebrate our shared experience of World Youth Day and join together in prayer," she said.

More details will be made available on the archdiocesan website www.cg.catholic.org.au and the catholicLIFE website www.catholiclife.org.au or those who want to take part may telephone 6163 4333.

WHAT DO YOU KNOW?

Answers: 1. The first bishop of Australia, John Bede Polding. 2. 1995. 3. St Thomas the Apostle, Kambah. 4. 8000. 5. Jindabyne. 6. Bishop Pat Power.

\$13 mil gift for students

Eight archdiocesan schools have been allocated almost \$13 million by the Federal Government to spend on infrastructure projects

Catholic Education director Mrs Moira Najdecki welcomed the funding in round one of the Primary Schools for the 21st Century section of the Building the Education Revolution program.

"The provision of a world class education for our students is the greatest investment we can make in the future of our country," she said.

"This program has a dual role of stimulating the economy and providing 21st century facilities for our schools. We are most grateful to the Australian Government for this initiative."

A small rural school with 67 students, St Francis Xavier Primary School at Lake Cargelligo is one to benefit from the program, with \$850,000 allocated for construction of a multi-purpose hall.

Principal Mrs Noreen Dick said it was one of three grants the school had recently received. "We were also given \$75,000 as part of the National School Pride program and \$50,000 from the National Solar Schools program," she said.

"This money is going to be of great benefit to the community, which has been suffering in drought for so many years. The parents and guardians strive to put everything they can into the school and in my opinion they are being rewarded for those years of work."

Mrs Dick said the new school hall would be made available for the use of the wider community. "That's one of the big pluses of Lake Cargelligo; the whole community is involved with all of our schools. We do so many activities together."

"We're hoping some of the local builders will have the advantage of this great offer. I've had a lot of phone calls from people all around the region wanting to be involved."

Holy Family Primary School in Gowrie has been assigned \$3 million as part of the program, which will be spent partly on extending the new Early Learning and Care Centre.

Principal Mr Paul Croker said there had been a "very strong demand" in South Tuggeranong for the services of the first Catholic archdiocesan pre-school.

"Currently the pre-school can take only 50 students and we've already got 80 applications for next year," he said. "The additional wing will hopefully be ready in time for the commencement of next year and allow us to take more students."

The principal of St Michael's Primary School in Kaleen, which has been allocated \$1,980,000, is "on cloud nine." "We are obviously very excited about the grant which will involve two thirds of the school being refurbished," Mr David Austin said.

"We will be able to refurbish a classroom block, extend the library and join all three school buildings into one. It will provide contemporary learning spaces for all staff and students, including break-out

areas from all rooms. We will have a brand new school by the end of the year."

Currently in its 150th year, St Bede's Primary School in Braidwood has received \$850,000 to build a library and refurbish the school hall.

Principal Ms Claire Frazer said the school community was "very excited" about the birthday gift. "Being a rural school, we're not in the position to borrow the money," she said. "Most of the parents have been in drought for many years."

"We are going to build a contemporary library. Until now we have only had a temporary building with no space for an office or anything like that."

"We'll also do some work on our hall, which was built in 1914."

Principal of St Joseph's School in Grenfell Mr Peter Stephens said he was looking forward to the "wonderful new buildings" which would be built from the \$850,000 allocated to the rural school.

"This is very exciting news for all of the St Joseph's Grenfell community and the ongoing education of our students," he said. "In the next months our school will construct a library and administration facilities under this project."

Holy Spirit Primary School in Nicholls have been given \$2,849,000 to refurbish classes and a new school administration building, Rosary Primary School in Watson received \$2.5 million for classroom refurbishments and St Joseph's School in Adelong will spend \$75,000 on the construction of student amenities.

ACT schools left out of review

Catholic education has protested that it was left out of an ACT Government review of special education services.

Director Mrs Moira Najdecki said it was disappointing the review was restricted to public schools.

Education Minister Mr Andrew Barr had told her before the last ACT election that he would be initiating the review and he was asked that Catholic schools be involved.

"In Catholic schools we have argued consistently over many years that students with disabilities are some of the most needy and the most vulnerable," she said.

"In order to best address the needs of these students we have to be part of the conversation and the voices of our teachers, parents and students must be heard. While Catholic schools and agencies will be responding to the discussion paper, we decry the fact that we were not included in the first place."

ACT non-government schools educate 30 per cent of students with disabilities in mainstream schools in the ACT.

Mrs Najdecki said there had been a steady increase in the number of students with disabilities enrolled in ACT non-government schools over the past five years.

The pressures on teachers and schools to ensure they were providing quality teaching and appropriate resources were just as strong for students in these school communities as for students in public schools. "These students and their families have the same needs as their peers in public schools."

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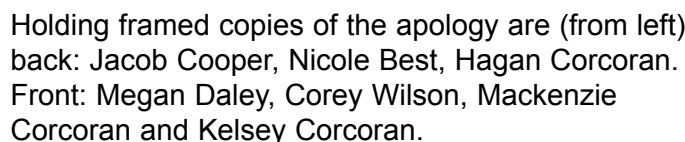
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Mary MacKillop was beatified by Pope John Paul II on 19 January, 1995.

Corey Wilson, whose relatives come from the New South Wales South Coast tribe, the Yuin people, said he was proud to be presented with the plaque.



"I think it was just a real burden lifted off everyone's shoulders," she said. "I'll be putting my framed copy somewhere special."



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"I can understand the hesitancy with being involved with the media. You just don't know what will happen, but taking risks and living in faith is our stock in trade."

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One in four face school e-bullies

One in four school children has been a victim of cyber-bullying, and teenage girls are most at risk, according to two Canberra researchers.

Over 13 months, Associate Professor Catherine McLoughlin and education lecturer Ms Jill Burgess at the Canberra campus of Australian Catholic University interviewed nearly 700 high school students and more than 160 teachers from six archdiocesan schools.

Ms Burgess said denigration and harassment via e-mail, mobile phone and on social networking sites such as Facebook and Bebo were the most common forms of cyber-bullying. "Cyber-bullying may have a negative impact on students' emotional wellbeing and psycho-social stability," she said.

Ms Burgess said the difference between their study and others was the rural comparison. "The initial assumption would be that rural schools aren't as bad, but that wasn't the case."

Prof McLoughlin said access to technology indicated the prevalence of cyber-bullying. "It gives them the tools," she said. ACU's research also found students were not reporting bullying to authority figures for fear of losing access to technologies and as a result only 50 per cent of teachers realised it was a problem.

"Simply banning social networking sites and setting up filters is not a long term solution," Prof McLoughlin said. "To limit their use of technology is not the answer - it is part of the children's world."

"Adolescents need to be supported and educated in protective online behaviours and critical media literacy skills."

Acting principal of St Anne's Central School at Temora Mr David Keenan said cyber-bullying was "definitely an issue. "You can't hide that fact, whether you're in the city or the country," he said.

"We might focus on our Year 7 and 8 students, but there are implications as young as Years 3 and 4. They may not know it is cyber-bullying, but they have access to the technologies, so it's there."

Mr Keenan said St Anne's was doing the best it could to keep cyber-bullying at bay.

"We had a representative from the police come in last year and talk to teachers and students about it, but it's an ongoing thing."

Principal of St Francis Xavier College in Florey Mr Angus Tulley said the school was constantly trying to educate staff, students and parents about the issue, in collaboration with the Australian Federal Police and the government. "Even though students are using the technology, I don't think they realise it is as bad as physically writing a letter or bullying someone in person," he said.

"We have a policy where children must keep their mobile phones in their lockers during class. Prohibiting them altogether just doesn't work - every child has a mobile phone."

"I'm fairly confident that if the kids don't report the incidents to us, then their parents do. And if it goes beyond a certain level and involves inappropriate images or the like, it then becomes a police matter and is out of our hands."

Prof McLoughlin and Ms Burgess intend to conduct further research on effective forms of e-safety. "We're looking at programs that could be adopted by teachers, parents and students. We would be very happy to work with schools in the Archdiocese and help them develop e-safety practices." She may be contacted by e-mail, catherine.mcloughlin@acu.edu.au

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ABOVE: Associate Professor Catherine McLoughlin and Ms Jill Burgess check out Facebook, one of the sites used for cyber-bullying.

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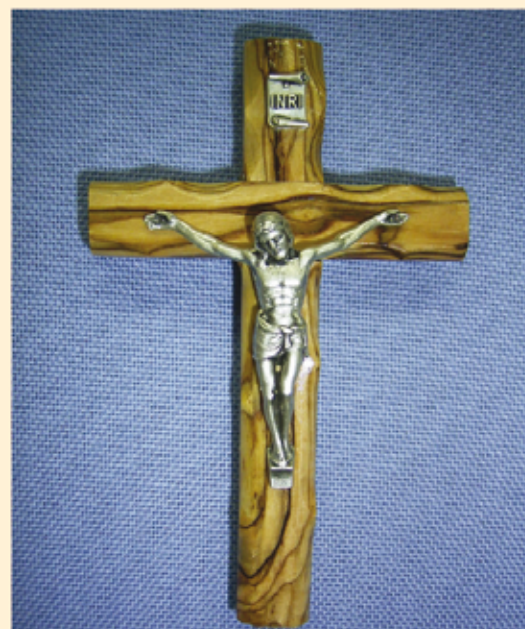
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Peace and quiet gives these women time to pray

'Anyone is welcome to come here. We're not counsellors, but I think prayer and listening helps'

By Naomi Fallon

In the midst of the global financial crisis, drought and everyday trials, it's comforting to know there is a group of women in Canberra who are constantly looking out for the well-being of the Archdiocese.

Six Discalced Carmelite nuns who have taken vows of obedience, chastity and poverty, make it their business to pray for others.

Prioress of Canberra's Carmelites Sr Mary-Agnes Beattie has lived at the Red Hill monastery since it was established in 1974.

At the age of 21, Sr Mary-Agnes gave into a "very powerful conviction" and left her home in New Zealand to join the Carmelites in Melbourne.

"It was a big thing to come to another country," she said.

"But I think if you pray for protection and guidance, all obstacles are removed and things that would have prevented you from doing something are taken away and doors are opened."

As a general rule Sr Mary-Agnes said Carmelites do not leave the monastery or talk to one another unless it is necessary.

"We generally try to keep silence during the day, but necessity has no law. If some-

one comes to see us or calls us, we will talk to them."

Sr Mary-Agnes said the Carmelites' purpose in Canberra was to pray for the Church, the Archdiocese and the whole world.

"The essence of our vocation is prayer and seeking union with God.

"All types of people come to us to ask us to pray for them - not just Catholics, but people from different religions or those with no religion at all. We just listen to them sympathetically and confidentially and we assure them of our prayers.

"We have a book of remembrance for the living and one for the dead where people are prayed for on particular days. We also have days of special intent during the week - like on Monday we pray for the youth of the world.

"Every day without fail we say a special prayer for relief of the drought and for protection against bushfires."

Another original Canberra Carmelite Sr Gabrielle-Anne Cuzner said the order constantly received prayer requests.

"We usually get someone every day and quite often more than one," she said.

"Some people just need to talk. They can actually clarify things for themselves when somebody is listening."



Sisters Gabrielle-Anne, Mary-Agnes and Monica pray in the chapel.

As the eldest of four children in rural Wagga Wagga, Sr Gabrielle-Anne felt compelled to gain some work experience in a bank before she joined the Carmelites.

"I really liked that I wouldn't be confined to health care or teaching in the Carmelites. Even though you don't always get to see the results of your prayers, you know someone somewhere is being helped."

Sr Mary-Agnes said prayers could be requested in the form of a letter, by telephone or simply by visiting the monastery in Red Hill.

"Anyone is welcome to come here. We're not counsellors, but I think prayer and listening helps."

During World Youth Day, more than 100 international pilgrims took the opportunity to spend an afternoon with the nuns at the monastery.

"They were very exuberant," Sr Mary-Agnes said.

"They wanted to know all about our life and whether we had had boyfriends before joining the Carmelites - I told them, of course we did!"

While some religious orders have discarded the habit and more traditional ways, the Carmelites prefer to retain their monastic life.

"For a deepening life of prayer, you need the detachment and the self discipline that monastic obedience helps you to obtain," Sr Gabrielle-Anne said.

"The enclosure is simply to give us that space where we don't have the distractions. And that's what the silence is for too. That's why we haven't given those things up."

"The Church has set us aside for this reason and really the Lord does stand by that," Sr Mary-Agnes said.

"People have great trials and anxieties so we're glad to be able to help in any way. It's amazing how many people come back to us and tell us their prayers have been answered,"

Sr Monica Rooney, who has lived at the Canberra monastery for six years, said people regularly come to see the nuns with gratitude for answered prayers.

"It's because we all have the same purpose here that it works," she said.

"It's our unity and purpose that make all of this possible."

"People suffering from cancer have come to see us and then returned to the doctor who can't find any more signs of cancer.

"People who have had heart attacks and strokes and family breakdowns - those recoveries seem to be miracles. But it's their faith really, they have the faith to ask for help."

Sr Monica was 24 and teaching in a North Queensland primary school when she "got the call".

"I was happy in what I was doing, but all of a sudden I had an attraction to monastic life and I haven't regretted it."

Much of a Carmelite's day is spent in prayer. In between the nuns look after the house, the chapel and the garden.

"We sew all of our own clothes and altar linen," Sr Mary-Agnes said.

"We make greetings and gift cards and sell Monastique skin care and perfumes which are made at our monastery in Melbourne. We're always working towards the annual fete as well, which is in November.

"All the time people are calling in, ringing, and writing to us about their trials and distresses, so we speak to them. We always seem to keep very busy."

Sr Mary-Agnes said after dinner was recreation time, where the nuns could "sit together, chatter and enjoy each others company".

"We talk about all kinds of things - topical issues and prayer requests. We watch the news on television.

"The sisters often like to stitch, or do something that's compatible with chatting. Sr Teresa of Avila said we should be a community of friends - and we are.

"You really do become like sisters," Sr Gabrielle-Anne said.

"Especially when you go through hardships - it just draws you together. You have to all pull your weight. We love it here."

In 1978, Sr Mary-Agnes said it was agreed that the secretary to the Apostolic Nuncio would celebrate Mass every day at the monastery.

"And that arrangement still exists to this day," she said.

"Fr Frank Leo is our chaplain and he gives the most beautiful homilies."

All are welcome to attend Mass at the monastery, celebrated on weekdays at 7:30am, Saturday at 8:30am and Sundays at 9am.

"We have lots of people coming every day from near and far," Sr Mary-Agnes said.



Sr Monica and Sr Gabrielle-Anne catch up on their sewing as Sr Mary-Agnes (middle) looks on.

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From the CDF Chairman



The Catholic Development Fund has produced another positive result. This has been to the good of the community and mission of our Archdiocese.

The impact of the global economic crisis has been weathered by the provision of niche services and a focused loan strategy. The latter is the result of the deliberations of the CDF Board, the efficient management of the Fund's day to day affairs and the

ongoing appraisal of new opportunities by the Fund Manager, Mr. Victor Dunn and his dedicated staff. On your behalf I thank them for their professional competence and personal dedication.

In this year of St. Paul, the Apostle to the

Gentiles, it is timely to reflect that the church will continue to face new opportunities and challenges. As wise stewards, the CDF will very much a part of our Archdiocese's discerned response.

Monsignor John Woods VG

From the Manager



Despite the general economic climate the CDF has managed to increase both deposit levels and loans made. Deposits grew to approximately \$200M whilst loans totaled in excess of

\$159M for 2008. The loan growth is particularly satisfying as the CDF places great importance on making funds available to parishes, schools and church agencies in order to "build the Church".

The emphasis on lending to Church bodies meant that the CDF was not impacted by the economic crisis in the same way as other financial institutions may have been. That is, the CDF's conservative policy of only

investing in loans to Church agencies government bonds or banks bills has meant no loss in depositor funds. Certainly, during this period the interest rate that the CDF could pay declined but this was in line with the RBAs reductions in the 'cash rate' and there has been no loss in capital value.

During 2008 the CDF Board took the decision to review the overall strategy of the CDF and is now in the process of formalizing an updated strategic direction. In particular the board is keen to raise the profile of the CDF within the Catholic community in order to attract deposits so that the CDF may in turn provide the funds for the building of hospitals, aged care facilities and schools. As part of the

review the CDF proposes to upgrade the website in recognition that the population makes increasing use of online facilities.

2008 also saw the introduction of the COPs facility, or, the electronic debiting of credit cards on the part of schools. Early trials proved successful and the facility has now been implemented across the archdiocesan school system. Within the CDF computer hardware and software was updated and during the course of 2009 the CDF will move to a windows based platform for its banking software.

Thanks and appreciation is extended to the people who make the CDF such a happy and effective operation, Ann, Michelle,

Jen, Jenny, Karin and Perry. The CDF Board (Mons John Woods, Mrs Karen Hogan, Mr Tony Rose, Mr Julian Widdup, Mr Dominic Kelly, Mr Ross Power, Mr Gavin Howard and Fr Lachlan Coll) are to be acknowledged too for the invaluable contribution that they make to the successful functioning of the CDF.

Special mention should be made too of Bishop Pat Power who was the chair of the CDF Board for more than twenty years. Bishop Pat joined the board in 1987 – a commitment that was not broken until he took a well earned break at the beginning of 2008. Thanks Bishop Pat.

Victor Dunn

Financial Highlights in 2008

Financial Summary

2006 \$	2007 \$		2008 \$
		Income	
7,982,088	11,073,190	Interest revenue on loans	12,037,737
3,320,140	2,864,867	Interest on investment.....	4,625,738
148,381	24,601	Other income.....	9,770
11,450,609	13,962,658		16,673,245
		Expenses	
9,030,893	11,310,664	Interest expenses to depositor	13,073,589
		& other expenses.....	
2,419,716	2,651,994	Net Revenue	3,483,074
649,326	679,614	Less operating expenses.....	727,744
1,770,390	1,972,380	Net Operating Surplus	2,755,330
		Distribution	
1,068,730	1,497,380	Archdiocese	1,846,741
275,425	100,000	Archdiocese (Favier House Loan)....	233,589
175,000	175,000	Diocese of Wilcannia-Forbes	175,000
251,235	200,000	Addition to surplus	500,000
1,770,390	1,972,380	Total	2,755,330
		Assets	
13,992,831	27,982,199	Investments	40,013,797
153,533,906	150,941,731	Loans	159,397,477
1,405,646	6,518,139	Other assets.....	4,243,797
168,862,383	185,442,069	Total	203,655,071
		Liabilities	
160,487,103	181,848,789	Depositors balances	199,430,421
5,000,000		Borrowings	
75,280	93,280	Other liabilities	224,650
165,562,383	182,163,350	Total	199,655,071
3,300,000	3,500,000	Accumulated Funds	4,000,000
168,862,383	185,442,069	TOTAL	203,655,071

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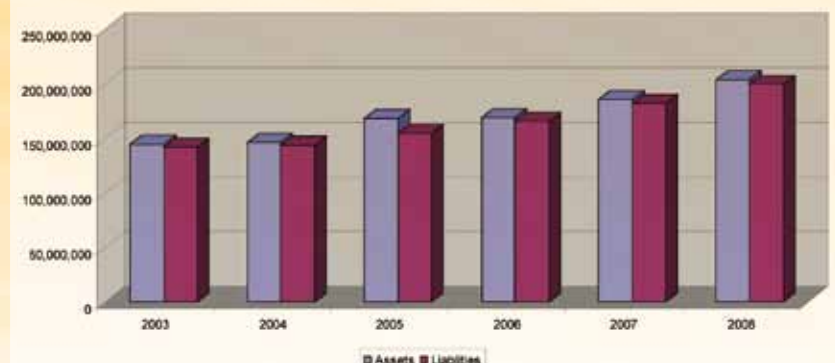
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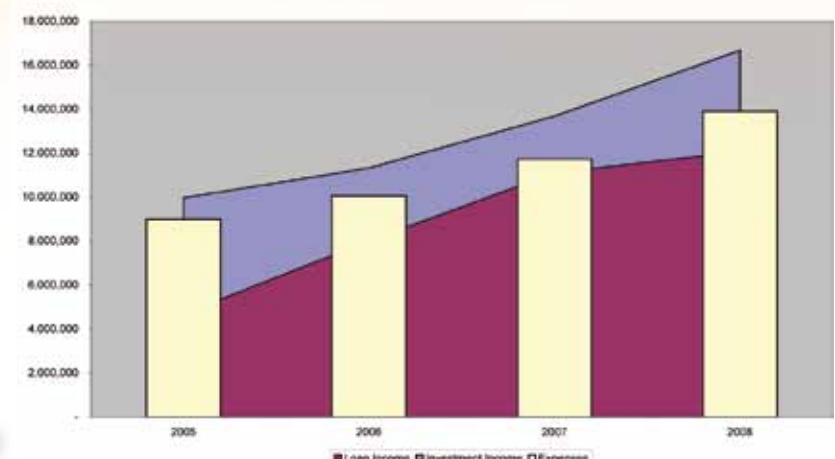


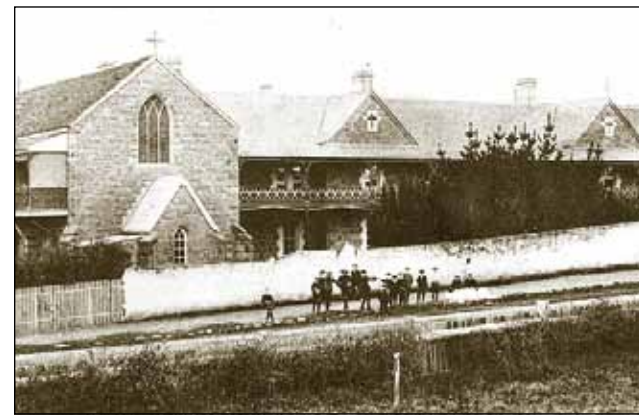
CDF staff Jen Wheeler, Ann Tunnecliffe, Jenny Mander, Michelle Murdock, Victor Dunn and Karin Hollings.

Assets and Liabilities



Loan and Investment Income





Mercy pioneers mark 150 years of service

ABOVE: Mercy convents at (from left) Goulburn, Albury and Yass. BELOW: The sisters' committee (from left) back: Srs Ursula Drennan, Angela Jordan, Gabrielle Maree Owen, Rosarii O'Connor, Catherine McMahon. Front, Srs Bernice Keane, Aileen Wailes, Frances Fitzpatrick, Lorraine Cupitt, Monica Purcell, Barbara Murray (Absent: Loretta Corrigan).



On Sunday, 25 October, friends, co-workers, ex-students and those the sisters have cared for will join them for a day of celebration.

Archbishop Mark Coleridge will be the main celebrant at the Sesquicentenary Mass in Sts Peter and Paul's Old Cathedral.

Afterwards there will be lunch in the grounds on the former Mercy convent, now Trinity Catholic College. Guests will have the chance to view the sesquicentenary Mercy exhibition and the historic chapel, convent and school.

To mark the anniversary, the Catholic schools of Goulburn and district are planning local functions including a family barbecue and art exhibition on Thursday. Archbishop Coleridge will celebrate Mass in Sts Peter and Paul's Old Cathedral on Friday, 23 October, for the schools and their communities.

Goulburn Parish will hold its annual parish dinner on Saturday, 24 October, in honour of the sesquicentenary.

Among the guests on the weekend will be sisters from the Irish Mercy communities of Westport and Rochfortbridge which sent the original sisters to Goulburn and Yass.

Overall planning for the sesquicentenary weekend has been in the hands of a committee from the schools, parish and sisters. The group is working to gather information, share resources and plan the October functions.

The sisters have their own committee of 12 sisters who have been calling on the rest of the congregation for help in getting ready for the weekend and for the sesquicentenary exhibition.

This is being professionally curated and visitors will get an insight into the spirit, life and work of this group of women. The items for the exhibition have been taken from the sisters' extensive archives or loaned by the sisters.

The exhibition will be officially opened in Goulburn on the sesquicentenary weekend, and will also travel to other centres of significance to the congregation. From late 2009 to March 2010 it will be on the road.

Venues include 24-26 October, Trinity Catholic College, Goulburn; 31 October to 2 November McAuley Hall, Young; 6-8 November Queanbeyan Arts Centre coinciding with the Institute of Sisters on Mercy Australia social justice conference; 14-16 November Mount Carmel School, Yass; 21-23 November Sacred Heart parish hall, Albury.

October will mark 150 years since the Mercy Sisters arrived from Ireland to the Catholic parish of Goulburn - the first congregation of Mercys to arrive in New South Wales and the first congregation of religious west of the Great Dividing Range.

In 1859 when the sisters arrived at the invitation of the Catholic clergy, Goulburn was the centre of a parish that extended into Tasmania.

As women from the local Catholic families began joining the congregation, the Sisters were able to move to more towns in the parish.

A list of the places where the Sisters established communities and took on responsibility for pastoral work and schools gives an indication of the spread of the Catholic population and the desire of the clergy and of the sisters to minister to their needs.

Between 1859 and 1948, Mercy convents were founded in Albury, Yass, Boorowa, Cootamundra, Young, Murrumburrah, Tumut, Junee, Gundagai, Grenfell, Deniliquin, Corowa, Wilcannia, Wodonga, Deloraine, Wyalong, Gunning, Jerilderie, Crookwell, Tocumwal, Barmedman, Galong, Stockinbingal, Bethungra, Finley, Goolongong, Murringo, Griffith, Dee Why, Henty, Binda, Howlong, Captains Flat and Braddon.

The sisters ministered - and continue to minister today - in the fields of education, health care, prison visitation and welfare.

Rachel's out to make a difference long term

After a 15-year career as an engineer, Rachel Reeves' life took a turn in a completely different direction.

While working at BHP Billiton and BlueScope Steel, Ms Reeves (pictured right) had been involved in youth groups, volunteered with NET Ministries and attended two World Youth Days, but she was looking for a new challenge.

"I was a bit unsettled, so I applied for a few jobs with World Youth Day," she said.

"My faith is very important to me so I was open to working in that area."

In late 2006, Ms Reeves started her new job as catechesis manager and indigenous liaison officer for World Youth Day 2008.

"I went to work everyday thinking I was a part of something that could make a difference to people's lives. It was very hard work but the week itself was fantastic. I just saw everyone's hard work come together."

After World Youth Day, Ms Reeves saw an advertisement for a senior coordinator for evangelisation and ministry with young people in the Archdiocese's catholicLIFE agency, and she knew it was something she wanted to do.

"I wanted to build on what I had been working on with World Youth Day - I'm keen to see that bear long-term fruit."



"I think the agency's focus on evangelisation was one of the things that drew me to the job. Everything just fitted together and now I get paid to do things I think are important."

Ms Reeves said her role was to "encourage what is already happening in youth ministry around the Archdiocese and build on that."

"To this point I have focused on young people but along with my colleagues I will also look at evangelisation across a broader age spectrum."

"In the future I'd like to look at how we support post-school young adults and how we can reach out to them."



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This month Catholic Voice visited Year 1W at St Anthony's Primary School at Wanniasa. Teacher Mr Craig Warnes taught the students about the season of Autumn and they drew pictures of leaves. Rosie Kane said they had been preparing for Mother's Day. Chris Reay said his mum was special "because she helps me set up the Wii, even though she isn't playing it".



LEFT: Class 1W with Mr Warnes.

ABOVE LEFT: Chris Reay has the answer.

ABOVE: Good friends Lara McDonald and Sophie Gray were happy they got to sit next to one another.

BELOW LEFT: Daniel Barone and Jayden Arena.

BELOW MIDDLE: Angel Devitt.

BOTTOM: Sanjai Lakshmanan has something to say.



TOP: A beautiful autumn picture by Sanjai Lakshmanan.

ABOVE: More about autumn by Mackenzie Smith.

LEFT: Palm Sunday, drawn by Chris Reay.

Holes in the Budget aid

Catholic Social Services Australia welcomed increased benefits for pensioners in the Federal Budget but said the Government had missed an opportunity to address the disparity across benefits.

Executive director Mr Frank Quinlan there was a plan "to escape fiscal deficit but no plan to escape social deficit".

The single rate of many pensions increased by \$32.49 a week, taking the base rate to around \$318 a week.

"But the base rate for single parents remains at \$285 and Newstart has stalled at just \$227, an astonishing \$90 below the single base rate for most pensions," he said.

"On incomes as low as these people don't just need a plan for the future, they need assistance for today."

Mr Quinlan said in good times and bad, governments had consistently overlooked the needs of some of the community's poorest people, including the long-term unemployed.

The St Vincent de Paul Society said sole parents and the unemployed were "the forgotten people" of the Budget.

Society president for Canberra/Goulburn Central Council Mr Evan Brett said in the council's area, which takes in every NSW country town in the Archdiocese and the whole of the ACT, 44 per cent of those Vinnies helped were sole parents and another 32 per cent were unemployed.

"This equates to approximately 29,000 individuals seeking our help who have not received any income increase from the Budget," he said.

"With predictions that unemployment in particular will increase dramatically over the next 12 months and remain high for many years, the strain on the society's resources to provide assistance to the 40,000 people we assist every year will be difficult."

Catholic Health Australia said it was disappointed at cuts to Medicare, changes to the private health insurance rebate, and cuts to preventative health programs.



Former student Sarah O'Brien with mother and former teacher Mandy (right) and former student Bernice Corby (middle).

New home for clergy at Young



Young parish has a new house for its clergy. The new St Mary's Catholic Church presbytery in Dundas Street, on a site previously occupied by a refuge for women and children, has been blessed and opened by Archbishop Mark Coleridge. Parish priest Fr Richard Thompson said the project to build a house of hospitality and prayer was important for the growing Catholic community which played such a large role in the life of Young. ABOVE: Archbishop Coleridge and Fr Thompson in the entrance of the new presbytery.

150 years of memories...

By Naomi Fallon

From sliding down the banister and giggling with friends during class to the kind hearts of the Good Samaritan Sisters, there are many fond memories from 150 years of education at St Bede's Primary School in Braidwood.

During the celebration at St Bede's, principal Ms Claire Frazer said there was "something special" about the number of former pupils who wanted to return to their school.

"I'd like to think that current students would feel the same way," she said.

Year 6 student Patrick Hannaford set Ms Frazer's mind at ease and said being a student at St Bede's was "excellent".

"St Bede's is a small school with a great spirit where everyone knows each other and looks out for one another," he said.

St Bede's oldest living former student Mr Patrick Coffey, 89, said his school days "only seems like yesterday".

"It's hard to believe it was so long ago," he said. "I never really liked school, but I played a lot of sport and had a good time with friends. We had really good nuns - they were very good to us."

Among many of Mr Coffey's fond memories, was the annual altar boys picnic.

"Back then a lot of the priests were young and they used to take the altar boys on a picnic every year. They all drove Ford V8s - which was a very fast car at the time. We all fought to get in with Fr Devine, because he used to drive the fastest."

"He was what we would call a wild driver - and he was a priest! There would be dust for miles and we'd all be cheering him on. They were great days. But I can't think

of any of those boys who would be alive now.

"I look around the room and I'm the oldest one here. All my friends are down at the cemetery. But I've had a wonderful life - and I've been very fortunate. I have great friends in my daughters Carolyn and Patricia."

Former St Bede's student and now a nurse in Canberra, Ms Carolyn Coffey said it was "lovely" to see her father recognised as the oldest living former student. "We (his daughters) are just so proud of him - just for being who he is and reaching this milestone."

At 82, Mrs Clare Sutherland (nee Rex) is another former student. "When I was here in the 1930s we had secondary schooling, so I was 16 when I left."

"We had a very good school and excellent teachers. I always loved life and got involved in everything, so I was always getting into trouble at school. We used to give one of the boys some money and he would sneak through the fence to go and buy us some lollies."

"It was wonderful to be at that school. The opportunities that the nuns opened up to us were great."

Following her schooling, Mrs Sutherland went on to marry an ex-soldier and have five children - who all went to school at St Bede's.

Former St Bede's teacher Mrs Mandy O'Brien said she had "fantastic fond memories of St Bede's". "This was my first job and I stayed here for nine years," she said.

"It's a beautiful school. As soon as you walked in you felt welcome and that's not something that's in all schools. It's really got that school spirit."

Good Samaritan Sr Mary Gregory said she enjoyed teaching at St Bede's Primary School.

"I have loving memories of my years in Braidwood," she said.

"Of the children I taught and their families - they had great faith. It was just a wonderful gift for me to be here during those years."

Christine McCaffrie (nee McGrath) and Lydia Sheridan (nee McAuliffe) established their life-long friendship at St Bede's, when they walked to school together every day.

"We went to different high schools, but we stayed in touch with letters," said Ms Sheridan.

"And now we write emails and ring one another."

Mr David O'Connell left St Bede's in 1954, but he can still remember all the "mischief" he and the boys used to get up to.

"We used to race down the banister," he said. "We were going to do it again today - but it's not there anymore."

Archbishop Mark Coleridge celebrated Mass at St Bede's Church to mark the milestone, with concelebrants parish administrator Fr Varghese Vavolil, former student Fr Hilton Roberts, Fr Henry Byrne and Fr Brian Maher.

In his homily, Archbishop Coleridge paid tribute to the Good Samaritan Sisters, who spent almost 100 years at the school. "Rural Australia has changed - as a great deal many things have changed," he said.

"But one thing that has never changed, for 150 years and still to this day, is that this is a school which teaches the young to be what Jesus calls 'my witnesses'. In a world that often seems hopeless, we teach the children in this school the way of hope."

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ABOVE: Dance students perform their interpretation of John Rutter's Requiem at an Anzac Day ceremony at Merici College. RIGHT: The ensign party enters St Christopher's Cathedral for the national Anzac Day Mass. BELOW: Australian Defence Force Bishop Max Davis receives the gifts from the Mills family.

A 'duty to sacrifice'

Anzac Day should involve remembrance, inspiration and admiration as well as "a duty to sacrifice", Australian Defence Force Bishop Max Davis said at the national Anzac Day Mass at St Christopher's Cathedral.

Diplomats, politicians, members of the military and the Catholic community attended the Mass, which was celebrated by Bishop Davis, Archbishop Mark Coleridge, Auxiliary Bishop Pat Power, current and former Australian Defence Force Catholic chaplains and archdiocesan clergy.

In his homily, Bishop Davis said "new life" was won by Jesus when he was sacrificed on the cross.

"His sacrifice is not only an event in history but is a constant dimension of our abiding union with Him," he said.

"Our observance of Anzac Day involves memory and remembrance, inspiration and admiration for all those who have sacrificed themselves from Gallipoli to Afghanistan and in every other conflict and disaster.

"As we remember, as we honour, as we demonstrate openly our appreciation and gratitude, we also have a duty to sacrifice, to participate in Jesus' sacrifice.

"And like Judas Maccabeus and St Paul and countless others throughout the centuries, to offer this sacrifice - this Mass - for the expiation of sin so that those who have preceded us in faith and service may now also completely precede us into eternal happiness with God.

"Our forebears knew and expected this from us and we, like them, will depend upon this ourselves in the future. Let us be faithful and attend to our duty for them as they have done for us."



'Rewarding' for women

Women can have a challenging and rewarding career in the Australian Defence Force, according to one who knows.

Speaking to Merici College students at a ceremony to mark Anzac Day, Commander Lyn Frost, who had recently returned from six months in Iraq, told of her career and the challenges she faced as a woman.

"For me, failing was not an option - it never has been," she said.

Early in her career, Commander Frost said women were not readily accepted in all areas of Defence.

"Today, with the exception of clearance diving, women are employed across fields of the Australian Defence Force. Things are quite different."

Commander Frost said her career has been both "challenging and rewarding".

"I have truly seen the world. I was privileged to serve our nation in Iraq and was proud to take on the challenge."

A large number of students from Defence families attend the all-girls college, which holds an Anzac Day ceremony every year.

Merici based this year's school assembly around the traditional elements of an Anzac Day ceremony, which included a catafalque party from HMAS Harman, the national anthem and the Last Post.

To give the ceremony an artistic and "very Merici" touch, dance students from Years 10, 11 and 12 performed their interpretation of John Rutter's Requiem and the school choir sang Louis Armstrong's What a Wonderful World, which was popular with servicemen in the Vietnam War.



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Historic progress

The scaffolding has come down at last from the western facade of Saints Peter & Paul's Old Cathedral, Goulburn.

The repairs and restoration of the western wall included repairing, recarving and restoring all the sandstone, mortaring between the greenstone, cleaning and repairing the large stained glass window, replacing the mesh over the windows so that the sandstone mullions can be clearly seen, recarving and replacing the crosses, and restoring the statues of St Peter and St Paul.

The scaffolding will soon be moved to the northern wall, Verner Street side, to assess the needed work on that wall and on the bell tower.

Meanwhile the work of stabilisation continues under the northern wall and of excavation under the sanctuary.



There is a season for everything

A friend of mine likes to explain his religious background this way:

"I have powerful conservative roots. I was raised in a very strong conservative, Roman Catholic, immigrant, German, farming family, with all the inhibitions, protectiveness, exclusivity, and reticence that this entailed. It would be hard to find a more strongly conservative religious background than mine. And I'm grateful for that. It's one of the greatest gift you can be given. Now I'm free for the rest of my life!"

There is something both healthily conservative and healthily liberal in that assessment.

The instinct within the liberal wants to push edges, to widen the circle, to move away from narrowness, to be more inclusive, to not always see the other as threat, and to protect the ineffability of God and God's universal salvific will. Whereas the conservative intuits the necessity of being rooted in truth, in grounding yourself in the essentials, in having proper boundaries, and in not being naïve to the fact that everything that's precious and true will invariably be under attack.

Both protect the soul. The soul, as we know, has two functions which are often in tension with each other.

On the one hand, the soul is the source of all energy inside of us, the fire that fuels everything we do. We know the precise moment when the soul leaves a body. All energy ceases.

On the other hand, the soul is also the source of unity and integration. It glues us together. Decomposition begins the very second the soul leaves the body. Without the soul, every element goes its own way.

The liberal instinct is mostly about the fire, the conservative instinct is mostly about the glue.

The story of the man who was raised in such a strong conservative background and who now feels rooted enough to be more liberal illustrates that both are necessary.

There is a time to be liberal and there is a time to be conservative and it is important that we know which time is right both as regards to our own growth and as regards to the growth of others.

Malcolm X once said something to this effect: "I have a strong allegiance to both Christ

Ron Rolheiser

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and Muhammad because we need them both. Right now, so many of the men to whom I am trying to minister need the discipline of Allah. Their lives are in such disrepair that they need clear, hard rules of discipline that are spelled out for them without ambiguity.

"Later on, once they have their lives more in order, they can turn more to the liberal love of Jesus. First we need the discipline of Allah, later the freedom of Jesus."

He understood that there are stages to the spiritual life and that what is needed in one stage will sometimes be very different than what is needed in another.

What are the basic stages of the spiritual life?

The gospels, the mystics, and the great spiritual writers, with some variation in how they express this, concur that there are three clear stages to the spiritual journey or, in another way of putting it, three levels of discipleship.

The first level, which might aptly be termed, Essential Discipleship, is the struggle to get our lives together, to achieve basic human maturity (which itself might be defined as the capacity for essential unselfishness, the capacity to put others before ourselves).

The second level can be called Generative Discipleship and is the struggle to give our lives away in love, service, and prayer.

The third level can be called Radical Discipleship and consists in the struggle to give our deaths away, that is, to leave this earth in such a way that our deaths themselves become our final gift and blessing to our families, churches, and society.

The first stage, Essential Discipleship, is precisely about essentials, about getting our lives together by properly channeling our energies through discipline (the origin of the word, discipleship).

By definition, that task is mainly conservative: learning proper teaching so as to have a healthy vision, submitting to rules of behavior that ground us and move us beyond our instinctual selfishness, and being a learner within family and church community. Metaphorically speaking, at this stage we are learning the "discipline of Allah".

But, once this stage is achieved with a certain proficiency, the challenge becomes different.

Now the task is to give our lives away - and to give them away ever more deeply and to an ever-widening circle. That's a more liberal task and it becomes even-more liberal as we move towards that truly great unknown, death, where all that we have grounded ourselves in must be left behind as we are opened to the widest circle of all, cosmic embrace, infinity, and the ineffable mystery of God.

In our discipleship, our spiritual journey, there is an important time to be conservative, just as there is an important time to be liberal. We are not meant to pick one of these over the other.

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How did you take up fostering?

We knew there was a need for foster carers, from what there was in the media. It was something we thought we would do once we had all our family, but we decided to start earlier because we were fairly youngish and thought we had a fair bit to offer.

How many children have you fostered?

My husband is a public servant and I'm a nurse and we have two children of our own, Megan who is five years old and Hannah, who is seven months old. Since 2006 we have only fostered two children. We had one short term child for three months and then we've had a little girl in long term foster care for the past two years - we hope it will be permanently but we'll just have to see how it all goes.

What attracted you to foster care?

When you think about the backgrounds some of these children come from, just being able to keep them safe and to be able to give them a life we would give our other children, is actually very satisfying. We don't think of them as foster children, we just think of them as an extension of our own family really.

What do you think makes a good foster parent?

I think one of the biggest things with foster care is to have an empathy with birth parents. If you're going to establish good relationships with your foster children, you need to be very empathetic and respectful of birth parents, no matter what they've done. People have to do it

Why 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 Amanda Coslett. Ms Coslett and husband Dean are foster carers for Marymead Child and Family Centre. Ms Coslett is pictured with daughter Hannah.



what I do

for the right reasons though. They have to want to bring another child into their family, knowing that they also have another family - and you take on that family as well.

What part of fostering do you enjoy most?

To see the integration of our little girl with our children and to see she's actually having a childhood. There's still the ups and downs a family has, but she's just very

part of the family and we know that's she's in a safe environment and is growing up as a very normal, happy and healthy child. I often just look at her and think 'wow, we're just so lucky to have her'.

What part do you find most challenging or confronting?

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Gift adds beauty to bay church

By Kate Joyce

St Bernard's Church in Batemans Bay has three new stained-glass windows thanks to the generosity of local Croatian families.

For the past 25 years, Mass has been celebrated at the church for Croatian-speaking parishioners.

The glass features Pope John Paul II; martyr Blessed Aloysius Stepinac and Mary MacKillop, who is moving closer to being internationally recognised as a saint.

Aloysius Stepinac was persecuted in Yugoslavia for being linked to communists. He was then jailed for over a decade and lived out his life under house arrest.

Pope John Paul II called him a martyr and beatified him in 1998.

Parishioner Mr Tony Plascak organised the windows which were made by Mr Mark Franavich, of Sydney.

The project was only a year in the making, including fundraising, designing, organising and installation.

"I thought it was a good gesture," Mr Plascak said.

The position of the glass was chosen when Mr Plascak and others gathered to decide where to put the windows.

The band that was practising in the church at the time mentioned the stained glass would reduce the heat coming through the windows on to the choir. The organisers gladly obliged.



Tony Plascak with the new stained-glass windows in St Bernard's Church, Batemans Bay.

Ground-breaking new school



Work is set to begin on the Archdiocese's newest primary school, which will be built on the corner of Wimmera Street and Mapleton Avenue in Harrison.

Expected to open in February 2010, stage one of Mother Teresa Primary School will accommodate pre-school, kindergarten and Years 1, 2 and 3.

From February 2011, stage two will cater for years 4, 5 and 6. The campus is expected to grow to a fully operational P-6 primary school by 2013. The school will serve the needs of families in Harrison, Forde, Franklin, Gungahlin

Town Centre and the southern suburbs of Gungahlin.

ABOVE Catholic Education director Mrs Moira Najdecki turns the first sod at the site of the new school. Watching are (from left) director of Munns Sly Architects Mr Bob Sly, owner of Queanbeyan building contractors BEASEC Enterprises Pty Ltd Mr Bob Beaver, and chairman of the Catholic Education Commission Mr Daryl Smeaton.

Avoiding extremes of wealth, poverty

In the Commonwealth Government's review of Australia's tax system, it examined the pension system. What does Catholic social teaching have to say on these issues? The Archdiocese's Social Justice Commission provides this insight.

Catholic teaching cannot offer detailed prescription for the design of the tax and social security systems.

It does, however, suggest broad principles on which to base the two systems. They can be summarised in two phrases: the common good and a preferential option for the poor.

The principle of the common good asks us to look beyond narrow self-interest and to look at society as a whole.

The principle of a preferential option for the poor is more specific and asks us to look primarily at the interests of "these, the least of our brothers and sisters".

Neither principle says that absolute equality should be the ultimate aim of public policy,

but both argue strongly for avoiding extremes of wealth and poverty.

Practical judgments of how to implement these principles in the context of tax and social security are not easy to make. They depend not just on the direct impacts of particular measures but also on their indirect consequences.

To take one example, it makes good sense to tighten means tests on payments of social security benefits - by doing so, governments exclude from eligibility those who are not "in need".

Against that, however, tighter means tests also disadvantage the poor by making it more difficult for them to work their own way out of poverty.

To take another example, increasing pension rates by (say) 50 per cent would be of great benefit to people with little or no income or assets other than the pension itself.

It would, however, benefit many other pensioners with substantial income and assets. It would also do nothing for unemployed people, whose levels of income support are

well below even the existing pension rate.

The principles of the common good and a preferential option for the poor often seem to take second place in public policy. Many examples could be cited, but two measures serve to illustrate the point.


One is the tax exemption for most superannuation benefits - whatever its justification, the exemption measure gives by far the greatest advantage to people with substantial income and wealth.

The other is the lump-sum grant to taxpayers - people with too little income to pay tax receive nothing.

In a nutshell, Catholic teaching suggests that tax and social security measures should be judged primarily by the contribution they make to the common good and the advantages they confer on those with least resources of their own.

If the direct beneficiaries of a proposed initiative are those with ample resources of their own, the onus lies on those advancing the measure to show how it will ultimately assist the poor.

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BBC production examines the life and work of Jesus of Nazareth and the times in which he lived. Scientific and historical research is used to give evidence for the historical Jesus. Computer graphics are used to depict Jerusalem and the time of Jesus. The program explains Jesus' methods and teaching but it does not explain his mission to bring knowledge of the Kingdom of God to the world or mention the divinity of Jesus as the basis for Christian faith.

Jesus and His Times. (2 DVDs, 120 mins, ages 10 to adult)

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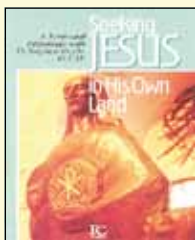
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The Life and Times of Jesus Christ. (Three videos, 50 mins. Each, ages 14 to adult).

Evidence for the historical Jesus is examined in this documentary series filmed on location in the Holy Land. Commentaries from biblical scholars and historians are included, along with archaeological evidence, reference to the gospels of Matthew and Luke and dramatisation in order to provide an understanding of the mystery of Jesus' life.

Seeking Jesus in His own Land. (100 mins, ages 14 to adult)

In this three-part program, Fr Stephen Doyle journeys through the Holy Land, to the sites of important events in Jesus' life, and shares the story of Jesus' life, death and resurrection. Artwork and drawings depict some of the Bible stories. Fr Doyle explains archaeological discoveries found at the sites, as well as the existing modern buildings.



Extraordinary life of diplomatic service

My Years In Vatican Service by **Edward Idris Cardinal Cassidy.** **Paulist Press, 2008, 170pp, rrp.\$34.95.** **Reviewer: Janet Moyle.**

The cover is dominated by an avuncular figure in full clericals. He meets our eyes with a benign gaze which indicates he has something to share. He is Australian Edward Cardinal Cassidy and his book is about his years as a Vatican diplomat.

Cardinal Cassidy states from the outset he does not wish his reflections to be an autobiography. However his is an extraordinary life. His path to priesthood was fraught with early difficulties which he overcame with unwavering determination.

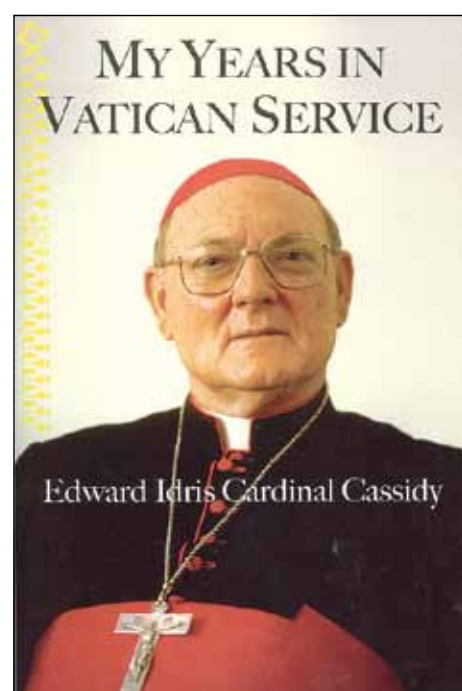
This ability to solve problems creatively must have been essential in diplomatic life. Cardinal Cassidy was in Vatican service for 37 years before and after Vatican II. During this time he was posted, often at very short notice, to some of the most demanding hot spots in the world.

In many ways, Vatican diplomats are missionaries because not only do they

foster relations with the host country's government and among the diplomatic corps but they are responsible for representing the Holy See and supporting the local bishops and clergy.

Cardinal Cassidy served in diverse countries in Asia, Africa, Latin America and Europe. He writes positively about each posting, describing learning the language, getting on well with his peers and in his own words "doing his best". Life in some of the countries involved dangerous travel and less than ideal health and living conditions. Clearly diplomatic service is more than the eternal round of cocktail parties.

Probably the crowning achievement of Cardinal Cassidy's professional life was his work as president of the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity and then as president of the Committee for Religious Relations with the Jews. He gives lasting credit and loyalty to Pope John Paul II for the progress made in Catholic-Jewish relations. His own role in



producing the key document *We Remember* was hardly less crucial.

Cardinal Cassidy retired in 2002 and returned to Australia to live in Newcastle. His concisely written memoir reveals a genuinely warm person committed to the Church's mission wherever he was asked to serve.

Well done, good and faithful servant.

Inspiration and surprises from the real Pro



The Pro Hart Pocket Companion. **Pro Hart Art Sales, 2009, paperback, 96 pages, rrp \$19.99.** **Reviewer: Janet Moyle.**

The late Pro Hart of Broken Hill was well-known for his distinctive paintings of the Australian bush and of its people.

At times a controversial figure, his willingness to experiment with varied techniques and his prodigious output earned him international awards and fame in Australia and abroad.

Perhaps not so well-known was his devotion to the word of God. We're told that he would frequently work with audio versions of the Bible in the background.

When asked how he decided what to paint his answer was always, "The Lord will show me".

The Pro Hart Pocket Companion matches some of Pro Hart's favourite biblical passages with selections of his art works.

The quality of the reproductions is outstanding. The paintings glow

with an inner intensity that commands attention.

But, as always with Pro Hart, one should expect the unexpected.

The first surprise is that the scripture quotes are all taken from the Pro's preferred translation of the Bible, the King James version.

This wonderful sonorous language from four centuries ago is not familiar now and so it commands our close attention.

Secondly, the paintings chosen to match the selected texts seem, at first glance, to be incongruous.

The most startling of these features one of Pro Hart's famed insect paintings. Called *Chop Bone* and in stark orange and black colours, it shows a number of ants converging on a bone to feast.

And the scripture quote? From Matthew 5: 3-12 it is the Beatitudes. Rich pickings for meditation here.

This little book, put together under the guidance of his widow Raylee Hart, is a fitting tribute to Pro Hart's work and belief.

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Does earth have spirit or soul? This is a question being asked ever more frequently, especially by those interested in the future of the natural world and the development of consciousness. Science and rationality have not taught us how to love or care for the earth, and in the modern era the environment has been disrespected.

The mythic bonds to Nature such as those found in Aboriginal Australian cultures appear to have real survival value because they bind us to the earth in a meaningful way. When these bonds are destroyed by excessive rationality or a collapse of cultural mythology, we are left alone, outside the community of Nature and in an alienated state. In this state we do real damage to the environment, because it is no longer part of our spiritual body or moral responsibility.



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Madness of movie-making

What Just Happened?

Starring Robert De Niro, Sean Penn, Bruce Willis and Catherine Keener. Directed by Barry Levinson. 104 mins. M (violence, coarse language and sexual references). Reviewer: Jim Murphy*.

With a terrific cast and a cracking script, distinguished director Barry Levinson (Oscar-winning Rain Man) has fashioned a thoroughly entertaining satirical putdown on the movie-making business told from the inside.

The writer is real-life movie producer Art Linson, who has created a fictional screenplay based on his own 2002 memoirs *What Just Happened?* Bitter Hollywood Tales From the Front Line. His central character is Ben (Robert De Niro), a harassed Hollywood producer who in a frantic fortnight has to juggle:

i) the impending failure of his latest big-budget movie that tested disastrously in previews;

ii) a temperamental star whose ego tantrums threaten to sink Ben's next movie before shooting has even started; and

iii) his messy private life involving two ex-wives, for one of whom he still carries a torch.

De Niro gives an outstanding, subtle performance, capturing Ben's frenetic, think-on-your-feet wheeler-dealing as he races from one calamity to the next, hosing down spot fires, ceaselessly talking on his mobile phone and trying to placate all the various movie industry types.

Everyone in the Hollywood system has his or her own agenda and they all fight to protect their patch, which is why it is such



a fertile ground for satire, and Linson's line-up of characters (and the actors who play them) is a delight.

There's Catherine Keener as a top studio executive who is ruthless and as tough as nails; Stanley Tucci as the writer simultaneously working with Ben and sleeping with his ex-wife; John Turturro as the agent who so detests the actors he represents that it gives him violent stomach cramps; Michael Wincott as the arty, drug-addled, loose cannon British director who, despite audience repulsion, insists on retaining a gratuitous scene in which, Quentin Tarantino-style, a dog gets shot bloodily in the head.

Robin Wright Penn is Kelly, Ben's #2 wife whom he is trying to romance again (only to have every critical moment interrupted by the ringing of the mobile phone, which he is incapable of ignoring), and

Kristen Stewart is the teenage daughter from his first marriage who is no longer the innocent he thinks she is.

Sean Penn plays himself as the unhappy star of Ben's movie that looks like flopping and Bruce Willis cheerfully sends himself up as Bruce Willis the egotistical movie star whose refusal to shave off his beard will cause his film to be shut down and result in a flurry of lawsuits. His scene in which he gets in a towering rage and begins smashing furniture is hilarious.

All in all, it is an amusing, credible insight into the madness of movie-making in Tinseltown. It has funny lines, larger-than-life characters and mind-boggling situations. Film buffs should love it.

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

Ghosts of Girlfriends Past

Starring Matthew McConaughey, Jennifer Garner, Michael Douglas. Directed by Mark Waters. Rated M. 100mins. Reviewer: Fr Peter Malone*

Best on video

A variation on the romantic comedy plots - which won't figure near the top of the lists of this kind of film.

Easy enough to review: narcissistic hedonist photographer, Connor Mead (Matthew McConaughey), is a love 'em (no, too dignified for his flippant stands) and leave 'em (as quickly as possible). When he undermines his brother's wedding party, he experiences an Ebenezer Scrooge nightmare which transforms him into Mr Nice Guy. As can be seen, miserliness is not his vice that needs reform.

Who should be his Jacob Marley but Michael Douglas as Connor's self-indulgent playboy Uncle Wayne who turns up to deliver some moral messages with the aid of three ghosts who lead him through his scandalous past (along with a huge bevy of women), his disruptive present with the wedding guests and a possible future where the girl that he really loves (Jennifer Garner) marries someone else.

In terms of dramatic credibility, this takes a lot of suspension of disbelief. It might do better on video for a women's group.

High adventure and a trip into fantasy

This is the film adaptation of Dan Brown's novel of the same name that preceded his *The Da Vinci Code*. Liberties have been taken with Brown's novel. Key events and scenarios which made the novel controversial have been omitted.

The story focuses on the Illuminati, a secret society of intellectuals presumed extinct for over 400 years. Its members emerge to continue their vendetta against their sworn enemy, the Catholic Church, and they plot revenge for the killing of their predecessors by the Church centuries before.

This is an action movie that revolves, as *The Da Vinci Code* did, around Prof Robert Langdon (Tom Hanks), a Harvard academic, who is called in by the Vatican to investigate the murder of a scientist, who has been mutilated and has a mysterious symbol seared onto his body.

The reigning Pope dies, and in the course of his investigation, Langdon discovers the secret society's plans to kill four cardinals, who are all front-runners for Pope. An assassin, working for the Illuminati, murders three of them. The Illuminati also plan to destroy St Peter's Basilica.

A movie which depicts the brutal killing of cardinals, puts terrorism in the form of "Satan in the House of God" (Brown's words), and has a

Angels & Demons

Starring: Tom Hanks, Ayelet Zurer, and Ewan McGregor. Directed by Ron Howard. 138 mins. M (Violence). Reviewer: Peter W Sheehan*.

priest poison the Pope who loved him, could offend some people. The film is almost a total trip into fantasy. It is not designed to be a piece of anti-Catholic sentiment. Rather, it uses the Catholic

Church for its own purposes to pursue its thriller-conspiracy plot.

One needs to judge this film for what it is: a fictional and melodramatic attempt to spin high adventure around the Catholic Church. Viewed in this light, the action is fast-paced, but there is virtually no let-up from constant action, and the pace becomes repetitive. One of the most impressive things about the movie is that it recreates Churches and sacred sites in Rome very convincingly.

The movie is photographed and acted with some skill; and Ewan McGregor is particularly impressive as the Camerlengo. There is virtually no subtlety in the movie, however, and it strains credibility nearly all the time. Through to its final wrap-up, the story becomes so absurd that the film loses all touch with the character and politics of the Church.

The film is likely to be popular, nevertheless, and it will entertain. It may push the Catholic Church to examine how it uses the media in future to convey its messages.

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

SHORTS

Quiet Chaos. Starring: Nanni Moretti, Blu Yoshimi, Isabella Ferrari, and Alessandro Gassman. Directed by Antonello Grimaldi. 112 mins. MA15+ (Strong drug use, strong sex scene).

Beautifully directed, sensitively edited, and acted, and never flags for a moment. It shows the dawning awareness of real grief over loss, and the path to discovery of a father's genuine love for his child, a love that has never been fully expressed.

X-Men Origins: Wolverine. Starring Hugh Jackman, Liev Schreiber, Danny Huston and Lynn Collins. Directed by Gavin Hood. 107 mins. M (action violence).

Creating the role of Wolverine gave Australian actor Hugh Jackman his international movie profile, and he is one of the producers of this prequel as well as reprising the title role. Shot mainly in NSW with much Australian involvement, a punster might rename it "Australia, You've Got Talons".

Gomorrah. Starring Salvatore Abruzzese, Simone Sacchettino, Salvatore Ruocco and Vincenzo Fabricino. Directed by Roberto Saviano. 92 mins. R 18+ (very strong violence and very strong coarse language).

Five stories taken out of the many in Roberto Saviano's 2006 best-seller (translated into 33 languages) and intercut. The structure has made it difficult to follow. Sombre and alarming material.



Star Trek. Starring Chris Pine, Zachary Quinto, Ben Cross, Winona Ryder, Bruce Greenwood and Eric Bana. Directed by J.J. Abrams. 122 mins. M (violence).

It should be said that any cinema buff or those interested in the development of the movies, even if they are not Trekkies/Trekkers or have never even seen an episode of the several television series which spun off from the original should see this film - whether they like it or not!

A Bunch of Amateurs. Starring Burt Reynolds, Imelda Staunton and Derek Jacobi. Directed by Andy Cadif. 86 mins. M.

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Historic week for Josephites

The Sisters of St Joseph of Goulburn welcomed the Easter Season by hosting a week of assemblies and meetings with other Josephite congregations from across Australia and New Zealand. The meetings of leaders and teams impact significantly on the present and future life of the congregation.

Leadership teams of the Tasmanian and Goulburn congregations met for two days to further their plans for union.

Leadership teams of the Sisters of St Joseph of Perthville, Wanganui (NZ), Goulburn, Lochinvar and Tasmania held the 22nd meeting of the Australia and New Zealand Federation of the Sisters of St Joseph. The federation promotes a shared

vision of the charism of the congregations' founders Julian Tension Woods and Blessed Mary MacKillop, and facilitates an exchange of ideas, experiences and aspirations.

A meeting of the Conference of Josephite Leaders also took place at North Goulburn Convent. The Conference, which was formed last year, comprises leaders of all Josephite congregations (black and brown) from Australia and New Zealand.

Congregational leader of the Sisters of St Joseph of Goulburn Sr Noelene Quinane said: "We have had an amazing week, historic in many respects. It has been wonderful for us to work on our Josephite life and mission as one Josephite family."

New bishop for Melbourne

Melbourne has a new auxiliary bishop, Mgr Les Tomlinson (right), Vicar-General of the Archdiocese since 2003. The ordination of the new bishop, appointed by Pope Benedict XVI, will take place at St Patrick's Cathedral on Wednesday, 17 June. Mgr Tomlinson, 65, was parish priest of Ormond, Rowville and Carlton, and has ministered in parishes in Victoria and Tasmania since his ordination in 1972. He is spiritual advisor to the State Council of the St Vincent de Paul Society in Victoria.



Catholic Mission helps millions

Catholic Mission, the Church's global mission aid agency, helped more than 2.5 million children last year, thanks to donations from dioceses across Australia.

Total gross donations in the Archdiocese were \$335,852, a slight

decrease from 2007. Donations to Catholic Mission's work with children increased by nearly \$50,000 to \$177,852. Catholic Mission's work with communities raised \$6.99 million, with children \$4.5 million, and with church leaders \$932,635.

Pilgrimage to honour St Paul

Members of St Christopher's branch of the Catholic Women's League organised a pilgrimage to St Peter and Paul Old Cathedral in Goulburn as part of the special jubilee year dedicated to St Paul. Led by president Angela Devlin, cars left St

Christopher's presbytery and journeyed to Goulburn with members praying along the way. Reflection, readings from letters of St Paul and more special prayers were said in the church in Goulburn. The jubilee year will finish on 29 June.

Appeal to boost aged care

Catholic Healthcare is urging people across NSW to help the sick, frail, elderly and marginalised members of the community by supporting its winter appeal.

The appeal is one of the major annual fundraising initiatives of Catholic Healthcare, the largest Catholic provider of residential and community aged services in Australia.

It operates two residential aged care services in the Archdiocese, Maranatha Lodge at Batehaven and Blakeney Lodge at Tumut.

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Ms Hughes-Butters will present a hands-on workshop focusing on rich and engaging activities in secondary mathematics classrooms.

The conference showcases quality teaching in primary, secondary and tertiary mathematics.

ABOVE RIGHT: Ms Hughes-Butters with students Gaby Beaumont and Tynan Lawler.



College nominated for award

Merici College has been nominated for an Institute of Architects Award in recognition of its newly refurbished reception area and information centre. Three judges, who are members of the institute, visited the college. They agreed the new building and office area were a stand out.



Over the coming months, Catholic Mission will be conducting their Church and mail based appeals for Propagation of the Faith. For the past 83 years the Bishops have utilised a third of these funds locally, through the Home Mission Fund.

These funds provide essential assistance for many diocesan and parish undertakings whether through funding specific projects, stipends, fuel, pastoral ministries including materials, meals and other everyday needs.

Last year, \$1.8m was distributed throughout Australia's remote and rural diocese from Geraldton and Broome in WA, across the top to Queensland and Armidale and Wilcannia/Forbes in NSW as well as Pot Pirie in SA and Sale in Vic.

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Mary still 'inspiration' to Catholics

The Catholic way of life would lose much of its colour, warmth and humanity if somehow Mary was extracted from it, pilgrims to the annual Marian procession at St Clement's, Galong, were told.

Fr Tony Kelly CSsR, who gave the address, said one clear aspect of the wisdom of the Catholic faith was a sense of Our Lady's presence and motherly care.

"Practically every religious order owes a special allegiance to Mary-and a great number name Mary in their official titles.

"Mary has been the inspiration behind so many saints and holy founders, just as countless shrines and churches have been erected in her honour-and so many places of pilgrimages and processions.

"It is a feature of Catholic wisdom to stay close to Mary, and with her, to feel the deepest realities of faith more clearly and strongly.

"With her, we are more completely given over to Christ our Lord-if only for the reason that from the cross he gave her to us to be our Mother.

"With her we adore the infinite love of God our Father, and rejoice in 'the Lord and giver of life', who is the Holy Spirit. Everything that she has, she has received from God; and everything that she has received makes her belong to us as our Mother."

The procession had a special focus on the icon of Our Lady, "the Seat of Wisdom", Sedes Sapientiae. It was commissioned a decade ago by Pope John Paul II as a gift to the university students of the world.

"I am sure that Our Lady would be delighted as we invoke her as the Seat of Wisdom, and Our Lady of Perpetual Help, and, as the month goes on, as the patroness of Australia, Our Lady Help of Christians," Fr Kelly said.

"A Catholic imagination has plenty of space for images of Mary, old and new, simply because she is not an image, but a living presence inviting us into the depths of God's infinite mystery."



Greta Flanery crowns the pilgrim statue of Mary, Help of Christians (above) before the procession of the cross, icon and pilgrim statue to the grotto. BELOW LEFT: Archbishop Mark Coleridge blesses the icon.

