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Claudia Ballerini and Sophie Kusta with fellow students from St Clare's College ... helping to Stop the Traffik.

# Students aim to stop the trafficking



## Pilgrim trail plan on way for Galong

A walking trail is being planned to guide pilgrims on a three-day journey from Yass to Rosary Hill that overlooks historic St Clement's Redemptorist Monastery at Galong.

St. Clement's Way is intended to be a small Australian version of the famous European pilgrim walks such as the St James way in Spain and St Cuthbert's Way in the United Kingdom.

Ms Faye Powell proposed the idea of an Australian pilgrims' way to Galong as a pilgrimage and recreational trail involving walking an average of 20km a day on quiet country roads. There would be no need for camping as accommodation, food and drinks are available in motels, hotels and B&Bs at local villages reached at the end of each day's walk. Camping can be an option for those who want to carry gear.

Redemptorist superior Fr Pat Corbett said the concept

was being discussed with local shire councils. "We are assessing the feasibility of a permanent route and signposting for St Clement's Way. At present it has to remain a private, self-arranged pilgrimage.

"However, discussions with the shires could pave the way for a shorter, more direct route between Yass and the monastery using crown road reserves. This year a trial walk is being undertaken by individuals, arranging their own transport and accommodation and who are walking at their own risk".

Anyone who would like to join a small group of walkers trialling parts of the route to coincide with the annual St Clement's Marian Pilgrimage on Sunday, 2 May, should contact Ms Powell on powell@velocitynet.com.au.

● Rosary Hill was named by Archbishop Polding who first climbed the hill to bless the district on his pastoral visit to Yass in 1858.

Human trafficking is the largest growing illicit trade in the world, and St Clare's College student Eliza Mitchell is determined to play her part in putting a stop to it.

Driven by a strong sense of social justice she organised for her school and the students of Marist College to join forces and create a 10 metre banner petition which raised money during Start Freedom Week, held last month.

"We didn't raise a lot of money but we definitely increased awareness of the issue, which was my main goal," Eliza said.

"We're also hoping to have the banner put up in a shopping centre so that we can raise awareness not just in our school but in the wider community as well."

The week is a worldwide event for the global coalition Stop the Traffik, which works with organisations such as Caritas Australia to create awareness and encourage



Eliza Mitchell

action against the \$7 billion human trafficking industry.

"Human trafficking includes people enslaved or extremely underpaid for; forced prostitution and sex slavery, forced labour, marriage and childbearing, manual labour, begging, forced military involvement (child soldiers) and many more," Eliza said in her proposal for the banner to her school.

"As global citizens it is our responsibility to act in any way possible to bring attention to the issue.

"This proposal would also comply with the Catholic social teaching of 'See, Judge, Act' and would provide an important example for students on the power a large group has to act effectively against injustice."

St Clare's agreed and over two days every girl had the opportunity to sign the banner with her hand print, the logo of Stop the Traffik.

The giant calico petition was then handed to the boys at Marist College who also left their mark of protest against human trafficking.

St Clare's pastoral care budget covered the cost of paint and fabric so all donations made by staff and students during the week went straight to Stop the Traffik.

For more information about Stop the Traffik's initiatives, or to make a donation, go to [www.stopthetraffik.org.au](http://www.stopthetraffik.org.au).

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## Here we go again

By Nick Mahony\*

You open up the newspaper and there it is, that blasted combination of syllables is on the page yet again: Climate Change. Now there is an original topic.

You bother to read the first paragraph just in case the article has a new angle. By the second line your hope for a new development or opinion is dashed. You discover it is just another jumble of selective scientific information that the journalist or columnist has morphed to suit their predisposition.

In spite of this you continue to read the full article even though the bias and misinformation makes your stomach churn. When you peer at the final full stop you pause, and then you weep.

You weep because the endless bickering over facts and figures invokes feelings of melancholy, hopelessness and despair that are too powerful to suppress.

The debate about climate change is unfortunately focused on whether or not the climate change science is concrete. This is plainly described as stupid.

Both sides of the debate, the convinced and the non-convinced, boast that their science is correct and the others' science is monumentally flawed.

Their reference and quote facts and figures of studies and reports that they do not understand because they themselves are not scientists.

We have been stuck in this useless and endless debate of misrepresentation of facts for years now and it has been as effective as trench warfare.

So to finish that debacle (sorry I mean debate) I do decree that henceforth from this day if you are not a relevant scientist, your opinion on the science of climate change is invalid.

Well now that's the scientific debate over. Where to from here? Now we have the real and logical debate

Catholic Voice will focus each month on the views of a young person and what they see as important today



## changing our world

about how we evolve our society and economy to tackle climate change.

Do we make polluters pay for environmental degradation and decimation or do we let them off? Do we transform our industries into smart, efficient industries worthy of the 21st century or do we continue business as usual?

Do we harness the wind, the sun and the waves with new renewable innovation or do we burn finite resources?

Do we improve equality and opportunity or do we remain complacent? Action on climate change just seems indisputably logical.

Whether you are convinced that climate change is a molecule-induced Armageddon or a crazed conspiracy to inflict a one-world government on an unsuspecting people, the fact remains that we are in an endless scientific debate that no non-scientific person comprehends.

If we do nothing to move the debate forward how will we ever be able to take logical and practical action to ensure the greatest environmental, economic and moral challenge of our time does not become the greatest failure of a generation?

\* Nick Mahony is a Year 10 student at St Francis Xavier College. He is passionate about sustainability and current affairs. Nick is a keen participant in the school debating team and is currently working to obtain his bronze medallion with the Duke of Edinburgh scheme.



St Bede's Primary, Braidwood, took a trip to Queanbeyan as part of Catholic Schools Week. For the second year in a row the country school was hosted by St Gregory's Primary for a day of community spirit and fun. St Gregory's 3 Gold

and 3 Blue classes prepared an assembly for the two schools which was held at the Queanbeyan Conference Centre. ABOVE: Students from St Gregory's Primary perform a musical number on hope.

## Hair today...



Grace Barclay and Josh Thomas, both 12-year-old parishioners at St Thomas the Apostle, Kambah, shaved their heads for the World's Greatest Shave. Grace and Josh raised over \$800 for the cause of leukemia research. Deacon Vince Barclay, Grace's father, said he found it difficult watching his daughter have her head shaved, but she was happy she does not have to brush her hair every morning before going to school, at least for a while. ABOVE: Grace, before and after.

## what do you know?

1. Christians make up what percentage of the population of the Holy Land: 2, 12, 20?

2. The young fellow (pictured right) this year celebrates half a century of a life dedicated to service. Who is he?



3. Braidwood parish was established in 1852. It was a big year for the town for another reason.

4. The CYM team is well known in the Archdiocese. What does CYM mean?

5. St Clement's, Galong, is the local home of the Redemptorists? Who founded them?

6. Pentecost is how many days after Easter, and what does the name mean? Answers: Bottom Page 4.

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# Refugees helped in tough new start

Growing numbers of refugees processed through Christmas Island have been referred to CatholicCare over the past month as they adjust to their new lives in Canberra and Goulburn.

The agency's New Arrivals Humanitarian Service is funded by the Department of Immigration and Citizenship as the only Integrated Humanitarian Settlement Strategy program.

Each year the department refers around 140 refugees and asylum seekers to the service's team who assist new arrivals during their first six months in Australia.

A new contract is currently being negotiated so that this work can continue.

CatholicCare's family and regional services senior operations manager Ms Sue-Ann Polden said due to the Department of Immigration's set visa quotas, the number of refugees entering the Archdiocese is much the same each year, but the countries they come from change depending on world events.

"They generally come from Burma, Sudan, Iraq, Iran and Afghanistan," she said.

Over the past few months the team has been assisting a

number of new arrivals who have come to Australia through Christmas Island.

Ms Polden said the service was the first point of reference for new arrivals to Canberra and Goulburn.

"We just settled five Tamil guys who have done really well," Ms Polden said.

"Imagine adjusting to a completely new society where people speak a language you don't understand, use technology you've never experienced, and there's no-one there that you know," she said.

"It's an incredibly tough first six months."

Case workers meet new arrivals at the airport, organise clothes for those who have none and arrange temporary accommodation where necessary.

"At this stage there are a lot of basics to cover, particularly with people who have spent the last 20 years in a refugee camp with no electricity," Ms Polden said.

"We check if they have any medical needs and then show them how to use the oven, boil the kettle, and most importantly, how to call 000 if necessary."

Most entrants are then referred to Centrelink for ini-



tial financial support while they get on their feet. The service's case worker will help the entrant set up a bank account and maintain a budget.

Referrals are made to CIT for English lessons, to schools for children, to Medicare, and any necessary vaccinations are arranged.

The service also works with Companion House which offers trauma counselling.

While the staff take care of the basics, a team of up to 45 volunteers help the new arrivals ease in to community life.

"We try to encourage the new arrivals to get involved in community events and to seek the support of ethnic and cultural groups to help ease their transition into Australia," Ms Polden said.



CatholicCare's Harmony Day celebrations attracted new arrivals, volunteers, family and friends (top). Part of New Arrivals Humanitarian Service team (above from left): Sue-Ann Polden, Amie Hope, Mitra Naraqi and Simin Farzan.

She said community education was also important with events like Harmony

Day and Refugee Week helping to create understanding and awareness.

## Baby wear needed

Karinya House, which supports women who are pregnant, urgently needs donations of baby items in good condition.

Karinya supports many women who experience homelessness, vulnerability and abandonment. It desperately needs the ongoing financial and practical support of the Canberra and region community.

Because Karinya has experienced a large number of referrals for clients needing assistance, usually baby goods, stocks are low.

It is seeking items such as bassinets and mattresses, cots and mattresses, change tables and prams.

Anyone who is able to help may contact Karinya House, telephone 6259 8998. Staff will make collection or delivery arrangements.

## Coming events at St Clement's Galong



### MARIAN PILGRIMAGE

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Most of you by now would know that a new translation of the Missal is on the way. The change will come in the first half of next year; and as a way of preparing for what lies ahead, I want to dedicate my next few pieces in Catholic Voice to the new translations and the opportunity they present.

The texts we have grown up with were produced in the immediate aftermath of the Second Vatican Council, with the English Missal appearing in 1973.

The translations tried to keep the language simple, so that people would find the prayers of the Mass accessible. At times, the language was so simple that it seemed to empty our liturgical language of much of its richness. The goal was admirable, but the execution at times was less so.

This was acknowledged from early on, and it was recognized that we would need a new translation not too far down the track. After a few hiccups, some of them major, we will now have a new translation nearly 50 years after the first English texts appeared.

The language will be different, though the people will notice this less than the priest. One of the guiding principles of the new translations was to keep the people's parts as little changed as possible.

However, the Gloria and Creed are quite different, and that will take some getting used to. Then there are briefer moments like "And with your spirit" as the response to the celebrant's greeting. Such things will cause the odd stumble at first but shouldn't prove too difficult in the long term. Some may be tempted to say that, because the language is different, it is bad. But different and bad are not necessarily the same thing. Different may mean better, if it's given a chance.

The English of the new translations will be closer to the Latin, and that will

# New threshold in journey of liturgical renewal

give it a different feel. The 1973 texts were often far from the Latin, and some have said that the new translations are too close - even slavishly literal, which I would dispute.

But the language will feel more elevated, which has tended to be the way of liturgical language down through the centuries. The language of worship has never been ordinary, everyday language.

Some have asked why is there a need for these new translations? The short answer is that the 1973 texts were not altogether successful in passing on the riches of the Catholic faith contained in the Latin prayers of the Missal.

The new translations pass on more of those riches in a way that will strengthen both the faith and mission of the Church. Remember: the purpose of the liturgical reform of the Council was to generate new energy for mission. That energy will come only from a deeper access to the mysteries of faith contained in the Missal, and that's what the new translations seek to provide.

Some have wondered whether these new translations are part of a conspiracy to overturn the reforms of the Second Vatican Council. I would say quite the opposite.

If I thought the work on the translations was unfaithful to the inspiration of

the Council, I wouldn't have expended as much blood, sweat and tears on the work in recent years.

The liturgical renewal set in train by the Council is still in its early phases, even though we might think of it as something already achieved.

What is happening now, with the new translation of both Missal and Lectionary, is a new threshold moment in the ongoing journey of liturgical renewal which has its roots not just in the Second Vatican Council but in the Council of Trent, as I pointed out in my presentation at the National Liturgical Conference in Perth, "The norm of the holy fathers: Liturgical renewal past, present and to come",



In the first of a series of articles, Archbishop Mark Coleridge, chairman of the Roman Missal Editorial Committee of the International Commission for English in the Liturgy, explains why we are getting a new translation nearly 50 years after the first English texts appeared.

which is available on the Archdiocesan website ([www.cg.catholic.org.au/uploads/rsfil/02179.pdf](http://www.cg.catholic.org.au/uploads/rsfil/02179.pdf)).

When the texts were prepared and published after the Council, the Catholic Church was new to the business of translating Latin prayers into English; and the first generation of texts bears the marks of that inexperience. Inevitably, mistakes were made and it's important now that the Church learn from those mistakes.

One of the mistakes made in 1973 was to present the English translation of the Missal with no accompanying catechesis.

Lest this happen again, the new translations will be accompanied by a splendid catechetical resource called "Become One Body, One Spirit in Christ". It will be a DVD and online resource which not only treats the new translations but also offers a comprehensive catechesis of the Eucharist. This is because the new translations can't be understood in a vacuum; they need to be understood within the great mystery of the Eucharist. The resource will be available when the new texts are finally approved by the Holy See, which may be next month.

I would hope that every parish and community in the Archdiocese - and every priest in particular - will purchase the resource and use it as creatively as possible in order to make the most of the opportunity offered to us with the publication of the new translations.

"Become One Body, One Spirit in Christ" is a multi-dimensional catechetical resource that will be indispensable as we cross this new threshold in the journey of liturgical renewal. More of this next time.

*Mark Coleridge*

## APRIL DIARY ARCHBISHOP MARK COLERIDGE

- 1 April:** Mass of Lord's Supper, Cathedral.
- 2 April:** Way of the Cross, Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture; Good Friday liturgy, Cathedral.
- 3 April:** Easter Vigil Mass, Cathedral.
- 4 April:** Easter Sunday Mass, Cathedral.
- 7 April:** Opening Caroline Chisholm Centre CatholicCare Goulburn.
- 11 April:** Holocaust Remembrance Day, Jewish Centre, Forrest.
- 18 April:** Mass, Gunning.
- 23 April:** Sisters of St Joseph jubilee Mass, Goulburn.
- 25 April:** National Anzac Day Mass, Cathedral.

## AUXILIARY BISHOP PAT POWER

- 1 April:** Holy Thursday Mass, Nimmitabel.
- 2 April:** Good Friday ceremonies, Nimmitabel.
- 3 April:** Easter Vigil, Nimmitabel.
- 4 April:** Easter Sunday Mass, Adaminaby.
- 7 April:** Bishops' Commission for Health and Community Services.
- 10-11 April:** Weekend Mass, Boorowa and Harden parishes.
- 17-18 April:** Weekend Mass, Boorowa and Harden parishes.
- 19 April:** Meeting of Cathedral Precinct Committee.
- 21 April:** Galong Board Meeting.
- 23 April:** Josephite Sisters' jubilee celebrations.
- 25 April:** Anzac Day.
- 29 April:** Canberra deanery meeting.

## Sabbath sense

The tradition of observing the Sabbath has been given new life at Mt Carmel School, Yass, with week seven of each term made staff meeting and homework free. Just as the Sabbath day is to be free from work to allow worship, Sabbath Week is designed to enable families to spend time together and pray.

"Sabbath Week was well entrenched when I arrived in 2008 and it really gives staff and students a much needed break and chance to catch up," Mt Carmel principal Mr Ignatius Stormon said.

"It also fits with our Catholic philosophy to talk about the Sabbath. The seventh day is regarded as the day of rest and so we've made our seventh week of term a time of rest."

The school newsletter offers activity suggestions to help families make the most of Sabbath Week. These include: light a candle at church for a special intention, design special menus where everyone has to help out in the kitchen, play a board game together, or go on a family bike ride.

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## WHAT DO YOU KNOW?

**Answers:** 1. 2 per cent. 2. O'Connor parish priest Fr Bill Kennedy. 3. A gold rush. 4. Catholic Youth Ministry. 5. St. Alphonsus Liguori in Italy in 1732. 6. 50 days; The name is derived from the Greek meaning the 50th day, an allusion to the fact that it occurs 50 days after Easter.



# Little church with long past

In 1910 the picturesque hillside of St Francis Xavier in Hall was crowded with families as the new church was officially blessed and opened.

One hundred years on, parishioner Mrs Marjorie Rule intends to have the grounds just as full for the official centenary celebrations she has organised for 10 April.

Archbishop Mark Coleridge will be principal celebrant at the 10.30am Mass with priests from across the Archdiocese invited to concelebrate.

The little church can only seat about 100 people so Mrs Rule has arranged for a marquee to be set up outside where the service will be streamed to a large television screen. A light sandwich lunch will then be served in the Hall pavilion.

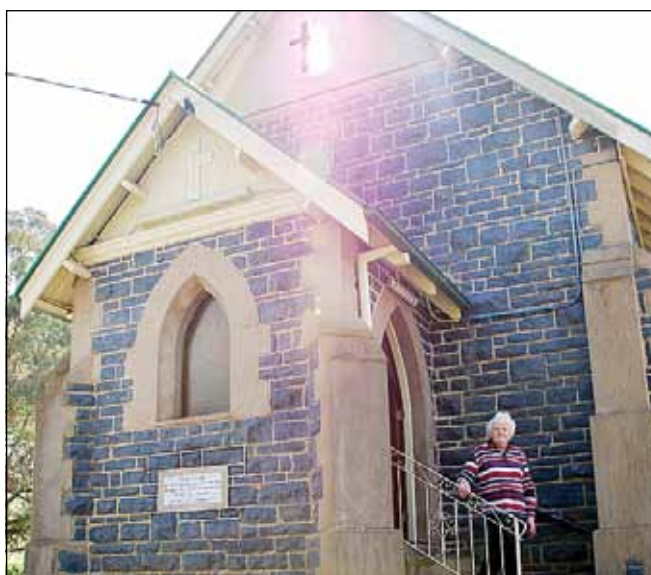
"It will be wonderful to celebrate with the older parishioners like Jim Rochford who will be 97 in August," Mrs Rule said.

Baptised at St Francis Xavier just a few years after it opened, Mr Rochford has been coming to Mass there ever since.

"It's lifelong parishioners like Jim that have made such a difference to this church," Mrs Rule said.

St Francis Xavier was originally part of Holy Rosary parish, Watson. In 2007 it became part of St Monica's parish, Evatt.

Mrs Rule said the 10 April event would honour the history of the church and that there may be a few surprises in store for those who took part in the day.



LEFT: Mrs Marjorie Rule prepares St Francis Xavier Church, Hall for its 100th birthday this month.



BELOW: The parish community outside St Francis Xavier Church, Hall, in 1961.

## Vocations weekend

A relaxed and prayerful weekend open to single men and women in Year 11 at school or older who want to reflect on their direction in life and how they can make God more a central part of it will be held next month.

The vocations discernment weekend will be held at St Clement's retreat and conference centre, Galong, from 6pm dinner on Friday, 14 May, to Sunday lunch, 16 May.

Key presenters will be Archbishop Mark Coleridge and Sr Helen Barnes RSJ speaking on the call and spirituality of Blessed Mary Mackillop. Cost is \$50 (concessions available). Inquiries: Fr Emil Milat, telephone 4474 2024, e-mail [emil.milat@cg.catholic.org.au](mailto:emil.milat@cg.catholic.org.au) or see the Archdiocese website for the brochure [www.cg.catholic.org.au](http://www.cg.catholic.org.au).

## Help for the Holy Land

Catholics have been urged again to give generously in the annual Good Friday collection to support Christians living in the Holy Land. Last year's contribution from the Archdiocese was \$28,000 out of an Australia-wide total of \$1.1 million. Franciscan friars have been caring for the churches and shrines of the Holy Land as part of their pastoral ministry for centuries.

Commissary of the Holy Land in Australia Fr Carl Schafer OFM said the presence of Jesus "can be felt strongly in the local Christian community who make up just two per cent of the population".

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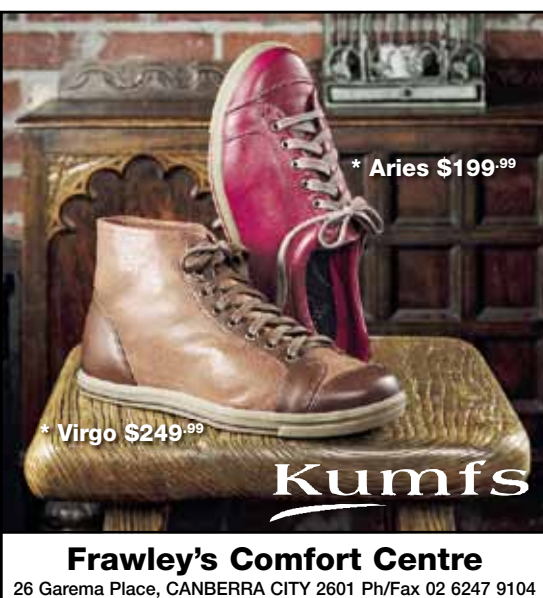
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## Parish shares gift of life



ABOVE: Fr John Armstrong makes another donation, watched by parishioner Mrs Cathy Moffitt.

South Tuggeranong parish priest Fr John Armstrong has given blood dozens of times over three decades.

He and up to 30 parishioners give blood so diligently that the parish is leading the Canberra community section of a Red Cross blood donor competition with 95 donations. The previous year they came third with 123 donations.

"The parish thought it was essential to its mission of being Corpus Christi parish that we share our blood with others," Fr Armstrong said.

"It has strong eucharistic elements of being people who live our faith for each other especially the poor and needy.

"The essential element of my decision is to give opportunities for others to have life and to live it to the full.

"My donations allow the opportunity for people to continue receiving that gift of life even after tragic events in that life.

"It only takes about half an hour for blood donations and I believe it builds an important connection with others in the community."

Fr Armstrong has been giving blood since 1977 when a mobile van used to visit his worksite.

"I would encourage every community to become involved in this life-giving project which helps others in a very direct way," he said.



ABOVE: Terry Mulligan chats with Sr Elizabeth Delaney at one of the gatherings in the western deanery.

## Powerful women in scripture

Seventy-six women and men from Barmedmen, Greenthorpe, Bribbaree, Cootamundra, Grenfell, Young, Ardlethan, West Wyalong, Ungarie and Temora gathered in St Anne's school hall, Temora, to hear Archbishop Mark Coleridge speak on women in the scriptures.

This was followed by a reflection by Archdiocese Women's Commission member Ms Margaret Ryan.

Archbishop Coleridge spoke of the context of the biblical writers, and described some powerful women, both good and infamous, in the family and Hebrew nation, in both the Hebrew and Christian scriptures.

In a follow-up session, canon lawyers Mgr John Woods and Sr Elizabeth Delaney SGS gave an insight into the Code of Canon Law at a gathering in the parish hall in Young.

The group of about 20 who attended were told that women may hold the position of chancellor in their diocese or be a tribunal judge. Women serve the Church on commissions and councils at both parish and diocesan levels.

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ABOVE: Mrs Moira Najdecki, Brittany Fraser, Rebekah Brown, Archbishop Mark Coleridge, Mr Martin Callaghan and Mrs Simone Saunders at the presentation.

## Helping hand for tomorrow's teachers

Four future archdiocese educators were helped on their way with a \$3000 Catholic Education Office teaching scholarship.

The scholarships are awarded annually to selected first year students enrolled in an education course at the Australian Catholic University's Canberra campus.

Winners Brittany Fraser from Hennessy Catholic College, Young and Rebekah Brown from St Clare's College, Griffith have just begun a Bachelor of Education (Primary) at ACU. Scholarships were also presented to Mrs Simone Saunders and Mr Martin Callaghan who are studying a Graduate Diploma of Education (Secondary).

Catholic Education Office director Mrs Moira Najdecki said that good teachers were what 21st century Australia needed and that ACU was where they would be shaped.

## St Joseph's House of Spirituality & Hospitality BATEHAVEN

### Come away and Rest awhile

The Sisters of St Joseph of Goulburn, as an expression of their ministry to 'prayer, presence and service' invite you to consider a stay at 'our place', in David St, Batehaven.

St Joseph's offers 'time away' opportunities for individual respite, retreat and reflection.

Accommodation is available for a small number, with our recently refurbished facilities offering privacy and comfort – single room accommodation/ensuite and a large lounge room plus kitchenette area.

The Convent Chapel is also available for your use. An ideal venue for Day seminars, Assemblies or other Gatherings for groups of up to 30 people.

St Joseph's is a two minute walk from Casey's Beach and is located close to the Church.

St Joseph's is not intended as a holiday place, nor does it offer facilities for children.

Self catering accommodation is available at the budget price of \$25 per night for times of Retreat ... Respite ... Relaxation ... Formation.

For bookings all year round – other than January – Phone Sr Judith on 02 4472 4021





Building the Future

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Catholic Super and National Catholic Superannuation Fund are merging into one fund on March 31 2010.

The merged fund will continue its dedication to the Australian Catholic community with strong investments and personal attentive service.

The new fund will continue to be a low-fee, not-for-profit industry

super fund, that does not pay commissions, invests responsibly and provides unbiased financial advice to its members.

For more information about the merger of Catholic Super and National Catholic Superannuation Fund go to [www.merger.ncsf.csf.com.au](http://www.merger.ncsf.csf.com.au).

If you would prefer to telephone us call 1300 550 273 or 1300 655 002.



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# A NEW DECADE IN EDUCATION

## OPEN YOUR MINDS, OPEN YOUR HEARTS TO CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Welcome to the Archdiocesan Catholic schools' supplement. All of our schools were involved in celebrating Catholic education during Catholic Schools Week which ran from 14 to 20 March. If you would like to view some of the activities in celebration of Catholic education in the Archdiocese please visit our website at [www.ceocg.catholic.edu.au](http://www.ceocg.catholic.edu.au) – It's worth a look.

All of our schools welcomed and are celebrating the news that Mother Mary MacKillop will be canonised later this year. Our CEO website will also feature what our schools are doing across the Archdiocese to celebrate this momentous occasion.

In this edition of Catholic Voice our Archdiocesan schools showcase some of their innovations in teaching and learning. I hope you will join with the school communities in spreading the good news

of Catholic education throughout the Archdiocese and encourage people to visit their local schools to enquire about the wonderful experiences our Catholic schools have to offer.

As you will appreciate most of our schools are undergoing substantial building projects which will enhance the educational experience of both students and staff.

I am very excited about our newest venture in the ACT: Early Learning Centres. Our first Early Learning Centre was opened at Holy Family, Gowrie in 2009 and in 2010 we opened Mother Teresa Catholic Primary school which included our second Early Learning Centre.

In 2011 we will add to our family of Early Learning Centres and offer a quality pre school education for

four year olds at five locations ; Holy Trinity Curtin, Holy Family Gowrie, St Joseph's O'Connor, St Thomas Aquinas West Belconnen and Mother Teresa , Harrison. We will also offer child care services for children before and after school hours and during school holidays periods.

Thank you for your support of Catholic education in our Archdiocese.

**Moira Najdecki**  
*Director*  
*Catholic Education*



Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn  
CATHOLIC EDUCATION OFFICE

## CATHOLIC EARLY LEARNING CENTRES

**Open your hearts, Open your minds**

TOGETHER BUILDING THE FUTURE OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION

Catholic Education makes a lifetime of difference for your child and family. High quality education, outstanding pastoral care and a supportive environment are trade marks of our Early Learning Centres. Start your child in a Catholic Early Learning Centre today.

Contact your local Catholic primary school for an Early Learning Centre enrolment pack or visit our Catholic Education Office website for further information.

**[www.ceocg.catholic.edu.au](http://www.ceocg.catholic.edu.au)**

Our Catholic Early Learning Centres offer a quality preschool education for four year old children. Child care services are available for children before and after normal school hours and during school holiday periods.

### REGIONAL CATHOLIC EARLY LEARNING CENTRES CAN BE FOUND AT:



#### WODEN VALLEY

CURTIN - Holy Trinity Primary School  
For enquiries and Enrolment Forms contact:  
02 6281 4811



#### TUGGERANONG

GOWRIE - Holy Family Parish School  
For enquiries and Enrolment Forms contact:  
02 6292 1222



#### GUNGAHLIN

HARRISON - Mother Teresa School  
For enquiries and Enrolment Forms contact:  
02 6241 5604



#### NORTH CANBERRA

O'CONNOR - St Joseph's Primary School  
For enquiries and Enrolment Forms contact:  
02 6248 9818



#### BELCONNEN

WEST BELCONNEN - St Thomas Aquinas  
Primary School  
For enquiries and Enrolment Forms contact:  
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**10 - 28 May 2010**



# CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

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# CONTACT YOUR LOCAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

## NSW SECONDARY COLLEGES AND CENTRAL SCHOOLS (YEARS K-10)

**BROULEE** | Carroll College  
(Co-educational) 4471 5600

**COOMA** | St Patrick's Parish School  
(Co-educational) 6452 1721

**COOTAMUNDRA** | Sacred Heart Central School  
(Co-educational) 6942 2612

**GOULBURN** | Trinity Catholic College  
(Co-educational) 4822 2544

**PAMBULA BEACH** | Lumen Christi Catholic College  
(Co-educational) 6495 8888

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

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

**WEST WYALONG** | St Mary's War Memorial School  
(Co-educational) 6972 3003

**YASS** | Mt Carmel Central School  
(Co-educational) 6226 3357

**YOUNG** | Hennessy Catholic College  
(Co-educational) 6382 1486

## ACT SECONDARY COLLEGES

**BRADDON** | Merici College  
(Girls Only) 6243 4100

**DICKSON** | Daramalan College  
(Co-educational) 6245 6300

**FLOREY** | St Francis Xavier College  
(Co-educational) 6258 1055

**GRIFFITH** | St Clare's College  
(Girls Only) 6260 9400

**GRIFFITH** | St Edmund's College  
(Boys Only) 6295 3598

**PEARCE** | Marist College Canberra  
(Boys Only) 6298 7200

**TUGGERANONG** | MacKillop College Isabella Plains Campus (Years 10-12)  
(Co-educational) 6209 0100

**TUGGERANONG** | MacKillop College Wanniasa Campus (Years 7-9)  
(Co-educational) 6209 0100

## NSW PRIMARY SCHOOLS

**ADELONG** | St Joseph's Primary School  
6946 2170

**BATEMANS BAY** | St Bernard's Primary School 4472 4446

**BATLOW** | St Mary's Primary School  
6949 1270

**BEGA** | St Patrick's Primary School  
6492 5500

**BOMBALA** | St Joseph's Primary School  
6458 3776

**BOOROWA** | St Joseph's Primary School  
6385 3263

**BRAIDWOOD** | St Bede's Primary School 4842 2413

**COOMA** | St Patrick's Parish School  
6452 1721

**COOTAMUNDRA** | Sacred Heart Central School 6942 2612

**CROOKWELL** | St Mary's Primary School 4832 1592

**EDEN** | St Joseph's Primary School  
6496 1682

**GOULBURN** | Sts Peter & Paul Primary School 4821 3304

**GOULBURN NORTH** | St Joseph's Primary School 4821 3510

**GRENFELL** | St Joseph's Primary School 6343 1514

**GUNDAGAI** | St Patrick's Primary School 6944 1085

**LAKE CARGELLIGO** | St Francis Xavier Primary 6898 1611

**MORUYA** | St Mary's Primary School  
4474 2817

**MURRUMBURRAH** | Trinity Catholic Primary School 6386 2111

**QUEANBEYAN** | St Gregory's Primary School 6297 1396 / 6297 2221

**TEMORA** | St Anne's Central School  
6977 1011

**TUMUT** | McAuley Catholic Central School 6947 2000

**WEST WYALONG** | St Mary's War Memorial School 6972 3003

**YASS** | Mt Carmel Central School  
6226 3357

**YOUNG** | St Mary's Primary School  
6382 5844

## ACT PRIMARY SCHOOLS

**AMAROO** | Good Shepherd Primary School 6255 7888

**ARANDA** | St Vincent's Primary School  
6251 2442

**CALWELL** | St Francis of Assisi Primary 6292 4500

**CAMPBELL** | St Thomas More's Primary 6249 8869

**CONDER** | St Clare of Assisi Primary School 6294 1860

**CURTIN** | Holy Trinity Primary School  
6281 4811

**EVATT** | St Monica's Primary School  
6258 5105

**FLOREY** | St John the Apostle Primary School 6258 3592

**GARRAN** | Sts Peter and Paul Primary School 6281 1932

**GOWRIE** | Holy Family Parish Primary School 6292 1222

**HARRISON** | Mother Teresa School  
6241 5604

**HOLDER** | St Jude's Primary School  
6288 7688

**KALEEN** | St Michael's Primary School  
6241 4022

**KAMBAH** | St Thomas the Apostle Primary School 6231 4144

**NARRABUNDAH** | St Benedict's Primary School 6295 8027

**NICHOLLS** | Holy Spirit Primary School  
6241 8640

**O'CONNOR** | St Joseph's Primary School 6248 9818

**PAGE** | St Matthew's Primary School  
6254 2653

**PEARCE** | Sacred Heart Primary School  
6286 2443

**RED HILL** | St Bede's Primary School  
6295 6559

**WANNIASSA** | St Anthony's Parish School 6231 4022

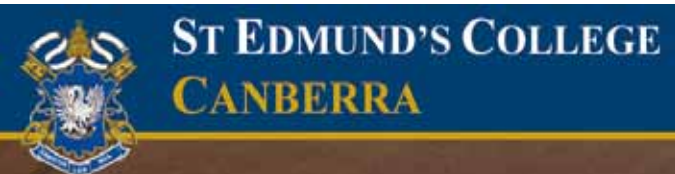
**WARAMANGA** | St John Vianney's Primary School 6288 2383

**WATSON** | Rosary Primary School  
6248 0010

**WEST BELCONNEN** | St Thomas Aquinas Primary School 6258 4077



# They are proud to be known as 'Eddie boys'



**ST EDMUND'S COLLEGE  
CANBERRA**



St Edmund's College, Winner Initiative in Training Award, Australian Representatives International Culinary Championships, Winner Australian Federation Secondary Schools Championships ACT - 2009

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For today's parents the decision to enroll their child at a new school is one of the most challenging decisions to be made. In essence all parents are seeking the same thing - that their child will be happy and fulfilled at school. In the ACT region there is an excellent array of schools which provide quality education for the young people of the area.

St Edmund's College offers the boys and young men in its care the opportunity to be happy and fulfilled. Its students are proud to be known as an "Eddie Boy" - a moniker not only for school days but for life.

The most common points of entry into St Edmund's College are at Year 4 and Year 7, though subject to waiting lists boys may also enter the College in other year levels. While it is a large school of over 1200 students, new boys entering the College experience a welcoming orientation into school life. The middle school of Year 4 to 7 offers the intimacy of a smaller school while also providing access to the range of resources and facilities of a large school.

The development of each student is nurtured by a committed and caring team of teachers and support staff. Students are presented with a diverse range of learning opportunities both in and outside the classroom. Staff are well attuned to the needs of boys and seek always to develop the very best in each of them. Teachers provide a challenging and stimulating environment in which boys can learn - about subjects, about themselves, about others and about the wider world. Consequently, boys thrive in this environment.

St Edmund's College is the only school in the ACT which is trialing the new Australian Curriculum in all four areas of mathematics, English, history and science. This initiative will ensure that many students will have the advantage of being familiar with important aspects of the subject matter when the Australian Curriculum is imple-



mented across the country next year. It is also a concrete example of the College's ongoing commitment to renewal and progression as well as its openness to embrace change.

When enrolling their sons at St Edmund's, parents are joining a community that values their involvement and the partnership that will support their son's development. There are many opportunities for students and their parents to become involved in the extensive co-curricular program of service, cultural and sporting activities.

St Edmund's invites interested parents to visit the College or to contact so that it can assist them to make this important decision, one the College hopes will see their son become another happy and successful "Eddie Boy".



**ST EDMUND'S COLLEGE CANBERRA**

A Catholic School in the Edmund Rice Tradition. Educating Boys, Yrs 4-12, Since 1954.



## OPEN DAY

**Saturday, 1 May,  
12noon - 3pm**

**All Year groups welcome**

**Yr 7, 2011 Enrolment Information Evening**  
Wed, 12 May 6pm-7pm

**Yr 11, 2011 Enrolment Information Evening**  
Thu, 13 May 6pm-7pm

**Other Tours (all Year groups welcome)**

Morning Tea Tour - Tue, 11 May 10:30am-11:30am

Twilight Tour - Tue, 11 May 5pm-6pm

**Now enrolling for 2011**

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# Family ties grown over 50 years

Selecting the right high school for a child is one of the many significant decisions that parents face. As students move from primary school to high school there are many options available so finding the best match can be challenging.

Daramalan College places a lot of importance on ensuring that the transition for students from primary to high school is a very smooth process so that students start Year 7 with confidence and a strong sense of belonging.

Parents are considered by the College to be a very important part of the Daramalan family.

At the beginning of each school year a series of welcome dinners are held for parents of Year 7 and all other new students.

At the dinners parents can meet staff who will be working closely with their child as well as members of the College Board, the Executive and the Parents and Friends Association.

It is also a great opportunity for them to meet other parents who have children in the same year group.

The College prides itself on the strong family connections that have developed over close to 50 years of providing Catholic education in Canberra. Many alumni have chosen to send their children to Daramalan to gain an excellent holistic education in a welcoming environment with high quality facilities and resources.

Visit [www.daramalan.act.edu.au](http://www.daramalan.act.edu.au) or come to the open evening from 5pm to 7pm on 6 May to find out more about what Daramalan offers families.



## KEY DATES

**Open Evening**  
5.00pm - 7.00pm Thursday  
**6 May**

**2011 Year 7**  
**Information Session**  
7.00pm - 8.00pm Thursday  
**6 May**

**2011 Enrolments**  
**commence**  
Monday  
**10 May**

**2011 Year 11**  
**Information Evening**  
7.30pm Monday  
**17 May**

### CONTACT DETAILS


Email: [enrolments@daramalan.act.edu.au](mailto:enrolments@daramalan.act.edu.au)

Web: [www.daramalan.act.edu.au](http://www.daramalan.act.edu.au)

Cowper St Dickson ACT


For more information









phone the Registrar on (02) 6245 6348



# DARAMALAN COLLEGE

A School with **Heart**



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NETBALL





## Marist College Canberra

### A congregational Catholic school for boys

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

**Open Day**  
**Sunday 2 May 2010**  
**9.30am-12.30pm**

College facilities will be open for inspection

Headmaster's Address 10.30 am

Head of Junior School Address 11.15 am

Senior & Junior Schools  
 Marr Street, Pearce

For Enrolment enquiries please call **6298 7200**  
**www.maristc.act.edu.au**



Marist fosters a school climate which allows boys to pursue their studies with purpose and confidence, and which promotes their full human growth.

# A leading school that seeks to maintain balance

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

The College accepts students from Year 4 to Year 12, with a total enrolment of approximately 1615. It consists of a Junior School (Years 4-6) and a Senior School (Years 7-12).

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

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

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

Marist fosters a school climate which allows boys to pursue their studies with purpose and confidence, and which promotes their full human growth.

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

The College provides many opportunities for boys to develop physically and emotionally in line with their intellectual and moral growth. Marist has a long standing commitment to organized sport, to outdoor education and to an array of cultural pursuits.

It strongly encourages every student to avail of as many of these opportunities as their time will allow and it welcomes families as part of these endeavours also.





# A long tradition of meeting needs

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

It is a Year 7 to 12 co-educational college with an enrolment of 1205 students in 2010.

SFX, as it is often called, has a long tradition of meeting the needs of its students. It offers a strong academic program, a diverse range of electives and strong pastoral care.

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

The College has strong links with the local community.

Students are encouraged to play sport for the clubs of Belconnen and Gungahlin.

Many of the students have part-time employment in the local community.

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

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

The old, narrow corridors have been transformed into break-out areas to support an ICT rich learning environment.

The facilities have been designed to maximise the use of light, air and space and as such provide a learning environment in which the students feel valued, safe and secure.

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

Initiatives in 2010 include:

- A stronger focus on numeracy and literacy across the curriculum
- Further support for VET and Careers and additional time supporting students on ASBAs



- Continued Professional Development for Middle Managers and Executive through Dragonfly Consulting and Coaching
- Preparation of a Masterplan to build on the successes of recent building programs

- Development of online learning resources, supported by the Studywiz learning platform.
- Launch of a new College Vision and School wide Pedagogy.
- Further enhancement of IT resources and launch of a new College web site.



## St Francis Xavier College

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

### ENROLLING NOW FOR 2011

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

**YEAR 7, 2011**  
**Information Evening**  
**Tuesday 18 May 2010**

**YEAR 11, 2011**  
**Information Evening**  
**Wednesday 12 May 2010**



**6.00pm – 7.30pm tours and subject displays**  
**7.30pm formal information session**

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



# College's challenge to love life

Merici College is a 7-12 Catholic school, committed to excellence in education for young women. In its 51st year, Merici builds on a tradition of achievement and innovation, preparing young women to contribute to the world.

Merici is a vibrant and welcoming community offering outstanding pastoral care with a rich curriculum.

In a survey of Year 7 parents, the reasons for choosing Merici were its excellent reputation and academic results, its learning philosophy, the pastoral program and, overwhelmingly, the positive "feel" of the school. One parent said: "We felt the school would support and care for our daughter, even though she is one of many".

Christian values drive the College's actions in the community. The pastoral care theme for 2010 is "Merici challenges you to love life" based on the scripture: I have come that you may have life and have it to the full.

Students are challenged to live with a sense of purpose and to share gifts and talents with others. The social justice program is initiated by students responding to needs locally, nationally and internationally. Last year, \$50,000 was raised for numerous projects.

Merici's mandate is to empower all students in their learning to be successful, independent and lifelong learners. Its Principles of Powerful Learning underpin an excellent academic standing. The College provides for differing abilities in the classroom and through targeted programs.

Merici students are challenged to be leaders on many levels. Leadership is implicit through the structure of pastoral classes, and explicit through a dynamic formal leadership structure and culture.

The College has cutting-edge facilities and expertise to support digital education, including wireless, interactive whiteboards and a digital learning platform. Merici has been a leader in enhancing learning through technology for decades. In 1994 the flourishing Laptop Program was established, providing a new way of learning and the College has been building on it over time.

The building program ensures the ongoing provision of contemporary facilities for learning. In 2010 projects include additional flexible teaching areas, a café-style canteen and an

industrial kitchen and permanent restaurant. The College warmly invites you to attend its Open Day on Wednesday, 5 May, to talk to students and see the school in action.



## OPEN DAY:

Wednesday, 5th May, 10.00am to 7.00pm

## Come and see the College in action!

### INFORMATION EVENINGS:

#### For Year 11 Students for 2011

Monday, 10th May

5.30pm – 7.00pm

Formal presentation beginning at 6pm

Careers expo from 4.30pm

#### For Year 7 Students for 2011

Wednesday, 12th May

6.00pm – 7.00pm

Information Displays and Tours from 5.00pm







Haven't heard of St Mary MacKillop College, Canberra? That's because it's the new name of Canberra's largest secondary school, formerly known as MacKillop Catholic College.

The College chose to alter its name to honour the pending canonisation of patron Mary MacKillop, who will officially become a saint on 17 October.

Despite the altered name, MacKillop is still the same great school with its strength being found in its talented teaching staff.

MacKillop boasts more than 160 gifted teachers and support staff dedicated to nurturing the future of 1620 students. The wide range of opportunities for each student, the great teaching, the co-educational learning environment, and the large, dynamic and welcoming communi-

## New name but same great school

ty are among the many reasons MacKillop students love their school. Based in Canberra's Tuggeranong Valley, and surrounded by the picturesque Brindabella Mountains, MacKillop is committed to engaging, challenging and encouraging each student to develop their love for learning.

The comprehensive and contemporary curriculum offered by the College is aimed at developing each student's ability to embrace and manage change, to think critically, and to communicate with integrity, clarity, and imagination, which, in the 21st century, will be paramount to a successful life.

MacKillop cares for the well-being and welfare of every student. The College's Pastoral Care program promotes an open school that is welcoming, respectful of differences, enthusiastic about different talents, and where students can speak openly about their concerns and where they can expect that they will be helped.

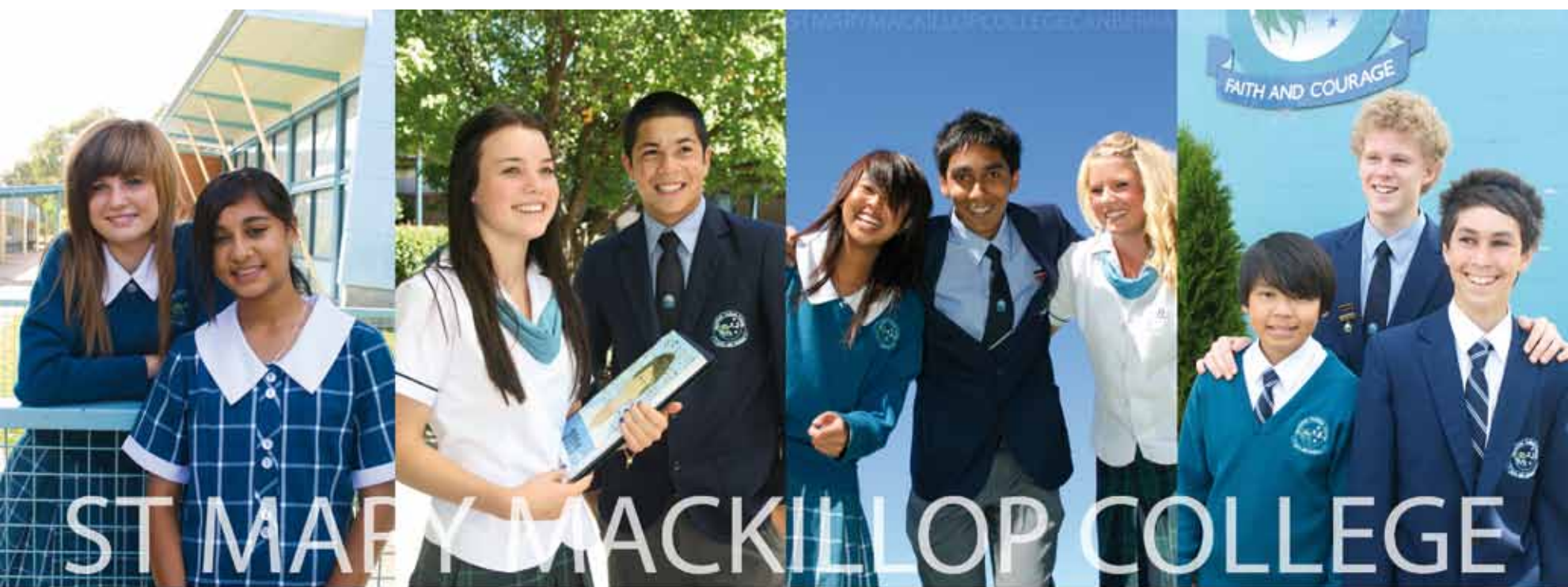
Boys and girls learn together, promoting a mutual respect for gender difference, cohesive intellectual energy, and a learning community that best reflects the society the students belong to and are being prepared to one day lead.

MacKillop students are enthusiastic, generous, proactive, intelligent, and have a good sense of humour. They become young women and men who proceed to tertiary studies or the workplace

with confidence, possessing initiative and the ability to make informed decisions.

Opportunities will be strengthened in 2010 through the development of a new Trade Training Centre to extend MacKillop's stellar Vocational Education facilities, a new state-of-the-art Information Resource Centre, and the refurbishment of the College's science laboratories.

MacKillop will host two information nights for students interested in enrolling for the 2011 school year. The Year 7 2011 information night will take place on Monday, 3 May, at the Wanniasa campus, and the Year 11 2011 information night on Wednesday, 5 May, at the Isabella campus. Telephone the College on 6209 0100.



# ST MARY MACKILLOP COLLEGE

MacKillop students love their school. And really, the feeling's mutual. Open to Years 7-12, MacKillop provides its students with a quality, modern curriculum in a safe and dynamic environment.

At MacKillop, students are encouraged to achieve their best and they enjoy great teaching. It's no surprise when they say:

*"I love MacKillop!"*

*There's a reason we are Canberra's largest Catholic co-educational school*



**Year 7 2011 Information Night:**  
Monday 3 May @ 6.30pm  
Mackinnon St, Wanniasa

**Year 11 2011 Information Night:**  
Wednesday 5 May @ 6pm  
Ellerston Ave, Isabella Plains

[t] (02) 6209 0100  
[e] enrolments@mackillop.act.edu.au  
[w] www.mackillop.act.edu.au

The 2011 Enrolment Period commences on 10 May 2010 and concludes on 28 May 2010



# A spirited learning community

St Clare's College is a spirited learning community providing education for girls from Tuggeranong, Weston Creek, Woden and South Canberra

## Faith, opportunity and excellence

St Clare's College provides an excellent environment for students



Current Year 12 students Chelsea Barker and Caitlyn Kochel winners of 2009 ACT Year 11 Design & Technology Competition which was organised by the Faculty of Engineering at the University of Wollongong.

to grow academically, socially, spiritually and personally. The College welcomes and supports students to develop into confident, capable young people equipped with the skills and knowledge to shape their futures successfully.

## A faith community

St Clare's provides a learning environment designed to offer a breadth of experiences to foster the spirituality of every girl. Youth ministry is expanding at the College and supports parish connections.

## An academic program that is full and rewarding

Complementary academic pursuits including ANU College, debating, eisteddfod, Chorale, ensemble and combined band opportunities, drama, the

arts and Australian School Based Apprenticeships and training programs are all part of the supportive and challenging learning environment.

## Co-curricular sport

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

## Pastoral care and social justice

Pastoral Care programs assist the transition to high school for Year 7 and to college life for Year 11 students as well as covering a range of programs to meet the developmental needs of adolescents. The opportunity to become involved in leadership, community and outreach programs is open to all. The College is justifiably proud of its strong support for charities and causes in the wider community.



Year 12, 2009 student Laura Birchall represented Australia at the World Schools Debating Championships in Qatar early this year.

## Excellent facilities and resources

The College's refurbishments provide excellent facilities for learning and teaching. The next stage of development will include a trade training centre with a new commercial kitchen.

## The school of choice for girls' education

St Clare's welcomes families as partners in their daughter's education. A well balanced academic, sporting, cultural and spiritual program ensures St Clare's College is indeed a Spirited Learning Community and a great place to learn.



# St Clare's College

## A Spirited Learning Community



**Enrolments for 2011  
Open Evening  
Tuesday 4 May 2010  
4.30pm to 7.00pm**



## INFORMATION EVENINGS:

Year 7, 2011  
Thursday 29 April, 2010  
6.00pm to 7.00pm

Year 11, 2011  
Tuesday 11 May, 2010  
7.30pm to 9.00pm

**ENQUIRIES:**  
6260 9405

Website: [www.stclaresc.act.edu.au](http://www.stclaresc.act.edu.au)  
McMillan Crescent, Griffith ACT



*The school  
of choice  
for girls'  
education*





**ABOVE LEFT:** Mrs Loyola Best with her kindergarten class.

**ABOVE RIGHT:** Naomi Turner challenges Bridgette Scott to a pawn-only version of chess.

**FAR LEFT:** Phoebe Clifton about to try her Shrove Tuesday pancake.

**BELOW:** Gabrielle Lander was very excited to learn that pancakes were on the menu.

**BOTTOM:** Benjamin Hurst-Strange has a question about the mini-version of chess.



**ABOVE:** Oscar Schaeffer is very serious as he makes his move.

#### DRAWINGS

**TOP:** Harrison Nolan's watercolour self portrait.

**TOP LEFT:** Lily Holmes' watercolour self portrait.

**MIDDLE LEFT:** Pippa Reid shows she likes to talk to God when she's in bed.

**LEFT:** Oscar Shaeffer's drawing shows he likes to talk to God when he's outside with Maxy.





## Why I do ...

A column in which well known and not so well-known people in our Archdiocese tell us about themselves.

We speak to Moira Sheridan, an organist at Sts Peter and Paul's Old Cathedral, Goulburn



## what I do

How long have you been an organist at the Old Cathedral and how did you get started?

I look after the choir and have often played the small choir organ, but the first time I played the large cathedral organ was about 15 years ago. There was a big police funeral and our organist couldn't attend so I had to step in. Then just before Easter our resident organist got sick and I had to play again. I was so nervous but the Holy Spirit got me through and now I'm on the regular roster.

What is the appeal of the organ to you?

I adore the beautiful sound the organ makes. The cathedral has wonderful acoustics and the organ was built specifically for this space so it sounds perfect. Secondly, I grew up here, just a block away, so to me the organ is the sound of my childhood.

Does it take a lot of practice to prepare for Mass?

No matter how experienced you are you can't just walk in and play a Mass, you have to practice. I'm a singer primarily so I have to practice even more. It's not just the same songs over and over. There are more than 500 pieces in the hymn book. I select the hymns for a particular Mass based on the liturgy. It may be a particular line in the Gospel, or the opening antiphon which speaks to me and I then match it with the appropriate hymn. It is a huge task.

Do you think it's important for organ music to continue in churches?

It is mostly definitely important that the organ continues to be played in churches. It has such a history that would be terrible to lose. Particularly in a place like the Old Cathedral, you need the organ to provide a sense of ambience and reverence.

Are there young people learning the organ or do you think it is an instrument that will die out?

I do hope it doesn't die. I teach piano and I make a point of taking the kids up with their parents to play the organ in the hopes it will persuade some. And it has. I've seen some very talented young people who, once they've been given the opportunity, soon realise they love the organ. There was also an organ school operating in the Queanbeyan/Canberra area for a time so there are teachers out there.

What is it like to play such a very large and historic instrument?

Terrifying but very satisfying. Before a big event I feel like I'm going off to the executioner, especially if I know there's another organist in the congregation. But with the grace of the Holy Spirit I get through.

When you're not playing the organ, how do you spend your time?

Spare time? What's that? Between teaching piano, managing the choir, rehearsing, selecting the hymns and preparing the music for Mass there's really not a whole lot of time left. But I love what I do.

# Chisholm mosaic plan for Old Cathedral

A mosaic of Caroline Chisholm is one of many projects on the agenda for the Sts Peter and Paul's Old Cathedral Goulburn restoration committee this year.

Using part of a \$1.5 million federal grant, the western façade on Bourke Street has now been restored, the mortar redone, statues replaced and the sandstone detail around the windows and doors repaired.

Over the next 12 months the same process will be applied to the northern transept and gable on Verner Street, again thanks to the government grant.

The committee will have to come up with the funds for the Caroline Chisholm mosaic themselves.

"There should be a stained glass window on the northern side, above the organ, but it has been concreted over to protect the instrument from the weather," committee secretary Ms Ruth Vial said.

"The plan is to brighten it up with a mosaic in honour of the work of Caroline Chisholm. That's what we're fundraising for this year."

A bequest from the estate of the late Fr John O'Brien who spent his final years in Goulburn, was the seed money for the project. The remainder will have to come from donations, money raised through historic tours of the Old Cathedral and the sale of Christmas cards.

A fundraising dinner in honour of Caroline Chisholm is also being planned to help get the project under way and expressions of interest from designers, mosaic artists and installers are now being taken.

"When Fr Tony Percy relaunched the restoration project in 2006 he was very clear that it was not to be a drain on the parishioners and that we would have to raise money outside the parish," Ms Vial said. "Our running costs are negligible because everyone volunteers. But there's a lot to be done."

As work continues, Ms Vial said they also hoped to have the crypt under the sanctuary floor open to the public around the time of Sts Peter and Paul's feast day in June.

Both Bishop Lanigan and Bishop Gallagher were buried there and Bishop Barry has since been re-interred there too. A number of relics discovered during the excavation process will also be displayed.

For more information about the restoration of the Old Cathedral go to [www.stspeterandpaulsoldcathedral.org](http://www.stspeterandpaulsoldcathedral.org) or contact Mary, Queen of Apostles Parish, Goulburn, telephone 4821 1022.

ABOVE RIGHT: Works supervisor Mr Brian Watchirs and restoration committee secretary Ms Ruth Vial in the Old Cathedral. The window behind them was cleaned as part of last year's works but the interior back wall still needs repair. RIGHT: Scaffolding is up in preparation for work on the northern transept and gable of the Old Cathedral.



## Students enjoy taste of Japan

There wasn't a dry eye in the school at the end of February when St Mary's Primary, Crookwell, said goodbye to Ryohei Yajima.

The Japanese intern spent nine months sharing his language and culture with the students, especially those who met each morning for the enrichment class.

"Ryohei arrived back in early 2009 with little English and was very nervous about what he was to encounter in our small country town," St Mary's

religious education coordinator Mrs Sally Croker said.

"He was fortunate enough to stay with many host families from school who provided him with lots of opportunities to enjoy 'a fair dinkum Aussie experience'."

He used the school holidays to see as much of Australia as possible, travelling NSW, Queensland and the Northern Territory.

Mrs Croker said one of the biggest impressions Ryohei made was sharing



Royhei Yajima teaches students at St Mary's Primary, Crookwell.

his love for sushi. He gave every class a cooking lesson and converted many to a new taste sensation.

"For country students in a small school we have found these experiences

open up the world for them and provide them with contact they would not normally experience," Mrs Croker said.

"St Mary's will miss him greatly."

## Wild ecumenical ride

Preparations are under way for October's 50th annual Bungendore Rodeo, an ecumenical fundraiser for the local Catholic and Anglican churches.

For the past five decades St Mary's Catholic parish and St Philip's Anglican parish have worked together on the community event.

Bull riding, steer wrestling, roping and barrel racing may not seem like your usual church activities, but they have successfully raised funds for the two parishes since 1960.

"Before the rodeo was established, St Mary's used to hold a St Patrick's Day gymkhana and St Philip's would hold a sports day on Easter Monday," Bungendore Rodeo Committee president Greg Darmody said. "They decided to combine the two events and it's been growing ever since."

"You're talking about a time when you had to get special permission just to go into someone else's church so for them to be able to work together the way they did is very impressive," he said. Information: [www.bungendorerodeo.com.au](http://www.bungendorerodeo.com.au).

## A year to be excited

St Joseph's Primary North Goulburn has had plenty to celebrate this year with new classrooms and the canonisation of their patron.

Principal Mrs Gaye McManus said St Joseph's was proud to be a MacKillop school and that the staff and students were busy planning celebrations to be held in October to mark Mary's sainthood.

But now they have more immediate things to be excited about.

A total of \$2.125 million worth of work has been completed at the school including installing a lift, asphalted playgrounds, adding new synthetic turf and footpaths, new carpet and paint and interactive white boards in every class-



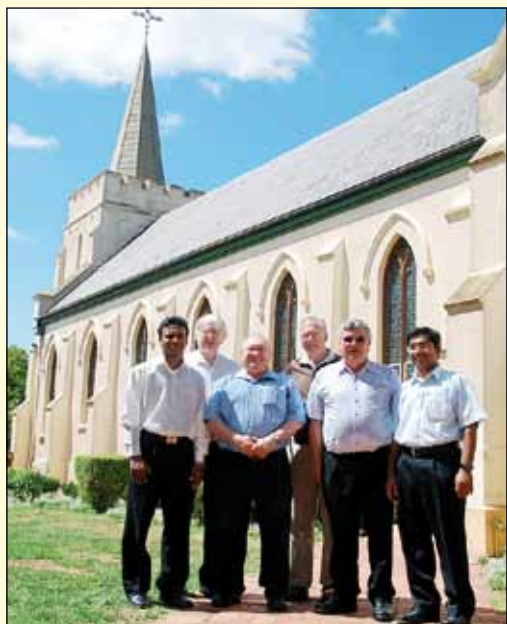
Christopher Nesbitt-Titheradge and Jakeb Coogan enjoy the new facilities.

room, as well as fencing, plumbing and electrical works.

"The project has been an incredible boost to the learning and teaching life of a student and teacher at St Joseph's, and has provided a more welcoming environment for parents and friends."



## Our beginnings



ABOVE: Fr Sunil Kadaparambil, Fr Peter Murphy, Deacon Joe Blackwell, Fr Laurie Bent, Fr Mick Burke and Fr Varghese Vavolil outside St Augustine's Church, Yass after a northern deanery meeting.

In the second in an ongoing series of features focusing on the deaneries of the Archdiocese, Catholic Voice journalist Claire Mitchell headed to the historic northern deanery.

The northern deanery is easily the most historic of the Archdiocese, home to the first Catholic missions in southern NSW, the oldest churches and the very first Catholic school.

Yass, Goulburn and Queanbeyan were established as the first three Catholic missions in the district.

The first church was built in Yass in 1843, and the presbytery begun three years before that is the oldest continuously occupied building in the town. Yass was also the location of the Archdiocese's first Catholic school.

When the need for a diocese arose in 1862, Goulburn was elected as the Southern See and construction of Sts Peter and Paul's Cathedral began in 1872.

Braidwood, Gunning, Crookwell and Bungendore were all established early on.

And while Taralga wasn't made a parish until 1928, the original Catholic church there was opened in 1865.

The Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn was established in 1948, and many of the historic churches and presbyteries are still in use today.

## Mary's work lives on

Bungendore parish doesn't have a Catholic school but the work of the great educator Mary MacKillop is still evident throughout the village.

Mary lived in Bungendore for some time where she established a school and a convent for the Sisters of St Joseph.

Changes in population saw both close but parish secretary Pauline Segeri said Catholic education had remained strong.

"The sacramental program run through the state school sees at least 30 kids making their Holy Communion here at St Mary's each year," she said. "Confirmation, which we used to run every two years, will now also be offered annually."

In honour of the town's connection to Mary MacKillop, the parish was presented with a piece of wood from the coffin she was interred in in

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## Golden history, strong future in pioneer parish

Like many old parishes in the Archdiocese, St Bede's Braidwood has many tales to share.

Established in 1852 when thousands flocked to the village to seek their fortune in the gold rush, it was the first parish set up after the three initial Catholic missions in the diocese: Yass, Goulburn and Queanbeyan.

Among its claims to fame is the large bell tower out the front of St Bede's church.

"Our bell was originally meant for St Mary's Cathedral in Sydney but they sent it out on the wrong ship," parish priest Fr Varghese Vavolil said.

When it turned up in Batemans Bay, Braidwood was quick to claim it and it has rung proudly out the front of St Bede's ever since.

The parish is home to one of the oldest St Vincent de Paul conferences in Australia, the first to be established in country NSW.

Braidwood was also the first entire town to be heritage listed.

Due to its long history, many parishioners came to St Bede's just as generations of their family before them had done, Fr Vavolil said.

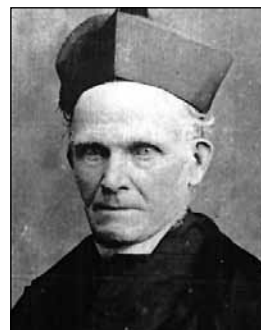
"We also have a lot of new families moving to the area which is very encouraging," he said.

FAR RIGHT: Dean Edward O'Brien, the first parish priest of Braidwood.



Braidwood parish priest Fr Varghese Vavolil and Cathy French in front of St Bede's famous bell tower.

BELOW: Sacred vessels used by Fr O'Brien during the 1850s.



### Yass retreat

Yass parish will host the first MenAlive retreat in the Archdiocese on 15-16 May. The program is designed to bring men together, to renew their faith in God and to encourage them to become an active force of renewal in the Church. It will be held in the Robinson Room at Gwen Warmington Lodge, Yass. Inquiries: Perry Healey, telephone 0432 120 362, email [healey@ozemail.com.au](mailto:healey@ozemail.com.au)



The Mary MacKillop reliquary, which hangs in St Mary's Church, Bungendore.

1914. It is preserved in a reliquary in the church.

Parish priest Fr Varghese Vavolil said he was planning celebrations for both Braidwood and Bungendore to mark Mary's canonisation.

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# Energetic, inspiring and humble priest

About 60 parishioners from the coastal deanery communities of Narooma, Cobargo and Bermagui came together at a Requiem Mass for Fr Daniel Eshete celebrated by Archbishop Mark Coleridge at Our Lady Star of the Sea church, Narooma.

In his homily, Archbishop Coleridge spoke warmly of Father Eshete and said he was greatly loved by parishioners. The Mass was filmed by a Narooma parishioner for the benefit of Fr Eshete's family in Ethiopia. Parish priest Fr Michael Mullen and seven other priests concelebrated Mass.

Mrs Joan Rankin read a poem which she had written about Fr Eshete.

In his eulogy, Cobargo parishioner Mr Tony Devoy described Fr Eshete as "a young, energetic and inspiring priest from a far away land who spent only seven months

serving our spiritual and pastoral needs. We, his adopted family, know very little about him and despite this, he took us to himself and we took him into our family.

"I venture to suggest that Fr Daniel had more trouble adapting to our peculiarly Australian ways than we did in adapting to him. If we had trouble understanding Fr Daniels' English, God alone knows what trouble he had with our flat tonal 'strine'"

Mr Devoy asked what it was that encouraged a young man to leave "the comfortable familiarity of his own family and society and, in Fr Daniel's particular case, to transplant himself into a very different culture, language and climate on the other side of the



world? The answer, of course, is that long ago Fr Daniel accepted that God's plan for him on this earth was the only one worthy of acceptance and fulfilment by him.

"This unwavering acceptance by Fr Daniel, however, brought its own dreadful irony. Last Christmas Eve, Fr Daniel learned of the death of his younger brother. He went home in mid-January to provide love, comfort and support to his father, brother and four sisters. He had been at home only a short while when he fell seriously ill, was hospitalised and died shortly thereafter.

"While we feel Fr Daniel's loss at a personal level (and some of us feel that very keenly), we should also be conscious of how much greater pain and suffering his fam-

ily are feeling. In our prayers, we should include his father, brother and sisters for they have lost two sons and brothers in a very short time. That's a crippling blow for any family to sustain and they should have the benefit of our prayerful support."

He said Fr Eshete was "a bit of a surprise for a lot of us. Apparently he had no experience of driving on the left-hand side of the road but that was quickly addressed by Hans who gave him regular driving lessons and got him through the licence test.

"Fr Daniel put many hours into preparing his homilies and yet whenever he delivered one, a lot of people had difficulty understanding what he was saying. However if you were prepared to concentrate on listening to his words, his homilies were truly inspiring.

"I wonder how many of us could prepare and deliver a meaningful homily in our own first language, let alone our fourth language as English was for Fr Daniel. Perhaps recollections like that should help us to be more respectful, tolerant and understanding of others, and that could be one part of Fr Daniel's legacy to us.

"It was fairly easy to make him laugh and he readily saw the funny side of life in our community. His regular demonstration of humility was simply breath-taking and I know this view is shared by others throughout the parish community."

Fr Eshete was quick to offer a considered opinion when asked and was "a bit of a thinker". He was also an astute observer of people and a great help to Fr Mullen in his recovery from major surgery.

## Vows with MGL



Melanie Edwards (above), originally from Sydney, has made initial vows with the Missionaries of God's Love Sisters in a ceremony at St Benedict's Church, Narrabundah. Kate Cleary (Melbourne) and Kelly Ku (Darwin) made promises with the sisters. Before joining the MGL sisters, Melanie spent two years with Catholic Youth Services, Sydney, on the team and preparing for World Youth Day 2005. She was attracted to the sisters through their emphasis on prayer and involvement in youth ministry.

## Long service to government, church

**Kevin Francis Bourke**

Holy Rosary parish Watson has lost one of its highly esteemed members with the death of Kevin Francis Bourke on 8 March after a long illness.

His Requiem Mass was celebrated in Holy Rosary Church by Mrs Bourke's brother Fr Joe McGeehan, from Brisbane, with concelebrants Mgr John Woods, Fr Kieran Adams OP, Fr Rafael Cabezon OP, Fr Bernie Maxwell OP and Fr John Ryan assisted by Deacon Joe Blackwell.

Kevin Bourke was born at home at Morpeth on 8 August, 1931, one of seven children. He was educated at Morpeth Convent School and Marist Brothers' College, Maitland. In 1947 he moved to Sydney to undergo training in the then Postmaster General's Department as a technician.

In 1953 he was posted to Canberra for two years to work at the central telephone exchange. He liked Canberra so much he stayed. For the next eight years he lived at Reid House which at the time was a hostel providing accommodation primarily for government employees.

He married in 1961. Five years later he moved to the Department of Defence. He was later promoted to a senior position in the Department of the Prime Minister and then to the Attorney-General's Department from where he retired in 1985.

Mr Bourke, when pressed, was willing to recall two highlights in an interesting career. One was being closely associated with arrangements for the official opening of the High Court of Australia by the Queen in 1980. The other was his pivotal role in organising the Commonwealth Heads of Government meeting in Melbourne in 1981.

After his retirement he was recruited as executive officer of the Archdiocesan Chancery then located at Archbishop's House. For the next six years he became well known to priests of the Archdiocese and was of the utmost support to Archbishop Francis Carroll in advancing chancery administration.



Mr Kevin Bourke ... posted to Canberra for two years in 1953 and liked it so much he stayed.

Mr Bourke was an active layman in the life of Blackfriars and surrounding parishes. At Watson he designed and installed a paging system in the new Dominican Priory. The Dominican Order in appreciation presented him with a special medal of gratitude. He was also a member of the committee associated with building Holy Rosary Church.

Along with others, Mr Bourke helped design and install microphone systems in the relocated St Patrick's church in Ipima Street, Braddon, and in St Brigid's church in Bancroft Street, Dickson.

In 1958, he was installed as a member of the Order of the Knights of the Southern Cross. Throughout many years of active membership his leadership and enthusiasm led him from being a floor member of the Watson branch to branch councillor and branch chairman. Over time he accepted responsibilities as archdiocesan chairman and later as national councillor and national vice-president. His energy was influential and respected locally and widely acknowledged nationally.

Mr Bourke was a member of the planning committee in 1972 that organised the building of the Southern Cross Club at Woden and he held life membership badge No 2.

After moving to Canberra in 1953, he joined Norths Rugby Union Club. There was much rejoicing in 1956 when his team won the grand final. For several years at Rosary School, he trained schoolboy teams beginning with the under 7s. He was an avid fan of the Brumbies.

Mr Bourke was a long-time member of the Queanbeyan Golf Club. He was also a member of the Left Handed Golfers' Association of the ACT and was its secretary for many years. For a couple of terms, he was national secretary-treasurer. In 2007 he was made a life member.

Mr Bourke is survived by wife of 49 years Ruth, who was a recipient in 1998 of a papal award Croce pro Ecclesia et Pontifice, daughter Therese and sons Peter and Daniel.

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# We are one with the saints when...

We are all familiar with a refrain that echoes through many of our Christian prayers and songs, an antiphon of hope addressed to God: Grant that we may be one with all the saints in singing your praises.

But we have an over-pious notion of what that would look like. We picture ourselves, one day, in heaven, in a choir with Mary, Jesus' mother, with the great biblical figures of old, with the apostles and all the saints, singing praises to God, all the while feeling lucky to be there, given our moral and spiritual inferiority to these great spiritual figures. We picture ourselves spending eternity feeling grateful for having made a team whose talent level should have excluded us.

But that is a fantasy, pure and simple, mostly simple. What would it mean to be among the saints singing God's praises?

We are one with the saints in singing God's praises when we are one with them in the way we live our lives; when, like them, our lives are transparent, honest, grounded in personal integrity, with no skeletons in our closet. Being one with the saints in

singing God's praises is less about singing songs in our churches than it is about living honest lives outside of them.


We are one with the saints in singing God's praises when we radiate God's wide compassion; when we, like God, let our love embrace beyond race, creed, gender, religion, ideology, and differences of every kind.

We are one with the saints in praising God when our heart, like God's heart, is a house with many rooms. Being one with the saints in singing God's praises means being compassionate as God is compassionate, it means letting our sun shine on the bad as well as the good and letting our empathy embrace too those whose ideas oppose us.

We are one with the saints in singing God's praises when we tend to "widows, orphans, and strangers", when we reach out to those most vulnerable, when we feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, visit the sick and imprisoned, when we work for justice. Being one with the saints in singing God's praises means reversing nature's proclivity for the survival of the fittest and working instead to enable the

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opposite, the survival of the weakest.

We are one with the saints in singing God's praises when we work for peace, when in both our personal lives and our politics we strive to radiate God's non-violence, when we refuse the temptation to try to end a cruel violence by a morally superior one.

We are one with the saints in singing God's praises whenever we forgive each other, particularly when that forgiveness meets a bitterness that does not seem worthy of the gift.

We are one with the saints in singing God's praises when we absorb hatred, anger, violence, and murder itself and, like Jesus,

not give back in kind, when we forgive our enemies.

We are one with the saints in singing God's praises when, like them, we give away our time, talents, and our very lives in self-sacrifice without counting the cost, when we live altruistically, accepting that our own personal fulfillment is not the first aim of our lives.

We are one with the saints in singing God's praises when we live in a healthy self-effacement, when we dethrone ourselves as the centre of the universe, when we take the lower place without resentment, when the conversation need no longer be about us.

We are one with the saints in singing God's praises when we are one with them in prayer, when, like them, we regularly lift our eyes upward beyond the horizon of the present world to ground ourselves in a reality beyond this world.

We are one with the saints in singing God's praises when we live in patience and endurance, when we accept without bitterness that all symphonies must remain unfinished and that we must live in inconsummation, when we live among the frustra-

tions of this life without murmuring so that life can unfold in God's good time.

We are one with the saints in singing God's praises when we live in hope, when we ground our vision and our energies in the promise of God and in the power that God revealed in the resurrection of Jesus.

We are one with the saints in singing God's praises when, like Julian of Norwich, we live in the belief that, irrespective of any present darkness, the ending of our story is already written, that in the end all will be well and every manner of being will be well.

We are one with the saints in singing God's praises when, rather than living inside of envy, resentment, bitterness, vengeance, impatience, anger, factionalism, idolatry, and sexual impatience, we live instead inside charity, joy, peace, patience, goodness, long-suffering, fidelity, mildness, and chastity. We are one with the saints in singing God's praises only when we live our lives as they lived theirs.

## Another website feature

The Archdiocese has added another feature to the [www.cg.catholic.org.au](http://www.cg.catholic.org.au) web presence by opening the restricted Policy and Administration tab to clergy, parishes and agencies.

Archdiocesan financial administrator Mr Herbie O'Flynn said it was his intention to develop this component of the website so archdiocesan policy, reports and forms would be available for immediate reference by parishes and agencies.

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## SHORTS

**Brothers.** Starring: Tobey Maguire, Jake Gyllenhaal, Natalie Portman, and Sam Shepard. Directed by Jim Sheridan. 104 mins. M (Mature themes, violence and coarse language).

Involving movie with moments of great power. It conveys multiple themes well, but its main impact lies in the totally destructive effect war, killing and torture have on the humanity of a good man. Also conveys many positive moral messages.

**Alice in Wonderland.** Starring: Johnny Depp, Mia Wasikowska, Anne Hathaway, Helena Bonham-Carter, and Crispin Glover. Directed by Tim Burton. 108 mins. PG (Fantasy violence and scary scenes).



Iconic fairy-tale brought fancifully to the screen by Tim Burton. Enjoyable film that pays reasonable reverence to Carroll's stories. Many scenes are dark and weird and will worry young children.

**Remember Me.** Starring: Robert Pattinson, Emilie de Ravin, Pierce Brosnan, Ruby Jerins, and Chris Cooper. Directed by Allen Coulter. 112 mins. M (Mature themes, violence, sex scene and coarse language).

Heady romance and drama movie that tells the story of a rebellious young man. Despite some steamy sex scenes, and the unfortunate and steady use of alcohol throughout, the conclusion carries considerable emotional punch.

**The Men Who Stare at Goats.** Starring: George Clooney, Ewan McGregor, Jeff Bridges, and Kevin Spacey. Directed by Grant Heslov. 94 mins. M (drug use, violence, coarse language and brief nudity).

About psychic US military units in the Iraq war. Not a typical comedy and its quirkiness has an edgy feel. For some the parody may not be worth the wait. Performances are first class. A wild, edgy ride through reality, that is uneasy, and, at times, genuinely comic.

# Zellwegger turns on charm

**My One and Only**  
Starring Renee Zellweger, Logan Lerman, Kevin Bacon and Chris Noth. Directed by Richard Loncraine. 108 mins. M (infrequent coarse language). Reviewer: Fr Peter Malone\*.

An entertaining comedy-drama about actor George Hamilton when he was 15? Not likely. But, in fact, here it is. A memoir which, when he recounts it to his class about what he did over the summer vacation, his teacher remarks, "Surely, exaggerated". He replies, "if only..."

According to this tale, Hamilton's father was band leader Danny Devereaux, who was a one-hit wonder with his song, My One and Only (composed for this film). His mother, Ann, was a "princess" type who did not know what work was, who glided through life and two marriages constantly repeating "it will all work out for the best".

Tired of her husband's infidelities, she decides to fend for herself and teenage sons - by looking for a wealthy husband to support them. As they say, she certainly knows how to pick them.

There is a broke businessman who wants to borrow from her, a bullying anti-Communist military man, an old flame who is a playboy, a rich man who assumes she is available for sex, a gentle salesman who is certifiable.

The family moves from New York to Boston to Pittsburgh (where she is wrongly arrested in a hotel bar for soliciting), to St Louis and her plain and exasperated sister's house, to LA and the movies.



Ann Devereaux (Renee Zellweger) in a scene from My One and Only Hopscotch film release.

Renee Zellweger turns on her charm and glamour for this flibbertygibbet wife and hopeless mother. Kevin Bacon has a cameo as her husband.

The film also depends on Logan Lerman as the serious young George who sees through his mother, realises he must also see through his father and who, by accident, helping his would-be, crocheting brother (Mark Rendall) for his screen test, begins his own film career.

A strong cast of men pass through Ann's life: Steven Weber, Chris Noth, Eric

McCormack, David Koecher, Troy Garrity (as a hitchhiker) and Nick Stahl as a sympathetic shy mechanic in Pittsburgh.

The now over-tanned George Hamilton did not turn out quite as serious as the young George in this film - though he executive produced this film. A commendation from the Ecumenical Jury in Berlin, 2009.

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

## Romantic comedy skims surface

Not to be confused with the 2005 film, Rebound about basketball, this film is a 2009 romantic comedy with Academy Award winner Catherine Zeta-Jones, who plays the role of Sandy, a mother of 40, who finds herself romantically involved with a 25-year old young man, Aram (Justin Bartha).

Sandy's husband cheats on her and she leaves him. Her life is now structured around survival in New York City, where she is looking for a job. Her role as a city mum has just begun when she meets Aram, who is divorced from his wife after she dumped him for another man, and who works as a waiter in a coffee shop underneath Sandy's apartment.

Aram, too, is disenchanted with the way things are. Like Sandy, he is conflicted about what has happened and where he is going, and is trying to sort out the meaning of life.

Sandy needs a baby-sitter for her two precocious children (Kelly Gould and Andrew Cherry) and she approaches Aram. He obliges and begins to play a growing part in Sandy's family. Sandy becomes increasingly dependent on him, her children quickly bond to him, and there is mutual sexual attraction.

### The Rebound

Starring: Catherine Zeta-Jones, Justin Bartha, Kelly Gould, Andrew Cherry and Rob Kerkovich. Directed by Bart Freundlich. 94 mins. M (Sexual references, coarse language, drug references). Reviewer: Peter W Sheehan\*.



Catherine Zeta-Jones and Justin Bartha in The Rebound.

A serious relationship strikes up between them that is steady at first, finds its tensions as conflicts from their past arise, and resolves itself pretty much as one would expect under the routine formulae for good romantic comedies.

Both Aram and Sandy have had unfaithful partners, and they need time to form a trusting commitment to new people. Not surprisingly, they part, and after five years they have a chance encounter that finds its romantic mark.

It is a pity to see someone of the acting calibre of Zeta-Jones playing the part of a

mature woman trying to "mix" it with another generation, but the film has its moments of fun. Bartha's talent is unexpected as a slightly troubled, goofy young man, who plays his character in a very likeable way. Zeta-Jones carries her age remarkably well, and the major premise of the film about a romantic relationship between two unlikely people works.

The surprising part of this movie is that Bartha works so well with Zeta-Jones. He is not the classic, good-looking guy that one would anticipate, and as Aram Finkelstein, he brings a lot of Jewish humour to accentuate the comedy of his role. His bumbling Aram gets the viewer immediately on side and he dramatically grows and develops through his emerging relationship with Sandy.

The movie mixes human dilemmas and comic situations, and has a number of enjoyable scenes, well directed by Freundlich. It is more a film of comic moments than of integrated happenings; an adult romantic comedy, that skims the surface of anything heavy, and should entertain.

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

## Cheerful Chan is still the action man

"Knock, knock, who's there? Irish stew. Irish stew who? Irish stew you in the name of the law."

Actually, this knock, knock riddle is told twice during the film - and indicates some of the style of humour in this variation on Spy Kids in Jackie Chan land.

There is one thing about Jackie Chan. He is always cheerful. There are actually

**The Spy Next Door**  
Starring Jackie Chan, Amber Valetta, Billy Ray Cyrus. Directed by Brian Levant. 94 mins. PG (mild violence). Reviewer: Fr Peter Malone MSC\*.

many things, of course, about Jackie Chan who has been featuring in action films since the 1970s. He is a most agile acrobat which serves him well in

the ingeniously choreographed fight scenes and the stunts he does himself. Part martial arts, part balletic moves, part slapstick, his films have been popular and often endearing.

Chan said he had to be far more careful than usual in this one because he was working with children and he had to be sure of their safety. A lot of the fights are in rooms in houses, in a warehouse and in a Chinese

restaurant and a lot of furniture and kitchen implements find themselves enlisted to fight the villains. This is Saturday matinee material most kids will enjoy and is a basic entertainment for tolerant adults accompanying them.

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# Pushing the boundaries

**Believing in a Revealing God: The Basis of the Christian Life by Gabriel Moran. Collegeville, Minn. Liturgical Press, 2009, 194 pages, rrp \$ 53.95. Reviewer: Janet Moyle.**

The word revelation comes from the Latin revelare - "to remove the veil". This is precisely what Gabriel Moran does so well in his latest book.

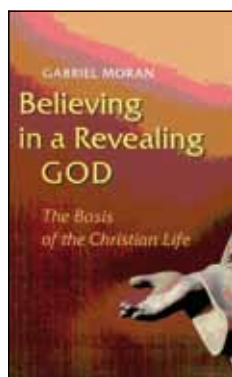
The title expresses his central thesis concerning the relation between divine activity and human response.

Moran is a professor at New York University, an author and acknowledged leader in the field of religious education. He writes with clarity and substance. Faith and revelation, he states, are a single relation composed of two activities.

He challenges us with a choice. Either faith is directed to something in the past called revelation or faith is an act directed towards what is revelatory in the present.

Moran discusses at length the difference between belief and faith. Respectfully he claims that Church documents have a tendency to refer to Christian faith when what is at issue is Catholic doctrine.

He makes a clear distinction between believing in and believing that. "Believing in a revealing God," Moran states, "is an act of the whole person not just a conclusion of the rational intellect".



He addresses aspects of authority and responsibility in a believing Church. He re-states the maxim that the Church is always in need of reform.

His reflections on the Christian interpretation of Divine Revelation are made in harmony with those of the two other Abrahamic religions--Judaism and Islam.

Consistently he maintains that it is the ambiguities of language that compound and confuse dialogue.

Being an educator, Moran offers constructive suggestions for teaching and learning. He draws on many sources including Scripture, Aquinas and Augustine. He writes cogently about liturgy as the most profound expression of believing in a revealing God. "There remains a gap," he says, "between liturgical language and what the liturgical assembly experiences". Then he offers some suggestions to assist in closing that gap.

This is a very satisfying book. It is a thoughtful, well-researched counter to the dismissal of religion in contemporary society and to the rise of apocalyptic violence in religion's name.

Moran pushes the boundaries of our thinking in new and creative ways and invites our entering into a deeper response to the Divine. His book merits wide readership. May it be so.

# Realities of serving the Church

**The Paschal Paradox. A Meditation on the Contemporary Challenge of Priestly Life by David Ranson. St Pauls: Sydney, 2009. pb 109pp, rrp \$17.95. The Way We Were. A Story of Conversion by Joan Chittister. Orbis: Maryknoll, NY, 2006. rrp \$19.95. Reviewer: Margaret Ryan.**

Two well-known servants of the Church here reflect on the realities and potential for their life-long ministries: that of priest and religious sister. The reflections are not nostalgic or romanticised, but provide penetrating insights into the complexity and simplicity, seriousness and humour of, and call to change in, such vocations.

Fr David Ranson is a former Cistercian, now priest of Broken Bay Diocese and lecturer at the Sydney College of Divinity. He reminds readers that the Kingdom of God realises itself in the transformation of death into life. Ranson prepared his meditations

in preparation for a NZ assembly of diocesan priests.

When standing before the Easter tomb, he asks, what squarely faced despair will not lead to a discovery of the seeds of fresh hope? What fears about priesthood (dared to be named), will not lead to a recognition of renewed stirrings of love for this vocation?

The author believes that renewal of life emerges from the muddy as well as the clear springs. Creativity often occurs in chaos. God throws our expectations of "success" into confusion in order to recreate us.

Ranson asks and suggests answers to many questions, tells stories of priestly experiences, explores paschal death, encourages "letting go" in order to find new life, a new priestly heart and spiritual leadership. It is a powerful book for the clergy and those supporting our priests.

Sr Joan Chittister writes about her Benedictine community in Erie, Pennsylvania, from 1965-

1990. In fact, the processes of tumultuous change that she traces speak powerfully to mature adults who lived before and through this period of huge social, cultural, technological and spiritual upheaval (including the paradigm shift of Vatican II). It may help us understand ourselves more fully.

Chittister explores how social change occurs, how particular leadership styles affect it and its progress, how it affects those caught in the maelstrom: in this case, an institution that had changed little over 1500 years. She investigates issues such as: Did change require continuity or discontinuity? What did it imply for the meaning of "religious life"? What was the cost to the group and individuals?

The author writes passionately, compassionately and in a conversational style about her experiences as she charts the "revolution". It's a gripping story.

## Understanding precious gift

**What the Church Teaches about Sex: God's Plan for Human Happiness by Robert L. Fastiggi. Our Sunday Visitor Publishing Department, 2009, 174 pp, rrp \$44.95. Reviewer: Michael Jarvis.**

Those who have read material published by Our Sunday Visitor will know them for their unashamed orthodoxy and commitment to the teachings of the Church's Magisterium. This offering is no exception. The purpose of this book, in the words of the author is "to seek a purification of attitudes about sex by a presentation of the authentic Catholic understanding of this precious gift and its proper use". This it does by a comprehensive and well-referenced exposition of Catholic sexual ethics, and the rationale for the Church's teachings. It does not treat in any substantive way, modern and liberal theologies such as proportionalism, the fundamental option approach and moral relativism, which is a shame.

It is not just about moral strictures and is positive concerning the marvellous gift, from God, that is our sexual make-up. It emphasises God's mercy and forgiveness for those who have fallen into sin.

# More about Mary

Learn more about Blessed Mary MacKillop, who will be canonized in October, by viewing videos of her life and mission available from the

Catholic Education Office library. It holds a number of resources, including DVDs, VHS videos, sound recordings and books that deal with the life of Mary MacKillop and the early church in Australia.

## DVDs

Mary (DVD, 76 mins, ages 12 to adult).

Actress Lucy Bell stars in this motion picture which follows the life of service of Mary MacKillop. This quality docu-drama includes scenes from Mary's life re-created in drama.

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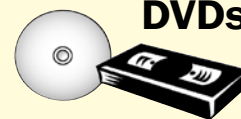
MacKillop's Melbourne (DVD, 24 mins, ages 12 to adult).

This documentary follows the early life of Mary MacKillop and focuses on her time in Melbourne and Victoria. It includes scenes from present-day Melbourne, interspersed with B&W historical film footage and still photographs.

That Very Troublesome Woman (DVD, 62 mins, ages 12 to adult).

In 1879, Stanley James, who writes under the pseudonym of Vagabond, becomes interested in the story of Mary MacKillop, and spends three years attempting to put the story together. He meets Fr Julian Tenison Woods, and in a dramatic confrontation between journalist and priest, new light is shed on history and the work of Mary MacKillop.

## Videos & DVDs



## VHS VIDEOS

The Cause: The Process to Beatification of Mary MacKillop (60 mins, ages 14 to adult).

Produced with the assistance of the Sisters of St. Joseph and narrated by Noni Hazelhurst, this video examines the steps involved in the recognition of saints, and in particular, that of Mary MacKillop.

Mary MacKillop (47 mins, ages 10 to adult).

This is a dramatic re-creation of the early years of the ministry of Mary MacKillop. It depicts her establishment of a school at Penola, SA, and her founding of Australia's first religious order, the Sisters of St. Joseph.

Long Have I Loved You: The Story of Mary MacKillop (16 mins, ages 7 to 12).

This documentary for children uses colour live action and B&W photographs to tell the story of the remarkable life and achievements of Mary MacKillop and her dedication to the poor.

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**CURSILLO**: Men's Cursillo and Women's Cursillo at Greenhills, Cotter Rd ACT 29 April to 2 May. Inquiries: David, telephone 6294 2979, e-mail javacunneen@grapevine.com.au or Irma, telephone 6242 7332, e-mail jja19144@bigpond.net.au.

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**DIVINE MERCY FEAST DAY** - 11 April, St Clement's Monastery, Galong. 2pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, 2.15pm Confessions, 2.40pm Divine Mercy Chaplet, 2.55pm Veneration of Divine Mercy image, 3pm Mass. Inquiries: Gus or Ellen, telephone 6385 5225.

**GRANDPARENTS' DAY** - 10am-3pm, 8 May, St Joseph's House of Spirituality and Hospitality, Batehaven. Spend time reflecting on your life journey and role in your family. Presenters Sr Kerrie Cusack RSJ and Sr Julie Connolly RSJ. RSVP 22 April. Cost \$10. Inquiries: Telephone 4472 4021, e-mail srjudith@bigpond.com.

**MARYMEAD GARAGE SALE** - 9am-1.30pm, Saturday, 1 May. 255

Goyder St, Narrabundah. Plants, books, bric-a-brac, clothes, sausage sizzle. Inquiries: Jeff Griffiths, telephone 6162 5824, e-mail jeff.griffiths@marymead.org.au, website www.marymead.org.au

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

**PILGRIMAGE TO SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF MERCY** - Thursday, 13 May, for Fatima Day, Pauline Fathers Monastery, Penrose Park, near Berrima. Bookings from Canberra, Queanbeyan and Goulburn, telephone Judy and Joe Mewburn 6254 6202.

**PRAYER WEEKEND** - 30 April to 2 May, St Joseph's House of Spirituality and Hospitality, Batehaven. Presenters Sr Carmel Drew RSJ and Sr Trish Dance RSJ. RSVP 14 April. Cost \$120 live-in, \$60 live-out. Inquiries: Telephone 4472 4021, e-mail srjudith@bigpond.com.

**SERRA CLUB OF CANBERRA** - Rosary and Mass Holy Trinity Church, Curtin, 6.10pm, Thursday, 8 April, followed by dinner. Inquiries: John Malycha, telephone 6251 2912.

**SORRY DAY** - 5.30pm, 26 May, parish centre, St Benedict's Church, Narrabundah. Event hosted by Aboriginal Catholic Ministry of Archdiocese. Keynote speaker Vicki Clark ACM Melbourne. Open panel for discussion. All welcome. Free BBQ. Inquiries: Kerrie, telephone 0402 049 650, Sally 0422 066 080, e-mail Bronnie.schlager@gmail.com.

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## A notable contribution

The parish of St Jude and St John Vianney Weston Creek has marked the retirement of Mrs Angela Finnegan, who was organist and choir mistress for 37 years.

Mrs Finnegan's connection with church music began at the age of 10 when she was organist at St Patrick's church, Bunbury.

At 17 she was appointed organist at St Mary's Cathedral, Perth.

She was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia in 2000 for lifelong contribution to music.



Besides church music, her contribution ranged from convenor of the piano division of the Australian National Eisteddfod to regularly entertaining residents at Mirinjani nursing home.

ABOVE: Mrs Finnegan watches as parish priest Fr Kevin Brannelly blesses a plaque on the organ that records her contribution.

## Priests celebrate milestones



Crookwell parish has celebrated two milestones, marking Fr Peter Murphy's 25 years as parish priest and Fr Wally Fingleton's 95th birthday.

Since he was first appointed Crookwell's parish priest in 1985, Fr Murphy has presided over 600 christenings, nearly 200 weddings and more than 300 funerals. He said his greatest source of joy was seeing the congregation worshipping the Lord.

As a thank you, parishioners attended a Mass, concelebrated by Fr Fingleton. During the morning tea that followed, both priests were presented with a book in which parish-

ioners had been able to jot down a few words of appreciation. Parish council president Ray Jackson presented Fr Murphy with a gift on behalf of the parish and Fr Fingleton was treated to birthday cake.

ABOVE: Fr Wally Fingleton and Crookwell parish priest Fr Peter Murphy (centre) with acolytes Bill Rogerson, Gary Keough, Brian Kennedy, Trevor Writer and Aime Meura, and altar server (front) Adam Kleinig and Kyle McCormack. (Picture: Aime Meura).

## Parish marks 100th

Our Lady Help of Christians, Ardlethan parish will celebrate its centenary next month.

Mass will be celebrated at 10am on 23 May followed by a rose garden commemoration and lunch at the Mullins Centre.

All past parishioners and families are invited to join the celebration. Confirmation by 14 May to Lou O'Brien, telephone 6978 2015 or Linda Griffin 6978 2307.

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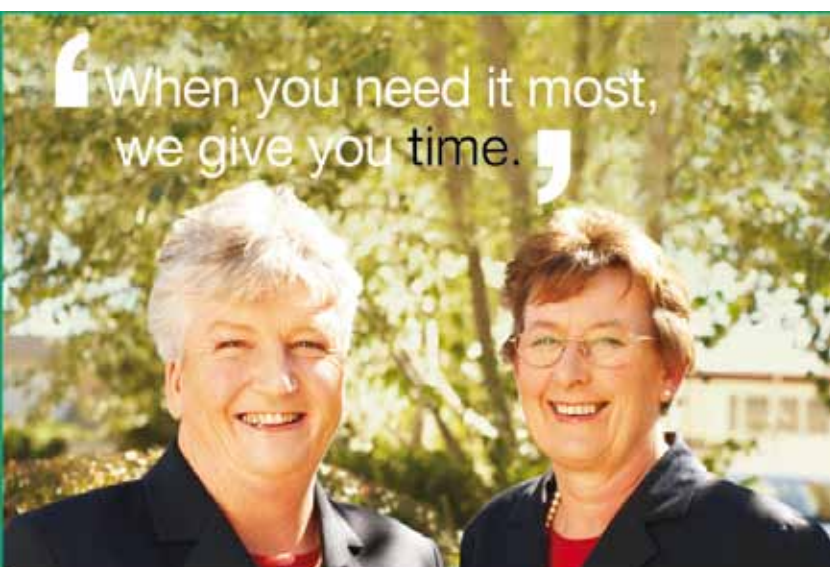
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# Youth team heads out for year on road



The 2010 Catholic Youth Ministry Team: Lachlan McGinness, development officer Shahenie Wickramasinghe, William Burdet, Marissa Blackwell, Adam Southwell and Carmel Dinn.

Work has already begun for this year's Catholic Youth Ministry Team as they make their way around the Archdiocese encouraging the participation of young people in the Church.

Adam Southwell, Carmel Dinn, Lachlan McGinness, William Burdet and Marissa Blackwell will spend the year working with high schools, parishes and youth groups.

They use drama, music, games, personal sharing, small group work, prayer and reflection to encourage young people to explore the relevance of the Gospel in the context of modern youth culture.

Before joining the team, Adam Southwell, 21, worked in a small civil and structural engineering firm in Cooma. He joined to help develop his Christian faith "and to deepen my understanding of who I am".

Carmel Dinn, 21, has completed a degree in Sydney in community welfare majoring in youth work. "The team has been part of my life for a long time and for about the same amount of time I wanted to be on team to work with young people and spread God's message," she said.

Lachlan McGinness, 18, has joined the team in his gap year after completing school at Marist College. He hopes to learn "a lot of skills, gain independence and have an opportunity to deepen my faith and discern God's will for my life".

William Burdett, 20, has studied arts at ANU and worked in retail. He took time off study at the end of 2008 and, at the suggestion of a friend, joined last year's team. "The opportunity to work with young people and share my faith appealed to me. I found my first year on team a fun and fulfill-

ing experience and a great opportunity to grow as a person, so I decided to stay on for a second year."

Marissa Blackwell, 20, deferred her nursing degree for a year because she felt called to join the team. "I want to be able to bring Jesus to young people," she said. "This is my first year out of home so I think the experience will be interesting."

The group will be supported by development officer Shahenie Wickramasinghe, who spent a year with a similar volunteer team in Western Australia. "Seeing young people change and grow is amazing," she said. "Helping people develop their faith and working with a group who are all there for the same reason is beautiful."

Anyone who would like to know more about the team, should contact Daniela Kesina, e-mail [daniela.kesina@catholiclife.org.au](mailto:daniela.kesina@catholiclife.org.au).

## More than just a leader



School leaders from across the Archdiocese received a lesson in social justice during a Caritas workshop at St Clare's College recently.

The participants came from Lumen Christi College, Pambula; Carroll College, Broulee; Hennessy College, Young; and from ACT colleges St Clare's, St Francis Xavier, Merici and St Mary MacKillop.

The day gave the students the opportunity to learn about the work performed by Caritas Australia, listen to tales of poverty and hardship in Fiji from guest speaker Fr Mike McVerry, and reflect on ways they could become a "just" leader rather than just a leader in their schools.

Mary Cooney, from St Clare's, said the day was inspiring and that by sharing it with students at other schools she discovered, "we're not the only teenagers wanting to make a difference". Joel O' Loughlin, from Hennessy Catholic College, said he now had a number of ideas for implementing social justice in his school and his parish. The day was facilitated by Caritas Australia team members Deacon Joe Blackwell, Ms Ruth Blackwell, and global education advisor Ms Celia Carroll.

ABOVE: Sr Sue Hallams from St Francis Xavier College assists a group of students with their cycle of poverty poster.



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