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Worship space to remain in inner city

A Catholic worship space will be kept in Canberra's city centre even if an ACT Government plan to re-develop public housing goes ahead.

The Government is negotiating with the Archdiocese to include blocks that house the Favier House administrative centre and adjacent St Patrick's Church in the development of the Allawah, Bega and Currong blocks of public housing in Braddon into high-density apartments.

Vicar General Mgr John Woods said "productive discussions" were continuing between the two parties.

Indications were that the need for a dedicated Catholic worship space to cater for 100 to 150 people could be met, probably on the Glebe Park end of the re-development.

This would not be as a stand alone church but as a dedicated part of another building.

Regarding the future of Favier House, he said there seemed to be a good synergy between what the ACT Government proposed and the timetable for the Archdiocese to move its operations into the proposed Cathedral precinct re-development at Manuka.



Home stretch

ABOVE: Fr Peter Day looks over the courtyard from an apartment as HOME in Queanbeyan takes shape on a block just 150m from the town's main street.

Within a couple of months, 18 men and women with mental illness will have a home of their own at Queanbeyan as a four-year, multi-million dollar project comes to fruition.

HOME in Queanbeyan, the dream of archdiocesan priest Fr Peter Day, will be opened on 1 July by patron and former Governor-General Sir William Deane. Australian of the Year Prof Pat McGorry will deliver a keynote address.

A corner block about 150m from Queanbeyan's main street, and housing the 82-year-old Anglican Christ Church parish hall, is being transformed into 20 self-contained residential apartments-18 for long term residents and two for respite care.

Five blocks are being built each containing four one-bedroom apartments with their own kitchen, living area, laundry and bathroom.

"The architect, Queanbeyan parishioner Nick Pelle, set out to design a place that he would be

Queanbeyan project shows way in mental health crisis

happy for his mother or a family member to live in long-term," Fr Day said.

"It's not an institution, but a spacious, residential facility where people can feel safe, secure and loved; a place of friendship to counter the isolation that too often goes hand-in-hand with mental illness."

The complex will have a security gate accessed by a swipe card to provide safety for the residents; not to keep people in, but rather to keep unwanted visitors out.

The old parish hall has been gutted and renovated into an area for dining and recreation. St Benedict's Community Day

Centre, which provides meals and support for homeless people, will move its operations to the hall.

The project has been funded by a \$2 million grant from the Federal Government, \$750,000 from the NSW Government and nearly \$1 million raised in cash and kind by the local and Canberra community.

The Snow Foundation gave \$400,000 and the Thyne Reid Charitable Trust also made a substantial donation.

"The first money we received was about \$200 or \$300 raised in 2005 by families and children of the Queanbeyan parish taking part in a Christmas pageant," Fr

Day said. "And it's gone from there."

He paid tribute to PBS Property Group whose generosity and commitment had saved the project hundreds of thousands of dollars and also to Mr Pelle who had provided his services free.

"The bulk of the money raised so far is to cover capital costs only. HOME'S ongoing annual budget will be about \$300,000 to \$350,000.

"Given we are not seeking government support for this recurrent funding at the moment, there is a lot more to do.

"HOME'S aim is to become financially self-sufficient within 10 to 15 years.

"HOME's approach represents a niche area of mental health care: the provision of long-term supported accommodation in a pastoral setting.

"The qualified staff and volunteers will provide pastoral not clinical support.

"We hope other communities will follow this way and that HOME will be the beginning of a national approach that encourages a cultural shift in the care of people with mental illness.

"HOME is just a small step, but the urgency cannot be overstated.

"There is a national mental health crisis now: thousands of our fellow citizens are bouncing between refuges, hospitals, hostels, squats, or struggling to keep their heads above water in public housing or on the streets throughout our nation."

As the opening nears, more help is being sought including volunteers to assist staff in care and support, and someone to take charge of fundraising.

● For more information about HOME or to apply for one of the positions vacant, telephone HOME manager Ms Anne Pratt on 0412 460 308 or go to www.homeinqueanbeyan.org.

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Boatpeople: busting myths and hysteria

By Timothy Sullivan*

The hysteria in Australian society surrounding boatpeople has been continuous for nearly a decade now. Since the children overboard scandal of 2001, the issue of asylum-seekers has become arguably the most divisive in Australia. Not only this, but both major political parties are all too keen to display to the Australian public their toughness on border protection.

While the current government has softened elements of its handling of illegal asylum-seeker arrivals, nobody in the government has been eager to advertise this. Moreover, the Opposition has even gone so far as to suggest a policy response of literally towing rickety boats that enter our maritime borders back out to sea.

However, the real question that needs to be asked is why are we so fearful of being "inundated" with boat people when there has only been 4500 arrivals in the last 2-1/2 years? Especially when we consider that a much larger number of refugees are attempting to enter Europe and Asia because they are much closer. Australia receives far less than the global trend, and yet the militant response of our citizens and the fiery rhetoric of public figures is terribly disproportionate.

When it comes to the issue of boatpeople, there are numerous social commentators, politicians and individuals in the media using the term "queue jumpers" to describe the asylum seekers arriving on boats. They suggest there is an unfairness in boatpeople taking up places of asylum seekers who have done the "right thing" by taking refuge in United Nations-sponsored camps to await placement.

This slur presumes that there actually is always an orderly protocol that refugees fleeing brutal persecution should be aware of and follow strictly, as if these helpless and often uneducated people would be up-to-speed on the intricacies of Australia's immigration system. It would be more humane to increase Australia's annual quota of intake of refugees so that boatpeople don't take up the places of asylum-seekers waiting in camps, rather than label their desperate attempt for freedom as "queue jumping". Kevin Rudd has spent the past few months preaching his belief in a "big Australia" for the future. Given the relatively minute number of boatpeople arriving on our shores in comparison to our annual quota of 14,000 refugees and between 200,000-300,000 immigrants, it seems logical that our nation could sustain these few extra desperate people. Additionally, it seems

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changing our world

funny the huge emphasis placed on these so-called "queue jumpers" and the apparent holes in our border protection that boatpeople are capitalising on considering that most asylum-seekers enter by plane and far fewer of these turn out to be legitimate refugees. Furthermore, 50,000 people in Australia are overstaying visas, the vast majority being from the UK and US.

As political commentator Peter van Olsen wrote in The Australian newspaper, both Kevin Rudd and Tony Abbott parade their religious beliefs in the media spotlight, however neither of them puts into practise the compassion that Christianity should encourage towards boatpeople.

Mr Abbott cites the greatest influence on his life as being the teachings of the Jesuits in his school days. The Jesuits identify their spirituality as offering a way to strengthen individual desire and commitment to helping those in the most hopeless situations, and who are in the most urgent need of help. Boatpeople are the most obvious example of such people.

Yet the only proposal by Mr Abbott is to tow their boats back out to sea, away from the freedom they seek and deserve. Quite ironic, given the fact that the Jesuits conduct a refugee support service in South-East Asia!

Ultimately, it's time to end the myths and hysteria surrounding boatpeople. We are not being inundated. In fact, the numbers are proportionally miniscule. The desires of boatpeople aren't to maliciously push in front of waiting refugees, but rather to escape desperate circumstances of oppression.

Australia has the means and resources to greet them with open-arms. Isn't it time we took seriously the challenge of being a truly Christian society?

* Timothy Sullivan is college captain at Marist. Aside from being heavily involved in college life, he is captain of the 2010 ACT representative debating team, as well as an avid participant in performing arts on both violin and voice. Passions include Japanese, politics, and international relations.

Rosary vigil

The Rosary for Life prayer vigil, held on Fridays over many years outside the ACT Health Building in Civic, has switched to 8am to 9am on Wednesdays. An organiser said the reason for the change is that it is believed abortions now take place only on Wednesdays.

Mary's pilgrims

A group of pilgrims from the Archdiocese will be heading to Rome for Mary MacKillop's canonisation under the leadership of Archbishop Mark Coleridge. The 13-day pilgrimage specifically for the Archdiocese will leave on Saturday 9 October. It will include access to the reserved pilgrims section at the canonisation ceremony, a celebratory concert, Vigil and thanksgiving Mass, as well as the chance to retrace Mary's Rome highlights of 1873-74. Inquiries: Capital Travel Manuka, telephone 6295 2733.

Backing marriage

Catholics are being urged to get behind this year's National Marriage Day on 13 August by wearing a marriage rosette.

National vice-president of the Australian Family Association and coordinator of National Marriage Day Mrs Mary-Louise Fowler, from Young, wants to spread use of the symbol of National Marriage Day, a gold rose on a ruby ribbon, as a sign of support for the renewal of marriage.

"Catholics generally have a deep appreciation of the importance of marriage for the welfare and benefit of the family and society," she said.

Inquiries: Mrs Fowler, e-mail admin@marrieday.org.au.

what do you know?

1. What does Pentecost mean?

2. This youngster (right) this year celebrates 60 years in his chosen vocation. Who is he?



3. Marymead was established 43 years ago in Canberra by which order of sisters?

4. Australia's first \$5 note featured a woman, other than the monarch, for the first time on an Australian currency note. Who was she?

5. A special week of prayer ends on Pentecost Sunday. What is its focus?
 Answers: Bottom Page 4.



Saving the planet

Pupils at St Bede's Primary School, Braidwood, joined in Earth Hour by turning off all the electrical appliances in the school. They had their 60 minutes of energy saving from 2pm-3pm. "We wanted to recognise the need to take care of our fragile planet," principal Mr Gerard Galvin said.

The students formed a circle on the oval (above) to represent the globe and spelled out the word earth in the centre.

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Karinya House needs 1000 people to pledge \$200 a year so it can continue to support mothers and their babies who are in crisis.

The Canberra-based not-for-profit organisation has offered accommodation, counselling and health and financial advice services to pregnant and postnatal women since 1997 but since the global financial crisis it has experienced a major drop in funding.

It reported a 19 per cent downturn last financial year, a loss of \$43,000. Coordinator Ms Marie-Louise Corkhill said this financial year was not looking much better.

The charity operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week, but Ms Corkhill said if finances did not improve within the next six months, some services may have to be cut back.

"We're a home-grown charity that supports a niche of the community - pregnant women, mothers and babies. No-one else specifically looks after this group," she said.

Consequently fundraising has become a top priority.

High on the list is promoting Project 1000, started about eight years ago, which aims to get 1000 people to make a \$200 annual donation.

"We currently have 543 committed donors and we'd like to increase that number to 700 by the end of this financial year," Ms Corkhill said.

The Mother's Day Appeal is another initiative, for which donation envelopes will be available in churches during the second weekend in May.

Ms Corkhill said calls for help were on the increase from women living in places that were unsafe, unstable, and often in violent or destructive situations.

Carole is one such mum-to-be who turned to Karinya House for help.

"I'd literally be in a bus shelter if it wasn't for Karinya," she said.

"If I didn't continue with my pregnancy I would never have been in this situation - I would never have lost my job or had nowhere to live."

Ms Corkhill said this kind of discrimination towards single mothers unfortunately was common.

"I always think, there but for the grace of God go I," she said.

"So often they are in situations through no fault of their own and effectively become homeless and experience hardship for choosing to continue with their pregnancy."

In the last financial year, 40 clients stayed at Karinya House and Erin House, the charity's two residences, 307

Global money crisis hits mums, babies



Karinya House for Mothers and Babies coordinator Marie-Louise Corkhill with two of Karinya's residents Liisa and Carole.

clients were assisted through the outreach program and a further 301 women contacted Karinya for help.

The residences are home to three pregnant or postnatal women and their babies at any one time, with a regular waiting list of 15 to 20 women.

For more information about Karinya House go to www.karinyahouse.asn.au or telephone 6259 8998.

New terms for parish priests

Seven parish priests have been re-appointed by Archbishop Mark Coleridge to their parishes for a further six years.

They are Fr Phil Buckley (Page), Fr Mick Mullen (Narooma and Cobargo), Fr Peter Miller (Jindabyne), Fr Mick MacAndrew (Bombala), Fr Tom Thornton (Batemans Bay), Fr Mayne Murphy (Lake Cargelligo) and Fr Laurie Blake (South Woden).

On the advice of the archdiocesan consultants, he will appoint soon an administrator to the parishes of Boorowa and Harden-Murrumburrah. The decision to appoint an administrator rather than a parish priest was prompted by ongoing discussions about the future shape of the Western Deanery as a whole.

Fr Peter Day has been appointed to assist in Queanbeyan parish. He will live in the accommodation being built for HOME in Queanbeyan and is already working in the parish three days a week.

Fr John Vallayil VC has moved from the Cathedral to Narooma where he will work with Fr Mullen. This follows the sudden death in Ethiopia of Fr Daniel Eshete.

Fr James Antony CMI will move from the Cathedral to Braidwood and Bungendore to cover for Fr Varghese Vavolil while he has surgery and spends time recuperating.

Michael Lim has returned briefly to Singapore, and on his return will move from Batemans Bay to the Western Mission to see another aspect of the Archdiocese as part of his process of discernment.

May be the month for Marymead

Those looking to support a worthy charity have been asked to put Marymead at the top of their list this month.

The Canberra-based child and family centre has put out the call for people to "Make May Marymead Month" and hold a fundraising event to support Marymead's many services to the community.

The not-for-profit organisation works alongside around 1000 vulnerable and disadvantaged children and families in the Canberra area each year. In addition to events put on by the community, Marymead will host the annual Bride and Groom Ball at the Southern Cross Club, Woden, on 28 May. For more information, or to register a fundraising event, go to www.marymead.org.au, telephone 6162 5824 or e-mail jeff.griffiths@marymead.org.au.

Josephites' gift to all

The Sisters of St Joseph of Goulburn are making opportunities available across the Archdiocese for people to come to better know the spirituality of Blessed Mary MacKillop.

Sr Lynette Young will run reflection days in Batehaven, Canberra and Goulburn that will explore the life and spirituality of Mary MacKillop, her deep sense of the presence of God in her life, out of which she lived a life of service, particularly to the poor and needy, and from which she drew strength to shoulder the cross of suffering.

Sr Lynette's work for many years has been in nourishing the spirituality of people living in rural areas. She sees Mary MacKillop as a woman wrapped up in God, who went about her daily life in the most ordinary ways, focused on the needs of others and filled with kindness and generosity.

The life and spirit of Mary MacKillop will be the focus of

reflection days to be held at St Joseph's House of Spirituality and Hospitality, Batehaven, on the weekend of 28-30 May, Tenison-Woods Centre, St Joseph's Convent, North Goulburn, 10am-4.30pm on 26 June and parish centre, St Joseph's Church, O'Connor, 10am-4.30pm on 27 June.

"We decided that this is something that we could make available to people in this year of Mary MacKillop's canonisation," congregational leader of the Sisters of St Joseph of Goulburn Sr Noelene Quinane said. "We are delighted to do so. People in the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn are warmly invited to share these days with us as we come to better know and understand the life and spirituality of our first saint."

Sessions will also be held at Leeton and Wagga Wagga. Blessed Mary MacKillop will become Australia's first saint when she is canonised in Rome on 17 October.

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The site abuts walking trails and ovals and open spaces.

For more information please contact:

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Final approval of the new translation of the Missal by the Holy See is imminent as I write this column.

The decision will represent the end of a long and complex process of preparation, and will position the Church for a publication of the Missal in the first half of next year.

It normally takes from between 10 and 12 months to move from final approval to publication; and there is much to be done in that time. Not only is there much to be done by the publishers, but there is much to be done by us at the point of catechetical preparation.

One thing that's been said from time to time is that this whole process has been a matter of fiddling while Rome burns, that it's just a matter of tinkering with words in a way that avoids the real challenges at hand.

Needless to say, if I thought that were so, then I wouldn't have shed the blood, sweat and tears of recent years in doing my little bit to bring the translations to light.

Through that process, one thing that has come clear to me is that the translations we've grown up with present difficulties theologically, and I want to offer some examples here.

The first concerns the Latin verbs such as "fac", "concede", "da" and "praesta" which are very often found in the Roman Missal.

In the translations we have known, these words are almost always translated as "help", when in fact what they mean is "make", "enable", "grant". This tends to foster a semi-Pelagian sense that God helps us to a certain point and then we ourselves take over.

It's more than just tinkering with words

It's like teaching a child to ride a bike: you hold on to the bike till you think the child has found his or her balance and then you let go as the child rides off into the future.

But that's never how it is with God and us. If ever God let go of the bike, there would be no bike.

God doesn't just help us; God enables us to do what is necessary for life, makes us do it, grants that we do it. In that sense, we never reach a point where we are not totally dependent on God.

This is what the Church believes and teaches about grace; and that is not trivial. It is at the very heart of the Gospel.

A second example concerns a Catholic understanding of the Church. In Latin of the Missal, the Church is very often referred to as "they", in the third person. Sometimes you find the singular with the Church referred to as "she".

It may seem odd to call the Church "she" rather than "it", but here the Missal picks up the Bible which refers to Israel and the Church as "Bride". The use of "she" picks up the rich nuptial language and image of

Scripture. By contrast, the use of "it" tends to de-personalise the Church and give the sense that the Church is just another human organisation.

So, too, the use of "they" to refer to the Church can seem odd, and almost always in the English Missal "they" is translated as "we". This seems fair enough, but the problem is that it encourages a congregationalist understanding of the Church which is not in the end Catholic.

The Missal's use of "they" refers not just to this congregation at this time and in this place but to the



In the second of a series of articles, Archbishop Mark Coleridge, chairman of the Roman Missal Editorial Committee of the International Commission for English in the Liturgy, looks at the background to some of the translations of the Missal we have grown up with.

Church in every time and place, even the Church in heaven and on earth.

This big vision of the Church is typically Catholic, and the local gathering ("we") is properly seen only within the context of this big vision ("they").

It's not one or the other; it's a matter of holding the two in proper tension, the universal and the local, just as it is with God's grace and our response.

These are just two examples - grace and the Church - which show why this project has been more than just tinkering with words.

It's been a matter of ensuring that the words we use in worship pass on as fully as possible the riches of what the Church believes and teaches, and does this so that there might be new energy for mission.

I might add in concluding that I wasn't aware of these theological difficulties until I began working with the texts as closely and comprehensively as I have had to do in recent years.

It's a question of cumulative effect rather than a clear error in this or that translation; and it certainly doesn't imply bad or defective faith in the original translators.

Nor does it mean that the words we have used in worship for the last 40 years have been somehow unacceptable or heretical.

It means rather that as we cross this new threshold in the ongoing journey of liturgical renewal, we will have words which build upon the texts of an earlier generation, learn from their shortcomings and offer the Church something still richer and more powerful.

Mark Coleridge

MAY DIARY

ARCHBISHOP MARK COLERIDGE

2 May: Marian procession, Galong.

3-5 May: Cathedral retreat days.

6-9 May: Australian Catholic Bishops Conference plenary meetings, Sydney.

10-13 May: Meeting of Oceania bishops.

14-16 May: Vocations weekend, Galong.

17-20 May: Clergy Assembly, Galong.

23 May: Pentecost Sunday Confirmation.

27 May: In-service on new Missal, Port Pirie.

30 May: Confirmation, Tumut.

AUXILIARY BISHOP PAT POWER

1 May: Completion of Pilgrim walk to Galong.

2 May: Marian celebrations, Galong.

3-10 May: Meeting of Australian bishops.

11-13 May: Meeting of the Oceania bishops.

14 May: Mass and opening, St Vincent de Paul centre, Goulburn.

16-23 May: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

17-20 May: Clergy Assembly, Galong

20 May: Council of Priests and Consultors meetings

23 May: Confirmation, Kambah

25 May: Confirmation for Kippax Parish, St Christopher's Cathedral

27-28 May: Meeting with secondary school principals, Galong.

Mary focus of faith on the 'net

CatholicLIFE will provide access in Canberra on 18 May to a national e-conference with the theme Mary - First Disciple.

A joint initiative between the Australian Catholic Bishops Council Commission for Mission and Faith Formation and the Broken Bay Institute, it is one of two free faith formation programs they will offer via the internet this year.

Key presenter Fr Frank Moloney SDB will share his insights into Mary as disciple, woman, and mother.

The live webcast will run from 10am to 3.15pm. Cost for lunch and morning tea at the Rheinberger Centre, Yarralumla is \$10. Contact Mr Matt Casey, telephone 6163 4307, for details, or to register visit <http://community.catholiclife.org.au/events/national-econference>.

The e-conference is recommended for parishioners, teachers, students, chaplains, mission teams and spiritual directors.

Participants can e-mail questions to Fr Maloney throughout the session which he will answer during the webcast.

There will be structured group activity and all material will be archived for later viewing.

Virginia Ryan, from the Broken Bay Institute, said the team was looking to build on the success of last year's e-conferences on St Paul and St Luke.

A second e-conference will be held on 16 September focusing on Jesus the Christ.



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Village church 'a still point' 100 years on

One of the ACT's oldest continually used churches, St Francis Xavier in Hall, has celebrated 100 years of service.

Archbishop Mark Coleridge arrived at the centenary Mass by horse and carriage, the transport used by his predecessor Bishop Gallagher back in 1910. He wore a biretta for the occasion and was joined in the buggy by Evatt parish priest Fr Warrick Tonkin.

Event organiser Mrs Marjorie Rule also arranged for those serving on the altar to be dressed in traditional garb.

About 200 people gathered for the celebrations, overflowing the small building, which is an outlying church of St Monica's parish.

Mrs Rule said she was delighted with the turnout and that everyone seemed to enjoy the historic atmosphere - including the Archbishop, who said he was particularly impressed by the elegance of his carriage, drawn faithfully by Max the horse.

In his homily Archbishop Coleridge reflected on the church's past and noted that

beyond its 100-year history would be a bright future.

He said St Francis Xavier's represented "the still point of the turning world", and that it was a constant during those years of change within the Church and society.

The site at Hall was first bought in 1901 with the church completed in 1910.

It was originally served by priests from Yass and has since been part of St Christopher's parish Canberra, St Patrick's parish Braddon, St Joseph's parish O'Connor, Holy Rosary parish Watson and was reassigned to Evatt parish in 2007.

Mass is held at Hall each Sunday and it is a popular location for weddings and baptisms.



ABOVE: Event organiser Mrs Marjorie Rule with altar servers William Pilloni, Thomas Southwell and James Magnussen, and the girls in the offertory procession, Gemma Pilloni, Ella Mansfield and Sophie Howard.

LEFT: Shane Keir and his son Jackson drive Archbishop Mark Coleridge and Fr Warrick Tonkin to Mass in a horse and carriage for St Francis Xavier Church's 100th anniversary.
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Bookshop marks 25 years

Woden Christian Bookshop has grown over 25 years from what was little more than a small cubicle on the Woden Town Square to much larger premises in the former Woden Churches Centre building on the lower bus station level.

The bookshop opened on 1 May, 1985, as an outreach stemming from pastoral concerns of St Alban's Anglican Church, Woden. It has always aimed to be inclusive, catering for all denominations and respecting their beliefs. Although it became independent of St Alban's in 1987, its rules embody the same inclusiveness by requiring the committee and staff to be drawn from across denominations.

Staff are all volunteers from many walks of life, motivated by the opportunity to contribute to the ministry of supplying life-changing books, and of helping people meet their needs. Information: www.wcb.org.au

Healing life's hurts and guilt

Divine Word Missionary from India Fr Gilbert Carlo this month will offer a retreat on the Eucharist and the Word of God for healing life's hurts and guilt.

Fr Carlo, who has been ministering for the past 20 years on inner healing through prayer and meditation retreats, will run the retreat in South Tuggeranong parish from 1-6 May.

He has conducted many missions in India, the US, Europe, and for the past 11 years in Australia.

He will preach at all Masses at Holy Family Church, Gowrie, on the weekend of 1 and 2 May. Retreat sessions will be held at Sacred Heart Church, Casey Crescent, Calwell, from 7.30pm to 9pm from Monday, 3 May, and end with a healing Mass at 7.30pm on Thursday, 6 May.

Inquiries: South Tuggeranong parish office, telephone 6291 6688, e-mail office@ccparish.org.au.

'Feisty woman' spirit behind new service

In a move to become less Canberra-centric, CatholicCare has opened new offices in Goulburn.

Named Caroline Chisholm Cottage, the renovated building on Verner Street will host programs such as Youth Connections, Rural Counselling, New Arrival Humanitarian Service, CatholicCare ACCESS and Disability Employment Service.

CatholicCare chief executive officer Mr Neil Harrigan said that the welfare agency's new offices were the start of a stronger commitment to serving archdiocesan communities outside of Canberra.

Senator Ursula Stephens officially opened Caroline Chisholm Cottage and said she hoped the spirit of its namesake, "a great feisty woman who really cared for her community" would drive the activities and programs offered.

She also noted that CatholicCare would be offering its counselling rooms to other welfare agencies in the community.

After prayers from Goulburn parish priest Fr Dermid McDermott, Archbishop Mark Coleridge blessed the building.

"I'm personally delighted that this place has been established outside of Canberra," the Archbishop said.



"It is very important to have it here."

He also said it was wonderful the building had been named after Caroline Chisholm and that he hoped it would become a monument to Easter, bringing hope to those who seek CatholicCare's services.

ABOVE: Senator Ursula Stephens cuts the cake watched by Archbishop Mark Coleridge and Mr Neil Harrigan.

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Churches to pray for unity

Churches in the Tuggeranong Valley and Weston Creek areas of Canberra are gearing up this month to celebrate the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

South Tuggeranong parish will host an evening of prayer and worship led by pastors and priests from churches in the area at 7.30pm on Friday, 21 May, at Holy Family Church, cnr Castleton Cres and Bugden Ave, Gowrie.

The event is organised and sponsored by Catholic, Anglican, Baptist, Uniting and Pentecostal churches. Pastor Steve Janes, senior minister of C3 Church Monash, will be guest speaker. Inquiries: South Tuggeranong parish, telephone 6291 6688, e-mail office@ccparish.org.au.

On Pentecost Sunday, 23 May, at 6.30pm, Weston Creek Uniting Church, Parkinson Street, Weston, will host an evening of Taizé prayer. This is an opportunity for Christians of different denominations to pray together in the style of the ecumenical community of brothers in France.

The evening is jointly sponsored by Weston Creek Uniting Church, St Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church, St Stephen's Anglican Church and the Canberra Taizé Group. Inquiries: Russell, e-mail rawsclarke@apex.net.au, or Trish, telephone 6231 8468.

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Author goes back to his roots for history

Failed attempts to make Cootamundra the centre of a new diocese are among the many tales in Fr Brian Maher's latest history *Where the Wattle Bough Blooms*.

Cootamundra parish commissioned the retired priest and well-known archdiocesan historian to chronicle the events of their Catholic community, and Fr Maher was only too happy to take on the task.

"My family came to Cootamundra in 1870," he said.

"While I never grew up there I made a number of visits to see family and friends. I was also assistant priest of Cootamundra in 1966."

His connection to the town meant many of its stories were already familiar to him, including former parish priest Fr Terrence

O'Shaughnessy's unsuccessful plan to gain the title of bishop.

Fr Maher reports that from the early 1900s, Goulburn diocese had become far too large and the area was soon to be split into a second diocese - of which Fr O'Shaughnessy hoped to make Cootamundra the centre. He built Sacred Heart Church, which was opened in 1916, from his own money. He had hoped the large elaborate structure would serve as a cathedral.

But in 1917 Wagga Wagga was chosen as the new diocesan seat, the parish priest of the neighbouring town of Temora, Joseph Dwyer, was promoted to bishop and "Cootamundra was then left with this barn of a church".

Where the Wattle Bough Blooms is the ninth history written by Fr Maher and took him about six months to complete.

It follows a similar structure to his previous works by examining local history, church presence, Catholic pastoral care, priests and sisters, buildings, institutions, and a snapshot of some of the pioneer families.

The book was launched at a parish dinner to mark 130 years since the opening of the old St Columba's Church, which is now the parish hall. Telephone 6942 2514 for more information.

RIGHT: Fr Brian Maher with his latest parish history *Where the Wattle Bough Blooms*.



Major issues face schools



Members of the Catholic Education Commission on a school visit.

Members of the Archdiocese's Catholic Education Commission visited a number of ACT Catholic primary schools which are undergoing major building projects under the Building the Education Revolution Program.

Commission chair Mr Daryl Smeaton said principals and staff were doing a magnificent job of managing the building projects, while handling the day-to-day administration of teaching and learning. "We are truly blessed to have this funding to upgrade our school facilities," he said.

After the school visits, the commission met to discuss major issues facing Catholic schools in the Archdiocese.

Some of the issues being considered are:

- A review of Catholic secondary education in Gungahlin;
- Financial statements for the Archdiocesan Catholic schools system;
- NSW and ACT Block Grant Authority applications for school building;
- National teaching standards;
- Development of core and Catholic curricula at the Australian Catholic University;
- NAPLAN results across the Catholic schools system;
- Early learning centres;
- Parish boundaries in the ACT;
- A National Catholic Education Commission funding proposal to go to the Federal Government.

Distinguished soldier is honoured by Pope

A retired Australian Army general has been honoured by the Pope for long and faithful service to the Church and to the Catholic Military Diocese.

Major-General Peter Phillips, a former national president of the RSL who saw active service in the then Malaya and in Vietnam, was appointed a Knight Commander of the Order of St Gregory the Great. He was invested by Bishop to the Australian Defence Force Max Davis.

Bishop Davis said Gen Phillips had been a strong supporter of Catholic chaplains and has "an outstanding reputation of an edifying Catholic life."

"This was true from the first moment he joined the Australian Army and continued through his various command and staff appointments.

"Clearly his spirit of service was not limited to things Catholic and he remains significantly involved in at least 13 community support activities."

Bishop Davis said the fact the military had permanent deacons as chaplains was due "in great measure to his unqualified support, wise counsel and administrative expertise."

"In most recent times he agreed to head the newly formed Diocesan Finance Council and was instrumental in identifying

other 'defence' personnel to assist us.

"He led us all into understanding and developing a strategic plan which encapsulates the vision and mission identified by the last diocesan assembly. Almost single handedly he developed the concept, established the plan and led the implementation of the 'Help Keep the Faith in the Forces' initiative and financial appeal for the seminarians and lay formation that flowed from that initiative."

Gen Phillips said the award honoured "not only me but the men and women of the Australian Defence Force and the ex-service members and families who help 'keep the Faith in the Forces'."

"Sadly, we do not have enough chaplains to minister to our Catholic servicemen and women, but things are looking brighter since the Knights of the Southern Cross conducted a national prayer campaign for vocations last year."

Gen Phillips, who turns 75 next month, was born in South Australia and was educated by the Josephites and the Christian Brothers. His father died on Army service in World War II and his mother raised four sons.

He entered Royal Military College, Duntroon, in 1952. His



ABOVE: Maj-Gen Peter Phillips with Military Bishop Max Davis after the investiture.

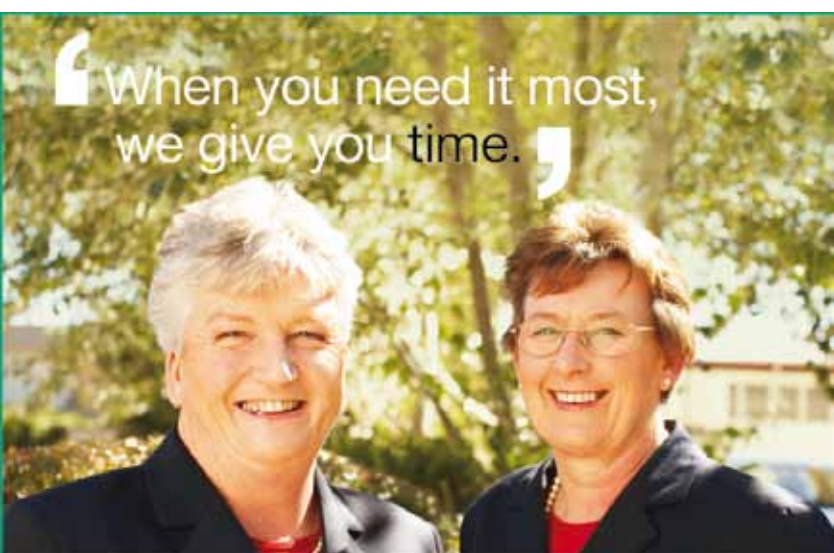
40-year military career included active service in the Malayan Emergency in 1957-59, where he commanded a Tracker team, and as a company commander in South Vietnam in 1967-68, where he was awarded the Military Cross. His final military appointment was as Assistant Chief of the Army (Personnel) and for this service he was made an Officer of the Order of Australia in 1989.

In 1997, he was elected national president of the RSL, a position he held for six years. He has been an active member of Legacy for 40 years, including time as president of Canberra Legacy and member of Legacy's national council.

He has a special interest in the care of older veterans and war widows.

He has been active in promoting reconciliation with Australia's former enemies and, in 2006, was awarded a commendation by the Japanese Foreign Minister.

Gen Phillips married Rosemary Martin in 1961. They have five adult children and several grandchildren. They have lived in Canberra and been members of the Holy Trinity parish community since 1971.



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The Church: more or less influence?

The St Thomas More Forum has invited Catholic senators Barnaby Joyce and Ursula Stephens to discuss how the Church should engage with parliament and public opinion. The event at St Thomas More Hall, Campbell, on 12 May will be a presentation of perspectives from two sides of politics.

Their speeches will ask, as the 2010 federal election

approaches, does the Church have more or less influence in the public square? The senators will explore where the Church has succeeded and where it has failed in communicating with parliament, as well as the roles Catholics in the pews can play in these debates.

Senator Joyce is the shadow minister for Regional Development, Infrastructure and

Water. Senator Stephens is the parliamentary secretary for Social Inclusion and the Voluntary Sector.

For booking and information go to <http://community.catholiclife.org.au>. CatholicLIFE, the Archdiocese's faith formation agency, has officially partnered with the St Thomas More Forum to assist with marketing, communication and administration.

A place to call home for men in crisis

St Vincent de Paul in Goulburn will help four times as many single men break the cycle of homelessness when Kennedy House moves to its new facility this month.

Centrally located in Market Street, it will offer 13 beds for crisis accommodation and 27 for those who need to stay between six and 12 months - a big step up from the 10-bed facility currently being used.

St Vincent de Paul Canberra Goulburn Central Council director of special works Mr Shannon Pickles said it had been a long process to bring the building up to code. It will officially open on 14 May.

"One of our biggest expenses was fitting out a commercial kitchen which would be able to cater for the 40 residents," he said.

"There was little more than a bench and a few toasters when we took on the property."

Also high on the agenda was ensuring that Kennedy House would be "homey" and not feel like an institution. So Vinnies ran a competition for Canberra Institute of Technology interior design students to

see who could come up with a plan that was both practical and inspiring.

Joanna Matesic's winning design ensured the rooms looked like bedrooms, that the dining area looked like a café not a mess hall, and that there were plenty of different places for the men to relax.

Mr Pickles said many of the residents would come from Goulburn Correctional Centre or Kenmore Psychiatric Hospital and use Kennedy House as a way of easing back into the community.

"Of course we'll see plenty of people from other situations too - guys who've lost their jobs, whose wives have kicked them out, or who have become homeless after yet another interest rate rise."

Mr Pickles said that by removing the burden of trying to find somewhere to live, Kennedy House offered residents the chance to focus on finding a job and getting back some stability in their lives.

"It also gives them a chance to build up their self esteem, which thanks to the bigotry this country has towards homeless people, has gone through the floor."



Shannon Pickles in Kennedy House's new kitchen.

With up to 50 homeless men being turned away from the existing 10-bed facility each month, Mr Pickles said the larger building would help St Vincent de Paul better meet the needs of the community. But it won't be cheap.

Of the 40 beds only 3.5 are government funded.

"Places like Kennedy House actually reduce the cost of homelessness to governments by helping people break the cycle, but they don't seem to see it that way," Mr Pickles said.

Ministry to couples heads for Africa

The successful Ministry to the Newly Married is going international with plans to introduce it in Nigeria next month.

Bernice and Maurie Boland 20 years ago established the mentoring program in Canberra to support couples in their first five years of marriage.

They handed over leadership of the group earlier this year so they could support the ministry's establishment in other capitals around Australia.

But they never thought it would become such a phenomenon.

"That the program is about to branch out overseas is way beyond the possibilities we foresaw," Mrs Boland said.

"The Lord obviously has a bigger vision than we do."

The woman responsible for taking the ministry international is Sr Kelechi Agugo, director of Family and Human Life for the Nigerian Bishops' Conference.

While studying for a Marriage and Family Diploma at John Paul II Institute in Melbourne she met Mr Boland's brother, Fr Ken Boland, who told her about the Ministry to the Newly Married and introduced her to its founders.

"She was very impressed, particularly by how hands-on it is, and said it was definitely something she could take back with her to Nigeria," Mrs Boland said.

The Bolands hosted Sr Kelechi in Canberra at the end of last month where she had the opportunity to meet some of the newly marrieds and their adoptive couple mentors to gain a better understanding of the program.

The basic structure consists of four discussions in either couple's home each year with 20 topics covered over five years.

Sr Kelechi told Mrs Boland she was aware how critical the first five years of marriage were and that she was looking forward to implementing the program when she returns to Nigeria in June.



Maurie and Bernice Boland, who started Ministry to the Newly Married in Canberra, with Sr Kelechi Agugo, who plans to introduce the program in Nigeria.

Parish recalls bustling past

All those who left the once bustling town of Ardllethan are invited to reunite on 23 May for the centenary of the parish's formation.

The numbers in Our Lady Help of Christians parish are smaller than they once were, but parishioners intend to put on a large celebration with Mass at 10am followed by a rose garden commemoration and a lunch at the Mullins Centre.

Among those celebrating will be Mr Des Gaynor who came to Ardllethan 60 years ago, when the population was at its peak.

The parish was founded in 1910 and grew quickly after the tin mining boom of the 1920s.

Mr Gaynor said the mines "fizzled out" for a period but then started up again just after his arrival in the parish. "There was always something happening," he said. "We had the Holy Name Society and the Sacred Heart Society, we had a Catholic ball each year and usually a debutante ball too."

"We used to have tennis courts on the church grounds, which were very popular."

In 1956 the church was extended and renovated, which, Mr Gaynor said, was mostly done by volunteers. "There were a lot of fundraisers when we were rebuilding the church - bazaars and parties," he said. "The builders did an excellent job because, aside from standard maintenance, the church hasn't been renovated since."

Ardllethan parish is now part of the Western Mission. Sr Mary Murphy RSJ is the community leader and Fr Troy Bobbin celebrates Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians each Sunday.

Ariah Park is also part of Ardllethan parish and has been since 1910.

Those interested in attending the celebrations are asked to RSVP by 14 May to Lou O'Brien, telephone 6978 2015 or Linda Griffin on 6978 2307.



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In conjunction with the National Schools Pride Project last year it upgraded its primary and infants playground areas with soft fall and also built an amphitheatre that is used for the creative arts.

The Building Education Revolution project is under construction. The library area is being extended and refurbished to include a research hub and the school hall is being refurbished with new sports flooring, electronic equipment and new student toilet facilities. The front of the school will also be refurbished.

The school features an integrated computer network with broadband access in all classrooms. The school's pupils are proficient users of technology and each has their own network logins, files and folders. All classrooms are resourced with Interactive Whiteboards.

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The school has a strong focus on values. The values of respect, well being, responsibility, learning, doing your best and belonging are explicitly taught through the "Values in Practice" program. Each class learns specific social skills that will help them put the values into everyday use.

The school has also recently implemented a new student behaviour protocol which incorporates the principles of restorative justice. Last year, it launched a program to teach Christian meditation to students as part of the Religious Education program.

One of St Matthew's greatest strengths is the high level of interest and support it receives from the community. Parents and carers involve themselves in many aspects of school life and are active in the classrooms and around the school. The theme for the school this year is "What would Jesus do?" This theme was chosen to further develop the special community spirit at St Matthew's.

The school also offers before and after school care provided by Belconnen Community Services.

St Matthew's Primary School



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porting various charities throughout the year.

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for action and the acceptance of rights and responsibilities.

The parent community is actively involved in many areas of school life including helping in classrooms and at working bees, volunteering assistance at sporting events, excursions and the tuckshop.

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With enrolments in excess of 1200, students are drawn from all over the region including Yass and Michelago, Braidwood and Bungendore, Canberra and Queanbeyan.

With 55 years of history St Edmund's College boasts an impressive range of facilities, including:

- Newly refurbished and expanded library and resource centre;
- 10 computer labs;
- Domestic and commercial kitchen teaching facilities;
- Seaside outdoor education centre located at Tuross Heads, NSW;
- 18 acres of playing fields and ovals;
- Squash, tennis and basketball courts, gymnasium and weights rooms.

The Middle School of Year 4 to 7 offers the intimacy of a smaller school while providing access to the range of resources and facilities of a large school. Students enjoy continuity of friendships, teaching staff and location as they move through their school years. Boys thrive in this environment.

At St Edmund's College students are presented with a diverse range of learning opportunities both in and outside of the classroom providing a challenging and stimulating environment.

St Edmund's College Middle School is proactive in its search for innovation in the delivery of education and employs the most current initiatives. For example:

- "Ready For More Program" - an exciting academic extension program;
- "First Steps" Reading Program to facilitate improvement in literacy and numeracy outcomes;



- Personal Reading Program to encourage student reading both inside and outside of the classroom;

- "Cars and Stars" - Reading and comprehension program;

- On-line education management system to provide regular communication between students, parents and teachers;

- Teacher reporting eight times per year to ensure parents are aware of the progress their son is making.

St Edmund's College is the only school in the ACT which is trialling the new Australian Curriculum in all four areas of mathematics, English, history and science. This is a concrete example of the College's commitment to renewal and progression as well as its openness to embrace change.

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



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Literary skills are a special focus

St Michael's is a Catholic systemic school catering for 230 students from Kindergarten to Year 6.

The school is situated in Tyrrell Circuit, Kaleen on spacious and well-kept grounds featuring extensive playing spaces for all students.

At St Michael's, the staff, students and parish family strive to achieve a community-based approach to education. The parent community is very active in its support of the school.

The school is committed to providing strong quality curriculum in all academic areas and provides an education based on the values of Jesus.

St Michael's has a particular focus on developing literacy skills across the school.

St Michael's has a comprehensive ICT integrated program with computers, student laptops and Interactive Whiteboards linked by network.

The school has recently had a full school renovation and extension of the library and classroom areas.

A new playground area, including fencing, has been recently completed on the north side of the school.

St Michael's offers private music, dance, chess and drama classes, individual education programs assisting students with special needs, a program for gifted and talented students and a strong student leadership focus.

Physical education is a high priority at St Michael's. Physical education lessons for the older children are taken by specialized teachers, and children have represented the school at regional and state levels in a variety of sports.

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



Warm, vibrant and friendly community

St Benedict's Primary School, Narrabundah, nurtures personal and academic growth while taking its students through a journey from kindergarten to Year 6. It is a warm, vibrant and friendly school community with a current enrolment of approximately 160 students.

It bases all its actions on Catholic beliefs and values and in the spirit of St Benedict welcomes all students and their families as Christ.

St Benedict's is enthusiastically supported by the parish, parents and friends. The school works together with families to be a place of nurture, teaching and support in encouraging students to meet their potential.

Principal Mrs Anne Staines would welcome an opportunity to discuss with a family their child's development and how the school can assist them in their education.



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OPEN DAY TUESDAY, 18 MAY 9.30am to 1.00pm

OPEN DAY
Monday 10 May or Monday 24 May
between 9.30am and 11am or 5.30pm and 7pm

Please feel free to contact the Principal,
Mr David Austin on 6241 4022 for further information
or visit our website www.stmichaelsps.act.edu.au

There's something special

Maybe it's the settled classrooms where children have the right to learn. Maybe it's the knowledge that each child is valued. Maybe it's the commitment of staff.

The comments from St Francis' parents tell the story:

"We have been extremely impressed with the high level of education and support provided not only by the school, but by the dedicated and caring teachers who have taught our children. The school community is one that we are proud to have been a part of over the past four years."

"Our son has been a very proud member of the school and we are so happy that he settled in so well. The staff are fantastic and I could not fault our experience at St Francis of Assisi. The quality is second to none."

"Our daughter has been extremely happy at St Francis and has done very, very well academically. She has had a great little group of friends with similar interests."

Over time the school has built a reputation for living out the teaching of its patron St Francis of Assisi.

A real concern for children, a focus on relationships and personal growth,

and a genuine commitment to the care of the natural environment nurture the whole person within the school.

St Francis of Assisi seeks to be relevant in a fast changing world.

The school believes in the interconnectedness of all life and that each person can contribute meaningfully in a global world.

Supporting this vision have been initiatives such as Leading 21st Century Schools: Engage with Asia, Dare to Lead, Student and Staff Environment Group, Enrichment Program, Operation Christmas Child and Mini Vinnies.

The student leadership program is highly regarded. The focus on sustainability was recognised through an Australian Sustainable Schools Initiative Waste Accreditation Award.

This year brings the excitement of building a new library while constructive measures are taken to improve classrooms, facilities and grounds.

St Francis of Assisi Primary School is also one of the leading primary schools from across Australia to be a part of the national KidsMatter initiative.

Focussing on the personal wellbeing of children, together with strengthening the support structures within the

school community, KidsMatter is the framework for positive action.

The school's Seasons for Growth, Values and Chaplaincy programs demonstrate its commitment to action.

St Francis of Assisi knows, too, that vibrant schools are places of activity and special events.

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

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

Set on spacious and picturesque grounds, the physical learning environment is unique and child-friendly.

A walk along corridors sees children engaged and absorbed in the task at hand while outside spaces enhance learning opportunities for students.

Everyone is welcome to visit St Francis of Assisi Primary School, Calwell, on its Open Day and Open Evening.



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Vibrant happy school founded on example of Jesus



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

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

With an enrolment of 195 children, teachers, parents, students and community members work together to provide an environment which supports, encourages and challenges students to reach their full potential.

St Thomas Aquinas offers:

- Dedicated and professional staff
- A quality academic program;
- Well resourced facilities;
- A comprehensive induction program for kindergarten students;
- Interactive Whiteboards in every class;

- Information technologies integrated into all areas;
- Specialist physical education lessons;
- Pastoral care, a school chaplain, peer support and buddy system;
- Modern information literacy centre incorporating computer technology;
- After-school care currently outsourced to Charnwood/Dunlop Primary;
- School choir;
- Active Parish Education Board and Parents and Friends Association;
- Playgroup for under school age children operated on Tuesdays from 9.30-11am;
- Early Childhood Centre/Preschool to open in 2011;
- A variety of sporting and social opportunities, eg PSSA carnivals, chess, discos etc.

A love of learning

St Thomas More's Primary School is located near the heart of Canberra, close to Russell, Duntroon and the City centre in the leafy suburb of Campbell.

It is a small school that takes pride in its welcoming and friendly approach to all visitors and members of the school and parish community.

The school's mission is to provide quality education in a Christ-centred community, to promote a love of learning and to nurture the potential of all.

The school's motto "One Lord, One Faith" illustrates the importance of its Catholic tradition and heritage. The school demonstrates its faith through vibrant and dynamic liturgical celebrations and a contemporary religious education curriculum.

The school integrates a strong values program into all facets of its curriculum which encourages students to develop self-esteem, self-confidence, effective leadership skills and promotes a happy and healthy environment both within the school and the wider community.

St Thomas More's has an experienced and multi-talented staff, who are dedicated to providing a safe, fun and nurturing learning environment, where all students can grow into life-long learners and become productive members of society.

The school offers a variety of opportunities for extra-curricular activities such as Scientists in Schools, St Thomas More's Enrichment Program (STEP), and private music tuition.

It also employs specialist music and Italian teachers as well as offering expert programs in gymnastics and dance during the year for all classes. The YWCA provides a quality after-school care program.

A Mini-Vinnies program provides students with opportunities to serve the parish and wider community through fund-raising, visiting the elderly and raising awareness of social justice issues.

The school makes effective use of its modern facilities and resources. Staff and students have access to up-to-date technology including Interactive Whiteboards, desktop and laptop computers, and current educational software covering a wide variety of Key Learning Areas.

A significant percentage of the population are children of Defence Force personnel deployed in Canberra and overseas which adds to the richness and diversity of the school.



St Thomas Aquinas
West Belconnen

Saint Thomas Aquinas

West Belconnen



OPEN DAYS

Open Days Saturday 8 May 9.30 am to 12.00 pm
and Friday 21 May 8.00 am to 6.00 pm.

Guided tours of the school and Early Learning Centre will be available.

All prospective parents are warmly invited to contact the school regarding enrolment for the 2011 school year.

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OPEN DAY – WEDNESDAY 5TH MAY

School tours at 10am, noon & 2pm

Contact school for enrolment inquiries and information booklet

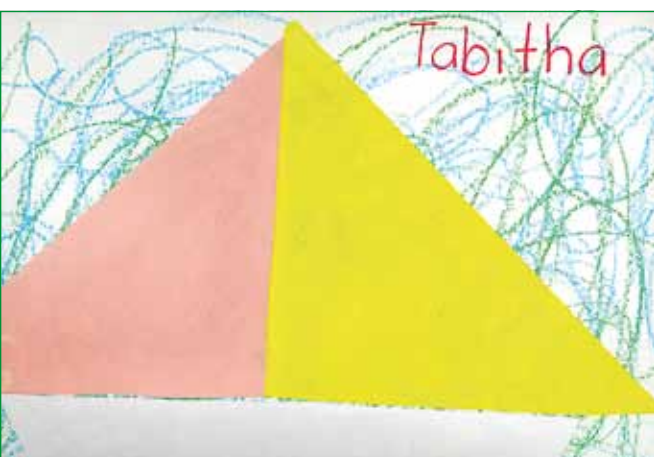


The kindergarten students at St Joseph's Primary, Goulburn North, were learning about addition when Catholic Voice visited last month. Using blocks they were asked to add up the letters in their name plus the letters in their friend's name. Then it was time to give their brains a rest and join the class prayer circle for some meditative prayer.

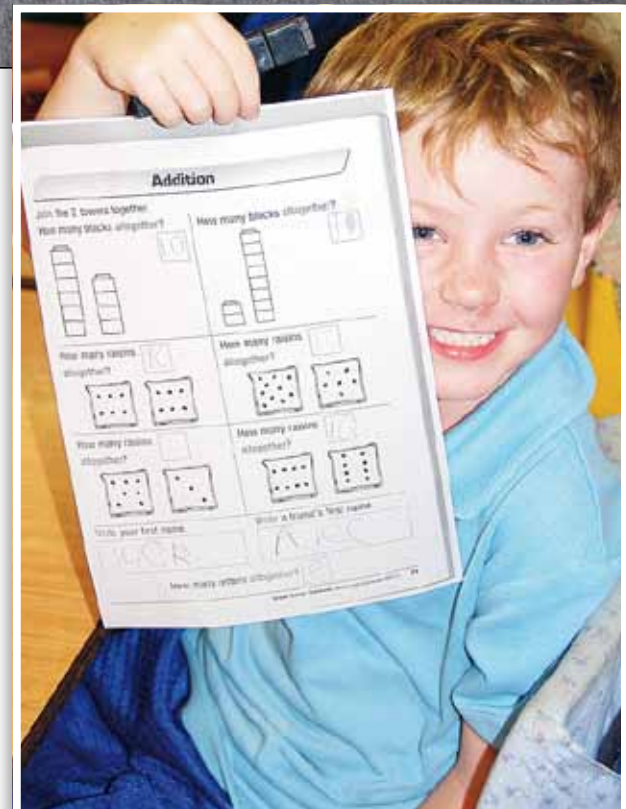
RIGHT: Mrs Lorraine Sweeny with her kindergarten class.
FAR RIGHT: Alec Elliott has finished all his maths exercises.

DRAWINGS

BELOW: Tabitha Saville used different pieces of paper to make this boat.
BELOW RIGHT: Imogen Cooper's colourful frog.
BOTTOM: Sam Neale had to curl lots of red paper to make this lion's mane.



LEFT: Paige Dunn has made a block tower to help her add two numbers together.
BELOW LEFT: Imogen Cooper writes down the letters in her friend's name so she can count them.
BELOW MIDDLE: Jack McEntee closes his eyes so he can concentrate during meditative prayer time.



Amber Langlands is busily filling out her maths sheet.

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 Kim Aldridge, Koori worker at St Patrick's Primary School, Bega



what I do

How long have you been a Koori worker at St Patrick's Primary and how did you get started?

I've been at the school for 10 years now and I love it. My husband used to work at the school, which is how the principal knew me. When I was originally asked if I'd take on the job I still had a child at home so I said no. Once they were all at school I decided to apply, although I was nervous about whether it was something I could do. I was very shocked when I got the phone call to say I was hired.

What does your role entail?

I'm there to support the Koori kids and their families. We've got four or five in kindergarten this year so I'll be spending a lot of time with that class. I do art with them, reading, and I'm there if they have a problem. I also go out to the families' homes and speak with the parents. I keep them up-to-date with what's going on, help them out with things if they need it and answer any questions they might have.

What do you enjoy most about your work?

The kids are fantastic and I just love spending time with them. They all know who I am. They come and say hi when I do playground duty and they even run up to me on the street when I see them. I do a lot of art with all the students at the school which is a lot of fun for me and them. It was really scary when I first started but now I know all the teachers, who are great, and I just really enjoy it.

What's the most difficult part of your job?

Coming up with new ideas is probably the biggest challenge, especially during NAIDOC Week. It is always a huge celebration and I have to think of different projects we can do each year. The projects are fun; it's just coming up with them that can be hard. Since I've been at the school I've realised just how much work the teachers put in to prepare for class.

Do you think all schools should have a Koori worker on staff?

Definitely. It's really important to have someone there for the kids to talk to, someone they know and trust. It helps ease them into the school environment and show them it's not so scary. I have grandkids that go to school in Bermagui and they love the Koori worker there. It makes a really big difference for Koori parents to have a Koori worker at their kids' school - it gives them a link.

Parish that's 'a little bit different'

While there are many similarities in Catholic parishes, Sacred Heart Moruya prides itself on being just that little bit different.

It is at this coastal location that parish priest Fr Emil Milat rides his horse Charlotte each year to re-enact the Palm Sunday entrance of Christ into Jerusalem.

Parishioners regularly get together for outdoor pilgrimages to historic homesteads at Bendethera and Alpine.

And during Sunday Mass at the parish's outlying church at Tuross Head, you can watch the whales from the entrance procession.

Not surprisingly, Moruya parish is particularly popular with holiday visitors. Fr Milat said there were record numbers at Easter Mass this year.

Sacred Heart also has a long history, serviced for years by visiting clergy before the first parish priest was installed in 1850.

The main church in Moruya is 123 years old.

"All parishes along the coast were sourced from Moruya, so Sacred Heart Parish is the 'mother parish' for



Moruya parish priest Fr Emil Milat rides his horse Charlotte as part of this year's Palm Sunday re-enactment outside Sacred Heart Church.

the south coast and eastern part of the Archdiocese," Fr Milat said.

"It has the traditional feel of such an old parish, yet with many people from Canberra migrating to the parish to places such as Broulee, Tuross and Bodalla it has a strong urban and cosmopolitan spiritual streak."

Year for Priests lunch

Anyone with a connection to Moruya parish is invited to a Year for Priests lunch on Sunday, 25 July. A locally produced book about the history of each priest who has served in the parish will be released on the day. Telephone Netta on 4474 2333 for more information.

Pastoral associate for both Sacred Heart Moruya and St Bernard's Batemans Bay parishes, Mrs Pat Anderson has a strong involvement in the coastal deanery. She moved to Narooma with her husband in 1996, "retired" to Tuross Head three years later and now drives at least 145km each week for parish work. This is her story of Catholic life on the coast...

Being able to play a tune and hold one certainly opens doors into parish life and my earliest memory in Narooma is Maggie Russell's visit to help us with liturgical music.

After moving to Tuross Head I also offered my help to Fr Bill Keating with music. Somehow I became the secretary of the Regional Groupings Committee and helped to organise the regional Masses.

Then Fr Greg Beath was appointed to Moruya.

The changes that were made were like the mini fallout that occurred after Vatican II. I could see and hear the grief in many but the joy and response of the majority was a statement that we do need to be shaken from our comfort zones and habits - regularly.

Next thing I know I'm the part-time secretary whose job description, like most in the industry, has "continued next page" listed many times. I loved it.

I attended the Synod in Canberra, the Partnership in Ministry workshops in Galong and with my ever-changing list of duties was referred to as a pastoral secretary.

Shortage of priests became a real issue for us and I attended a number of consultation meetings up and down the coast.

Around this time Fr Tom Thornton was appointed parish priest of Moruya and Fr Michael Mullen had become parish priest of Batemans Bay.

The decision was then made to have one priest in charge of both Moruya and Batemans Bay: Fr Tom. Fr Mullen replaced Fr Michael O'Brien in Narooma following his retirement.

Batemans Bay already had a pastoral associate, Sr Mary Murphy, and Fr Tom asked me to step into that role in Moruya. Not long after Sr Mary was transferred and because of the joint programs I was left as the sole pastoral associate for both parishes.

Since the parishes have been split again and we have Fr Emil Milat as our parish priest at Moruya, he has been happy for things to continue for the time being.

My role as pastoral associate is a behind-the-scenes one. Basically, I train parishioners to work in the various ministries.

We have grief and loss support groups in the Bay, Moruya and Tuross.

A week in the life of a parish worker



Mrs Pat Anderson

In our Baptism program we post a card of remembrance to the child on their Baptism date until they start school.

Both parishes have groups that use the RCIA resources to help people refresh their understanding of what the Catholic faith teaches.

We have also begun the process of gathering stories both of parishioners and parish history.

Our marriage preparation program has been going for two years and is held twice a year in each parish. We give information on relationships to Carroll College students as part of this program.

I'm still astounded by the generosity of the people involved in World Youth Day and the impact it had upon us, yet all efforts to start a youth group have failed to date. We are trying to grow one.

Moruya children attend an ecumenical kids club, and the St Bernard's club has 45 children enrolled.

Children's liturgy has been happening in Moruya for some time but has only recently restarted in the Bay. There were not enough catechists to go into the public schools so they are running the children's liturgy on Sundays.

Building bridges between the school and church is the current focus. We are trying to connect with parents, find out the issues they face and how, as a parish, we might be able to help.

Both parishes have good numbers attending faith education groups, retreats, reflection days, and cooking a meal for someone in need.

Hopefully more people will realise our mission is not to be on the most church rosters but to live the Gospel away from the church, carrying the Risen Christ within and allowing Him to shine through all that we do.

Real energy



At a coastal deanery meeting (from left): Fr Paul Bateman, Fr Tom Thornton, Fr Bernie Patterson, Fr Michael Mullen, Deacon Paul Rummery, Fr John Vallayil and Fr Emil Milat (front).

With a combination of beaches, rivers and rural settings, the parishes of the coastal deanery have a distinctive environment. Batemans Bay, Moruya, Narooma, Cobargo, Bega and Pambula also have an equally distinctive spirituality, according to the priests who serve them.

"A lot of people are moving here and are generally looking for something new, which brings a real energy to the area," Moruya parish priest Fr Emil Milat said.

This influx of people trading their city lifestyles in for a place near the beach is also starting to bring change to what Batemans Bay parish priest and coastal dean Fr Tom Thornton described as a generally conservative location.

He said the coast was very much a world apart, which is what made it so attractive, but this posed challenges for helping parishioners feel involved. "Geographically we're isolated from Canberra and the rest of the Archdiocese so it makes it difficult for us to participate in archdiocesan events," Fr Thornton said. "Better use of technology would be a good way to help people on the coast feel more connected."

Narooma parish priest Fr Michael Mullen said that the many groups operating in the parishes showed there was still a lot of activity in the Church on the coast.

Bega parish gives practical hand to rebuild Timor Leste

Carmelite Sisters Carmelita and Terezinha are returning to East Timor with a host of new skills learnt from the parishioners of Bega.

They are the fourth group of sisters to come to the parish to learn English and agricultural techniques that can be used to improve life in their country, which is slowly being rebuilt after the destruction caused in the struggle for independence from Indonesia.

During their three-month stay the women tried out new planting methods, learnt how to harvest honey, tried their hand at fishing, learnt how to make jams and preserves, milked cows, learnt how to repair farm machinery and improved their English.

"Parishioners would come by twice a day to offer English tutoring," Bega parish priest Fr Bernie Patterson said.

"Being able to speak English will help the sisters negotiate better with companies and aid organisations, while the agricultural skills will help them to make the most of the produce they have available."

Sr Carmelita said she really enjoyed all the activities they had done and was looking forward to putting them into practice.

Sr Terezinha said she and Sr Carmelita were fluent in a number of languages already so while three months wasn't long they both improved their English skills quite quickly.

The program is part of Bega's Friendship Partnership with Natarbora on the south coast of Timor Leste (East Timor).

It began in 2004 when Jim Collins contacted the then parish priest of Bega Fr Mick Burke, disturbed after learning about the extreme poverty in Timor Leste.

The whole community soon got on board. The Bega Valley Shire mayor led a delegation to Natarbora to sign a friendship agreement, Rotary clubs joined forces to rebuild the agricultural college, and concerned parishioners and non-parishioners formed the Bega Valley Advocates for Timor Leste.

"From the start there has been a strong connection between the advocates, the Catholics of the Bega Valley and the Catholic Church in Timor Leste," Fr Patterson said.



Jim Collins helps Sister Terezinha make a batch of passionfruit jam.



Bega parish priest Fr Bernie Patterson, Sr Carmelita and Sr Terezinha with pilot Des Heffernan before they take off for an aerial view of the coast.

In 2005 Bega and Pambula parishes rebuilt the Catholic primary school in Natarbora.

Forty students are on scholarships provided by the advocates, including two Carmelite Sisters who have been funded for four years of nursing training in Indonesia.

Most recently, the advocates have built a birthing centre at Natarbora Health Centre and have organised the management of Direct Aid Project Grants from the Australian Embassy in villages in the Natarbora district.

Vinnies leader leaves legacy of faith

St Vincent De Paul Society far south coast region president Lorraine Neave died on 27 March in a single-vehicle accident on the Princes Highway south of Narooma.

She was heading home after attending the funeral of a fellow St Vincent De Paul Society volunteer in Bega when her car left the highway at the end of the Corunna lake overtaking lane.

Mrs Neave lived in Tuross Head for the past eight years and was an active member of the Moruya conference.

Its current president, Mr Don McGregor, said her leadership and enthusiasm inspired everyone.

"I remember working with her one morning and because of certain problems we were unable to assist a particular client," he said in his eulogy.

"He became very abusive, growled at us and stormed out slamming the door. I was taken aback and was rather shocked but Lorraine simply said, and really meant it, with her typical kindness, 'shame we couldn't help him; he's such a lovely chap'."

During her Requiem Mass, Mr Paul Cullen from Carroll College, Broulee highlighted her dedication to assisting young people, which was realised last January when a youth camp initiated by Mrs Neave and run by the St Vincent De Paul St Joe's Youth Conference was held at The Pines in Tuross.

He said it provided new experiences for children from impoverished and disadvantaged backgrounds to enjoy a fun holiday.

In late 2007, Mrs Neave took on the role of regional president for the far south coast, which required her to travel

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Mrs Lorriane Neave speaking at the recent St Vincent De Paul Society 350th anniversary celebrations in Canberra.

south to Eden, west to Cooma and Bombala and up the coast as far as Batemans Bay.

It was in this role that St Vincent De Paul Canberra/Goulburn central council director of spirituality Sr Liz Rothe RSM said Mrs Neave listened to and supported Vinnies members from the region and shared with them her passion for the poor and marginalised.

"Lorraine has left all a wonderful legacy of deep faith and a passionate commitment to gospel values lived out in her day to day life," Sr Liz said.

"Well done good and faithful servant."

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Angels at the Bay

There's no excuse to miss Mass in Batemans Bay - at least not while the St Bernard's Angels are around.

A group of volunteers, they drive people to church and to doctor's appointments, prepare food when people are sick and help organise gardeners for those who can't manage themselves.

"They're a great group of people who just do anything and everything," parish priest Fr Tom Thornton said.

Batemans Bay parishioners interested in joining the St Bernard's Angels or who need their assistance should telephone the parish office on 4472 4153.

Faith on the agenda

Faith exploration is frequently on the agenda for the members of the Tuross Activity Group.

Run by Mrs Josephine Rummery, the group was established for the older residents of Tuross Head who are looking for conversation and companionship.

Her husband, Deacon Paul Rummery, said faith was always a popular topic among the group.

"I've given talks to the members about my role as a deacon, which they were all very interested in," he said.

"I also did a presentation on my trip to the Holy Land and shared some of my photographs.

"The group is made up of people of many faiths and it is great that the members take the time to explore their different beliefs and embrace each other."

For more information about the group, telephone 4473 8211.

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More about life of Mary

The Catholic Education Office library holds a number of resources, including DVDs, VHS videos, sound recordings and books that deal with the life of the Virgin Mary.

DVDs

Mary an Introduction (85 mins, ages 5-17).

This video uses the image of Mary's cloak of many colours to teach children how to pray with Mary, using traditional Marian prayers such as the Hail Mary, Rosary, Angelus and the Magnificat. Mary's feast days in the liturgical year are also explained. Also mentioned are shrines, art, sculpture and songs from different cultures.

Mary of Nazareth (120 mins, ages 10 - adult).

This feature length film traces the life of Mary in her many roles - as mother of Jesus, wife of Joseph and an inspiration to all.

Praying the Rosary Parts 1 & 2 (each DVD 30 mins, ages 11- adult).

The special role of Mary in Catholic faith and the Rosary as an aid to deepening and living out the faith is featured in this series of two videos.

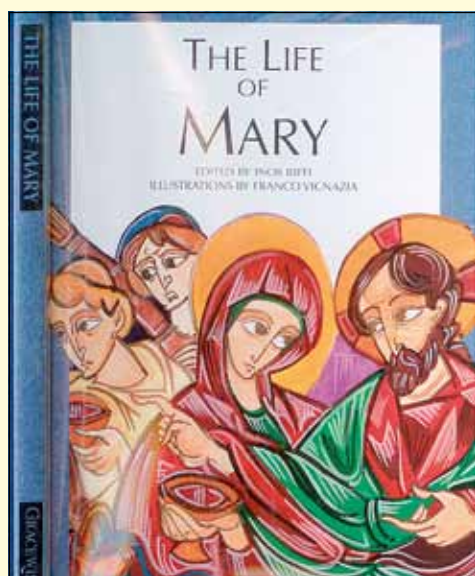
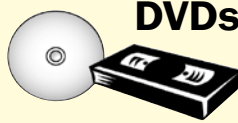
The Day the Sun Danced : The True Story of Fatima. (30 mins, ages 5-12).

Presented in full animation for children. In 1917, three children from Fatima Portugal were visited many times by Our Lady, who told them secrets that would affect all of creation.

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Bernadette : Her Vision Became a Legend. (30 mins, ages 11 -adult).

Videos & DVDs



This motion picture recounts the true story of St. Bernadette who, in 1858 saw a spring bubble up from a grotto and was blessed by a visit from Our Lady, who left the world a message of health for body and soul. The production was filmed on location in France.

SOUND RECORDINGS

Mother Dearest, Mother Fairest (CD, 30 mins, ages 15 - adult).

Thirteen traditional religious songs in celebration of the Virgin Mary. Presentation is in a contemporary easy listening format.

Songs include: 1) Hail Queen of Heaven; 2) Immaculate Mary; 3) Mother Dearest, Mother Fairest; 4) Hail Mary Gentle Woman; 5) Hail Holy Queen; and others.

BOOKS

The library holds a number of books that deal with the life and work of Mary Mackillop. Type the subject Mary MacKillop into the online catalogue for a list of titles.

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Pentecost is often seen as Church's birthday

Question: How important is Pentecost? It's really just another Church feast, right?

"Pentecost" (meaning "fifty") occurs 50 days after the day of resurrection, Easter Sunday.

It is the fulfilment of Jesus' promise to send the fledgling community "another Advocate" (John 14: 16; Acts 1: 8).

Pentecost celebrates the coming of "the Paraclete", the Holy Spirit. Imagine the Spirit as a combination of (in human terms) caring personal trainer, encourager and inspirer, permanent internal defence lawyer walking with us, yet challenging us to live constantly with God's values and priorities.

The Spirit brings an end to disorder and chaos, peace to a hurting, wounded and violent world and the gentle, loving intimacy of the divine within the human heart.

Pentecost is often seen as the birthday of the Church, a new creation.

A new beginning can be dynamic and riveting. Luke's account of Pentecost (better known than John's account in Jn 20: 22-23) is such that the gathered community would have taken immediate notice: fierce winds and hovering fire, followed by a gift of new languages for praise and preaching. Things were going to be different from then on.

In the liturgy

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

Members of the early Christian community were very focussed on the vision and values of Jesus Christ, passionate (on fire) about their faith and empowered to communicate effectively with, and to give witness to, other peoples and nations. (God is fairly catholic!)

Though diverse in language and culture, the community was unified in proclaiming one God and one faith.

How is our community going to celebrate this Pentecost?

Some suggestions are: invite

parishioners to wear something red; use large red or earthy coloured flowers; envelop the church in red or have red cloth flowing from various points and meeting in the centre of the church; install



some "tongues of fire" - the Paschal candle could be surrounded by one candle for each of your parish's ministries, (emphasises unity around the one Spirit).

Have each parishioner pray the Lord's Prayer in his/her first language; invite some people to pray a General Intercession in their first language - translations to follow; hang bunches of red balloons in the gathering space; if you have a recessional hymn, ensure it speaks of the mission of love and reconciliation; ensure the Sequence is proclaimed powerfully.

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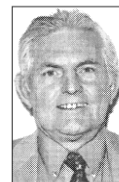
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It's OK to live in frustration

Among William Blake's infamous Proverbs from Hell we find this one: Sooner murder an infant in its cradle than nurse unacted desires.

There are subtle layers of meaning to this, but on the surface it speaks volumes, especially for our generation. Today we are for the most part congenitally unwilling and existentially unable to carry tension for long periods of time, to live with frustration, to accept incompleteness, to be at peace with the circumstances of our lives, to be comfortable inside our own skins, and to live without consummation in the face of sexual desire.

Of course, in the end, we do not have a choice. We are not above our humanity and simply have to accept and live with the tensions of incompleteness, but we struggle to do so without bitter impatience, pathological restlessness, and all kinds of compensatory activities.

Emotionally and morally, this is our Achilles heel. Our generation has some wonderful emotional and moral qualities, but patience, chastity, contentment with the limits of circumstance, and the capacity to nobly live out

tension are not our strengths. The effects of this can be seen everywhere, not least inside of our struggle to be faithful to our relational commitments.

We have made life-long commitment in marriage very difficult because we find it hard to accept that any marriage, no matter how good, cannot take away our loneliness. We have desecrated sexuality and severed its link to marriage because we are unable to accept sex as limited to a marriage commitment. We have basically rendered consecrated celibacy existentially impossible because no-one, we feel, can be expected to carry sexual tension for a lifetime.

And, most painful of all, we have sown a deep restlessness inside of ourselves because, in our incapacity to accept the incompleteness of our lives, we torture ourselves with the thought that we are missing out on life, that we should not have to live with so much incompleteness, and that the full symphony for which we so deeply long should already be ours.

The fault is not entirely our own. Much of it lies with those who were supposed to prepare us for life and

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did not give us the emotional and psychological tools to more naturally and nobly accept life's innate frustrations and the conscriptive asceticism that brings with it.

More simply, too many of us were not taught that life is hard, that we have to spend most of it waiting in one kind of frustration or other, and that this is the natural state of things. Too many of us were given a false set of expectations. We were given the impression that indeed we could have it all, clear-cut joy without a shadow and full intimacy without frustration or distance.

Worse still, many of us were not given the simple, basic per-

mission to live in frustration, that is, to feel okay about ourselves and about our lives even when for the most part we are frustrated. We were not given permission to accept that frustration is natural, the normal state of things, and that it is okay to accept ourselves and our lives as they are and find joy and happiness inside of them, in spite of the frustrations.

I'm still part of the generation whose moral and religious elders gave us this permission. I got this from my parents who, deeply schooled in the concept of original sin, understood themselves as "mourning and weeping in a valley of tears".

This, rather stoic, perspective which believes that on this side of eternity all joy comes with a shadow, did not make them morbid. The opposite, it gave them permission to accept the limits of their lives and the circumstances of their lives and, paradoxically, find joy in the imperfect precisely because they were not expecting the perfect.

They understood that it is normal to be frustrated, to not have everything you want, to have to live

in incompleteness, and to accept that in this life we will experience more hunger than satiation.

Most of us will have to learn this the hard way, through bitter experience, through tears, and through a lot of restlessness from which we might be spared if we already knew that hunger, not satiation, is what is normal. As Karl Rahner famously puts it: In the torment of the insufficiency of everything attainable we finally learn that here in this life all symphonies must remain unfinished.

Wisdom and maturity invariably do find us and life eventually turns each of us into an ascetic. We may kick against the goad for a while, like a child kicking against a mother's restraining arms, but eventually we tire, stop wailing, and accept the restraints, though not always peacefully. But it can be peaceful, if we accept that frustration is normal.

And so I would amend Blake's proverb: Better to murder an infant in its cradle ... unless you give that child a realistic set of expectations with which to deal with unrequited desire and frustration.

A special day for parish



ABOVE: Madaline Corby and Samuel Eberle received their first Holy Communion from Cootamundra parish priest Fr Kevin Barry-Cotter in St Joseph's Church, Stockinbingal.



At the women's breakfast (from left): Jacqueline Hipwell, Lisa Coppe (partly obscured), Gabrielle Wright, Marea Ransom, Veronica Moore, Karen Mahony, Nell Toscan and Anne Mulhall.

Women's talk inspired

A large group of women attended a women's breakfast organised by the emerging women's ministry "Call to Connect".

They came together to build friendships and hear a talk by Sr Therese Mills MGL with the theme "God and me, more than I can imagine". Her words inspired many to look into their lives, as she herself has done, and to see how much God loves everyone individually, how precious they each are in His sight and how he uses each one, regardless of circumstance or self-perception.

She encouraged the group to reflect on the words of Pope John Paul II in

Mulieris Dignitatem where he spoke of his respect for the dignity and vocation of all women, be they daughters, sisters, wives, mothers, women who work or any combination of these.

"Call to Connect" is open to all women of the Archdiocese and runs functions, as well as facilitating inter-parish prayer, hospitality and sharing groups that meet every third week.

For more information, contact the co-ordinators, Anne Woods, telephone 6260 6876 (evenings), Diane Fulop 0404 228 396 or Bronnie Schlager, e-mail Bronnie.Schlager@gmail.com.



Dr Len Lambeth (second from left) with Catenians Dennis Morris, Trevor Barker and Norm Russell.

Mental health a lively topic

Forensic psychiatrist for Mental Health ACT Dr Len Lambeth spoke of the mental health care of inmates at was the Alexander Maconochie Centre when he spoke at a meeting of the Canberra circle of the Catenians.

Dr Lambeth's responsibilities also include the clinical care of those released from prison or those who are classified as forensic patients but have not been jailed. He gave an insightful presentation on the operat-

ing principles of the centre which is the first in Australia whose management of inmates is based on humanitarian principles. It is managed independently of the ACT's political and bureaucratic systems. The group dynamics of various relationships at the centre as well as the state of mental health in the broader community prompted many questions and ensued a lively discussion.

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A variation to the traditional funeral is a service at a venue other than a church - usually the funeral director's chapel. The service is not restricted to these locations. Services can also be held at the family home or garden, the beach, a park, a school or community hall.

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SHORTS

The Book of Eli. Starring Gary Oldman, Jennifer Beals, Mila Kunis, Michael Gambon and Frances de la Tour. Directed by The Hughes Brothers). MA 15+ (strong violence). 117 mins.

Intriguing rather than involving, something like a futuristic western. The character of Eli is especially intriguing for religious audiences. He is a man who has become the bible incarnate even though he cannot always put it into practice.

How to Train Your Dragon. Animation film starring Jay Baruchel, Gerard Butler and America Ferrera. Directed by Chris Sanders, Dean DeBlois. 97 mins. PG (mild fantasy violence).

Alert to all devotees of Hagar the Horrible and his family - and wider audiences beyond. This is very entertaining. It moves apace, with welcome quiet and reflective moments. It is amusing. And it should appeal to children of all ages (even if we look like adults!).



Coco Chanel and Igor Stravinsky. Starring Audrey Tautou, Mads Mikkelsen and Anna Magloulis. Directed by Jan Koenen. 118mins. MA 15+.

A biopic that highlights the main successes of the leads and concentrates on their relationship. Actually, neither Chanel nor Stravinsky seem to have been strong or really controversial characters for biopics. An audience wanting sparks flying will be disappointed.

Date Night. Starring Steve Carell, Tina Fey, Taraji P. Henson, Mila Kunis, Common, Jimmi Simpson, Leighton Meester & Mark Wahlberg. Directed by Shawn Levy. 88 mins. M (sexual references and coarse language).

Most comedies are disappointing, either, too slapstick, too crudely adolescent, or just not very funny. The best ones are subtle and ironic. Date Night is neither subtle nor ironic, but still enjoyable. It is a fun ride.

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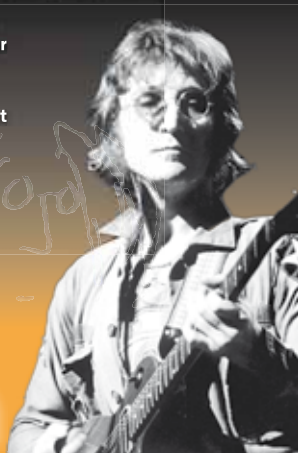
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Young diggers win you over

Beneath Hill 60

Starring Brendan Cowell, Harrison Gilbertson, Steve Le Marquand and Chris Haywood. Directed by Jeremy Hartley Sims. 122 mins. M (mature themes, violence and coarse language). Reviewer: Jim Murphy*.

Of all the films made about World War 1, I cannot recall much emphasis, if any, on the part tunnelling played in that grand folly. That omission is redressed by this significant Australian production, the second feature directed by actor Jeremy Sims after 2006's Last Train to Freo.

Beneath Hill 60, based on fact, tells the story of the First Australian Tunnelers, a specialised battalion consisting of experienced miners (true "diggers", you might say), and it tells it very well through the eyes and exploits of Lieutenant Oliver Woodward, a mining engineer from Tenterfield, played with great conviction and likeability by Brendan Cowell.

Woody, as he is known, comes relatively late to the conflict. With minimal military training, he arrives in France two years after the start of the war to take command of a tunnelling platoon that is already at work.

At first, the men are cold towards their new CO and there is a prickly relationship with the British ranks who share the trenches. But Woody wins them over with his leadership and courage and welds them into an efficient unit that is able to lay explosives and demolish a German gun emplacement that has been repelling the allies' advance.

After this success, Woody's unit is transferred to Belgium, where the Germans hold a strategic position on the notorious Hill 60 on the Messines Ridge. The hill is a maze of tunnels, dug by both sides, and the allies have planted a huge cache of



Marjorie Waddell (played by Bella Heathcote) at the Waddell family homestead.

explosives - enough to cause the biggest explosion the world has ever seen.

The Australian tunnelers are charged with sustaining the tunnel system, which is threatened by water seepage and the effects of heavy artillery strikes, until Allied Command feels the time is ripe to give the order to detonate to cause maximum enemy casualties. But the tunnels are unstable and, what's more, the Germans are also tunnelling close by. Both sides have listening posts to try to detect mining activity by the other side.

With the assistance of an excellent cast, the film draws the characters extremely well, so you come to care for these young men and

their awful plight in this appalling war. The different types - the brave and the frightened, a father and son who joined up together, the one who sacrifices his life to save his mates - are deftly sketched without labouring the point and without glorifying war.

Flashbacks to Oliver's life in Australia and his budding romance with the beautiful teenager Marjorie (Bella Heathcote) provide a welcome contrast to the blood and sweat and grime of the war zone, and are particularly well done in terms of how life must have been lived in those genteel, far-off days.

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

Local product all too American

Accidents Happen

Starring Geena Davis, Harrison Gilbertson, Sebastian Gregory and Harry Cook. Directed by Andrew Lancaster. 90 mins. M (mature themes, coarse language and drug use). Reviewer: Jim Murphy.*

prank that results in the death of the friend's father. But chiefly Billy and his family are affected by a motor accident in which his 12-year-old sister was killed and his elder brother Gene is left in a vegetative state.

The tragedy also hastens the breakdown of the marriage of Gloria and Ray Conway. Ray (Joel Tobeck), who was driving when the accident happened, cannot handle the relentless disparagement of bitter, sharp-tongued Gloria (Geena Davis), who dismisses him as "the spokesman for the useless bastards club".

Ray leaves and ultimately finds another partner, but he tries hard to maintain his father-son relationship with Billy and Gene's twin, Larry (Harry Cook).

Young Billy is caught in the middle of his parents' estrangement and this, coupled with feelings of guilt about his part in the car crash (it was his temper tantrum that distracted his father) and in the prank that contributed to the demise of his friend's father, should make his adolescence more troubled than most.

Yet the film barely reflects this. The tone of Andrew Lancaster's direction is disappointingly matter-of-fact, and the performances by the largely Australian cast are similarly bland. Davis, however, is eminently watchable as Gloria, tossing off the character's waspish remarks with evident glee and making the most of a memorable scene when Gloria, told by a suitor how his first wife was electrocuted while washing dishes, dissolves into helpless laughter.

Accidents Happen might have made an affecting melodrama, or it might have succeeded as a full-on black comedy. The uncertain middle ground adopted here is, in the end, unsatisfactory.

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

Melodrama could have been more

The Last Song is a well-acted coming-of-age story for teenagers that almost hits the mark. Scripted by novelist Nicholas Spark (The Notebook), it merges with some deftness all the hallmarks of teenage angst (rebelliousness against parental authority, emerging sexuality,

and a need to find one's own place in the world), with the added anguish and complexity of having to come to terms with the death of a loved one.

But instead of confronting these issues with originality and raw honesty, The Last Song settles for melodrama and

a PG rating. It attempts to be a realistic drama about growing up, yet is hamstrung by the need not to offend. It will have limited appeal outside its target audience.

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

The Last Song

Starring Miley Cyrus, Greg Kinnear, Kelly Preston and Liam Hemsworth. Directed by Julie Anne Robinson. 107 mins. PG. Reviewer: Jan Epstein*.

Looking at Jesus the man

Jesus. A Short Life by John Dickson. Lion Publishing Oxford, 2009. pb 160pp, rrp \$22.95. Reviewer: Margaret Ryan.

The first thing I noticed was the pleasure of the book itself as a book: glossy pages, the number of coloured photos and paintings and clear format. The content is good too!

Historian John Dickson has written this book at what he terms the "popular level", aiming to interpret and report scholars' writings on Jesus the historical man, to give greater accessibility for the non-specialist.

He casts a critical eye over recent publications and films (including those of Brown, Spong, Maloney and Archer, Dawkins) and outlines scholarly views on various aspects of Jesus Christ, though in an interesting and conversational way. Chapter end notes would be helpful for those with whetted appetites.

The author explores: what the Graeco-Roman historians, the evangelists and Paul say of Jesus; whether or not Jesus married; his mentors and critics; his relationship with Judaism; Jesus' "unremark-

able" band of "the twelve"; his financial supporters (women) and outcast followers; his miracles and resurrection; the significance of Jerusalem; and the Jewish concept of sacrifice...

Dickson approaches the New Testament, not from the perspective of Christian apologetics, but as just one of the documents from the period contemporary with Jesus.

He knows that, in Christianity, not everything Christians believe can be verified or assessed by historians. He affirms as history only those things which the "historical critical method" can reliably establish. He believes that absence of evidence is not the same as evidence of absence. Dickson approaches complex topics calmly and objectively.

The author lectures in ancient history and world religions at Macquarie University (Sydney) and is director of the Centre for Public Christianity, an independent research and media organisation promoting the understanding of the Christian faith. He has written a dozen other books and is a public speaker.

A good introduction to the topic.

Opening storehouse of tradition

Signs of Life: Forty Catholic Customs and their Biblical Roots by Scott Hahn. Darton, Longman & Todd, 2009, 276 pp, rrp \$36.95. Reviewer: Janet Moyle.

Scott Hahn is a professor of theology and scripture and a popular and prolific writer of many books. I remember reading the story of the conversion of he and his wife to Catholicism some years ago. In his latest book, Signs of Life, he examines 40 traditional practices of the Church. Forty is a goodly biblical number as we know.

Hahn hopes that reading his reflections will be a time of puri-

fication, transformation and renewal with a richer understanding of Catholic life. He groups his ideas under various "life" headings, for example, Life Begins, A Day in the Life (prayers), Stages of Life (sacraments), Spice of Life (candles, incense) and so on.

Some of his selections seem arbitrary and to follow his own preferences, which is fair enough. There is an identifiable progression from birth to death but the reader is free to dip in and out of any section at will.

There is a bit about scapulars (remember those?) and the Angelus (ditto). I re-discovered a long-forgotten prayer to my Guardian

Angel and learned something new about novenas. There's quite a lot about various forms of prayer. Hahn gives practical tips on reminding ourselves of the constant presence of God.

Hahn looks at the biblical and historical roots for each custom. He opens the storehouse of the tradition of the Church and draws on the accrued wisdom of many centuries to support the everyday Christian today.

Signs of Life would make a fine gift for those who recently completed their RCIA journey into the Catholic Church.

Angels continue to fascinate us

In Search of Angels: True Stories of Beauty and Hope by Janise Beaumont. Inspired Living, Allen & Unwin, 2009, 199 pp, rrp \$19.99. Reviewer: Janet Moyle.

When I was ill, someone sent me a little gold angel to wear on my shoulder. This was quite moving for me because the giver of the angel is not a professed Christian.

The scriptures are full of accounts of angels and Jesus himself spoke of them often. The movie industry has produced its own fantasy versions. Angels, it seems, continue to fascinate us and have always been around in the history of human beings.

Janise Beaumont has collected over 50 uplifting stories from different cultures, ranging from full-

blown accounts of heavenly visitors, complete with archetypal feathered wings, to those whom she terms "earth angels".

These persons bring joy and comfort to others on a regular and recognisable basis. Others mysteriously appear in time of need and just as mysteriously disappear afterwards.

A recurring theme of Beaumont's stems from the saying of James Russell Lowell: "All God's angels come to us disguised".

She says she didn't disbelieve in angels. She simply never gave them a thought.

It was when her niece became critically ill that she set out on her search for angels and discovered why we should ask the angels for help. It works!

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Taking what each day offers

In the Shade of Jimmy Ryan's Tree. By Fr Paul Bateman, 58pp, rrp \$10, plus \$5 postage. Reviewer: Fr Mick MacAndrew.

Although the author subtitles his latest book, "Childhood Recollections", this is no attempt to be sentimental, hankering for the past in order to escape the present. He is involved in parishes of the Archdiocese, and relieves priests for their holidays, allowing them to leave the parish in capable hands.

Fr Paul Bateman, after nearly 60 years of priestly service, including a number of years serving in Canberra in the heyday of its growth from a country town to a city, 7-1/2 years as RAAF chaplain and extensive service in country parishes, brings to the surface a wisdom of taking what each day offers and making a life of it.

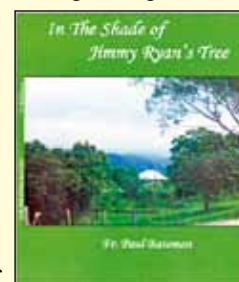
We are only afforded a couple of decades of his life in this book. He has written others that cover a great deal of his family's history in the

Bega Valley, but that is all that is needed to be able to enjoy a good tale and become acquainted with the author's deep gratitude to God and to his family for each of the days of those decades, which became the foundation for a life of service as a priest. The short book - it's only 58

pages - makes a good contribution to the details of life between the two world wars in rural Australia, punctuated by the Great Depression.

Tales of first motor cars, travelling salesmen and milking cows by hand and separating the cream and feeding the skim milk to the pigs are all woven together in a tight style, producing a work of history in the truest sense, an eyewitness testimony, offered with careful and caring reflection, upholding the dignity of both characters and time.

The book will be launched at Fr Bateman's home, Ballymacreese, Bateman's Rd, Morans Crossing, between Bemboka and Bega, at 2pm on Sunday, 9 May.



Tales of atrocities and heroes

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Life dedicated to others

JOAN MARY RAE

20 May 1943 - 9 March 2010

Joan Mary Rae (nee Quinane) died on 9 March having lived life fully for her 66 years. She was dedicated to her family, friends, church and faith, and, until her retirement three years ago, her students and life in education.

Born in Narrandera, she was the third child of Marie and Joe

Quinane, and grew up on the family farm, "Patara", near Ardlethan. With her siblings, Anne, Terry, and Noelene, she had a wonderful childhood on the farm and did not like to be separated from her family. Family was always uppermost, a fact which never changed.

Joan Rae loved nice clothes and carried this style into young adulthood, when she enjoyed many dances and balls, and often won Belle of the Ball in gowns lovingly made by her mother.

From their earliest days their parents gave the children a great love for their Catholic faith and in 1965 Joan and Noelene answered a call to enter religious life, Joan as a Presentation Sister (Wagga) and Noelene as a Sister of St Joseph (Goulburn).

During her 15 years as a Presentation Sister, Joan developed skills and a love of teaching, and after she left religious life, began teaching at Evatt. Within 12 months she had met John Rae and they married in 1982, settling in Quandialla and later moving to Deutcher Street, Temora.

Mrs Rae became a member of the staff of St Anne's School, Temora, where, until her retirement, she filled various roles - teacher, religious education co-coordinator, special needs teacher and assistant principal. She was efficient in all things and set high standards for herself and others. Her skills went far beyond the classroom. She was committed to offering the best education and always took a stance for what was in the best interests of students. Until her death she remained interested in her past pupils and continued to offer them support.

About 20 years ago she faced the challenge of life-threatening cancer, for which the treatment was severe. In the midst of illness and against the odds, she continued and successfully completed university study to update her teaching qualifications.

Joan and John Rae loved caravanning and took many trips together around Australia and across to New Zealand, enjoying nature and making many rich and lasting friendships.

As well as active involvement in her church, Mrs Rae recently joined the Sacred Heart Ladies' Association, and, with her husband, helped with Meals on Wheels after her retirement.

She is survived by husband John, stepdaughter Regina and son-in-law Cameron and grandchildren Edward and Milly, her sisters Anne (Presentation Sister, Wagga) and Noelene (Sister of St Joseph, Goulburn), and brother Terry Quinane from Wagga. Both her parents predeceased her.

Chief celebrant at the funeral Mass was Emeritus Archbishop Francis Carroll who was assisted by 11 priests. Sr Noelene delivered the eulogy and children from St Anne's School formed a guard of honour. She was buried in Temora Lawn Cemetery.



With Pentecost comes the call of God's Spirit to be an active and guiding force in our lives. In Confirmation we are empowered by the Holy Spirit to take up our part in Christ's mission.

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Study at ACU turns John's life around

John Lusty has turned his life around to become the first Canberra student to graduate from the Australian Catholic University through the Clemente program.

Mr Lusty was among 370 students who graduated from the Canberra campus in a ceremony at Parliament House.

A joint venture between ACU, Mission Australia and the St Vincent de Paul Society, Clemente Australia is a free education program, which aims to break the cycle of poverty, inequity and social injustice for disadvantaged and marginalised people.

Mr Lusty first experimented with drugs in high school. As he got older, he developed a drug habit which caused him to lose his job, house, marriage and access to his young son.

He moved to Australia from New Zealand in 2003 and faced difficulty finding paid work.

"I wanted to return to work in IT but no one would hire me due to my past," he said.

"I then realised I would not get a job until I had a few good quality current references."

Mr Lusty began study for a Diploma in Liberal Arts through the Clemente program at the Canberra campus in June 2007, where he studied one unit per semester.

"The Clemente program has helped me turn my life around," he said.

"I have been given the opportunity to co-tutor one of the units at ACU and I was recently offered paid employment at St Vincent de Paul."

"Best of all, my six-year old son can now go to school and tell his classmates about his dad's work."

At the ceremony, Fr Jan Czuba received an honorary doctorate from ACU for his work in improving higher education in Papua New Guinea.

Over the past 10 years, Fr Czuba, the executive director of Professional Standards for the Australian Catholic Church, has been instrumental in the establishment and growth of the Divine Word University in Madang, Papua New Guinea.

After being directed by his congregation to close the financially threatened Divine Word Institute in Madang in 1996, Fr Czuba worked in collaboration with the PNG Government to establish a replacement institution.

He designed and oversaw the growth of academic programs from the original undergraduate to the current postgraduate doctoral programs by research. He also established the Tertiary Distance Education Centre now based at the Port Moresby campus and the Faculty of Flexible Learning which provides access to education for the people in semi-urban and rural areas.

Over a 10-year period, the new Divine Word University



became a national Catholic university, with campuses in five different provinces.

"I believe that everyone has a calling or a passion," Fr Czuba said. "It is satisfying to know that I can use my skills and knowledge to support others in reaching their goals and to work professionally."

"I appreciate the recognition that Australian Catholic University has given me and what we do in Papua New Guinea, for both the PNG people and the higher education sector more broadly."

The Ambassadors of Papua New Guinea and Poland attended ACU's graduation ceremony to honour Fr Czuba.

TOP:
Hat's off to the graduates.
ABOVE LEFT:
John Lusty with his mother Elvira Lusty and brother Mark Lusty.
ABOVE RIGHT:
Fr Jan Czuba.

Brick by brick, they're helping to rebuild Haiti



The school is only small but St Joseph's Primary, O'Connor, raised an impressive \$2106.55 for Caritas Australia last term. Students were encouraged to put money in their classes' Project Compassion box.

But rather than just raising money, St Joseph's religious education coordinator Ms Janeanne Gray said the school used Lent to increase the children's awareness of people less fortunate than themselves by choosing a particular project to work towards.

This year, they decided to help rebuild earthquake-devastated Haiti, brick by brick.

For their Houses for Haiti appeal, donating \$5 bought a paper brick with the donor's name on it, which was pinned to a large notice board in the shape of a school; 421 bricks later, two house-shaped noticeboards were also filled.

"The children loved coming up the front during morning assembly and prayer to tell stories of how they had earned their dollar amount," Ms Gray said.

Some of the ideas to raise the money were: children giving their tooth fairy money; donating their savings from their piggy banks; doing the gardening with Mum and Dad; help-

ing in the kitchen and with the washing; feeding the household pets; asking all their friends and neighbours; and putting their belongings away.

"One Dad has even gone on a diet and donated a brick for every kilo lost. By the start of Holy Week he had donated \$30," Ms Gray said.

With more than \$2000 raised, this year was by far the school's most successful Lenten initiative. In 2009 St Joseph's donated more than \$600 for families in Cambodia to build fish farms. In 2008 a similar amount was raised to buy pigs for needy families.

"We only have 182 children, but when it comes to helping others and showing compassion to the needy we live by our motto: small in size but mighty in spirit," Ms Gray said.

LEFT: St Joseph's Primary, O'Connor religious education coordinator Ms Janeanne Gray with some of the students who raised the most money in the Houses for Haiti appeal. From left: Matina Ujdur, Yr 4, Jessica Wilson, Yr 5, Sebastian Giovinazzo, Yr 1, Sam Wilson, Yr 2, and Isabella Giovinazzo, Yr 6.