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## Temora gets it back on track

St Anne's Temora is officially a central school again, with Year 10 being offered for the first time since 2006.

The school was reduced to kindergarten to Year 6 as of 2007, due to lack of numbers. The secondary years were gradually returned as more students enrolled; Year 7 in 2008, Year 8 in 2009, Year 9 in 2010 and now Year 10 in 2011.

"There is a great sense of excitement and relief," St Anne's principal Mr Dennis Sleigh said.

"The last four or five years have been fairly harrowing as we've tried to show our commitment to a K-10 central school in Temora.

"As our school board president said recently, we now need to position ourselves so that we never make the same mistakes again."

From 2007 the school launched an extensive promotions campaign. The condition for re-opening Year 7 in 2008 was 80 per cent of the Year 6 students had to commit to stay on at St Anne's the following year.

"The closure of the secondary school provided parents with a wakeup call, that if they wanted a central school they had to be committed to it," Mr Sleigh said.

"As teachers, we then had to prove that what we had to offer secondary students was worthwhile.

"The school board, the P&F and the promotions committee have all worked very hard on this. We made good use of the media - print, radio and television - and just tried to get ourselves out there as much as possible."

The closure of the secondary school didn't just affect students; it also meant a loss of jobs for staff. Just as the year levels have slowly been returned, Mr Sleigh said the school had gradually built up its secondary staff with new teachers.

In order for Year 10 to be reintroduced, the Catholic Education Commission required St Anne's to have at least 60 secondary students enrolled.

Mr Sleigh was pleased to announce they had 95 secondary students for 2011, including 16 in Year 10.

ABOVE RIGHT: These students are very happy about being the first Year 10 group at St Anne's since the secondary section re-opened. Back: Sarah Bleier, Matt Stewart, Darius Neven, Grace Mannion, Cameron Goode, Jake Goodyer, Joe Stimson, Lucy Derrick and Josh Love. Front: Regan Fang, Emily Eason, Jenna Reardon, Shaye Serna-Pastor, Gellian Tadeje and Amy Bleier.



The Archdiocese needs "a new giving" in order to meet the challenge of building the future, Archbishop Mark Coleridge says in his Lenten letter.

In the letter on "Giving in the Church", Archbishop Coleridge said the Archdiocese was "poor, though not insolvent". There was "no well-concealed bottomless pit of Church funds from which we can draw. We survive almost totally on what people give."

Archbishop Coleridge said normally the Catholic Church in Australia was asset rich and cash poor. "But we tend to be asset poor and cash poor," he said.

"The Archdiocese has no investment portfolio and depends completely on the Catholic Development Fund for its financial survival. With the annual return from a well performing CDF, we are breaking even and no more."

Smaller church attendances had affected income and many of those coming are on fixed incomes or receiving a pension, and this too had affected giving.

"In general, people are giving now what they gave 10 or 20 years ago, even though costs have risen considerably in that time," he said.

One of the paradoxes of the Archdiocese was that, on average, rural parishes gave more per capita than did Canberra parishes. This had remained true even through a decade of drought.

"The impression at times in the ACT is that Catholic people gave with great generosity through the 1960s and 1970s when there was a need to build churches and schools as Canberra grew," he said. "But once the churches and schools were built, there was perhaps a sense that the job was done and that the need to give had dwindled.

## Time for 'a new giving'

"Now we need a new giving in order to meet the challenge of building the future. This will involve not just the Archbishop, the Financial Administrator, the Archdiocesan Finance Council and the Parish Finance Councils. They all have their part to play, but securing our finances for the future is a task that belongs to us all."

Archbishop Coleridge said 16 parishes did not receive enough in the first collection to support a full-time residential priest, and the number was growing.

The fund which supports training seminarians and ongoing education of priests was also facing an urgent need of income. Its only income was the interest it generated but with the Archdiocese's 10 seminarians costing about \$275,000 a year the fund was set to run down dramatically.

"This is an urgent need, and I can only appeal to your generosity as we seek to

build the future and provide the priests we need," he said.

"One practical suggestion is that you might consider a bequest to the Ecclesiastical Education Fund or to the Archdiocese more generally. In other dioceses, bequests are a vital source of income.

"Now is the time perhaps for us to look more to bequests from people who wish to give for the sake of the Gospel and in a way that will reach beyond their death.

"In this time of Lent, we see more clearly than ever that we need to use money in a way that does not enslave but sets free.

"Money needs to be put in its proper place. Money is for the sake of the Gospel, not the Gospel for the sake of money."

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11. What parish will newly ordained Fr Michael Lim (right) serve in?



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By retiring Archdiocesan Financial Administrator Herbie O'Flynn

In his Lenten letter the Archbishop perhaps startled some parishioners by pointing out that the two collections at Mass each Sunday are for different purposes.

The truth is that most parishioners do not realise the purpose of each collection; the first collection (and only the first collection) goes towards the support of the clergy of the Archdiocese while the second collection caters for the local parish needs such as church operation, repairs and maintenance, insurance, rates, secretarial staff and support of the local school.

In the first place the first collection needs to meet the stipend (salary), motor vehicle running expenses and house-keeping needs of the local priest; this amounts to \$30,000 pa.

At least another \$10,000 pa per parish is required for the mutual obligation of supporting the Archbishop, Auxiliary Bishop and Vicar General as well as providing for retired priests.

Any funds left over are not left to the discretion of the local priest but are transferred to the Clergy Care Board for

# Are our priests worth less than hamburger?

the support of those priests whose income has not reached the stipulated minimum.

To be frank, while many parishioners need to be thanked for their generosity over the years, a great many of us need to re-address our level of giving to support our priests.

Most of us have not increased our giving in the first collection for some years.

It is shameful to think that on average we each give less than the cost of a hamburger per week to support our priests.

Further, the surprising paradox is that our rural sector gives more per head than the more affluent city dwellers in Canberra.

In a nutshell, Canberra parishes and the larger rural parishes need to be generous and generate over \$1000 per week in the first collection so that some surplus is available as a safety net for the

support of the priests of many of the smaller rural parishes.

Without this support, some rural parishes could be denied a resident priest and thereby the valuable pastoral presence that a priest brings to the community.

One suggestion is for each of us to consider setting a fixed amount to give each week rather than just the loose change in our pocket.

Otherwise we could make use of electronic debiting of our credit card for the first and second collection. Your parish office can help in this regard.

A priest suggested to me that the collection should be silent...notes don't make the same noise as coins!

Not a bad thought and at the very least a good reminder to reassess our generosity in supporting our priests.

# Change: just where will it lead?

By Bonnita Tubb

Most Australians, especially those who live in larger cities or country towns, take for granted the fact they will be able to go to church each Sunday, with a priest present and communion available.

Up until about five years ago, I was one of those people.

I live in a small country town of about 400 people and had until recently grown up with the parish priest in residence in the presbytery, at least one religious sister in the convent and a fairly strong practising Catholic community.

The quick succession of parish priests for various reasons, and the general shortage of priests in our diocese led to the decision being made to set up what has become the Western Mission.

The mission covers a large area between West Wyalong and Binya and back to Weethalle.

As a result of only having one priest to cover this area, changes and adaptations have had to be made.

Instead of rolling up each Sunday, taking a seat, staying an hour and leaving, the parishioners have had to step up and take a much more active part in the running of the service.

On alternate weeks, when we don't have a priest, we hold a communion service led by a community member or our parish leader.

There were definite reservations when we were first introduced to this new way of worshipping and thought that people would stop supporting our church and choose to travel to Mass somewhere else where they could be in the presence of a priest.

This didn't happen. We have embraced this new way and I for one never feel as though I haven't really been to

## Changing our world



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church, or that I am missing out after being at a communion service.

Our small parish has become strong and independent.

We look after each other's needs and our church.

We have an amazing leader, Sr Ann, who guides us through and provides us with most things that the bigger parishes have.

We have, under the guidance of Sr Ann formed a successful youth group, known as the Holy Grail Hunters.

If you drive down the main street of our town you can view the art works the Grail Hunters have completed.

We meet monthly when possible and have enjoyed social outings such as ten pin bowling and pool parties.

This group is a fantastic way for the town to get together and there is never a shortage of fun times.

This year we will be hosting the debutante ball, a big event in a country town and a lot of hard work for everyone, but we work together and pull it off, making the night a memorable one.

I am not saying there is no place for the priest. Of course we still need him and are glad of his guidance.

But people who once thought they could never do something like leading a communion service have surprised themselves and enriched their lives by doing so. Change is not something to fear but something to embrace and run with. You never know where it might lead you.

*\* Bonnita, 16, lives in Barellan, NSW and is a Year 11 student at the central school. She is a member of the Holy Grail Hunters youth group, and is "proud to be a member of the strong Catholic Church that we have". She likes reading and spending time with friends and wants to pursue a career in journalism.*

# Extra highlights for Galong pilgrimage

Next month's annual Marian procession at Galong is being organised by the Western Deanery.

In the past the Redemptorists at Galong have been responsible for the May gathering to honour Mary.

However, with reduced numbers, the Order is no longer

able to manage the event; so the Western Deanery is stepping in this year to run the event on Sunday, 1 May.

The gathering traditionally has been a time for family picnics with people being asked to bring their own food and refreshments.

The Marian pilgrimage coincides this year with Divine Mercy Sunday and the beatification of Pope John Paul II.

Organisers intend to include these events in the celebrations.

The Divine Mercy Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Mark Coleridge at noon and an acknowledge-

ment of the beatification will be part of the Grotto liturgy.

The procession to the grotto will begin at 2pm.

Hennessy College students from Young will lead the procession and carry a symbol of the World Youth Day cross. Pilgrims to WYD from the Archdiocese are expected to take part.



# 'Stamp out' exploitation of women

## Call to follow Sweden

The Archdiocese is calling for the ACT Government to follow in Sweden's footsteps and criminalise the purchase of sexual services.

The recommendation was made in a submission to a Legislative Assembly inquiry into the ACT Prostitution Act 1992.

Under current Swedish legislation the purchase of sexual services is illegal and will result in a fine or up to six months imprisonment. While it is not illegal to work as a prostitute, a range of exit strategies and social services have also been put in place to help prostitutes in Sweden get out of the industry.

The Archdiocese feels adopting a similar strategy in the ACT would better uphold the rights and dignity of women.

Copies of all submissions can be found at [www.legassembly.act.gov.au](http://www.legassembly.act.gov.au). Follow the links to "Standing Committee on Justice and Community Safety" listed under "Committees".

By Daniela Kesina, archdiocesan coordinator Youth and Young Adults

Recently women around the globe celebrated the 100th anniversary of International Women's Day; noting what had been achieved and what still needed to be done.

Primarily, what women want is gender equality. Where are the female voices then on the issue of prostitution, the world's oldest "profession" that exploits women and acts as a serious barrier to gender equality?

The ACT Legislative Assembly has launched an inquiry into the Prostitution Act 1992 and the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn has spoken up for gender equality and spoken out against prostitution.

If we, as a society, reject the idea that women and girls can be bought and sold, and if we really believe in, and seek, gender equality, surely it is not enough just to regulate Canberra's sex industry, or strengthen regulations; we must stamp out all exploitation.

Do Canberra mothers really believe prostitution is an acceptable "industry" for their daughters to work in?

Would Canberra fathers be happy to know that other men are paying their daughters for their own sexual gratification?

Then why do we accept what the majority know is wrong? Why do we tolerate women being exploited in such a shameful way?

There is dignity in work, but there is no dignity in being paid to have sex with strangers.

Canberra cannot call itself an equal and dignified society while we allow such an "industry" to flourish.

The Catholic community is rightfully very concerned about women and girls being encouraged into the prostitution industry, by the trafficking of women and by the links between prostitution and other forms of organised crime. None of these adds to the dignity of, and respect for, women in the Canberra community.

Some people argue it is futile to try to stamp out the world's oldest "profession".

The slave trade was a very ancient profession too. The fight was long and hard, but it was eventually won. No sensible person today would suggest its reintroduction, because it was exploitative.

So, the evidence is there - society can change for the better and that should always be our goal.

The argument that women choose to be sex workers is at the very least questionable. The reality is that the overwhelming majority of women do not willingly choose prostitution; they end up there because they have no other options. Many are underage.

When women are asked, the vast majority want out of prostitution, immediately.

In Sweden's case, the government provided ample social services funds to help those prostitutes who wanted to get out. Sixty per cent of the prostitutes in Sweden took advantage of the well-funded programs and succeeded in exiting prostitution.

Some people claim that no one is harmed from prostitution; that it is simply a commercial transaction between consenting parties. Try running this line with Josie Cameron, the mother of Janine Cameron, the 17-year-old girl found dead

from a heroin overdose in Fyshwick's Exotic Studio brothel on 5 September, 2008.

Mrs Cameron said she believed her daughter, a Year 10 TAFE student who dreamed of a career in the equine industry, had been brought to the brothel by an acquaintance from the drugs scene.

Mrs Cameron described Janine as a vulnerable young girl who was introduced to heroin by an older boyfriend. At the time of her death Janine had been battling drug addiction for about two years.

The prostitution industry has not demonstrated the slightest desire to help women to leave prostitution. So is a career in prostitution a real choice then? How can the Canberra community be sure that these women have legitimate options?

Mimicking legitimate business, the industry aims to boost its profits and "normalise" prostitution in Canberra life and society.

It is well-known that women are trafficked from overseas and that the industry is rife with violence and abuse. The prostitution industry needs to be properly understood as imposing on our society an unacceptably high level of harm.

In our submission to the inquiry, the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn is calling for an investigation into taking action against men who pay for sex, in a bid to wipe out prostitution and ensure gender equality.

On 1 January, 1999, Sweden became the first country in the world to make it illegal to buy sex services, with the penalty being a fine or up to six months' jail.

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## FOR THE SAKE OF THE GOSPEL A Lenten Letter on Giving in the Church

Dear Brothers and Sisters,  
Christianity has always seen almsgiving as one of the essential disciplines of the spiritual life. This is especially true in Lent when the soul is to be purified by the threefold discipline of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. The giving of money to those who have little or nothing was, and still is, one of the ways of dethroning the false gods, prime among whom has always been money.

In the Old Testament, almsgiving is closely associated with what we normally translate as "righteousness", which means right relationship. To give to the poor was one of the most important ways of restoring right relationship in a world where relationships tend always to be skewed. For the Bible, all were equal under God; no-one had a right to more of the good things of the land than anyone else. The providence of God reached equally to all. Therefore, to give to the poor was not to do them a favour but to recognise their God-given right. It was giving them their due.

In Australia during Lent Project Compassion is the Church's prime way of giving alms. It is not only a way of restoring right relationship in a disordered world, but also a way of recognising that we in this country are blessed by God and that God expects us to extend that blessing to others. We are blessed so that others may be blessed. Project Compassion - and almsgiving of any kind, according to Scripture - also brings its own reward in purifying the soul of the giver and in making atonement for sin. It is a reconciling sacrifice. That is why Christian almsgiving is different from secular forms of financial aid.

The New Testament makes it clear that the right handling of money is a vital part of the Christian life and that this involves more than almsgiving, however important that may be. There is the more general question of how the Christian is to use money. In part, the question was prompted by the fact that, in the early communities, there were both rich and poor. For the rich Christian, the question was: What duty do I have to give to the poor brothers and sisters? And for the poor Christian, the question was: What right do I have to make claims on the rich brothers and sisters? The general answer

# We need to use money in way that sets us free



found in the Gospels is that money must be used to build bridges, not walls. It is to build right relationship, not aggravate wrong relationship.

In this Archdiocese at this time, we need to think about how we use money. Money has always mattered in the Church - not for the sake of growing rich but for the sake of the Gospel. Who bankrolled Jesus as he travelled the Palestinian countryside on his mission? Who bankrolled St Paul in his large, complex and costly missionary work around the Mediterranean world? The proclamation of the Gospel has always cost money, and that is why money matters in the Church.

The Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn is poor, though not insolvent. Normally the Catholic Church in this country is asset rich and cash poor. But we tend to be asset poor and cash poor. The Archdiocese has no investment portfolio and depends completely on the Catholic Development Fund for its financial survival. With the annual return from a well performing CDF, we are breaking even and no more. I might add that there is no well concealed bottomless pit of Church funds from which we can draw if necessary. We survive almost totally on what people give.

In recent years, fewer people have been coming to Church and this obviously affects income. Many of those who are still coming are on fixed incomes or receiving a pension, and this too has its effect on giving. In general, people are giving now what they gave 10 or 20 years ago, even though costs have risen considerably in that time.

One of the paradoxes of the Archdiocese is that, on average, the rural parishes give more per capita than do the parishes of Canberra. This has remained true even through the last decade of drought that has been so devastating to farming. The impression at times in the ACT is that Catholic people gave with great generosity through the 1960s and 1970s when there was a need to build churches and schools as Canberra grew. But once the churches and schools were built, there was perhaps a sense that the job was done and that the need to give had dwindled.

Now we need a new giving in order to meet the challenge of building the future. This will involve not just the Archbishop, the Financial Administrator, the Archdiocesan Finance Council and the Parish Finance Councils. They all have their part to play, but securing our finances for the future is a task that belongs to us all.

You may have heard of the proposed developments at the Favier House site in Braddon and the Cathedral precinct in Manuka.

These two large and interrelated projects are self-funding, and they are important for the financial future of the Archdiocese. In developing the Braddon site, we hope to generate enough income to proceed with plans to develop the Cathedral precinct. Yet, however important these projects may be, it is what happens in parishes that will be more decisive.

It is perhaps worth recalling the purpose of the two collections at Mass. The first is for the support of the clergy of

the Archdiocese, not just the priest or priests of the parish. This also includes support for the Archbishop, the Auxiliary Bishop, the Vicar General and their staff. The second collection is for the various works of the parish and the Archdiocese, and is often referred to as "sacrificial giving", which implies that giving is meant to be a sacrifice rather than an offering of loose change.

One fact is that any parish in which the first collection for the support of the clergy yields less than \$40,000 per annum cannot support a full-time residential priest. At present this applies to 16 parishes and the number is growing each year.

Another fact concerns the Ecclesiastical Education Fund which supports the training of seminarians and the ongoing education of priests. This Fund currently holds what may sound like a lot of money. But the problem is that the Fund's only income is the interest it generates. Yet our 10 seminarians alone are costing about \$275,000 each year. On that basis, the Fund will run down dramatically in the years ahead.

This is an urgent need, and I can only appeal to your generosity as we seek to build the future and provide the priests we need.

One practical suggestion is that you might consider a bequest to the Ecclesiastical Education Fund or to the Archdiocese more generally. In other dioceses, bequests are a vital source of income, but they have never been a major factor here. Now is the time perhaps for us to look more to bequests from people who wish to give for the sake of the Gospel and in a way that will reach beyond their death.

The Church will always need the witness of someone like St Francis of Assisi to remind us of the liberating power of evangelical poverty. Yet the witness of Francis does not dismiss money as unimportant; on the contrary, it says that money matters and that it is dangerous. In this time of Lent, we see more clearly than ever that we need to use money in a way that does not enslave but sets free. Money needs to be put in its proper place. Money is for the sake of the Gospel, not the Gospel for the sake of money.

May the God who is rich in mercy bless us all as we prepare through these days for Easter.

*Mark Coleridge*

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## Latest moves for clergy

Newly ordained archdiocesan priest Fr Michael Lim will take up his first appointment as assistant priest of Goulburn parish.

The announcement was one of many new clergy appointments made by Archbishop Mark Coleridge.

Fr Martin Maunsell, from the Archdiocese of Sydney, is the new administrator of Boorowa and Binalong parishes. He replaces Fr Irudeyasamy "Samy" Loorthesamy, who is now assistant priest of Queanbeyan parish.

Fr Jaison Mulerikkal CMI has taken over from Fr Constantine Osuchukwu as assistant priest of South Tuggeranong parish. He will also have part-time chaplaincy duties at ACU Signadou campus. Fr Osuchukwu has been

named administrator of Pambula parish, following the resignation of Fr Peter Gannon in February due to health reasons.

Fr Sunil Kadaparambil has been appointed assistant priest at Gungahlin parish, but will reside in Page until the new presbytery is built.

Fr Tom Thornton has resigned as parish priest of Batemans Bay. Supply arrangements have been put in place until mid-year when a more settled provision will be made for the parish.

Fr Lachlan Coll will assume responsibility for Goodwin Village and Fr Peter My will help with chaplaincy at St Mary MacKillop College.

## WHAT DO YOU KNOW?

1. The Western Mission. 2. Holy Week. 3. Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. 4. Walk and Talk. 5. Light to the Nations. 6. All six. 7. Carnevale. 8. The 1984 Culinary Olympics. 9. 2013. 10. Clergy healthcare coordinator. 11. St Mary Queen of Apostles, Goulburn.



# Priests get a little care back

Occupational therapist Mrs Nicole Phillips has been appointed as the Archdiocese's first clergy healthcare coordinator.

The position has been designed to empower clergy to care for their own wellbeing, allow them to remain active in their ministry for longer, and help reduce premature admission to aged care.

"The newness and innovativeness of this position is very exciting," Mrs Phillips said.

"I'll be providing general healthcare information, connecting clergy with local service providers, and coordinating with them individually to find out what they need.

"I also want to help priests plan for the future to help ease the transition from a life of active ministry to the life of a retired priest.

"Empowering priests to take better care of their health will allow us to better utilise our retired priests, whether it's in schools, parish activities or other ministry."

While the position is new to the Archdiocese, Mrs Phillips will be able to draw on the knowledge of 15 other clergy healthcare coordinators



The Archdiocese's first clergy healthcare coordinator Mrs Nicole Phillips.

around Australia, whom she met at their annual conference in March.

Calvary Healthcare will also provide her with ongoing professional support.

"My background as an occupational therapist will fit in perfectly with the position, as both are focused on maintaining independence," she said.

"By making slight modifications to the way they work and live, I can help clergy reduce their risks and continue their ministry for much longer."

Mrs Phillips began her career in acute care, working in hospitals.

She then moved into community based care at a private practice, as well as contracting to the Transport Accident Commission, the Snowy-Hydro Scheme and Great Southern Energy.

"I'm a Canberra girl and the areas I've worked in before cover much of the Archdiocese, so I'm familiar with the region," she said.

"I'm really looking forward to working with clergy in their communities.

"Priests are the caregivers of their parishes. This position is an opportunity to give a little care back."

# Gungahlin is a step closer to secondary

Architects have been chosen for the new Catholic secondary school in Gungahlin, which is due to open in 2013.

Canberra architects Collins-Caddaye impressed the Catholic Education Office with their modern concept proposal, winning a competition held by the CEO to find a designer.

Catering for an eventual 1200 students, but opening only with Year 7, the campus will be located in the new suburb of Throsby.

CEO school services senior officer Mr Dominic Braybon said the CEO was working closely with the ACT government to ensure the secondary campus would be ready in 2013.

Parent representative for the new school Mr Keith Cantile said strong community support had also helped to move the project forward.

He said many people had lobbied the government and the CEO about the value of the school for the wider community.

"You go into Gungahlin town centre any week day and see how many young people there are, how well the businesses are doing," Mr Cantile said.

"They all came after the government high school was opened. Opening a Catholic high school will only increase those benefits."

The growing Gungahlin region now has three Catholic primary schools, and every year parents have to make tough decisions about where to send their child for Year 7. If they wish to continue with Catholic education, students need to travel to other parts of Canberra, to schools with waiting lists that continue to grow.

Plans for the Gungahlin secondary campus have been in the works for a number of years and Mr Cantile said many families were disappointed it had not come together sooner. For his family however, the proposed opening date will be perfect timing.

"I have two children at Good Shepherd Primary, Amaroo," Mr Cantile said.

"In 2013 my son will start high school so it is critical to us that this goes ahead as planned.

"The community wants this, the government wants this. Now we need to make sure it doesn't lose momentum."

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Other recommendations included considering a fee for CYM Team participants and developing a program to help senior students transition into parish life. Copies of the Future Directions Consultation report are available from CatholicLIFE, telephone 6163 4300.

The first community of nuns arrived in Eden in August 1891. Mary visited Eden for the first time for eight days in 1899. She returned two years later.





# ‘I was so lucky - as an adult I had chosen God’

**Having completed the RCIA program herself, South Tuggeranong parishioner Mrs Karen Schofield now helps other future Catholics in their journey. Claire Mitchell found out what drew her to the Church and why she now considers herself a proud member of "the God squad"...**

Wanting to get your kids into a good school may not seem like the greatest reason to become a Catholic, but for Mrs Karen Schofield, it turned out to be one of the best decisions she has made.

She had taken her young children to the nearby Calwell parish playgroup and was inspired by the people she met there.

"I knew I wanted my children to grow up with theirs, to go to the same school," she said.

While Catholic schools are open to anyone regardless of religion, Mrs Schofield wasn't taking any chances.

So she signed up for the Calwell parish RCIA program.

The program started out with a get-to-know-you session, and



Karen Schofield ... "I knew it was the right time in my life to do it."

before long the group realised that, despite the different reasons they had for coming along, they all had something in common.

"We'd all achieved everything we wanted in our lives, great jobs, houses and families, yet we all still felt something was missing," she said.

"Two or three weeks later I worked out what that was. I was sitting there and I suddenly felt, 'wow, God loves me'. I felt like I belonged.

"I didn't realise I was missing that until I found it."

Every week, the group journeyed together to uncover more about themselves and the Catholic faith.

No question was too stupid, and team leaders were only too happy to share their knowledge and support.

"The fact that you are journeying with other people in the same situation as you, led by people who allow you to search, is what makes RCIA great," Mrs Schofield said.

"If it wasn't this group program, I probably wouldn't have done it."

Before joining the RCIA program, Mrs Schofield's Catholic knowledge was sketchy at best.

Her father is an agnostic, her mother's father a Methodist minister, while she was baptised an Anglican.

"I didn't have a religious upbringing. I went to Methodist Sunday School occasionally - but that was mostly because they were giving out really pretty bibles to anyone who went and six-year-old me really wanted one."

She was enrolled as a non-Catholic in a Catholic boarding school from Year 9, taught by nuns, and attended compulsory Mass once a week.

While she knew what words to say, when to sit and when to stand, it was only ever a matter of going through the motions.

"Before I started RCIA, I thought being a Catholic was all

about being penned in by rules and discipline.

"I thought it meant thinking you were better than everyone else because you were a Catholic.

"RCIA showed me how wrong my assumptions were and has encouraged me to be out there with my faith so I can show other people those things are wrong too."

After extensive preparation, the Easter Vigil finally arrived when Mrs Schofield would come into full communion with the Catholic Church.

She was confirmed and received the Eucharist, along with the other candidates she journeyed with through RCIA.

"I was so excited I was glowing," she said. "I knew it was the right time in my life to do it.

"I remember thinking I was so lucky because I had chosen this; as an adult, I had chosen God."

That ability to choose is something Mrs Schofield was very grateful for, so while she'll proudly proclaim her faith when asked, it's not something she believes should be forced on people.

"My husband is a cradle Catholic and our children have had all the sacraments.

"The older children are less enthused about Mass these days but they'll come back to it. They know I'm the God squad and that if they ever have a question I'm here.

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# Catholic schools 'great value for money'

The financial data now available on the My School website proved claims that Catholic schools are overfunded by Commonwealth and State governments are false, Catholic Education Office director Mrs Moira Najdecki said.

Version 2 of the site was launched on 4 March with new information on each school's recurrent income and capital expenditure.

It details the total amount of income, per student, that each school receives from Commonwealth and State governments and from all private sources, such as school fees.

"While there are variations between schools in the amount of income that each receives - depending on location, size, students' needs and other factors - the figures show that, on average, the total income of Catholic schools is less than for government schools," Mrs Najdecki said.

She stressed that all sources of income to schools were included in the calculations and that the methods used to collect the data had been independently assessed and approved by Deloitte accountancy firm.

"The financial data on the My School website shows that Catholic schools are not overfunded by Commonwealth and State governments," Mrs Najdecki said.

"Actually, it shows that they are great value for money. NAPLAN and the Year 12 results from recent years show this clearly."

# Study a labour of love for graduates

They say it was a coincidence, but husband and wife Neil and Mary Harrigan graduated from ACU on the same day. Mrs Harrigan spent the past 12 years working towards a Bachelor of Theology while Mr Harrigan completed a PhD focused on the spirituality of pilgrims.

"It's been great being students together," Mr Harrigan said. "We shared the same broad study area so there were plenty of discussions."

While they're both looking forward to a break from the books, Mrs Harrigan said they were already missing it.

"When I started, they were really promoting mature aged study," she said. "I'm a committed Catholic and I work at ACU so I decided to take one subject a semester."

Mrs Harrigan enrolled with a friend, Mrs Mary Moran, and they took the same subjects. "All our children went to university so we lived in a world of academia," she said. "This was something I wanted to do for myself."

Mr Harrigan, a practising psychologist and chief executive officer of CatholicCare, had approached his study with much the same attitude.

He started out taking on a Graduate Diploma in Religious Studies, for a little extra adult education. "The diploma had such synergy with what I was doing," he said.

"The things we discussed opened a new landscape of thought for me. So I stayed on to complete my Masters."

Theologian Prof Raymond Canning and psychologist Dr Marie Joyce were his supervisors during his Masters. "They really brought my two interests together and were so wonderful I asked them to continue to assist me through my doctorate," Mr Harrigan said.

He recorded the responses of 23 Australian Catholics who had walked the Camino de Santiago de Compostela. He then studied them in light of theological, psychological and cultural literature and finally produced a framework of the human person's life-journey, which he said was symbolised by pilgrimage.

"This research thesis contributes to the development of a pastoral practice by which pilgrimage can be transformed into an experience of deep and mature faith," he said.



Graduates Mary and Neil Harrigan ... "it's been great being students together".

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# 'Same spirit' shines through



One of the first teachers at St Benedict's Primary Narrabundah, Sr Joy Edwards, in the school's new library with Mrs Moira Najdecki, Ms Gai Brodtmann MP, Mgr John Woods and principal Mrs Anne Staines.

Good Samaritan Sr Joy Edwards was amazed by the changes to St Benedict's Primary since she first taught at the Narrabundah school more than 50 years ago.

She was present at the opening celebrations of St Benedict's in 1955, and was back for the opening of the Building the Education Revolution funded refurbishments last month.

"Obviously a lot has changed, but the original buildings are still here," she said.

"It's great to come back and see the progress and it's wonderful to see the same spirit still radiates throughout the school."

As the oldest operating school in the Archdiocese, the campus had been well overdue for a facelift, Catholic Education Office director Mrs Moira Najdecki said.

A former student of the school herself, she too remembered its humble beginnings and said she was delighted to see the place transformed.

The renovations included a new library, refurbished classrooms, learning spaces, outdoor areas and playing equipment.

The St Benedict's community raised just under \$35,000 for the projects, with the bulk of the costs covered by the Federal Government through the BER and School Pride programs.

Mrs Najdecki acknowledged the generosity of the parents and school community for their funding contributions that would improve the learning opportunities of not only their children, but those of the future.



## a centenary of canberra's catholics

In the second in a series of portraits of significant Catholics of the national capital, 2009 Canberra Citizen of the Year Bishop Pat Power looks at Sylvia Curley.

# Formidable lady's three careers shaped a growing city

If Sylvia Curley had lived a few more months, her life would have touched on three centuries and two millennia.

Sadly, she died (rather unexpectedly!) on 24 March 1999, aged 100. I had celebrated a Mass at St Christopher's Cathedral for her 100th birthday on 7 November the previous year. The Mass was attended by then Chief Minister Kate Carnell and MLAs Bill Stefaniak and Bill Wood and a congregation of 350.

Reporting the Mass next day (the actual birthday), the Canberra Times noted that messages had come from the Queen, the Prime Minister, John Howard, and the Governor-General, Sir William Deane. "Miss Curley said, with a touch of whimsy, that she would have liked a message from the Queen Mother, whom she had met and who is two years her junior."

Sylvia Curley records in her memoirs, *A Long Journey*, written in her 100th year that her family was fortunate in being able to attend three important events: the naming of Canberra by Lady Denman and the laying of the Foundation Stone in 1913, the visit of the Prince of Wales in 1920 and the opening of Parliament in May 1927.

Her memoirs record the excitement in the family when on the occasion of the opening of Parliament, her parents along with two other couples, all ex-employees of Duntroon estate, were presented to the Duke and Duchess of York, later to become King George VI and the Queen Mother. Sylvia and her sisters, Ada and Evelyn, also received invitations.

Dame Nellie Melba (then referred to as Madam Melba) sang and knowing the future Queen Mother's love for horses, Sylvia speculated on her joy at seeing the display by the Mounted Police.

She provides an anecdote which may otherwise have been lost to history: "During the latter part of the display by the Mounted Police another event occurred. Walking up from the Hotel Canberra, a traveller came into view.

"The traveller had a swag, carried a billy can and was followed by his little dog. The police and security guards seemed surprised but remained to attention. The traveller slowly walked to the official party, tipped his hat and bent his head and walked on to his destination. The traveller was an Aboriginal man showing his respect for the Royal Couple. I felt proud and the entire crowd of visitors showed their appreciation for his courtesy."

Patrick and Annie Elizabeth Curley (nee Tong) had three daughters, Ada, Sylvia and Evelyn, all born at Duntroon. Patrick's family had settled in Duntroon in 1857 and Annie Elizabeth Tong was born at Cuppacumbalong in 1869.

The family moved to Mugga Mugga in 1913. Patrick Curley and Charles Edlington were the last employees of Duntroon estate when the Commonwealth Government resumed the land for the establishment of the National Capital.

The Curley family home in Mugga Mugga was among a group of buildings which dated back to 1838. No wonder Sylvia



Sylvia Curley as a first-year nurse (above) and receiving a presentation on retirement from the Royal Canberra Hospital in 1966 (below). Pictures from the book *A Long Journey* by Sylvia Curley.



Curley had such a passion for Canberra and its heritage. Driving today from Duntroon to Mugga Mugga beside Hindmarsh Drive the road crosses Sylvia Curley Bridge at Dairy Flat.

Sylvia Curley left Canberra to begin a career in nursing, commencing her training at Leeton Hospital in 1923 and graduating in 1929.

After two stints as matron at Gundagai Hospital she returned to Canberra in 1938 as deputy matron of what was to become Royal Canberra Hospital. She occupied that position till her retirement from nursing in 1966.

Her plaque on the ACT Honour Walk in Canberra City states that "she fought tirelessly for excellence in patient care and left a legacy of improved training and educational facilities for Canberra's nurses, dentists and medical practitioners."

Her contribution to Canberra's nursing profession was recognised on 17 April, 1964, when Dame Pattie Menzies opened Sylvia Curley House as the new nurses' residence at Canberra Hospital. A former Duntroon cadet recalls Sister Curley keeping a close eye on the cadets showing an interest in her nurses.

*A Long Journey* records Sylvia Curley's three careers. Her second was to begin when she opened an employment agency in Manuka.

She spoke of leaving nursing without any superannuation and refusing to go on the pension. Her employment agency would not attempt to compete with other larger agencies in Canberra, but rather was to cater for a niche market where Miss Curley gave personalised training to her potential clients helping them to be equipped for the particular position they were about to fill.

In many ways, she provided a type of "finishing school" especially for younger women seeking employment. Her nursing background proved invaluable for positions such as doctors' and dentists' receptionists/ secretaries. At least one Archbishop's secretary came through her agency.

It was the death of her sister, Evelyn, in 1985 which brought about another turn in Sylvia Curley's life.

"The lease of Mugga Mugga had been passed on from father to mother to Evelyn. In her will she had requested that Ada and I continue the lease. I was to be responsible for everything and the farm and cottage was to be for education purposes."

There were many obstacles to be overcome in achieving this. Condolence speeches in the ACT Legislative Assembly following her death are replete with ministers describing their being summoned to her home in Manuka, being treated to a pleasant morning or afternoon tea and then being seriously lobbied by this formidable lady to have her plans for Mugga Mugga to become an environmental education centre for Canberra's future generations.

Her plaque on the ACT Honour Walk records the reward of her persistence.

"In 1994, Sylvia donated the family's original home to the people of the ACT. In doing so, she established the Mugga Mugga Memorial Education Centre for a museum and for environmental studies. The facility is administered by the ACT Government."

Sylvia Curley was a devout Catholic, very much at home in St Christopher's Cathedral and someone who lived out Jesus' great commandment: "Love one another as I have loved you."

● Tell us about your memories of the Canberra legends in this series. Write to *Catholic Voice*, GPO Box 3089 Canberra 2601, or e-mail [ed.voice@cg.catholic.org.au](mailto:ed.voice@cg.catholic.org.au)

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## Pioneering pre-school keeps on growing

The Archdiocese's first Catholic pre-school has been such a success that after one year of operation it needed to expand.

The Early Learning Centre attached to Holy Family Primary in Gowrie was opened three years ago and has now been renovated with almost a third of the \$3.2 million allocated to the school through the Building the Education Revolution and School Pride program.

It opened in 2009 with one building and about 40 children. By 2010, enrolments had jumped to 78.

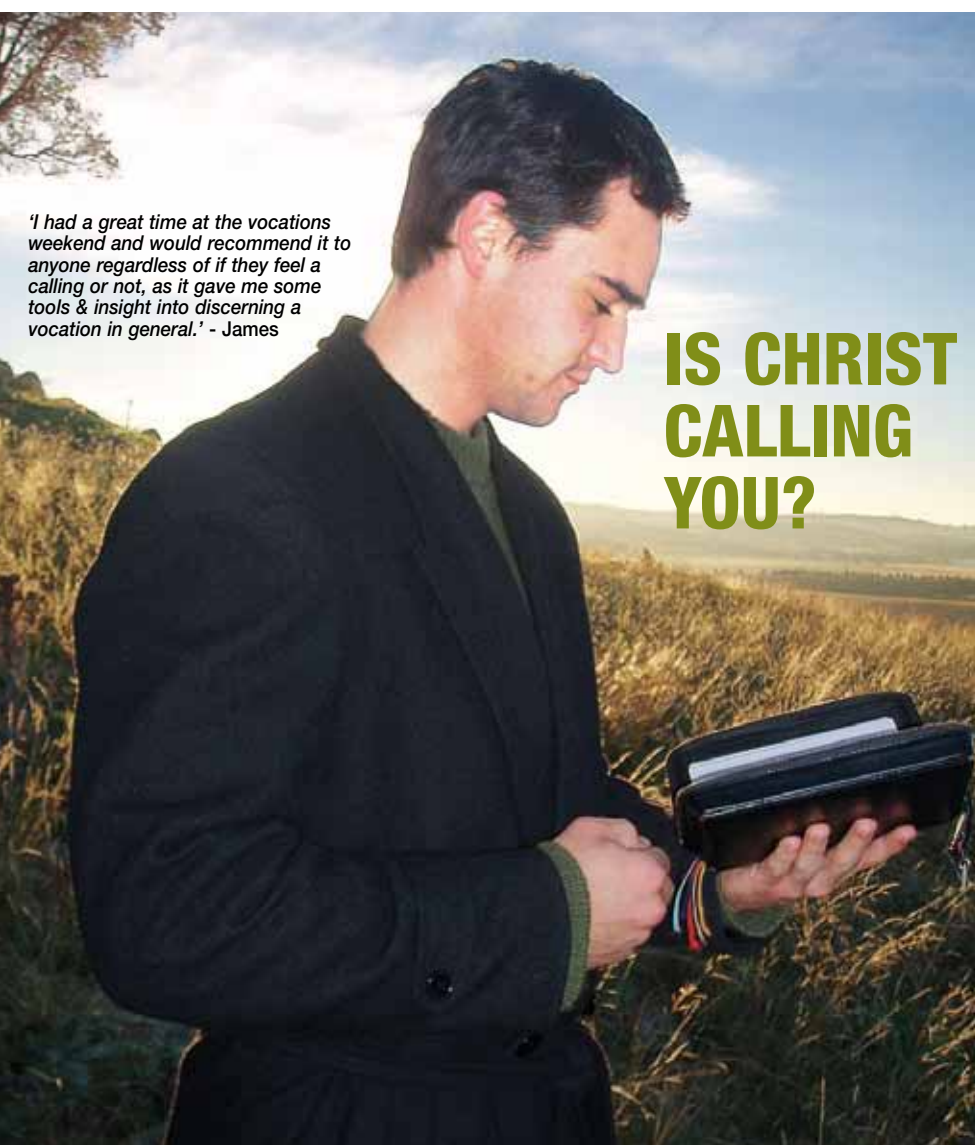
A new building has been added to the pre-school with two classrooms, a kitchen, offices and staff room. The existing building was also renovated to create a total of four learning spaces.



Holy Family principal Mrs Anne-Marie Marek, pre-school director Mr James Lyra and Mgr John Woods during the blessing of the new preschool classrooms.

"The preschool has really taken off, primarily through word of mouth," director Mr James Lyra said. "I've got 15 families requesting enrolment information, and our enrolment period doesn't start until May."

The government funding also provided the primary school with a refurbished library, new learning support area, and new classrooms. The facilities were blessed by Mgr John Woods and opened by Member for Canberra Ms Gai Brodtmann.



*'I had a great time at the vocations weekend and would recommend it to anyone regardless of if they feel a calling or not, as it gave me some tools & insight into discerning a vocation in general.'* - James

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## Cathedral village survey starts

The Archdiocese has launched a survey of prospective residents for a planned retirement village in the redeveloped Cathedral precinct at Manuka.

Up to 40 independent living apartment units are proposed for the current site of the Cathedral presbytery and CatholicCare offices in St Christopher's Cathedral precinct.

Planning includes underground parking on the level of Canberra Avenue with lift

access to two apartment blocks to be separated by a spacious garden.

The village will be owned by the Archdiocese and operated on a resident funded basis. Residents must be over 65.

It is planned for construction to begin later this year or early next year with occupation within 18 months. Anyone interested in living in the units is asked to complete the survey (see back page).

## Lenten appeal also aids Japan

Part of this year's Project Compassion appeal funds will go to help the victims of the earthquake and tsunami in Japan.

Archdiocesan director of Caritas Australia Deacon Joe Blackwell said each year part of the funds raised during Project Compassion were directed towards Caritas Australia's Emergency Relief Fund.

"By supporting Caritas Australia's Project Compassion, the Emergency Relief Fund allows us to act very quickly and direct sup-

port to affected communities including Japan when disasters occur," he said.

"In the last financial year, Caritas Australia provided emergency assistance in response to 38 humanitarian crises; only three of these were accompanied by a specific appeal for additional public funds.

"Support for Project Compassion makes this possible and will also enable assistance to places away from Japan that have also been affected by this tsunami."

## Canberran elected new Vinnies head

A Shanghai-born Canberran, Mr Anthony Thornton is the new president of the St Vincent de Paul Society national council. He was elected to lead the society in Australia for the next four years.

He is a former president of the Canberra-Goulburn Central Council and, more recently, national secretary. Mr Thornton was awarded an MBE for his service in the

RAAF and has been a member of the St Vincent de Paul Society for 17 years.

"We are ordinary people lending a hand to anyone in need," he said.

"We've never done this with any fanfare and we're not about to start. We will, however, continue to be a strong voice for the people who have been pushed to the edges of Australian society."

## It's time to walk and talk, globally

South Tuggeranong parish priest Fr John Armstrong plans to have 250,000 people from across the globe walking together on 15 May to help build a better world.

Participants in his project Walk and Talk: City with a Soul, are asked to go for a walk with someone in their neighbourhood from 2pm-3pm and talk about what touches their lives. At the end of the walk, each pair should decide on one concrete action they can take in their community to make a difference to at least one other person.

"I want to help people discover that they can be an inspiration to someone else and that they personally can do something to make a difference in the place where they live," Fr Armstrong said.

"I also want to help build a sense of community by encouraging people to actually go out and spend time with their neighbours."

Fr Armstrong has set up a Facebook page where people can register for the event and added a video to You Tube. He has e-mailed personal invitations to influential world figures such as American President Barack Obama, former Anglican Archbishop of Cape Town Desmond Tutu, former UK Prime Minister Mr Tony Blair and Virgin Group chairman Sir Richard Branson.

Fr Armstrong said he was also hopeful Pope Benedict XVI would join the project.

For more details go to [www.facebook.com/pages/Walk-Talk-City-with-a-Soul/170349246346577](http://www.facebook.com/pages/Walk-Talk-City-with-a-Soul/170349246346577).

## Stamp out exploitation of women

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Norway became the second country in January 2009. Finland introduced a partial ban in 2006. Until now, the focus has been on the prostitute, while the buyer has been largely invisible. The Swedish ban targets the demand, the sex buyer.

A report evaluating the 1999 Swedish law, entitled "Prohibition of the purchase of sexual services - An evaluation 1999-2008" and submitted to the Swedish Government last year, revealed that street prostitution had halved "as a direct result of criminalisation".

It also found:

- the criminalisation ... had helped to combat prostitution and human trafficking for sexual purposes;
- a marked change in the attitude of Swedes to the purchase of sexual services

and ... strong support for the prohibition of purchasing sexual services;

- the prohibition had proved to be a deterrent to sex purchasers;

- police officers and prosecutors consider that, in general, the process works well.

Our Archdiocesan submission simply seeks to engage in an informed discussion with the community, of which we are a part. Let us discuss these issues, look at the research, the evidence of what is in the best interest of these women and girls. Let us not just accept the current state of the prostitution industry, simply because prostitution has been with us for centuries.

Rather than expanding and normalising prostitution let us work towards the demise of this pitiful and damaging industry and strive for authentic gender equality. Canberra women, girls and their families deserve nothing less.





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**Brother"** program builds strong relationships between the junior and senior school students.

Marist has an extensive outdoor-education program, culminating in the **Outward Bound** experience undertaken in Year Ten.

We are also highly involved in team **sports** such as cricket, basketball, rugby union, football, Australian Football and hockey as well as cross country, athletics, swimming, snow sports and judo.

There is a selection of indoor **clubs** that include table tennis, debating, computing club, science club, writers' club, and creative and **performing arts** are central to our formal and informal curriculum. The range of courses, which students may take in the various years, is extensive and details can be found at [www.maristc.act.edu.au](http://www.maristc.act.edu.au)

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



### Pastoral care and social justice

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



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# A welcoming school ...

Year 7 students at Daramalan College feel very welcome as new members of the school family from their first days at the school.

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Students quickly develop a sense of confidence in their ability to deal with the different aspects of being in high school.

It is rewarding to see them gain quickly the great school spirit which is characteristic of the wider school community.

The College seeks to make parents feel welcome in the school also by hosting a series of Welcome Dinners where parents have the opportunity to meet key staff who will work closely with their child that year as well as members of the College Executive, the Board and the Parents and Friends Association.

Parents are provided with easy access to the College Intranet which enables them to keep track of their student's timetable, assessment tasks and other activities so they can support their student's learning.

Daramalan College offers extensive co-curricular opportunities for students and these contribute to the

great educational experience that the college provides.

The College has excellent resources to support quality teaching and learning and staff are very dedicated to creating an excellent educational environment for all students.

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## KEY DATES

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

**2012 Year 7**  
**Information Session**  
**7.00pm - 8.00pm Thursday**  
**5 May**

**2012 Enrolments**  
**commence**  
**Monday**  
**9 May**

**2012 Year 11**  
**Information Evening**  
**7.30pm Tuesday**  
**24 May**

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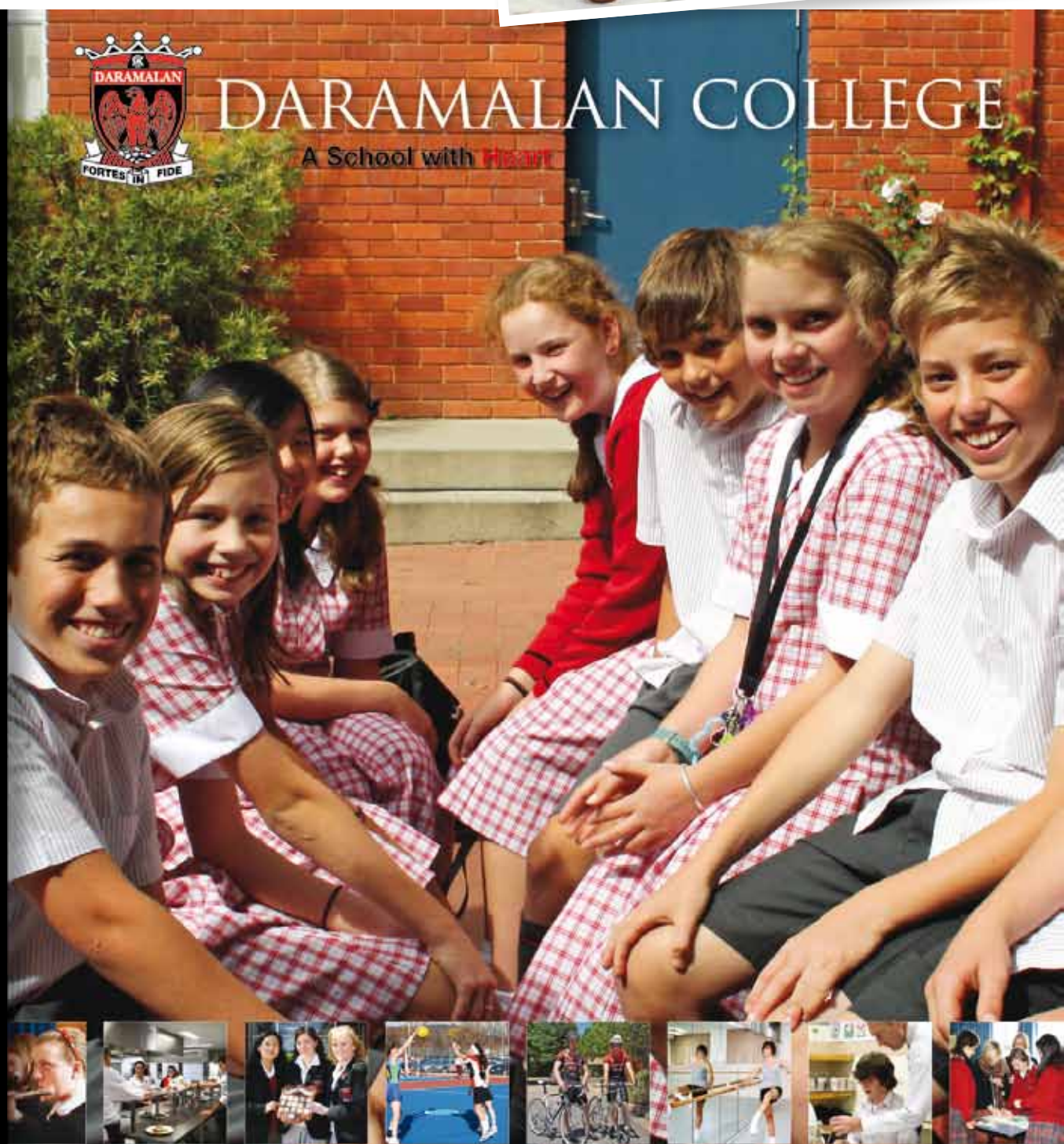
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# Building the future for exceptional young women

Merici is an inclusive Catholic College for young women in Years 7 to 12. Founded in Canberra in 1959, it is a cutting edge, technology-rich school built on a tradition of best practice in girls' education.

Merici is highly focused on its framework for powerful learning; it supports students with needs and extends capable students with its challenge program, La Sfida.

Years 7 - 9 students are able to elect into a Laptop Program which has been operating successfully for 15 years. All students are taught to be technology-savvy.

Students in Years 10 - 12 can attain nationally recognised vocational certificates in a variety of areas. The vertical pastoral care arrangement fosters a sense of belonging for every student and, alongside a strong SRC structure, offers real opportunities for student leadership.

A wide co-curricular program includes diverse sporting and cultural options, a band, choir and string ensemble and the Duke of Edinburgh Scheme.

Merici has an active and high-profile social justice group with outreach in the community and it is particularly proud of its partnership with Black Mountain School and Karinya House.

A strong student-led focus on sustainability and healthy eating has led to a new approach to the school canteen which is now run by the school, uses fresh, local produce, no packaging and integrates into the vocational Hospitality and Business curriculum. A kitchen garden and greenhouse, sustainability electives and a co-curricular group are initiatives this year.

Consistently excellent results in national testing, including NAPLAN, reflect strong student



**Merici warmly invites all members of the Canberra community to its Open Day and Evening on 9 May. See the College in action.**

engagement in learning, innovative classroom practice and academic rigour. Excellent outcomes for students are a culmination of striving to live out the mission: "Merici challenges you to love life, have hope, be faithful and build futures more wondrous than you dare to dream".

Merici celebrates Christ's presence in its community. Christian values drive the College's actions in the community. The College has built an extensive Pastoral Care program around the theme "Have Hope" to give students practical real world strategies for developing, building and maintaining resilience and personal strength.



## Come and see the College in action

### OPEN DAY

**Monday 9th May  
10.00am to 7.00pm**

### Information Evenings

**Year 7 Students for 2012**

**Monday 16th May**

**6.00 – 7.00pm**

**Information Displays and Tours  
from 5.00pm**

**Year 11 Students for 2012**

**Thursday 19th May**

**3.30 – 7.00pm**

**Information Evening - Careers expo from 3.30pm  
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# Think tomorrow think MacKillop

Why is St Mary MacKillop College Canberra's largest Catholic co-educational school?

**Perhaps it's the great teaching:** A school can be no greater than its teachers, and MacKillop prides itself on employing the very best. With teachers committed to engaging, challenging, and encouraging each and every student to develop their love for learning, it's no wonder the students often say that MacKillop's strength is truly found in its talented staff.

The College's NAPLAN results show that students who enrol in Year 7 at MacKillop achieve remarkable progress by the time they are in Year 9 - the kind of progress that continues into their senior years. The "like school" NAPLAN data reflects brilliantly on the quality of our academic environment. Students do well at MacKillop!

**Maybe it's the safe and dynamic community:** MacKillop

boasts a Pastoral Care program that has been held in high regard by teachers, students, and parents alike. It promotes an open school that is welcoming, respectful of differences, enthusiastic about different talents, and where students can speak openly about their concerns and where they can expect that they will be helped.

There's an energy at MacKillop that is fun, safe, and truly irresistible!

**It's the opportunities for each and every child:** With the development of a new Trade Training Centre, to extend MacKillop's stellar Vocational Education facilities, a new state-of-the-art Information Resource Centre, and the refurbishment of the College's science laboratories all set for completion this year, future and current students will have more opportunities than ever before.

The Trade Training Centre will include a new commercial kitchen and an extension to the technology facilities, allowing MacKillop to offer additional vocational certificates in the senior years.

The laptop program will begin rolling out to Years 7 and 11 this



year (and will continue in 2012), while online education programs StudyWiz and Yoututor continue to provide students with academic assistance outside of the classroom.

**It's coeducation - the way of the future:** Boys and girls learn together at MacKillop, promoting a mutual respect for gender difference, cohesive intellectual energy, and a learning community that best reflects the society our students belong to and are being prepared to one-day lead.

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



Co-education is normal, healthy, and the way life-long learning occurs. Why would you not have it in those critical secondary school years?

**It's the achievement:** If you want academic achievement, MacKillop is the place to be. If you

want to achieve your sporting goals, MacKillop is the place to be. If you want to set yourself up to begin a trade or join the workforce, MacKillop is the place to be.

Students come to MacKillop with many different talents and dreams, which MacKillop's teachers seek to nurture and encourage. MacKillop's achievements in cultural, sporting, and academic life are a source of pride to the student body and the wider community.

**Maybe it's because we're Catholic:** At MacKillop, we're faithful to the Gospels, attentive to the example of Jesus Christ, and challenged by the life and work of St Mary MacKillop.

We are not perfect but we endeavour to be just, loving, faithful, inclusive of all, and joyful in each other's company. MacKillop is a Catholic school for all!

**It's because the students love their school (and the feeling's mutual, really):** When MacKillop bids farewell to its Year 12 cohort, they leave knowing they were deeply loved by their teachers and their friends.

MacKillop students are enthusiastic, generous, proactive, intelligent, and have a good sense of humour. They become young women and men who proceed to tertiary studies or the workplace with confidence, possessing initiative and the ability to make informed decisions.

# ST MARY MACKILLOP COLLEGE CANBERRA



## St Mary MacKillop College: the logical choice

Welcome to MacKillop, Canberra's largest secondary school (for good reason).

MacKillop is a dynamic welcoming community possessing energy, opportunity, and a learning environment where excellence in education is valued.

Open to Years 7-12, MacKillop provides its students with a quality, modern curriculum. All students are encouraged to achieve their best and they enjoy great teaching!

It's no wonder MacKillop students love their school. After all, *the feeling's mutual.*

## Information Nights

### YEAR 7 2012

Monday, 9 May 2011 @6.30pm  
Mackinnon Street, Wanniasa

### YEAR 11 2012

Wednesday, 18 May 2011 @6pm  
Ellerston Avenue, Isabella Plains

Enrolment Period runs between 9 May  
and 27 May 2011.

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## *Academic scholarships*

for Years 7 & 11 – 2012



The ACER examination will be held  
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# Opportunities for success

St Francis Xavier (SFX) College is a Catholic College, catering for students from Years 7 to 12 with an enrolment of over 1200 students in 2011.

SFX aims to provide opportunities for success for all students. Students are supported and challenged through a strong academic program, a diverse range of electives and strong pastoral care.

SFX is blessed with state-of-the-art facilities.

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

There is an emphasis on older students leading by example and this extends to the way students show respect for the facilities at the College.

Learning opportunities have also been enhanced by an increase in Teacher Librarian support, supervised study les-

sons for Year 11 and AST preparation lessons for Year 12.

SFX enrolls students from Belconnen, North Canberra and Gungahlin.

The College has strong links with the local community and students are encouraged to play weekend sport with local clubs.

Students also have the opportunity to participate in a range of sports against other schools and colleges.

Exciting recent developments at the College include:

- Plans to build a new Student Services Hub to give students better access to key personnel and to move the Senior Common Room closer to the Information Resource Centre.

- The foundations being laid for the new Canberra Region Pathways Trade Training Centre. The SFX facility will focus on Construction pathways.

- Increasing the number of personnel providing support and counselling in relation to Careers and Vocational Education and Training.

- The introduction of the Studywiz learning platform for students, teachers and parents.

- The roll out of laptops to all Years 9 and 10 students

- Additions to the Senior Student Leadership team to include Captains for Social Justice, Prayer and Liturgy, Sustainability and the Arts.

- A new College website [www.sfx.act.edu.au](http://www.sfx.act.edu.au)



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## St Francis Xavier College

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for students in Years 7 - 12*

### ENROLLING NOW FOR 2012

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

#### YEAR 7 2012

#### Information Evening

#### Tuesday 17 May 2011

5.30pm – 7.00pm

tours and subject displays

7.00pm formal information session

#### YEAR 11 2012

#### Information Evening

#### Wednesday 18 May 2011

5.30pm – 6.30pm

tours and subject displays

6.30pm formal information session

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# Five 'C's the secret to success

St Edmund's College is a diverse and inclusive school community. Students come from metropolitan Canberra and Queanbeyan as well as smaller towns and communities in surrounding regional areas of ACT and NSW.

St Edmund's is a Catholic school in the Edmund Rice tradition, educating boys and young men from Year 4 to 12.

St Edmund's has been doing this successfully since 1954.

One of the reasons for its continued success is the manner in which it enables individual students to achieve their academic potential.

In years 11 and 12, in particular, the College provides flexible pathways that provide for academic success as well as vocational achievement by working in close collaboration with tertiary institutions in the ACT.

Over the past five years, the College has introduced programs that provide a more focused approach to teaching, learning and academic achievement. Central to this is the IDEAS (Innovative Designs for Enhancing Achievement in Schools) program.

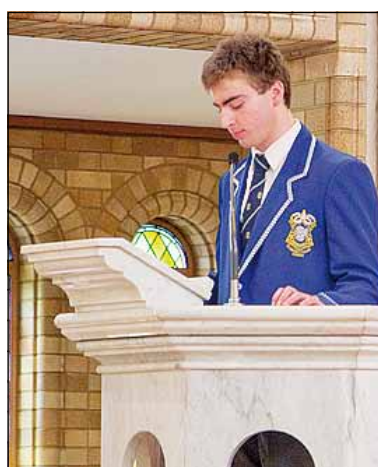
This program was implemented in partnership with the University of Southern Queensland.

One of the outcomes of IDEAS was the development of the college's own program, the School Wide Pedagogy or SWP.

SWP is based on based on these Five "C"s:

- Challenge,
- Collaborate,
- Create,
- Connect and
- Contemplate.

School Wide Pedagogy and the Five Cs have been embedded into all programs across the school.



They are incorporated into the language of the school and made explicit in classrooms and corridors. They have been made a reality in other ways as well.

The College has *challenged* itself at many levels with the shift



to a Vertical Pastoral Care System based upon the existing House structures.

The Vertical Pastoral Care System reinforces the notion of a whole school where students freely mix across age groups.

This both increases leadership opportunities for students but also develops a greater capacity for resilience, an essential character trait for today's young people.

The College has *collaborated* with fellow educators in the trial of the Australian Curriculum.

St Edmund's was the only school in the ACT in 2010 to take on the four subjects in the new Australian Curriculum, across year 4 to year 10.

Given that the ACT is implementing the Australian Curriculum in 2011, the College is certainly providing significant leadership in the process and is able to provide seamless integration of the new curriculum.

St Edmund's has *connected* more fully with its mission as an Edmund Rice school.

In the summer break, St Edmund's initiated an Indian "immersion" experience for staff and students, and the First XI cricket squad went to Sri Lanka as part of a cricket and cultural tour.

St Edmund's experience in educating boys, its proud sporting tradition and its focus on the personal and academic growth of each of its students has established it as a school that is helping to create young men who are achieving today and who will lead tomorrow.

## ST EDMUND'S COLLEGE CANBERRA

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## Open Day

Saturday, 14 May

12 noon - 3pm

All Year Groups Welcome

Yr 7 - 2012 Enrolment Information Evening

Wed, 18 May 7 pm

Yr 11 - 2012 Enrolment Information Evening

Tues, 24 May 7 pm

Tours (all Year groups welcome)

Morning Tour - Tue 17 May 9:30 am

Twilight Tour - Tue, 17 May 5:30 pm

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Mrs Donna Victory's Year 4 Mexico students were experimenting with line art when Catholic Voice visited Holy Spirit Primary in Nicholls. They had been learning about the use of different kinds of lines, and were putting that into practice by drawing an aerial view of a farm. Those who finished early tried out some maths games.



Georgia Froome has made good progress on her drawing.



Jacob Henneke enjoys a farm drawing.



Sabrina Delgado concentrates hard on shading in each section.



Christian Aylward and Ian Edwards set up the blocks for a maths game.  
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Mrs Donna Victory with her Year 4 class.



Rita El Khoury looks for the right colour for the next section of her work.



Deepa Herft checks to see if she's won her maths card game.  
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Marco Simunec used different colours to create a patchwork of crops.



Sabrina Delgado used lighter colours to make the lines in the design stand out.



Christian Aylward added a platypus to his farm's river.



# Students given food for thought

Sts Peter and Paul's Primary Garran has offered to share its school kitchen and garden with Pialligo business Kids Pantry, which was destroyed by fire late last year.

Principal Mr John Vance said the business, which offered a kids' cooking school and kitchen garden, followed much the same philosophy as the primary school's food education program.

Through the partnership, Kids Pantry will use the Sts Peter and Paul's facilities to offer after-school cooking sessions, weekend classes, parties and holiday programs.

"Our kitchen garden provides edible, aromatic and beautiful resources for a kitchen," Mr Vance said.

"The creation and care of the garden teaches students about the natural world and how easy it is to bring joy and wellbeing into one's life through

growing, harvesting, preparing and sharing fresh, seasonal produce."

Students participate in cooking classes, usually determined by which ingredients from the garden are available, and then sit down together to share the meal they have created.

The program aims to positively influence children's food choices through hands-on learning.

As Kids Pantry is motivated by similar goals, Mr Vance said he was happy to offer use of the school's facilities and was looking forward to a partnership with the business.

**RIGHT:** Sts Peter and Paul's Primary, Garran, student Alex Nyland with one of the pumpkins grown in the school garden.



## CWL women elected

Four members of the Catholic Women's League were elected to the executive of Australian Church Women at its annual meeting. O'Connor branch president Judith-Ann Sjostedt was re-elected honorary secretary of the unit, archdiocesan president, Angela Devlin was elected minute secretary, St Christopher's branch president Jacqueline Hipwell one of two special days convenors and central region president Marie Gallagher as a delegate to the ACT Churches Council. Cela Cooper, of O'Connor branch, was awarded life membership at the meeting.

## Prayer day challenge

Ninety women heard Sr Lorraine Gatehouse speak at the World Day of Prayer service held at the Church of Christ in Ainslie. The Theme of the service was "How Many Loaves Have You?" prepared by the World Day of Prayer Committee of Chile. The women came from the Catholic Women's League, as well as Anglican, Uniting, Lutheran and Presbyterian churches, the Church of Christ and the Salvation Army.

# College offers hope to disaster victims

Merici College students are putting their theme for the year, Have Hope, into practice.

Having hope is more than just a thought; you need to follow through and make it a reality, they are taught. This is why college captain Kate Thornber and vice-captain Ella Masri planned a Flood Appeal Week to support the Red Cross and do their part for Queensland.

A week of action and fundraising activities included cup cake stalls, sports activities, a car wash, non-uniform day, teachers vs seniors volleyball game, a dance-off, crazy games, a sausage sizzle and a raffle.

The students and community raised more than \$5500 to support people dealing with the devastation caused by the floods and Cyclone Yasi.

**RIGHT:** Year 12 students Natalie Viglioni, Jessica King, Ella Masri, Kate Thornber and Liz Meehan cool off on car wash duty.



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# Volunteer is honoured



Mr Don McGregor, Mr Alex Neave and Mr David McCann at the blessing of the Lorraine Neave conference rooms.

Mrs Lorraine Neave, of Tuross Heads, who died in a car accident near Narooma last year, was honoured in the naming of the new St Vincent de Paul Society conference rooms at Moruya.

They will be known as the Lorraine Neave conference rooms, in recognition of the former St Vincent de Paul Society South Coast Region president.

"She was unique, a one-off," Mr Don McGregor, a close friend and colleague, said.

"Lorraine experienced hardship herself as a young mother. This experience

gave her great compassion for others in need.

"She had enormous energy and personality, and brought this to her work in the local conference at Moruya and through the south coast region as regional president. She is sadly missed."

Friends and fellow Vinnies volunteers from Moruya, Tuross Heads, Narooma and Canberra joined Alex, her husband, for the blessing and dedication of the rooms by parish priest Fr Emil Milat.

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## Veteran priest dies

Fr Vince Pierse, who served in archdiocesan parishes for more than 45 years, has died. He was 91. Fr Pierse was living in retirement at Mount St Joseph's Nursing Home, Young.

Gundagai-born Fr Pierse was ordained in his hometown on 25 July, 1948. He served in the parishes of Goulburn, Young, Ardlethan, Gundagai, Bega, West Wyalong, Crookwell, North Goulburn, Binalong, Braidwood, Adelong, Bombala, Adaminaby and O'Connor between 1949 until his retirement in 1994.

He is survived by his sister Vonnice and his brother Bill and their extended families. A celebrated Requiem Mass for the repose of his soul was held at St Patrick's Church, Gundagai.

## JPII celebration Mass

Archbishop Mark Coleridge will celebrate Mass with the Polish community on 1 May to mark the beatification of Pope John Paul II.

It will be held at 11am at the Pope John Paul II Catholic Polish Centre, Goyder Street, Narrabundah.

For more information contact Fr Henryk Zasiura SChr, telephone 6295 2603.



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## FACT BOX

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

1. Period of evangelisation and pre-catechumenate: A stage of no fixed time where the person enquires about the Catholic faith.

2. Acceptance into the order of catechumens: The liturgical rite which marks the beginning of the official catechumenate period.

3. Period of catechumenate: A stage of no fixed time where the candidate learns about the faith and really begins the process of conversion to God.

4. Rite of election: The liturgical rite in which the catechumen requests to receive the sacraments of initiation. Generally held on the first Sunday of Lent.

5. Period of purification and enlightenment: The period of personal reflection, scrutiny and preparation before the catechumen receives the sacraments. This generally occurs throughout Lent.

6. Sacraments of initiation: The candidate is baptised (if they haven't been already) confirmed, and receives their first Eucharist. It is usually incorporated into Easter Vigil Mass.

7. Period of post-baptismal catechesis: Follow-up catechesis now that the person has been fully initiated into Catholic community.



Mgr John Woods leads discussion at an archdiocesan RCIA forum.

# Many reasons for the journey

Maybe your child goes to a Catholic school and you're curious to know more about the faith they are taught.

Maybe you've been inspired by the beliefs of a friend or relative.

Or perhaps you're simply searching for meaning and wonder if the Catholic Church may hold the answers.

For all these reasons and more, people decide to journey towards conversion through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA).

A communal, parish-based process, RCIA is a way for people to discover the Catholic faith, discern their path and come into full communion with the Catholic Church.

"It wasn't that many years ago that if someone wanted to be a Catholic they'd go see the priest, he'd give them some books or pamphlets to read, they would discern privately, and then without anyone really knowing, they'd become Catholic," Mgr John Woods told a group of RCIA leaders during a recent forum.

"RCIA has changed that. It is a journey involving communal discernment, confirmed with rites, in an ongoing process."

The first stage is referred to as the pre-catechumenate, which Mgr Woods described as "an

affirmation that God comes to you disguised as your life.

"It is the period where people enquiring about the Catholic faith are welcomed, we talk about what matters to them in their lives, and provide them with an understanding of the RCIA process."

Once the person is ready to continue further and commit to RCIA there is a ritual crossing

## Important the whole parish becomes involved

over into the catechumenate phase, after which the person is referred to as a catechumen.

During this stage the catechumen discovers not just the theory of the Catholic faith, but how it impacts on their life.

Mgr Woods said it was important the whole parish becomes involved and that even the simple action of welcoming the catechumens at Mass could be faith affirming for the entire community.

The time the RCIA process takes varies from person to person, but the final stages generally start at the beginning of Lent.

Catechumens formally declare their intent to receive the sacraments of initiation on the first Sunday of Lent, and then spend the Lenten period reflecting, scrutinising and preparing themselves for baptism, confirmation and Eucharist.

While RCIA was originally established as a process for the unbaptised, it can also be used for those who have been baptised (Catholic or another Christian denomination) but have not received instruction in the Catholic faith.

A person may only be baptised once, so for those people an adaptation of the RCIA prayers and rites are used.

"Lent is the time of inward reflection and preparation for the catechumen, much as it is for everyone preparing for Easter," Mgr Woods said. "Historically, the way the universal Church marks Lent actually arose out of the RCIA process."

The sacraments of initiation are bestowed during the Easter Vigil, and it is then that the person comes into full communion with the Catholic Church.

## 'As an adult I had chosen God'

### • From Page 7.

"I remember my eldest son's confirmation. It was exciting for me but I was also pleasantly surprised to discover that it was an exciting moment for him too.

"I had chosen it as an adult, he had been offered it as a child, and it still meant a lot to him. That was wonderful."

Two years after going through RCIA, Mrs Schofield decided to join the team herself.

Preparing topics for discussion each week allowed her to continue her own faith journey, and having been a candidate herself meant she was someone group members could easily relate to.

"There's not one team member I've spoken to who hasn't

enjoyed the process as much as the candidates do," she said.

"We make the Easter journey together. We go to all the Masses together and so by the time you get to Saturday night it really is a celebration.

"RCIA is not suited for everyone, but those who have been asked to go on team and are maybe a little unsure, I say go for it. It's just the most wonderful experience."

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# New priest for coast parish



Archbishop Mark Coleridge with Cobargo parishioners Tony and Maureen Devoy and Harold and Fran Tarlinton, and Bermagui parishioner Pam Beaumont.

Archbishop Mark Coleridge visited Cobargo for the installation of parish priest Fr Joseph Tran.

Fr Tran, who is also parish priest of Narooma, was appointed to the position at the beginning of the year. Mass was held at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church. It was followed by

a light supper, which gave parishioners an opportunity to meet Archbishop Coleridge and discuss life in their parish.

Fr Tran moved to the coastal deanery to replace Fr Michael Mullen, who is now the parish priest of Page in Canberra.

## Doorknock nears its target

The St Vincent de Paul Society's annual doorknock appeal has topped \$280,000 and is nearing its target.

Chief executive officer of the society's Canberra-Goulburn central council Mr Bob Wilson is confident it will get close to the \$320,000 hoped for.

"There have been a lot of demands on donors this year so we are

happy with what we are getting," he said. "We thank all the many volunteers and collectors for their efforts."

Most of the money will go as usual to Vinnies' home visitations in Canberra and Queanbeyan. This year a third will be given to help Queensland flood victims.

## Where is God in daily life?

How does Mary MacKillop's spirit of compassion change my life now the excitement of the canonisation is over?

This question will be the focus of a weekend retreat at St Clement's Monastery, Galong, on 8-10 April.

Led by singer/songwriter Jen Charadia and St Clement's artist-in-residence Sr Helen Barnes RSJ, the retreat will explore the challenge to find God present in daily life.

"Our spirit needs nurturing in these times of turmoil and tragedy around us," Sr Helen said.

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## why I cook what I cook

**A column in which well known and not so well-known people tell us about the food in their lives and why it has been important. This month we speak to Ted Statton.**

As the gardener and personal driver for the Apostolic Nuncio, Archbishop Giuseppe Lazzarotto, Mr Ted Statton doesn't get to spend too much time in the kitchen anymore.

But he still enjoys the chance to test the cooking skills honed during his career as a chef.

Mr Statton completed an apprenticeship at the Menzies Hotel in Melbourne and spent many years cooking in Australian and international hotel restaurants.

In 1986 he moved to Canberra and took over as head of cooking at CIT.



Mr Ted Statton shows off his medals after the 1984 Culinary Olympics in Germany.

He was seconded to Parliament House in 1988 where he worked with more than 50 chefs catering for functions for thousands of people.

After a year and a half he was back at CIT, where he stayed until 1998.

He then decided to follow his other passion, gardening, which led to his current position at the nunciature.

"I grew up on a farm in Victoria," Mr Statton said.

"Mum was always busy so I was the one who whipped up the cakes and the slices."

Mr Statton showed quite a flair for the creative side of cooking, and became well known for his artistic flowers, models and statues made out of

sugar or butter.

He won six medals for his work in the 1984 Culinary Olympics and also had the opportunity to present Princess Anne with a bouquet of sugar flowers during her tour of Australia in the 1970s.



### Pasta and Spicy Prawn Sauce

4 tbsp extra virgin olive oil  
5-6 cloves coarsely chopped garlic  
1 fresh chilli (chopped finely)  
450g raw prawns (shelled)  
400g canned tomatoes (chopped)  
2 tbsp very thinly sliced fresh basil  
1-2 tbsp freshly chopped parsley  
Salt to taste  
Pinch of sugar to taste  
1tbsp tomato puree  
350g penne pasta  
(Serves 4)

1. Combine the olive oil, garlic and chilli in a large heavy frying pan. Cook over a medium heat until the garlic turns golden.
2. Add prawns and cook until the colour just begins to turn pink.
3. Remove pan from the heat. Drain the prawns (but retain the oil, garlic and chilli in the pan) and place onto a plate.
4. Pour a small quantity of brandy into a large metal ladle and gently heat, keeping it arm's

length. When the brandy has become very hot, ignite it with a long match, away from your face and clothes. Let it burn and then pour into the pan (off the heat) which the prawns were sautéed in. When flames have died down, repeat procedure until all the brandy has been used.

5. Return pan to the heat to burn off any residual alcohol. Take care as the liquid may catch fire again.
6. When all is calm, turn up the heat and stir in the tomatoes, basil, parsley, salt and sugar. Simmer, stirring for about five minutes.
7. Add tomato puree and taste for seasoning.
8. Return prawns to the pan, turn down heat and keep warm.
9. Cook penne pasta in a large pan of rapidly boiling salted water until al dente and drain. Reserve a few spoonfuls of the cooking water.
10. Combine pasta with sauce and prawns, adding the cooking water as needed. Turn it all onto a large serving platter and serve immediately.



Mr Ted Statton today.

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# Are we blessing or cursing those around us?

**Ron Rolheiser**

Fr Ron Rolheiser, theologian, teacher, and award-winning author, is president of the Oblate School of Theology in Texas. [www.ronrolheiser.com](http://www.ronrolheiser.com)



There's a Buddhist parable that runs something like this: One day as the Buddha was sitting under a tree, a young, trim soldier walked by, looked at the Buddha, noticed his weight and his fat, and said: "You look like a pig."

The Buddha looked up calmly at the soldier and said: "And you look like God."

Taken aback by the comment, the soldier asked the Buddha: "Why do you say that I look like God?"

The Buddha replied: "Well, we don't really see what's outside of ourselves, we see what's inside of us and project it out. I sit under this tree all day and I think about God, so that when I look out, that's what I see. And you, you must be thinking about other things."

There's an axiom in philosophy that asserts that the way we perceive and judge is deeply influenced and coloured by our own interiority.

That's why it's never possible to be fully objective and that's why five people can witness the same event, see the same thing, and have five very different versions of what happened.

Thomas Aquinas expressed this in a famous axiom: Whatever is received is received according to the mode of its receiver.

If this is true, and it is, then, as the Buddhist parable suggests, how we perceive others speaks volumes about what's going on inside of us.

Among other things, it indicates whether we are operating out of a blessed or a cursed consciousness.

Let's begin with the positive, a blessed consciousness: We see this in Jesus, in how he perceived and in how he judged.

His was a blessed consciousness. As the gospels describe it, at his baptism, the heavens opened and God's voice was heard to say: "This is my blessed one, in whom I take delight."

And, it seems, for the rest of his life Jesus was always in some way conscious of his Father saying that to him: "You are my blessed one!"

As a consequence, he was able to look out at the world and say: "Blessed are you when you are poor, or when you are perse-

cuted, or suffering in any way. You are always blessed, no matter your circumstance in life."

He knew his own blessedness, felt it, and, because of that, could operate out of a blessed consciousness, a consciousness that could look out and see others and the world as blessed.

Sadly, for many of us, the opposite is true: We perceive others and the world not through a blessed consciousness but through a cursed consciousness.

We have been cursed and because of that, in whatever subtle ways, we curse others.

What's a curse? A curse is not the colourful language that comes out of our mouths when we get stuck in traffic or when we slice our golf ball the wrong way.

What we say then may be in bad taste and highly profane, but it's not a curse. A curse is more pernicious.

Cursing is what we do when we look at someone whom we

don't like and think or say: "I wish you weren't here! I hate your presence! I wish you'd go away!"

Cursing is what we do when we are affronted by the joyous screams of a child and we say: "Shut up! Don't irritate me!"

Cursing is what we do when we look at someone and think or say: "What an idiot! What a jerk!"

Cursing is what we do whenever we look at another person judgmentally and think or say: "Who do you think you are? You think you're an artist. You think you've got talent. You don't, you're full of yourself."

Notice in each of these examples that what is being said is the antithesis of what the Father said to Jesus at his baptism: "You are my blessed one, in you I take delight!"

If any of us could play back our lives as a video we would see the countless times, especially when we were young, when we were subtly cursed, when we heard or intuited the words: Shut up. Who do you think you are? Go away. You aren't wanted here. You're not that important. You're stupid. You're full of yourself.

All of these were times when our energy and enthusiasm were perceived as a threat and we were, in effect, shut down.

And the residual result in us is shame, depression, and a cursed consciousness.

Unlike Jesus we don't see others and the world as blessed. Instead, like the young soldier looking at an overweight Buddha under a tree, our spontaneous judgments are swift and lethal: "You look like a pig."

Whatever is received is received according to the mode of its receiver.

Our harsh judgments of others say less about them than they say about us.

Our negativity about others and the world speaks mostly of how bruised and wounded, ashamed and depressed, we are - and how little we ourselves have ever heard anyone say to us: "In you I take delight!"

# Easter's Light to Nations is unique opportunity

By Carla Mascarenhas, a former St Benedict's Narrabundah parishioner.

You have no experience camping, you've never set up a tent in your life, and you know if you don't figure it out soon it's going to be a very uncomfortable night.

Just as you're about to panic, a couple of teenagers walk past, and without batting an eyelid they offer to help.

Soon, you're standing in amazement as the pieces of material and metal rods that seemed like your worst enemy a few seconds ago are transformed into a home for the night. Plus, you've made some new friends too.

Welcome to the Light to the Nations Youth Pilgrimage.

Run by the Disciples of Jesus Covenant Community every second Easter, the event transforms the grounds of St Clement's Monastery in Galong into a tent city.

This year will be my third trip and my enthusiasm shows no sign of abating, despite the fact

I still can't set up a tent. It's a unique chance to remove myself from the mindless distractions that clutter one's life.

In Galong there is no Facebook or TV; not even mobile phone reception.

Yet, surrounded by an idyllic backdrop of trees and hills, the monastery grounds provide the perfect setting to truly focus on the living God.

The four-day program is literally jam-packed. Filled with music, testimonies, dance, small groups and recreation activities there is never a dull moment.

Starting on the evening of Holy Thursday with the liturgy of the Last Supper, the pilgrimage continues through an emotional re-enactment of the Passion on Friday.

On Saturday morning we journey up Rosary Hill, retracing the steps of the first Catholic Archbishop of Australia, Bede Polding, who visited St Clement's over a century ago on his way from Sydney to Melbourne.

On Easter Saturday night we celebrate the Resurrection, culminating with one big Catholic party going on well into the night.

On Sunday morning, pilgrims are commissioned to go out into the world.

Personally, one of the greatest aspects is the solid relationships that develop. Young Catholics often complain that they feel alone in their faith: whether it is in their workplaces, universities or schools.

Light to the Nations is an awesome display of Christian fellowship.

It has deepened existing friendships I had and opened me up to other friendships I never would have made otherwise.

It provides a unique context in which to open up to an encounter with the living God and to experience the Church in its fullness. Don't miss it.



Stephanie Travers, Patrick McCabe, Francis Bastoli and Carla Mascarenhas at the 2009 Light to the Nations.



Re-enactment of the Passion at the 2009 Light to the Nations. Picture: Ruth Blackwell.

Light to the Nations will be held at St Clement's Monastery, Galong, from 21-24 April.

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# Good-natured old-style Aussie movie

Set in a sleepy coastal town in Queensland, this is a good-natured tale about corporate greed and the generation gap that may appeal to audiences looking for old-style Aussie entertainment in the mould of *The Castle* and *The Dish*.

Sebastian Gregory (Acolytes, *Beautiful*) plays Kevin Flack, a young rock guitarist with a fledgling band, whose overbearing father Ed (William Zappa) is bitterly disappointed at the seeming lack of ambition of his musically talented son.

Ed himself is the musical director of the Montague marching band, and 20 years ago, the band under his direction suffered a humiliating defeat at the regional marching band championships.

This year's competition is only weeks away, and desperate that the band retains the trophy they won last year, Ed is working his loyal, ageing musicians into the ground.

## A Heartbeat Away

**Starring Sebastian Gregory, Isabel Lucas, William Zappa, Tammy MacIntosh and Colin Friels. Directed by: Gail Edwards. 91 minutes. PG (Mild coarse language, sexual references and violence). Reviewer: Jan Epstein\*.**

Two events conspire to snatch Ed's dream from his grasp. Mel Riddick (Colin Friels), the devious Mayor of Montague, wants to transform the rundown cannery town into a tourist hub and lobster theme park through a project development that requires the purchase of the very building in which Ed and his marching band rehearse. Then Ed is hit by a bus and goes to hospital.

Can the Montague brass band win the championship without Ed at the helm? Will

the devious plans of smooth-talking Mayor Riddick and his cohorts on council be stymied? What does it take to adapt to a changing world?

*A Heartbeat Away* reveals most of the aces up its sleeve in the first 10 minutes, and this adds to the sense of the film being predictable and to an extent derivative.

But there are good performances from the cast, notably Gregory as Kevin, Tammy MacIntosh (All Saints) as Kevin's musical, downtrodden mother, and Isabel Lucas (Home and Away, *Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen*) as Kevin's love interest, Mandy Riddick.

Viewers will also recognise and enjoy other familiar faces: Roy Billings (Underbelly, *The Dish*), Kerry Walker (*The Piano*), and Neil Melville (*The Hollowmen*).

Deftly written by Julie Kincade, *A Heartbeat Away* is directed in the manner of a rock musical.

The music has the upper hand with a number of pieces composed energetically by Guy Gross, and the production style is determinedly theatrical, reflecting the skills and proclivities of stage and television director Gail Edwards.

This works for much of the time, but not always.

Sometimes the actors are hampered by being heavily choreographed, and this undermines the naturalism required by the story, which in essence is more akin to ABC TV's *SeaChange* than to musicals such as *Jesus Christ Superstar* or *The Lion King*.

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

## SHORTS

**Battle Los Angeles. Starring Aaron Eckhart, Michelle Rodriguez and Michael Peña. Directed by Jonathan Liebesman. 116 minutes. M (Science fiction violence and coarse language).**

This is not a close encounter of the friendly kind. Aliens have been targeting earth in the last few decades, and not with kind intentions. Easy to dismiss as another action show, but it can stand as a symbolic movie of popular American hawkish stances of our times.

**Griff the Invisible. Starring Ryan Kwanten, Maeve Dermody, Toby Schmitz, and Patrick Brammall. Directed by Leon Ford. 92 minutes. M (Coarse language and infrequent violence).**

Romantic, comedy-drama by Australian actor, Leon Ford, about a pathologically shy, reclusive young man. It uses Sydney and its immediate locations to wonderful advantage. It takes a little time for the impact to seep in, but when it does, the delight it engenders becomes tangible. Very entertaining, and it lingers in your mind as an enjoyable and original experience.



**Limitless. Starring Bradley Cooper, Abbie Cornish, and Robert De Niro. Directed by Neil Burger. 105 minutes. M (Drug themes, violence, sexual references and infrequent coarse language).**

Down-and-out Eddie is accidentally introduced to a new wonder-drug and he samples recklessly. Almost instantaneously, it gives him super-human powers, and it allows him access to every part of his brain. It has some very silly scenes that are mixed in with some good ones. There's suspense and tension but the movie is a long way from keeping you consistently sitting on the edge of your seat.

# Chilling ways in school from hell

## Wasted on the Young

**Starring: Oliver Auckland, Adelaide Clemens, Alex Russell and TJ Power. Directed by Ben C. Lucas. 97 minutes. MA 15+ (Strong themes and violence, drug use and coarse language). Reviewer: Fr Richard Leonard SJ\*.**

In the "always on" but disaffected society of an elite high school, step brothers Zack and Darren occupy opposite ends of the school's social hierarchy.

At one of Zack's parties Xandrie, the only person with whom Darren connected, is drugged, assaulted and left for dead. After Xandrie doesn't show up at school Darren tries to find out what happened but no-one knows, says or does anything.

When Xandrie finally does return to school it sets off a chain reaction with fatal results as Xandrie realises that nothing will be achieved by taking revenge. Darren decides that if he doesn't do something then no-one will. Darren's plan plays out at another one of Zack's parties and soon the brothers have their lives at the mercy of popular opinion.

This confronting Australian film raises some of the most serious issues facing schools, parents and teenagers: abuse of alcohol and drugs, drink-spiking, date



rape, violence, sexual experimentation and systematic bullying.

This is the private school from hell, where there is no visible adult authority figures. The behaviour and its consequences are chilling. The problem is that it gets stuck in one downbeat key after 15 minutes and stays there. Telescoping every teen crisis into one senior high school class is heavy-handed.

There are lots of word plays in this film. "Youth is wasted on the young" is the most obvious, whereby adults would like the wisdom of experience and the carefree

opportunities and energy of their youth. But the word wasted is important too, both in the sense of being thrown away, but also being drunk or stoned. It's clever, but maybe it's too clever.

The very group who will see and enjoy this film the most is one who doesn't need to see it: late teenagers. It is their parents and teachers who need to contemplate the serious things it is saying.

\* Fr Richard Leonard SJ is the director of the Australian Catholic Office for Film & Broadcasting.

# A hoot of a road trip with animation

## Rango

**Animation voiced by Johnny Depp, Ned Beatty, Alfred Molina and Isla Fisher. Directed by Gore Verbinski. 107 minutes. PG (Mild violence; Some scenes may scare young children). Reviewer: Fr Peter Malone MSC\*.**

An animation (often quite animated) film for an adult audience rather than for children (with a PG13 rating in the US). Children might enjoy the action but it requires some sophistication; there is a lot of dialogue (more dictionary-oriented than popular) and there are frightening elements as well.

We are led into the ballad and legend of Rango by a Mariachi-group of four owls who sing and narrate throughout the film. Rango is a lizard, not the most handsome of desert creatures, who is a would-be actor, an actual fantasist who performs with a toy fish and a broken doll's torso - and none too convincingly.

He is voiced by Johnny Depp, a rung more coherently up from Jack Sparrow, Mad Hatter and Willy Wonka. And he has a gift for adapting from faux pas situations, quite an affected vocabulary, as has much



of the screenplay, an amusing indulgence in words and meanings.

Rango is something of a trip. It is a literal road movie. It is the quest of an ordinary lizard to discover his inner hero. It is something of a satire on the building of Las Vegas. And, most of it is a pastiche play on Western conventions.

The villains who rob the bank for the water. The posse in pursuit (and then pursued themselves by villains on birdback to the

Ride of the Valkyries). The crooked mayor and his henchman (playing golf while others thirst). The gunslinger snake. The high noon confrontation. The pilgrimage to the desert to seek advice from *The Spirit of the West*. The animation is bold and vivid for the motley characters and the desert locations. For movie buffs, it is something of a wild hoot.

\* Fr Peter Malone MSC is an associate of the Australian Catholic Office for Film & Broadcasting.

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# Women who shaped history

**Women Shaping Church History** by Lynn Figuera. Florida: Harcourt Religion Publishers, 2001, 308 pp, \$29.95. Reviewer: Janet Moyle.

Lynn Figuera poses this question. "Have you ever wondered why the history of the Church seems to be exactly that-- a 'HIS' story rather than a full and complete story of the Body of Christ?"

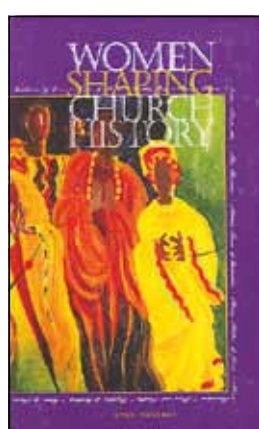
This opening line sets the scene for this book. Yet it shouldn't be seen as being inscribed with an invisible stamp "For Women's Eyes Only". In fact it is a very readable, easily accessible Church history with relevant excerpts from Church teaching and strong theological definitions.

Clearly designed for discussion groups, the book contains a sound bibliography

with reflection questions at the end of each chapter, many quite probing.

Figuera does well with her choices of women. With over two millennia to cover in 10 chapters she remains balanced and focused on her aim to make the history of women better known "as a familiar and beautiful part of the Catholic faith story".

For example, who knows the story of Perpetua of Cathage? She and Felicity, her servant, are enshrined in the First Eucharistic Prayer and in the Litany of the Saints. Cecilia, Agnes, Agatha and Lucy are also listed. Early in the third



century they suffered appalling tortures and death because they were Christians. Perpetua kept a diary telling of her terror and anguish but she refused to recant.

Figuera makes the point that those parts of scripture which are not read at Mass are not well-known.

She quotes from 1 Timothy 5:3-16 which reveals that consecrated life for women actually began in apostolic times with the Order of Widows. These were women over 60 with no family responsibilities and no-one to support them.

They lived spiritual lives serving the Church with good

works and prayer in return for material support.

Figuera includes some well-known American saints and some lesser-known ones. She writes briefly about women from different cultures - Uganda, Brazil, and Bangladesh - relating them to women in the United States.

Perhaps not surprisingly she believes that the issue of women's ordination requires a long-overdue examination of conscience. She says that ultimately "who God wants us to be" is the question the Church needs to ask itself.

Seemingly that question is still hanging in the decade since her book was published.

This is a challenging, informative read making a valid contribution to the history of women's role and participation in the Church.

## Guide to treasure

**The Catholic Prayer Book. Large Print Edition. Compiled by Michael Buckley, edited by Tony Castle. Servant Books, 1984, pb 354 pp, \$27.95. Reviewer: Margaret Ryan.**

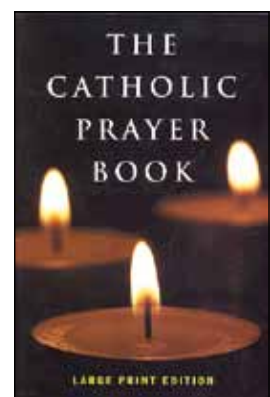
Catholic prayers have been the treasured possession of Catholics for centuries.

This book was originally published in 1984 in an attempt to make accessible traditional Catholic prayers that some people felt had been forgotten in the years after Vatican II.

Some have had their over-ornate language updated or their theology nuanced, but many remain in their original form.

The following give an indication of the range of prayers: to the three Persons of the Trinity (eg, Litany of the Sacred Heart, Devotion to the Five Sacred Wounds), Eucharistic Prayers (the current translation), for each day (eg, the Apostles Creed, morning and final prayer), for families, for special occasions (eg, sickness and healing), venerating Mary (Memorare and 30 Day Prayer), honouring saints, for the Holy Souls.

The large print edition could be of benefit to many.



# Little-known martyr's story of faith

**Fire & Song: The story of Luis de Carvajal and the Mexican Inquisition** by Anna Lanyon. Allen and Inwin, 2011, 164 pages, \$29.95. Reviewer: Janet Moyle

It is an undeniable fact that, in the long history of the Church, some horrible things have been done to non-believers in the name of Jesus. Among the most monstrous of these must surely be the Spanish Inquisition.

In 1492 Columbus sailed on his way to India and discovered the New World instead. He was commissioned by their Spanish majesties Isabel and Fernando who gave the Jews and Muslims in Spain the ultimatum, convert to Catholicism or leave forever.

Many did convert, out of fear. Among them were the grandparents of Luis de Carvajal, who is the subject of this piece of micro-history. In 1495 this edict, convert or leave, was enacted in Portugal.

The New Christians, as they were called, were

not treated with sympathy or respect. Indeed many were hunted down by the Holy Office on suspicion that they had reverted to Judaism. Repentant first offenders were given one chance to mend their ways.

Just before a fresh wave of persecution erupted in 1580 Luis'



parents had the opportunity emigrate to New Spain, now Mexico. Luis was then 14 years old.

When he was 18 he was sold a Bible by a priest. In itself this was an unlawful act for unordained persons were not allowed to read the

Bible. Luis devoured the books of the Old Testament his only source of information about "the Law of Moses". He was astonished to learn male Jews are circumcised. So he performed this surgery on himself in a river.

Luis became an ardent follower of the Law of Moses and

did all in his power to educate and encourage his siblings and his mother to do the same. The Mexican Inquisition caught up with them with imprisonment, hearings, trials, and torture leading inevitably to their deaths when Luis was 30.

Luis story is told by Anna Lanyon, a Melbourne writer well-versed in Spanish and Portuguese history. It derives its powerful impact through the literary device she uses in turning centuries-old archives into direct speech. We feel we are present in the audience chamber at the hearings. We can be grateful to Lanyon for focusing on this little-known Jewish martyr who exemplified deep faith, prayer, the love of family and the indomitability of the human spirit.

# Independent view on writings

**Luke Timothy Johnson. The Writings of the New Testament. Third Edition. SCM Press, 2010, pb 50pp, \$75. Reviewer: Margaret Ryan.**

Luke Timothy Johnson is Professor of New Testament and Christian Origins at the Candler School of Theology, Emory University, Atlanta. Once priest, now married, he obtained his doctorate from

Yale, and has published books, mainly on scripture but also on faith and religious experience.

This book is based on lectures at Yale Divinity School between 1976 and 1982, though there have been some revisions, additions and improvements.

Johnson's interpretation of Christianity's earliest writings (gospels, letters, "Revelation") aims at a "classic" stance (based on perennial issues). He gives an independent viewpoint, sometimes agreeing with the scholarly majority, sometimes not. He provides substantial bibliographies for further reading and research, and annotated bibliographies are available on the book's website.

He searched for a suitable model for an exploration of the writings, rejecting the primary tools of anthropology, history and literary criticism, preferring instead the "experience-interpretation" model.

The book has a four-part logic: the shape of the symbolic world of first-century Judaism; the first Christians' experience that forced a reshaping of that symbolic world; how the writings interpreted these new experiences and convictions; and the implications of gathering these particular writings into the canon.

The language, overview and level of detail are consistent with university level text, though Johnson aims for accessibility and academic presentation. He admits some complex issues were necessarily abbreviated.

It provides a valuable basis for grasping many aspects of Christian writings and their background. Some readers may find the book's first section tests endurance and enthusiasm.

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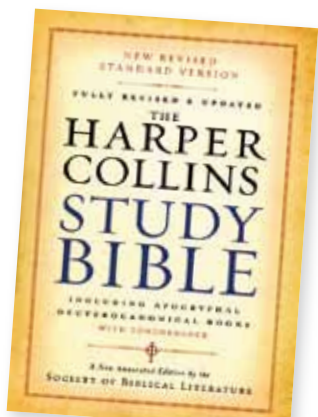
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**PRAYER** to the Blessed Virgin Mary. O most beautiful flower of Mt Carmel, fruitful vine, Splendour of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. O Star of the Sea, help me and show me here thou art my Mother. O Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech thee from the bottom of my heart to succour me in my necessity (make request). There are none that can withstand thy power. O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (three times). Holy Mary, I place this prayer in thy hands (three times). This prayer must be said for three days. (Published in this issue on behalf of MP, DP, CP, GE and TP. Petitions gained after saying this prayer.

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THOU O Mary, Help of Christians, who once experienced the hardship and difficulties of acquiring the temporal necessities of life, look with compassion upon him now faced with the same difficulties and help him to get a full-time job. He is anxious, dear Mother, to be gainfully engaged in work that will relieve his temporal needs without in any way endangering the spiritual wellbeing of his soul. Direct him to a full-time job that will enable him fittingly to provide for himself and his family. O Immaculate Mother, grant my request. In return I shall publish thy goodness that others may know the favour thou enjoyest with Almighty God unto His greatest honour and glory. J B.

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**ANNUAL ROSARY PROCESSION** - Our Lady of Good Counsel, Cobargo, 2pm, Sunday, 23 October. Organised by combined parish pastoral councils of Narooma, Cobargo and Bermagui.

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

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# A colourful and lovable priest

**Fr Geoffrey Sylvester Lloyd**

21 November 1925 - 3 March 2011

The Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn lost one of its most colourful and lovable priests when Fr Geoff Lloyd was called to his eternal reward.

Losing his mother at a very early age this remarkable character spent his earliest years in the care of the Sisters of Mercy at St John's Home in Goulburn. Many people with such difficult beginnings are understandably bitter about the circumstances of their childhood.

Undoubtedly, Geoff Lloyd experienced not only the harshness of Goulburn's winter but the austerity which was part and parcel of orphanage life in those days. But he always spoke positively about his childhood especially in terms of his affection for the Sisters of Mercy.

The beautiful relationship he had with his beloved Mother Genevieve continued to her dying day and the affection he had for all the Sisters of Mercy showed in the fact that wherever possible he took part in their celebrations of life and death. The centenarian Sr Madeline, still living in Young, mourns his passing.

Geoff Lloyd shared the pride of being a student of St Patrick's College, Goulburn, and, as for so many before and afterwards, that prestigious college was to provide for him a launching pad into the seminary and onto the priesthood. His seminary studies began at St Columba's College, Springwood and continued at St Patrick's College, Manly.

In those days, bishops often chose their most promising students to continue their studies for the priesthood at Propaganda Fide College in Rome. It was there that he was ordained to the priesthood on 3 October 1950.

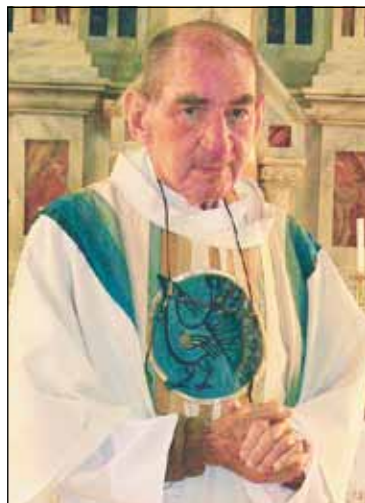
One of his closest friends, John Molony, writes of how they were especially privileged to have their ordination date advanced to enable them to be ordained during the Holy Year. As well as Prof Molony this distinguished class included Archbishops Len Faulkner and Frank Little and Bishops Bede Heather, Peter Quinn and John Gerry as well as Fathers Ian Burns, Pat Cusack and Leo Donnelly.

But as an international missionary college, Propaganda Fide College drew from all over the missionary world and Fr Lloyd was probably the one most responsible for keeping them all in touch after they returned to their respective home countries. He was a good correspondent and loved travelling so he was never far in spirit from those with whom he shared the formative years in "Prop".

Returning to Australia as a newly ordained priest, his early appointments were as assistant priest in Young, Cootamundra, Tumut and Gunning, none too far from Gundagai, his place of birth. In those earlier years, he was also Archdiocesan chaplain to the youth movements, director of vocations and director of the Propagation of the Faith.

His time in Rome equipped him well for such tasks. It was there that he, John Molony and others were exposed to the influence of Belgian priest, Joseph Cardijn, who was the founder of the Young Christian Workers.

With its method of See, Judge and Act, this powerful movement enabled young people to reflect on their lives in the light of the gospel and to do what was within their power to bring positive change into the world around them. Monsignor (eventually Cardinal) Cardijn is seen as having had a decisive influence on Vatican II. It is little wonder that Fr Lloyd was



so inspired and transformed by Vatican II and never lost sight of its great spirit and teaching. Nor did he ever diminish in his missionary zeal or his deep love for the priesthood.

Fr Lloyd was administrator of Michelago parish from 1966 to 1968 and was successively parish priest of Candelo/Bemboka, Lake Cargelligo, West Wyalong, Tumut and Bega until his retirement in 2000.

As a pastor, he beautifully reflected the love of Jesus the Good Shepherd for his people.

He was a much appreciated visitor to parishioners' homes, he took an active interest in parish schools and was always accommodating with the wishes of his people. He took his part in the life of the wider community and had a truly ecumenical spirit which was recognised by members of other churches. Not an overly confident person, he was not always a dynamic preacher but his actions spoke louder than words and the witness of his life and pastoral care for his flock won him the endearment and admiration of his people.

Fr Lloyd served under all six Archbishops of Canberra and Goulburn and all would have seen him as a loyal and faithful priest. He had a deep respect for the office of the Bishop and a genuine affection for all the Bishops he served. Maybe having so many classmates as bishops in Australia and overseas helped him to appreciate the challenges facing his episcopal brothers. Bishops are sometimes the recipients of complaints from parishioners about their priests. I do not know of a single instance of that in regard to Geoff Lloyd.

His early years of retirement were spent in Young and the final phase of his life in Lanigan House, the priests' retirement home in Garran ACT. Seemingly, he gained a new lease of life in retirement as he now had the freedom to give vent to his gregarious nature. He was able to visit his many friends in his former parishes, attend lots of reunions, church and civic gatherings and to have quality time with his brother priests and religious sisters, especially the Sisters of Mercy and the Sisters of St Joseph. His cheery disposition ensured that he was always a welcome guest.

He made a valuable contribution to the support groups which came out of the Ministry to Priests program. Not only was he a loyal member of F Troop but in retirement he also came along to the walking group and the study group.

He loved a game of cards and a bet on the horses and kept himself fit with walking right up to the end of his life. Not being able to drive for the last few years was a cross for him but he still managed to get around and to keep in touch with people. With difficulty and with help from Josephite Sr Colleen Clear, he continued till the end to say Mass for his next door neighbours at Southern Cross Apartments in Garran.

He suffered a series of strokes in February and after a number of weeks in the Canberra Hospital he was transferred to Clare Holland House where God finally called him to Himself. In that last period of his life he was visited by his sister, Marie and a succession of his closest friends some of whom were with him at the time of his death.

He is predeceased by his parents, Mary and Alexander and his brother, Patrick, and survived by his sister, Marie, sister-in-law, Carmel, nephews and nieces, Brian, Margaret, Colleen, Michael, Elizabeth and Geoffrey and their children.

- Bishop Pat Power.

## MISSION TALK



During March we commended to God's care Fr Geoff Lloyd, a former Director of Catholic Mission for the Archdiocese, to share in Christ's life giving Easter gift of resurrection.

Fr Geoff was well travelled and had a deep love for people, being ever-mindful of priests, deacons, religious and their needs. He seldom passed a presbytery without calling in to encourage others in their mission. He also was acutely aware of the Church's universal network and reach having kept in contact with his seminarian classmates throughout the world.

The training of seminarians is a major undertaking with many countries facing the need to train priests without the capacity to finance such endeavours locally. Catholic Mission assists these dioceses through its Seminarian Supporters Program which seeks individuals or groups to commit to donating \$1500 per annum through monthly or quarterly contributions.

Given the nature of the training of seminarians the Australian Taxation Office no longer offers tax deductibility for donations, making these funds harder to secure.

Whilst seminaries such as St Dominic's major seminary in Zambia are assisted generally, regular feedback will be provided from seminarians. Help Catholic Mission support and nourish this important work. Contact us today.

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## Australia's prayers for Japan victims

Australia's Catholics have offered condolences to Japan in the wake of the devastating earthquake and tsunami.

In a letter to the president of Japan's Catholic bishops conference, Australia's Catholic leader Archbishop Philip Wilson said on behalf of the people of Australia "since the first moment we heard this news you and your people have been consistently in our prayers.

"We pray that at this time Our Lord grants you peace and strength. Please be assured of our ongoing prayer support and any practical assistance you might need."

In a message, Pope Benedict XVI expressed his "prayerful solidarity with all those providing rescue, relief and support to the victims of this disaster".

"He prays for those who have died, and upon their grieving families and friends he invokes divine blessings of strength and consolation," a spokesman said.





# St Christopher's Village Survey



## WHAT IS INTENDED

The Catholic Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn intends to construct a retirement village of up to 40 Independent Living Apartment Units (ILUs) on the current site of the Cathedral Presbytery and CatholicCare Offices within St Christopher's Cathedral Precinct in Forrest.

Planning includes underground parking on the level of Canberra Avenue with lift access to two apartment blocks that are separated by a spacious garden.

The Village will be of high quality and is intended for seniors who can look after themselves albeit with community care assistance. No on site health care will be provided by the Village.

## LOAN and LICENCE

The Archdiocese will retain ownership of the Village and will operate the Village on a resident funded basis. As with our Villages in Campbell and Aranda, a one-off ingoing "loan" is payable based on the market value of the property at the time. As a guide, it is anticipated that market value for a 2-bedroom plus study apartment in the village will be at least \$650,000. In return for the loan the Archdiocese will give a licence to occupy the apartment. The loan amount is refundable on departure, less a Deferred Management Fee.

The Deferred Management Fee is a percentage of the "loan" amount and accrues annually usually 5% for 5 years; meaning that when the apartment is vacated (at any time after the 5 years) the return to the resident or their estate is 75% of the loan.

In addition a monthly maintenance charge is payable to cover the costs of external maintenance, gardening, building insurance and common utilities.

## AGE

The Village is for seniors and the entry age will be not younger than 65years, although realistically the expectation is that residents will most likely be in their 70s.

## CONSTRUCTION TIME FRAME

It is planned for construction to commence later this year or early next year with occupation within 18 months.

## SURVEY

This Survey will assist in the planning of the Village by informing us on the preferences of prospective residents. Please register your interest by returning the survey to Cathedral Parish office or by emailing to:

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Are you interested in living in the Archdiocesan Independent Living Units in Franklin St Forrest?	Yes	No	
What time frame?	2012	2013	2014
How many people would live in the unit?	1	2	-
How many bedrooms do you require?	1	2	3
Is a larger living area more important than large bedrooms?	Yes	No	
Is there a certain aspect you would prefer?	North	South	Don't care
Is balcony space important?	Yes	No	
Should your unit have a bath?	Yes	No	
How many car spaces do you need?	0	1	2
Would you need extra storage in the garage area?	Yes	No	
Do you prefer gas or electric cooking?	Gas	Electric	Gas stove, Electric oven
Would you prefer a wall mounted or floor based clothes dryer?	Wall	Floor	Don't care
Microwave?	Yes	No	Don't care
What floor finish do you prefer in living areas?	Carpet	Tile	Timber
What floor finish do you prefer in bedrooms?	Carpet	Tile	Timber
What bench top finish do you prefer in the kitchen?	Stone	Laminate	Granite
Do you think there should be common facilities in the complex?	Yes	No	Don't care
If yes, what common facilities are important? For example; hairdresser, visiting allied health room, pool, sauna, games/craft room or men's shed.			
Any other preferences or comments?			