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## Floating the idea it's OK to be different

Everyone is different and that's okay. This was the message for students at St Anthony's Parish Primary Wanniasa, on Bubble Day.

Held annually during Autism Awareness Week, the day aims to promote understanding about autism spectrum disorders (ASDs) and help those children with an ASD to "burst out of their bubble of isolation".

"We have about 17 children with varying degrees of autism, some diagnosed and some undiagnosed," St Anthony's kindergarten teacher Mrs Cate Druhan said.

"The day has always been a successful way for both the students with autism and those without to learn that everyone is different and that it is OK to be different."

After watching a presentation on autism and Asperger's Syndrome, the students drew themselves in a bubble, imagining what it would be like for an autistic person who may feel they live in a bubble.

Year 6 students led their peer support groups as they blew bubbles in coloured paint and then pressed paper on the top to make a print.



Tahlia Howard helps Austen Fitzroy to blow a stream of bubbles.


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# Calvary deal

Calvary Hospital will receive 200 new beds and remain the centre for acute care in north Canberra under the latest deal proposed by the ACT Government.

The future of the Bruce public hospital has been part of an ongoing debate about how best to cater for a projected 77 per cent increase in hospital admissions across the territory over the next 15 years.

"The Government wrote to us with a series of proposals which will form the basis of the compromise we were hoping for," Little Company of Mary Healthcare chair Mr John Watkins said.

"We agree in principal to what they've proposed and now we just have a few details to tidy up."

Funding for the deal will be announced in the ACT Budget on Tuesday, 3 May, providing several hundred million dollars

for a 200-bed upgrade to Calvary and the building of a new 200-bed sub-acute hospital in the city's north.

"The Government has asked for our support in role delineation, to work out which services will operate at The Canberra Hospital and which will run at Calvary," Mr Watkins said. "That's smart health planning."

The deal may mean some procedures will move from Calvary to the new sub-acute hospital, which Mr Watkins said was most reasonable.

"We think this a good deal for the people of Canberra and a good deal for tax payers," he said. "Expanding Calvary will be a much cheaper alternative to building a new 400-bed acute hospital."

The Government's proposal comes after a public submission process on five key options for

increasing hospital beds across the territory.

Calvary's operation is funded by the ACT Government through ACT Health and each year an agreement is signed to specify the services to be provided under that funding contract.

According to recent Canberra Times reports, Calvary had threatened to sue the Government for breach of contract if it adopted its initial preferred option of building a new 400-bed acute hospital in Gungahlin and reducing Calvary to a sub-acute facility.

"We have not threatened legal action and it is disappointing to read such reports," Mr Watkins said.

"All we have done is taken part in the Government's options process and provided a detailed and rational submission."

In its submission, Calvary stated that the health needs of

the Canberra community would be best served by retaining Calvary public hospital's acute services, including emergency, maternity, elective surgery and intensive care.

Among the points still being debated is the Government's intention to maintain ownership of any new buildings added to the Bruce site.

Mr Watkins said he was sure more compromise could be reached and that Calvary had every intention of working with, not against, the Government.

"We will not falter on our basic principles and will refuse to do procedures that contradict our Catholic ethos, but we don't want this peace deal to falter on minor details," he said.

"This deal is a relief for everyone. It will be great to finally just get it done."



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## what do you know?

- 1 In what country will Merici student Josefine Andri test her cooking skills?
- 2 What kind of flower was planted at St Mary's Primary, Batlow, to represent the school's motto: Peace, Joy, Love?
- 3 Name the former RAAF officer who is the new president of Vinnies National Council.
- 4 What percentage of Canberra's homeless is under the age of four?
- 5 What is Bubble Day in aid of?
- 6 What does Bishop Pat Power consider to be the best part of being a bishop?

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## SORRY DAY DINNER

The Aboriginal Catholic Ministry invites the Aboriginal Community, their families, "Friends of the ACM" and interested people to a SORRY DAY dinner.

**On:** Thursday 26th May

**At:** St Benedict's Parish Centre, Jerrabomberra Ave, Narrabundah

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**Guest speaker:** Mr Graeme Mundine

**Cost:** \$15

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# So many stories of times past

By Frank O'Shea

"Catalpa has lost its radioactivity," Tom Keneally said as he launched this magnificent exhibition at a time when that metaphor had a nervous meaning in news stories from Japan.

The Catalpa was an American whaling ship on which six Fenian prisoners escaped from Fremantle in 1876, and Keneally was commending the way that Australians had learned to accept events which once polarised society and presented the Irish as disloyal outsiders.

That the country can now look at Castle Hill and Eureka and Glenrowan and see the romance behind the defeats, can realise that the aspirations were as significant as the defiance is a sign of a country that has matured and learned from its own history.

The Irish, too, have learned. "We learned that Australia made brothers of us all," is how Keneally put it. He pointed out that people like Redmond Barry and Lord Belmore were as Irish as Peter Lalor and Charles Gavan Duffy. To reinforce the point, the exhibition has an Orange sash close by a 1798 United Irishmen pike, appropriately from an area in Ulster where the rebels were Presbyterians.

You can see, too, the influence of the Catholic Church and the determination of its leaders that whatever was meant by being Australian, it would not exclude Catholics. Mannix is there in a video clip from the 1920 St Patrick's Day parade led by a dozen Victoria Cross winners; his mitre is there and one of his cassocks and a monstern presented to him near the end of his life. Carr of Melbourne, Duhig of Brisbane,

**Not Just Ned. A True History of the Irish in Australia. National Museum of Australia, Canberra, until 31 July.**

Spence of Adelaide and Moran of Sydney are all here, early giants of Australian Catholicism, leaders from an era when being publicly Catholic meant that you were suspect, needing to constantly prove your loyalty.

You are unlikely to be able to take in all of what is here in a single visit. You will need leisure to absorb the information and the significance of the items themselves.

Perhaps we are blasé about the Ned Kelly story, but to see the actual armour used by the four members of the gang is to let your imagination range. The same applies to the church artefacts, the school trophies, a Victoria Cross, darning needles and a teacher's school strap, a Rose of Tralee crown and Tadhg Kennelly's AFL premiership medal.

And talking about sport, there is a fishing rod in three parts, the brass reel separate; it was used by a man named Moriarty when he returned to Kerry on a visit in 1928.

Fifty years later, his son, the Aboriginal artist, footballer and businessman John Moriarty, visited that remote area where he met a relative of his father. He tells the story in his book Saltwater Fella: "Then he carried this little stool across the floor and stood on it to look in a cupboard. He pulled out this fishing rod. It was in three pieces, tied together, and the reel was a separate brass one. He said 'Your father left

this here for you.' He apologised profusely because the line had rotted." So many stories.

Appropriately named Not Just Ned, the exhibition is the kind of event that makes you proud to be part of what makes Australia.

It may even make you feel that if there is an O or a Mac, a Kelly or a Murphy somewhere in your genealogy, you could be excused a small pride. It will run until the end of July; the original intention to move it to Dublin thereafter had to be abandoned due to cost.

The book that accompanies the display is much more than a mere catalogue. Written by Dr Richard Reid, the County Antrim-born curator of the exhibition, it is a minor masterpiece of its kind. It contains two contrasting photographs which I could not find in the exhibition itself.

One shows the orchestra of Loreto College (Mary's Mount) Ballarat from 1903: grim faced, unsmiling, four nuns scattered through them with hooded eyes making sure that no-one was enjoying themselves. Music as serious business: no Kylie or Lady Gaga there.

The other is a photograph from 1924 of a group of 49 young girls in the black garb of a Mercy novice; they are about to leave Ireland to complete their training and live out their lives in Australia.

Beautiful young women, smiles that light up the day; the last of their number died in Queensland in July last year at the age of 103. How many of those girls ever saw their family again? Brides of Christ, their lives lived in serge habits in tropical heat. What stories.

## Easter robbery

Around \$19,000 in Project Compassion donations and parish collections was stolen from St Augustine's Church, Farrer, on Easter Sunday. The presbytery of the Croatian community's church was broken into between 1pm and 5pm while resident priest Fr Miroslav Mandic was out.

A small safe was stolen, which contained the takings from the week's Mass collections, all the donations offered by the community to Caritas through Project Compassion and the sales from a book that was made to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Croatian community in the Archdiocese.

The Project Compassion money would have been used by Caritas to support impoverished communities around the world, while the remainder of the funds were for maintaining the parish and for Fr Mandic to live on.

"We have CCTV cameras but they broke in through the one window the cameras don't cover," Fr Mandic said. "We can only pray that the money is returned." Any witnesses are asked to call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

## Prayers for unity

Canberra Taizé Group will hold a Taizé prayer evening from 7pm to 8pm on Friday, 3 June, at St Thomas the Apostle Church, 37 Boddington Crescent, Kambah, to celebrate the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

The evening will be jointly presented by St Thomas the Apostle parish, Weston Creek Uniting Church and the Canberra Taizé Group. Everyone is welcome. Inquiries: Russell, e-mail [rawsclarke@apex.net.au](mailto:rawsclarke@apex.net.au) or Trish, telephone 6231 8468 or St Thomas the Apostle parish, telephone 6231 9219.

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## Win movie double passes



Heritage HM and Sony Pictures are offering 10 lucky Catholic Voice readers a double pass to Soul Surfer, which opens in Canberra cinemas on 26 May.

The film is based on the true story of teen surfer Bethany Hamilton (played by AnnaSophia Robb).

She lost her left arm in a shark attack but overcame the odds to become a champion again, through her sheer determination and unwavering faith.

Soul Surfer reveals Bethany's fight to recover from her ordeal and how she grappled with the question of her future.

Strengthened by the love of her parents, Tom (Dennis Quaid) and

Cheri (Helen Hunt), and supported by her youth group leader Sara (Carrie Underwood), Bethany refuses to give in or give up, and begins a bold return to the water.

To win a double pass to see Soul Surfer in any ACT cinema, send your full name and mailing address to Claire Mitchell by email: [cathcomm@cg.catholic.org.au](mailto:cathcomm@cg.catholic.org.au) or mail: GPO Box 3089, Canberra, ACT 2601.

Entries must be received by 16 May. Winners will be sent their tickets by mail.

**ABOVE:** Bethany Hamilton with the actress who plays her, AnnaSophia Robb.

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# Battle-lines drawn in war of the bosses

After the success of Canberra's first Vinnies CEO Sleepout last year, fundraising battles have already begun for the 2011 event.

St Vincent de Paul Society Canberra/Goulburn Central Council chief executive officer Mr Bob Wilson took out the highest fund raiser title in 2010 by collecting \$26,000.

This year, Zoo Advertising chief executive officer Mr Clinton Hutchison is determined to outdo him.

"You better watch out Bob," he announced at the Sleepout launch.

"I'm coming for that \$26,000 record."

Armed with only a cardboard box, sleeping bag and a mug of warm soup, Canberra's business and community leaders will spend a chilly night out under the stars in the grounds of the National Museum of Australia on 16 June.

Vinnies national chief executive officer Dr John Falzon said he hoped to have 150 people take up the challenge and raise \$450,000 to support Vinnies homeless services in the Canberra region.

"The Sleepout isn't just about raising money; it's about changing the negative attitudes towards people who are doing it tough," Dr Falzon said.

"These are people who should be admired for their tenacity and inventiveness.

"This is about business and community leaders wanting to learn from people who have experienced one of our greatest social problems."

As part of the launch, 23-year-old single mother Ms Grace Stephenson spoke about her experience with homelessness.

She was being abused by her partner, and once he was arrested she was left with a huge debt and the responsibility of raising her two children.

Unable to pay the rent on her own, she was evicted. She couch surfed, staying with friends, and at one stage resorted to living in her car with her six-month-old son.

With the support of Vinnies she was given temporary accommodation, was able to complete a Certificate III in Business Administration, and now has a home of her own.

"Money is great, but what homeless people really need is the support of others to give them courage," Ms Stephenson said.

There are currently more than 1000 homeless people in the Canberra region, 45 per cent of whom are under 25; 15 per cent



Zoo Advertising chief executive officer Mr Clinton Hutchison (left) and the man to beat, Mr Bob Wilson.

under the age of four. Last year 65,000 people visited the Vinnies drop-in-centre or Night Patrol van, and the call centre received 12,000 calls for emergency relief. "We need to address our consider-

able lack of social housing, as well as the national crisis in mental health," Dr Falzon said. To make a donation to the Sleepout, or nominate your boss, go to [www.ceosleepout.org.au](http://www.ceosleepout.org.au).

## Seminars to ease Missal changes

A series of seminars will begin this month to help introduce parishioners to the new translation of the Roman Missal.

Fr Warrick Tonkin and the CatholicLIFE team will run sessions at St Monica's Church, Evatt, on the north side of Canberra, and at St Anthony of Padua's Church, Wanniasa, on the southside. All begin at 7.30pm.

The first seminar "Receiving This English Translation" will be held on 4 May at Wanniasa and 5 May at Evatt.

Fr Tonkin will discuss reasons behind the new translation and address common questions such as, "is this change for change's sake?" and "won't this alienate more people from the Church?"

The second session, to be held on 11 May at Wanniasa and 12 May at Evatt, will explore the New Testament texts that provide the basis for the celebration of the Eucharist.

The following week, on 18 May at Wanniasa and 19 May at Evatt, he will look at the structure of the Mass, identify the purpose of each part and why it occurs when it does. In the final session, participants will have the chance to try out the new translation and get a feel for how Mass will be celebrated later this year. It will be held on 1 June at Wanniasa and 2 June at Evatt.

Information: Suze Forster, telephone 6163 4300, 0401 500 945 or e-mail [susan.forster@catholiclife.org.au](mailto:susan.forster@catholiclife.org.au).

## New bishop for Sydney

Wollongong priest Fr Peter Comensoli has been named as Auxiliary Bishop of Sydney.

Bishop-elect Comensoli, who has studied widely overseas, is lecturer in moral theology at the Catholic Institute of Sydney. At 47, he will be Australia's youngest bishop.

Liverpool parish priest Fr William Wright, 58, is the new Bishop of Maitland-Newcastle. He was named by the Pope to succeed Bishop Michael Malone.

A priest of the Sydney Archdiocese, he was ordained in 1977 and is a member of the Archbishop's Council of Priests and chairman of the Sydney Archdiocesan Catholic Schools Board.

## It's the Mary month of May

Marymead is calling on businesses, clubs and organisations to make May the month they show their support by organising a fundraiser.

The Canberra community based not-for-profit organisation has supported vulnerable and disadvantaged children and families for the past 44 years.

A number of Marymead fundraisers have already been registered, including a market and family fun day at Marymead's Narrabundah site on 7 May and the Oakton-Jim Murphy Great Australian Wine-Off fundraising dinner at the Southern Cross Club Woden on 21 May.

Domino's and Southern Cross Television will join forces again this year with "Domino's Doughraiser Days". \$1 from every pizza sold on May 2, 9, 16 and 23 will be donated to Marymead.

Anyone interested in holding a fundraiser this month can register their event at [www.marymead.org.au](http://www.marymead.org.au).

For details about the Marymead market or Southern Cross Club dinner, contact Jeff Griffiths, telephone 6162 5824 or email [jeff.griffiths@marymead.org.au](mailto:jeff.griffiths@marymead.org.au).

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# After much effort new translation is upon us



When translated into Latin, the word became just as strange (consubstantialism).

Now in the Creed we have the English neologism "consubstantial", which is again language almost at breaking-point as it seeks to express the almost inexpressible.

It is strange, and it will need to be explained. This could make a good homily on Trinity Sunday.

A third sticking-point in the Nicene Creed is the translation "for us men and for our salvation". Here the problem is inclusive language. Some would prefer that it read "for us and for our salvation ... he became man".

But the problem with that is that it makes "man" a gendered term which it isn't in either the Greek or the Latin. Both the Greek and the Latin say that Jesus became "a human being (man) ... for us human beings (men)". The "men" of "for us *men*" and the "man" of "he became *man*" are in strict apposition.

One of my colleagues, in a fit of frustration, exclaimed one day that we need a new English word. Drawing on the Greek, he suggested that we read "for us anthropes ... he became an anthropos". Enlightened but unhelpful, I thought.

Eventually, the Holy See's Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith intervened, deciding that in order to be faithful to the Council's text, it should be translated as "for us men ... he became man". Not ideal, but in the circumstances probably the best we could do.

This was one of those points in the process when I thought that translating the Missal was like dancing in chains.

You could dance, but there wasn't much room to manoeuvre.

*Mark Coleridge*

It will also mean praying the texts so that they can become the words of our heart. The priests may also have to offer some liturgical homilies, explaining to the people some of the changes and opening them to the richness of the texts.

Last month, I wrote in this column about the people's response "And with your spirit", which has been one of the sticking-points for some.

Another of the sticking-points has been the translation of the Nicene Creed, which was one of the most discussed texts in the entire process of translating the Missal.

It should be kept in mind that the Nicene Creed was not originally a liturgical text.

It was composed after bitter doctrinal strife as a Conciliar text to bring peace in the Church. It was a hard-fought text which still bears the marks of the struggle that brought it to be.

The original Greek text of the Council had "we believe" (in Greek *pisteuomen*).

But very soon the credal text entered the Oriental liturgies as a preparation for the reception of Holy Communion: one had to profess personal faith before receiving the Eucharist.

At that point, it became "I believe". This is the form of the text that the Roman Church took over much later – the liturgical adaptation of the Conciliar text rather than the Conciliar text itself.

That's why the Roman Church always said "I believe", even though the position of the Creed was different in the Roman Rite.

Some people find "I believe" too individualistic, not communal enough. But I see it differently.

The "I believe" are words placed on the lips of the Church as the Bride of Christ.

At that point, the Church is so deeply united in faith that she can speak not as a "we" but as an "I". In that sense, far from being individualistic, the Creed is radically communal.

Another sticking-point in the Nicene Creed is the use of the word "consubstantial" to describe the Son's relationship with the Father. This was at the heart of the Council's struggle.

The Greek word eventually chosen by the Council was itself a strange neologism – but it was language at a point of liminality, language almost at breaking-point as it strove to express the almost inexpressible, the inner life of the Trinity.

## MAY DIARY

### Archbishop Mark Coleridge

- 1 Celebrate Mass of beatification of Pope John Paul II at John Paul II Polish Centre; Galong procession
- 3 ACU Faith Student Group
- 4 Bishops Teach series, Centre for Faith Ethics and Society, Sydney
- 5-12 Australian Catholic Bishops Conference meeting, Sydney
- 12 Liturgical Commission
- 15 Mass Bungendore; Walk and Talk
- 16 Launch of Your Family, Your Faith newsletter
- 19 Student leaders from Marist at Archbishops House
- 20-22 Vocations weekend, Galong
- 23-26 Clergy Assembly, Galong

27 School extension opening, St John the Apostle, Florey

29 Paschal Eucharist, Cathedral

### Bishop Pat Power

- 1 Celebrate noon Mass at Galong Procession
- 2-4 Catechetics and Social Services meetings, Sydney
- 5-12 Australian Catholic Bishops Conference meeting, Sydney
- 17 Interfaith forum on Tolerance, ACU, Canberra
- 20-22 Grenfell parish
- 23-26 Clergy Assembly, Galong
- 27 Archdiocesan Finance Council
- 29 Masses at Alexander Maconachie Centre, Canberra

## Adopt chaplain, schools urged

Catholic schools and colleges around Australia are being invited to adopt a military chaplain in training.

The Knights of the Southern Cross are seeking people to support chaplains during their studies and to help fund the training expenses of all trainee chaplains.

The knights hope schools and colleges will hold a gold coin day and donate the money raised.

Each participating school or college will be given the name and contact details of a chaplain in training, whom they can "adopt" and support during his studies.

Catholic military chaplains have been an essential part of all Australian armed services both at

home and overseas bringing the sacraments and counselling to servicemen and women when they most need it.

The Diocese of the Australian Defence Force is the smallest Catholic diocese but ministers to about 38,000 personnel and their families.

The Defence Force looks to the Diocese to provide 40 full-time Catholic chaplains but at present there are only 17.

Through the prayers of the community offered over the past four years during the National Prayer Crusades for Vocations run by the knights, the diocese has a number of seminarians, deacons and pastoral associates in training to be chaplains.



# Story of two M's and call of God

The Archdiocese's newest priest, Fr Michael Lim, chose the Feast of the Annunciation for his ordination to the priesthood in honour of Our Lady's constant love and protection.

Friends and family from his home in Singapore, along with parishioners from West Wyalong, Page and Batemans Bay where he worked as a deacon, gathered in St Christopher's Cathedral for the celebration.

He was ordained by Archbishop Mark Coleridge, who was joined on the sanctuary by Apostolic Nuncio Archbishop Giuseppe Lazzarotto, Bishop Pat Power, Mgr John Woods and many archdiocesan priests.

Archbishop Coleridge told the congregation that the evening was the convergence of the two M's – Mary and Michael.

"They appear to be very different. She was female, he is male; she was from the first century while he lives in the 21st; she was Jewish while he began life as a Buddhist and is now a Christian. They seem to be worlds apart.

"However, both have heard a strange and unexpected voice, the call of God; both have heard the reassurance 'do not

be afraid'; both have said yes to the call, 'let it be done to me as you have said'.

"Both Mary and Michael have been called to give Christ to the world. From now until death and into eternity, in Michael's life the word of Christ must be born.

"We entrust the ministry of Michael into the hands of the mother of Christ."

Just before the end of Mass, Fr Lim laid a bouquet of flowers at the shrine of Our Lady Help of Christians in gratitude for what he said had been a lifetime of love and protection from the Blessed Virgin.

He also offered thanks to his friends and family, particularly his godmother Rose, who had guided him on the road to conversion from Buddhism to Catholicism.

Archbishop Coleridge noted that Fr Lim added to the list of international deacons ordained at the Cathedral in recent years. "First we had a deacon from Africa, then a deacon from India and now a deacon from Asia," Archbishop Coleridge said. "It is wonderful to see the communion that exists in this Church."

Fr Lim's first appointment will be as assistant priest of St Mary Queen of Apostles parish, Goulburn.



Deacon Michael Lim prostrates himself before the altar (above), receives the sacrament of Holy Orders from Archbishop Coleridge (left) and offers a floral tribute at the shrine of Our Lady (below).



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Mary (Gabrielle Dahdah) mourns over Jesus (Pete Dominish). Pictures: Kira Armarego.

# The joy of Easter with others

The joy of celebrating Easter alongside hundreds of other young people from around the country is what continues to draw Narrabundah parishioner Mr Tim Pidcock to Light to the Nations.

This Easter was the sixth time he had joined the biennial four-day youth pilgrimage at St Clement's Monastery, Galong, and as always, the event left him overwhelmed.

"Meeting people from different backgrounds and discovering they have encountered God just as you have is amazing," he said.

"To celebrate alongside so many others reminds us we're not alone in this Christian journey, which brings me an overwhelming sense of joy."

This year Mr Pidcock also joined the eight-day pilgrimage walk from Canberra to Galong before the event began, which he found an excellent preparation for Easter.

While every Light to the Nations features a similar

program of prayer, liturgy, testimonies and live music, Mr Pidcock said the impact never lessens.

"To see 800 people line up for reconciliation is insane."

One of the highlights of Light to the Nations is always the celebration of the Easter Vigil.

"Fr Chris Ryan MGL gave the sermon and did a fantastic job giving us a true appreciation of what the risen Christ means for us today," Mr Pidcock said.

Following Mass people partied into the night as part of the youth rally.

"For people like me who've been before, it's a great opportunity to catch up with old friends, but it's also a welcoming environment for new people," Mr Pidcock said. "We're all gathered together in the same faith."

LTTN is organised by the Missionaries of God's Love and the Disciples of Jesus community in Canberra.



At the top of Rosary Hill, some 800 pilgrims gathered to venerate the cross on Holy Saturday.



Bishop Pat Power marked his 25th anniversary of ordination as a bishop by celebrating the Chrism Mass in St Christopher's Cathedral at the beginning of Holy Week. He blessed the oil of the sick and oil of catechumens, and then consecrated the

oil of sacred chrism so they may be used in the sacraments throughout the year. Priests of the Archdiocese also renewed their commitment to service.

ABOVE: Bishop Power receives the oil of catechumens from Deacon Paul Rummery.



LEFT: Stations of the Cross at St Thomas the Apostle parish, Kambah, with parish priest Fr Peter My and acolytes Tom Piper and John Jarvis. The stations were recently installed in the grounds of the church. The figures on the stations were made in Vietnam.



LEFT: The annual ecumenical Way of the Cross was held in the grounds of the Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture at Barton on Good Friday morning.



ABOVE: Students at Stockinbingal Public School presented a special Easter service involving the retelling of the Easter story, singing songs and dancing. Mrs Laraine Morton, Mrs Pat Richardson and Mrs Daphne Bone, who teach religious education each Tuesday at the 40-student school, assisted in the preparation.

LEFT: Young parish priest Fr Richard Thompson marks the paschal candle at the Easter Vigil at St Mary's Church.



# 25-year tradition continues

The 25-year tradition of a Passion Play being enacted by Year 9 students of Sacred Heart Central School, Cootamundra, continued this year.

Students from Sacred Heart as well as groups from St Mary's, West Wyalong, Trinity Primary, Murrumburrah, Hennessy College, Young, St Mary's, Batlow, and St Joseph's, Grenfell, joined Archbishop Mark Coleridge to see a moving enactment of Jesus' last days.

**FAR RIGHT:** A guard (Jack Baldock) hammers in the nails as Jesus (Max Steinke) hangs on the cross watched by another guard (Charlie Booth).

**RIGHT:** The Last Supper with disciples Hannah Yager, Keira

White, Amber Pursey, Lachlan Kostrubic, John (Mitchell Trinder), Jesus (Max Steinke) disciples Josh Thompson and Ashleigh Heritage, Peter (Joe Lewis) and Judas (Jack Baldock).

**ABOVE:** Angels (Emily Thompson and Bridgitt Ryan) come to comfort Jesus in the garden.



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## a centenary of canberra's catholics

**In the third in a series of portraits of significant Catholics of the national capital, 2009 Canberra Citizen of the Year Bishop Pat Power looks at one of the city's household names businessman Stan Cusack.**

# A pioneer businessman who 'caught the vision splendid'

Entering St Christopher's Cathedral through the side door and walking towards the sanctuary you will observe at the base of a stained glass window the inscription Pray for the soul of Stanley Cusack.

As a young priest of the parish in the 1960s, I frequently observed Stan kneeling not far from that spot at weekday Mass.

His deeply held Catholic faith and his loyalty to St Christopher's Parish manifested themselves in all kinds of ways.

Stan Cusack's origins were in Yass where he was elected Mayor in 1933 before moving to Canberra in 1935.

It was not surprising to find him in local government given that his father, J J Cusack, served as a Labor member in the NSW Parliament and was member for Eden-Monaro in the Federal Parliament.

One of Stan's duties as mayor of Yass was to welcome the Duke of Gloucester as he passed through the town.

Stan Cusack's work ethic was as widely acclaimed as was his devotion as a Catholic.

An historical paper lists him as blacksmith's assistant, taxi driver, pianist, upholsterer, builder, shopkeeper, landlord, funeral director, grazier, farmer, land developer. One should also add family man.

Stan married Alice May Dawes in St Augustine's Church, Yass, in 1928 and they were blessed with three children, John, David and Joan who were still teenagers when their mother died in 1947.

Having left school at 14 himself, Stan ensured his children had a good education at Mt Carmel, Yass, St Christopher's, Canberra, and St Joseph's College, Hunters Hill, and he was conscientious in his role as mentor to them after their mother's death.

In 1952, Stan met his second wife, Mary Kniepp, and to the delight of the children, they married in 1954.

The Canberra and District Historical Society Newsletter of August 1971 states boldly that "Stan had caught the vision splendid of Canberra".

It goes on to say that he "had some firm principles, one of which was that Australians should buy and build, but not sell. Because he was not interested in quick profits and had the strength and patience to see his way through difficult times, his Canberra enterprises spread and prospered".

Having begun his furniture business at Manuka, where he had bought a block at the first land sales in 1927, "he extended to Queanbeyan and acquired



ABOVE:  
Stan Cusack.

LEFT:  
Stan Cusack enters  
St Christopher's on  
the wedding day of  
his niece Lynn  
Cusack, now O'Flynn.  
The Capitol Theatre is  
in the background.

successfully invest in property in Western Australia, but that is a story in its own right.

At a time when preparations are under way to develop the Cathedral precinct at Manuka, it should be noted that in 1958 Stan Cusack was president of a committee of parishioners which called for debentures to build the Haydon Catholic Centre which would provide a parish hall, meeting rooms, kitchen facilities and library space.

The Haydon Centre was duly opened in 1962 and proved to be a valuable meeting point for parish, diocesan and community events as well as over the years catering for youth activities, marriage guidance, natural family planning, pre-marriage courses, meetings of Alcoholics Anonymous, and the beginnings of the Catholic Development Fund.

Stan was a long-time member of the Knights of the Southern Cross and was active in the purchase of land in Phillip to establish the first premises of the Canberra Southern Cross Club.

He was a personal friend of Archbishop Eris O'Brien who would often arrive unannounced at the family home and who called on Stan's business acumen to bid for land for future church purposes.

However, Stan Cusack's loyalties went beyond the Catholic Church. The Historical Society's Newsletter spoke of him as a genial man in his community associations.

"He made a host of friends among bowlers in particular, first in the Canberra Bowling Club and later in the development of the Canberra South Bowling Club of which he was the first president.

"He was a strong supporter of Eastlake Football Club and a well-known member of the Canberra Club and the Queanbeyan Leagues Club."

Arguably, Stan Cusack's greatest legacy to Canberra has been his family.

Ann Jaeger (nee Cusack) writing the Cusack family history reflects that "there would be no more family-oriented group than the Cusack clan."

She quotes Stan's second wife, Mary, speaking of her inherited family, "I have 19 grandchildren, and not a dud one amongst them." Stan would surely agree.

properties at Kingston, Canberra City and Fyshwick until Manuka became less important."

Despite strong competition from multi-nationals, Cusacks is still firmly established in Kingston and Fyshwick.

During a large slice of Canberra's history, Stan Cusack's vision unfolded in a very human way as he built up a loyal clientele of customers and staff who appreciated his kind-

ness and fairness. Many Cusack employees, including a good number of "New Australians" remained in the family business for decades.

The family funeral business operating from Canberra Avenue, adjacent to the Hotel Kingston, has since changed hands a number of times and currently operates as Tobin Brothers Funerals. Stan's business instincts prompted him to



# Vinnies' new leader knows what's in store

By Claire Mitchell

From clothing donation sorter to president of the National Council of Australia, Mr Tony Thornton has experienced Vinnies from almost every angle.

Elected to the St Vincent de Paul Society's top position at the end of March, the Canberran retiree has now found himself busier than ever.

Mr Thornton joined the society 17 years ago, primarily at the request of his wife who insisted that being retired did not mean sitting around the house all day.

He started volunteering in a Vinnies centre and was amazed to discover the scope of the charity's work.

"When most people think of Vinnies, they think of the centres," he said.

"But once you start volunteering you discover all the other things Vinnies does too. There's night patrol, youth programs, home visitation; the list goes on.

"What amazed me most though was the number of people they assist."

Mr Thornton spent about 10 years working in various centres around the Archdiocese before being named president for Canberra and Goulburn.

From there, his Vinnies involvement started to take on a more managerial and administrative role. He was president of the Canberra-Goulburn Central Council for five years and was then appointed secretary of the National Council.

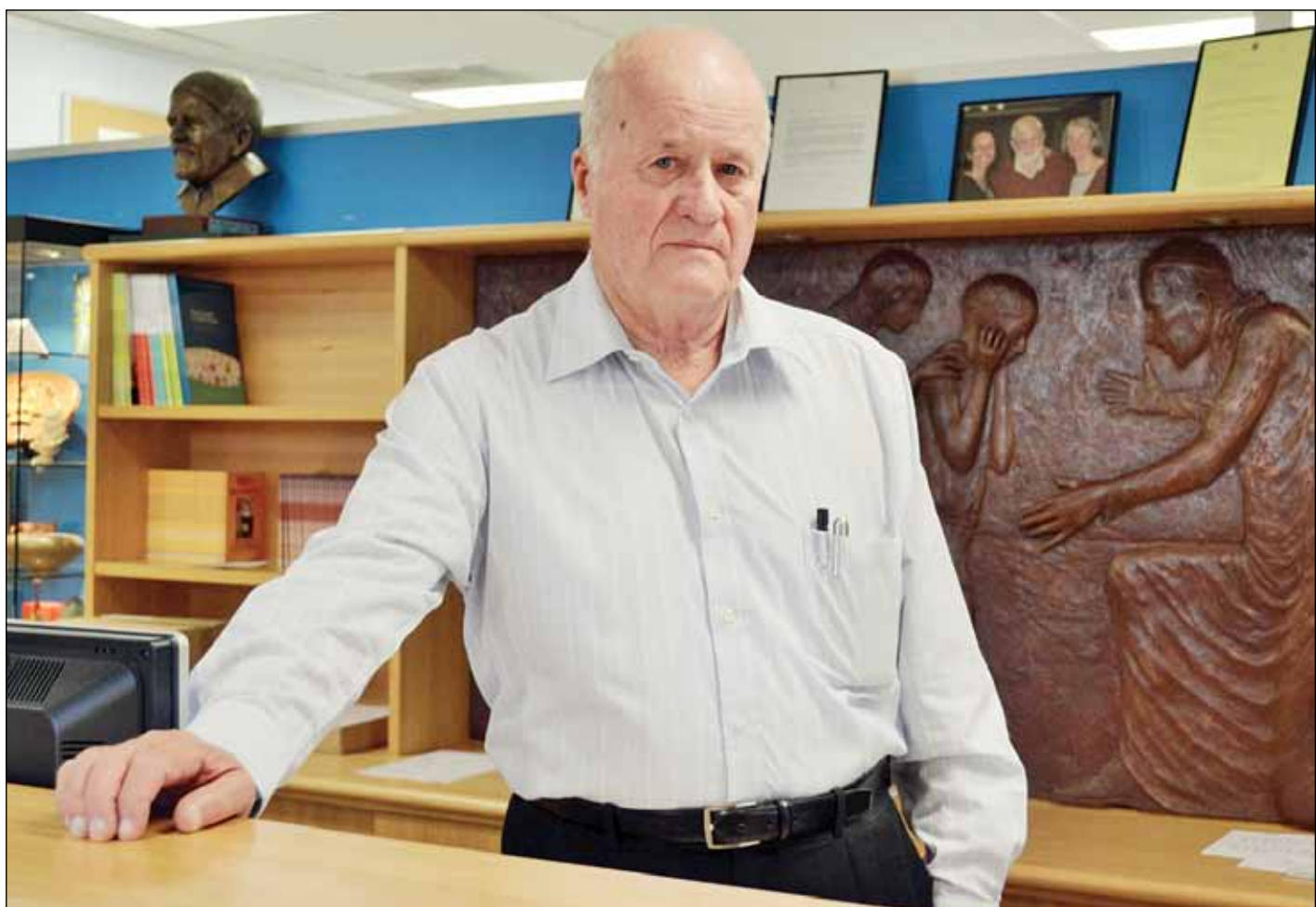
Following the death of former president Mr Syd Tutton in December last year, Mr Thornton was nominated and elected the new head of Vinnies in Australia.

"This is obviously a very different position from when I first started," he said. "Working in the centres is a real hands-on job, and even the archdiocesan president's role involved getting out there around the Archdiocese.

"With the National Council, there are a lot of discussions with the states and territories about what they're doing and how we can better assist people.

"They're a good bunch to work for because they're all involved for the same reason; they all believe in what they do." • Cont Page 19.

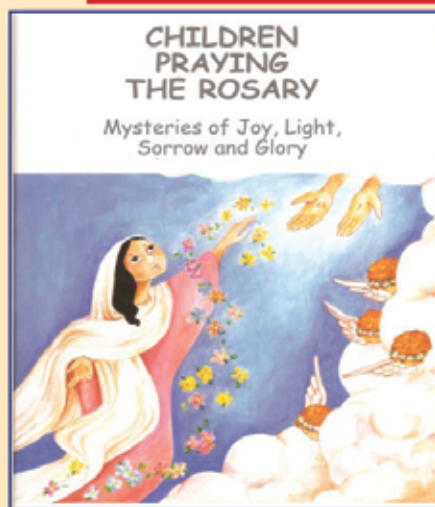
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"If you're going to spend time volunteering, that's the organisation you want to volunteer for" - Mr Tony Thornton (above), the new president of the St Vincent de Paul Society National Council of Australia.

## 'Children Praying the Rosary' Mysteries of Joy, Light, Sorrow & Glory

New publication helps children to pray



The new booklet **Children Praying the Rosary**, encourages children to learn more about the lives of Jesus and Mary. It is beautifully illustrated by the Spanish nun, Minen Sorne. Each Mystery of the Rosary is accompanied by a short Gospel passage, a meditation and a short prayer couched in easy and accessible language for children.

Many parents and grandparents will find this Rosary booklet a valuable introduction to prayer with their children and grandchildren. As we all know, the family that prays together, stays together. This book is a precious addition to the Child's Bible and the Little Catechism already published by ACN. It would also make a

beautiful gift for First Holy Communion. This delightful little booklet is now available for a donation of \$3.00. Also available are the Eucharistic Rosary beads, designed by the Vatican rosary makers featuring the hands of the priest during the Consecration with the reverse side depicting the Merciful Jesus by Sr Faustina. The crucifix shows the crucified Christ on a grapevine.

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**Mother Teresa School** opened for the first time in February 2010. The school includes a preschool which runs a four year old program as well as classes in Kindergarten Year 1 and 2 and 3 which will continue to grow through to Year 6.

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Our school buildings are modern, provide an excellent learning environment and promote sustainability.

The school works closely with our active and involved parents to promote a welcoming, caring and nurturing learning community.

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## Marist College Canberra Junior School

### Where upper primary boys belong and strive to do their best

**M**arist College Canberra is an independent Catholic school for boys, under the care of the Marist Brothers. The Junior School accepts students from Year 4 to Year 6, with an enrolment of approximately 390. Upon finishing Year 6, the boys move seamlessly into the Senior School, which has an enrolment of approximately 1200.

In welcoming new boys and their families to Marist College each year, Junior School teachers share enthusiastically and wholeheartedly the Marist vision of education. The staff's commitment to the boys in teaching them to become good Christians and good citizens is made a reality because they:

- provide a sound and systematic knowledge of Catholic faith and practice;
- strive for excellence in academic and personal endeavour;
- offer a comprehensive and relevant range of learning experiences and co-curricular activities targeting boys;
- develop boys' enthusiasm for discovery, risk-taking and enterprise;
- foster effective literacy and numeracy skills in boys;
- cultivate a positive attitude to learning and self-directed study skills.

Marist Junior School strives to build an environment that is affirming and challenging for boys. This involves promoting a culture where leadership, success, acceptance of praise, acceptance of authority and respect for tradition are permissible within the peer culture. Boys are also taught to value empathy, sharing, nurturing and a sense of community, as well as the traditional values of strength, loyalty and leadership. It is their conviction that the essential element for turning peer influence in positive directions is creating a sense that boys belong and are respected and valued.



Boys love coming to Marist College Junior School. Marist is famous for its strong sense of belonging and family spirit. Junior classes work with Senior boys in the Big Brother Little Brother Program and develop strong links with the Senior Section of the College. With such a positive foundation, they proceed confidently to their secondary education at Marist.

The College looks forward to welcoming visitors on **OPEN DAY** which is held across the College on **Sunday 15 May**  
Enrolment enquiries are welcome by contacting the Junior School office on 6298 7271

## Small and nurturing

Celebrating its 50th anniversary this year, St Thomas More's Primary School is a vibrant, friendly and welcoming school. It is located near the heart of Canberra, close to Russell, Duntroon and the city centre, in the leafy suburb of Campbell.

St Thomas More's is a small, inclusive Catholic school, which values and recognises that each child is unique.

Its mission is to provide quality education in a Christ-centred community, and nurture the potential of all. It provides a diverse

range of personal development and participation opportunities for every student and member of the community.

The school's integrated Values and Chaplaincy Program, which also incorporates Seasons for Growth and Mini-Vinnies, permeates all areas of the curriculum and attends to the students' pastoral needs as well as providing them with opportunities to reach out to the wider community.

St Thomas More's makes use of its modern facilities and resources and up-to-date technology.

The school's dedicated and professional staff provide high quality academic curriculum programs that are broad, current and relevant, research based and innovative.

Through the "brain-based learning" programs, students develop strong literacy and numeracy skills.

The needs of all students are catered for. They are supported and challenged so



that they develop a love of learning and become independent, life-long learners.

Student Leadership programs at St Thomas More's are active, empowering, engaging and outreaching.

The school prides itself on providing opportunities for enrichment and development in all areas of the curriculum.

These include programs and activities such as Running Club, STEP Ahead, Maths Olympiad, gymnastics, sporting clinics, dance, Rostrum public speaking, Tournament of Minds and Choir. Italian, art and Information Technology are taught by specialist teachers. Private music tuition for piano and violin are also available during school hours. After school care is available and is provided by the YWCA.

The school's community is its strength. Parents and community members are active and supportive and their contributions are valued. New families are always welcomed.

## ST THOMAS MORE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL



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**OPEN DAYS: WEDNESDAY MAY 4TH & 18TH**

**School tours: 10am, 12pm & 2pm**

For enrolment inquiries or more information please contact the school.







# St Anne's Central School

## Temora

*Catholic education in Temora has a long history, dating back to 1880. However, the local people are concentrating not on the past, but on the future. "We are on the edge of an exciting new era in our school, and the outlook seems very attractive," said Jack Derrick, Chairman of the St Anne's School Board.*

St Anne's has achieved a goal that, five years ago, seemed impossible: it has restored its secondary department in a way that exceeded all expectations. Closed in 2006 due to dwindling numbers, the secondary section has been rebuilt thanks to the active support of parishioners, parents, staff and students, along with strong on-going support from the Catholic Education Office. It now has 271 students, including 95 in Years 7 to 10, and is being creatively refurbished under the BER program.

At a Mass to celebrate its full return as a Central School, Archbishop Mark Coleridge told the packed church that it was now important to look to the future. This message was echoed by the Registration Panel last month. The school has taken this seriously in seeking a new principal from 2012. Dennis Sleight is retiring after five years and the search is on for a leader to guide the school into its next stage.

"The school has just achieved a very pleasing registration report; it is staffed by dedicated and well-trained professionals with a healthy gender mix and age distribution; the parents are very supportive and it enjoys a close and warm relationship with the local parish. The students are working hard to maintain the standards that made St Anne's such a good school throughout its history but also to develop a technology-based education that will equip them for the future," Dennis said. "I can now hand over to a new principal, confident that this well-resourced school is ready to take further great strides into the future."

Parish involvement includes close links with the Sisters of St Joseph, who continue, post-retirement, to play a major role in the school, and with the Parish Priest, Fr Phil Harding, an esteemed part of the school family.

Supported by a School Board, P&F Association, and Promotion Committee, St Anne's Central School offers a very attractive option for a dynamic leader looking for a refreshing rural experience. Temora is close



to Wagga and Young, just over two hours from Canberra, and less than four hours from Sydney.

The innovative Shire Council has worked hard to make Temora a vibrant place to live, and the residents are proud to live in what the Sydney Morning Herald described as "The Friendliest Town in NSW".

St Anne's students display pleasing academic standards, strong moral values and the independence one expects to find in a rural environment. They are devoted to their sport, open to cultural experiences, and welcoming to newcomers. They hold the school in high esteem, and look forward to seeing who will step up to lead it. The position will soon be advertised by the Catholic Education Office and further information is available from the school.



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# People of harmony, place of challenge

St Michael's Primary School Kaleen is a Catholic systemic school catering for 210 students from Kindergarten to Year 6.

The school is situated on spacious and well-kept grounds featuring extensive and varied playing spaces for all students.

St Michael's is staffed by highly trained professionals who are committed to providing the best of Catholic education for the children.

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

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

St Michael's values a fully sequenced curriculum from K-6 which is enquiry-based, comprehensive, progressive and well-resourced.

The school has a comprehensive ICT integrated program, with networked



computers and Interactive Whiteboards in all classrooms.

All this exciting learning takes place in the recently refurbished classrooms, break-out spaces and state-of-the-art library resource centre.

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

The community at St Michael's believes it has an exciting, challenging and happy school, which lives out its values through a school-wide behaviour program based on positive affirmation and reinforcement.

St Michael's community is a reflection of the school vision: a people of harmony, a place of challenge.

# Warm, vibrant, friendly

St Benedict's Primary School, Narrabundah, nurtures personal and academic growth while taking its students through a journey from Kindergarten to Year 6.

It is a warm, vibrant and friendly school community with a current enrolment of approximately 160 students.

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

St Benedict's is enthusiastically supported by the parish community, parents and friends.

The school works together with families to be a place of nurture, teaching and support in encouraging students to meet their full potential.

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



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## OPEN DAY

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Mrs Judy Walsh on 6241 4022 for further information  
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## ST BENEDICT'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Students participate in community outreach and leadership development.  
Students' physical, social and emotional well-being is valued and developed.  
Families can utilise daily after school care facilities.

OPEN DAY: TUESDAY, 3 MAY 9.30am to 1.00pm



# An opportunity for leadership

Year 7 holds a special place in Middle School (Years 4-7) at St Edmund's College, Canberra.

The College aims to provide a strong platform for young adolescents to move with confidence into the Senior School.

Strong Pastoral Care is an integral part of Middle School and is provided by class teachers in Years 4-6 and tutors in Year 7.

Pastoral Care in the Middle School is designed to prepare the boys for the challenges of adolescence by equipping them with skills to cope with change and by providing a smooth transition to the Senior School.

Year 7 is a vital year in the Middle School, where all students are expected to be leaders.

They are to be exemplary role models to the younger members of the Middle School.

In Year 7 there are six Pastoral Groups. Each Pastoral Group is headed by a tutor; the tutor is responsible for providing pastoral care to every student in their group.

The tutor is also likely to teach each one of their students in at least one aca-

demic area, allowing greater scope for thorough pastoral care.

A Pastoral Program runs where boys are encouraged to learn about and discuss certain issues young adolescents now face.

The boys in Year 7 develop a strong sense of connection with the boys in Years 4-6.

It is expected that Year 7 students will develop into strong leaders and will be excellent role models to the younger students.

The 2011 Year 7 Camp has just been conducted down at the College's own beautiful complex called The Pines at Tuross Heads on the South Coast.

The boys enjoyed learning about leadership and gained some valuable insights into what makes a great leader.

Already the College is seeing the benefits of this camp back in the classrooms. The Year 7 students appear to have a greater sense of responsibility and know their role as leaders more intimately.

While on camp, the boys also had the opportunity to spend some time at the



beach and also participated in surfing, kayaking and snorkelling activities.

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.

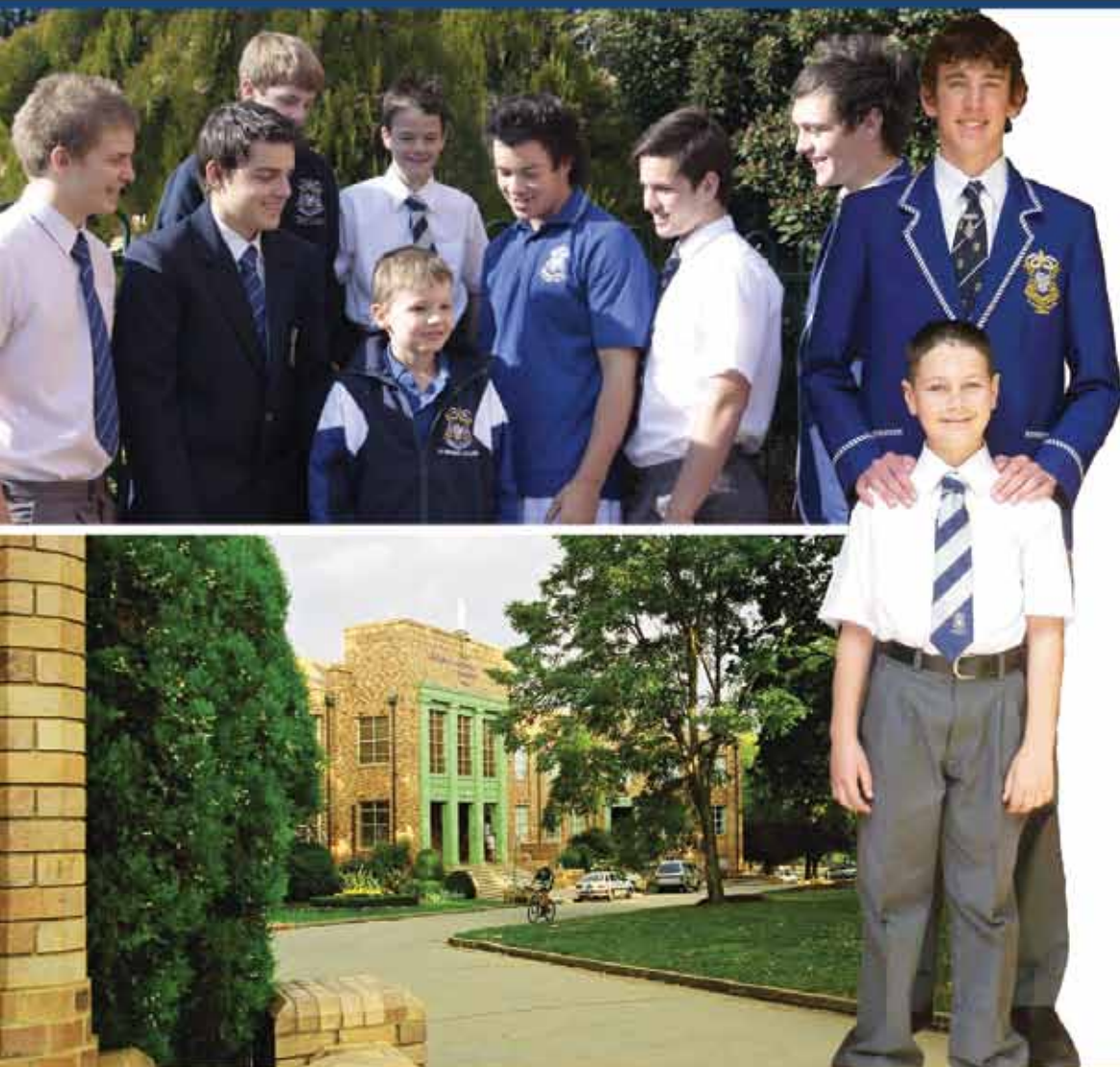
While St Edmund's is a large school of more than 1100 students, new boys entering the College experience a welcoming orientation into school life.

The middle school of Year 4 to 7 offers the intimacy of a smaller school while also providing access to the range of resources and facilities of a large school.

St Edmund's College's 58 years of 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.

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## Open Day

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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)

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School Tours**

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### Believe

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**5 May**

**2012 Year 7  
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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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Former student at St Mary's Mr Bruce Wilkinson and grandson and current student Jack had the honour of cutting the celebration cake.

## Revamp gets warm welcome

New doors and heating for the outdoor shelter shed mean winter lunchtimes are going to be a lot more comfortable for St Mary's Primary Bathow students.

The revamp was just one of many renovations unveiled at the official blessing and opening of the Building the Education Revolution works.

St Mary's received a total of \$495,000 in funding from the Federal Government, some of which was redirected from other schools in the Archdiocese that did not spend their original allotment.

St Mary's now boasts a new staff room with an inside toilet – no more hunting for the key and trekking to another building just to use the bathroom.

The old library, which was a major thoroughfare to most other parts of the school, has been refurbished, and there are also new classrooms located in one central building.

Mgr John Woods blessed the additions, which were officially opened by Tumut Shire Mayor Trina Thomson.

The day also included the dedication of the school's new garden. Former parish coordinator Sr Bernadette Mary Walsh RSJ, principal Mrs Kerrin Henderson and current parish coordinator Sr Carmel Piffero RSJ each planted a camellia to represent the school's motto "Peace, Joy, Love".

Catholic Education Office Head of School Services Ms Helen Casey said it was a beautiful day, with a great turnout from families, past students and others with a connection to the school.



Sr Carmel Piffero and Dylan Morton plant a camellia representing love.



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# Friend of the marginalised marks 25 years of service

By Claire Mitchell

His motto "God is Love" is what sustains him in his ministry, Bishop Pat Power said on the 25th anniversary of his ordination as bishop last month.

Whether it was in his support of poor and marginalised people, in his fight for refugees, his ecumenical work or his dedication to the archdiocesan community, Bishop Power has strived to make his motto a reality for the people he served.

He was ordained a priest in his home parish of Queanbeyan in 1965 and then as the fifth auxiliary bishop of Canberra and Goulburn at St Christopher's Cathedral on 18 April, 1986.

"When I started at the seminary those seven years seemed

like an awfully long time," Bishop Power said.

"In fact it wasn't until my fifth year that I was actually confident I was going to be ordained.

"But since my ordination, time has just flown."

Much of Bishop Power's ministry has been focused on ecumenism. Preaching at the national ecumenical service following the 1997 Thredbo landslide and listening to Anglican Archbishop Desmond Tutu preach at St Christopher's Cathedral are just two of many moving experiences that he recalled.

"I have a deep sense of brotherhood with people in the other churches," he said.

"I've seen something of the face of Christ in them that I may not have seen elsewhere."



Bishop Pat Power is ordained bishop by Archbishop Francis Carroll in 1986.

Of course that brotherhood also exists among the Catholic priests of the Archdiocese, who Bishop Power regards as a constant blessing.

"I can honestly say there has never been a day when I haven't thanked God for the gift of the priesthood," he said.

His title has given Bishop Power increased credibility in the community, which he has used to assist those in need.

He has spoken out many times on the plight of refugees,

**'I have a deep sense of brotherhood with people in the other churches'**

and in particular, the East Timorese, Palestinian and Tamil people's fight for justice.

Indigenous affairs have also been a strong concern for Bishop Power, who in 1997 launched the Sea of Hands outside Parliament House.

"It didn't seem that big of a deal at the time but to see how far we've come on the road to reconciliation and to think I was a part of that is a wonderful feeling," he said.

Bishop Power spoke at the 1998 Oceania Synod of Bishops in Rome on marginalised people in society and the Church, an area in which much of his efforts have been directed.

He regularly says Mass for the Alexander Maconochie Centre inmates, which he finds a humbling experience.

"I just see them as human beings, as fallible as I am," he said.

In 2000, Bishop Power chaired a major inquiry into poverty in the ACT and has been involved with many local organisations working with the homeless and those in need.

In 2009, he was named the Canberra Citizen of the Year.

While not usually one for honours and accolades, this was one award Bishop Power was happy to accept.

"It came at a time when the Church was getting a lot of bad press, so it was good for people to see someone from the Church making a positive impact in the community," he said.

"It was also recognition for the people I'd been standing up for."

But of all the experiences 25 years as a bishop has brought, Bishop Power said the very best has been celebrating Confirmation.

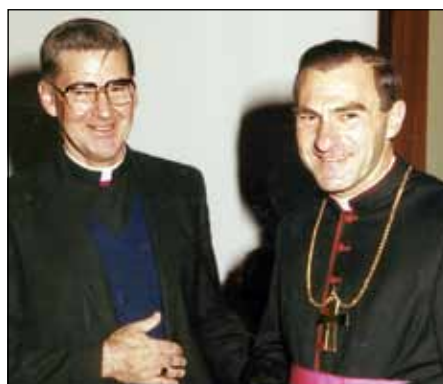
"In my time I would have confirmed about 25,000 children."

"Confirmation allows me to really reach out to families and communities. The children are always open to the spirit, which in turn moves me."

Bishop Power celebrated his 25 years with Mass in his home parish of Queanbeyan and then as principal celebrant of the Chrism Mass, which fell on the date of his anniversary.



The new bishop with fellow priests and his Archbishop in 1986.



## New leader knows what's in store

• From Page 9.

The commitment to serving others that is essential to volunteering with Vinnies is something that has been present throughout Mr Thornton's life.

He began a career with the Royal Australian Air Force at just 15 years of age and before retiring in 1976 he was made a Member of the Order of the British Empire in recognition of his service.

Mr Thornton was born in Shanghai in 1937 and moved to Australia with his mother in 1941 to escape World War II.

His father, who was a registrar of a technical college, stayed behind and was captured by the invading Japanese.

After the war, he stayed in China to work for another few years, and Mr Thornton did not see him again until he was about 12.

Three years later he finished school, and after seeing an advertisement for young RAAF apprentices, he signed up to work in the stores.

"All the services had excellent apprenticeship schemes back then," he said.

"I really enjoyed the RAAF; I wouldn't change anything. I thought it was a great life for a kid and the discipline you quickly got used to."

Service life had involved a lot of relocating so after his final post in Canberra, E-mail [ed.voice@cg.catholic.org.au](mailto:ed.voice@cg.catholic.org.au)

he and his family were very happy to stay in one place for a change.

"We had six kids and uprooting them from schools had become an issue," he said.

"The older they got the less thrilled they were about moving."

Canberra turned out to be a popular decision, as all six of the Thornton children, and their families, still call the nation's capital home.

After the RAAF, Mr Thornton's civilian work included positions with Center Cinema, the Tidbinbilla Tracking Station and finally the public service.

Retirement has offered little time for rest, and since taking on the president's role he said things had been very hectic.

"I worked closely with Syd (Tutton), so I knew what I was getting in to. This is a full-on job," Mr Thornton said.

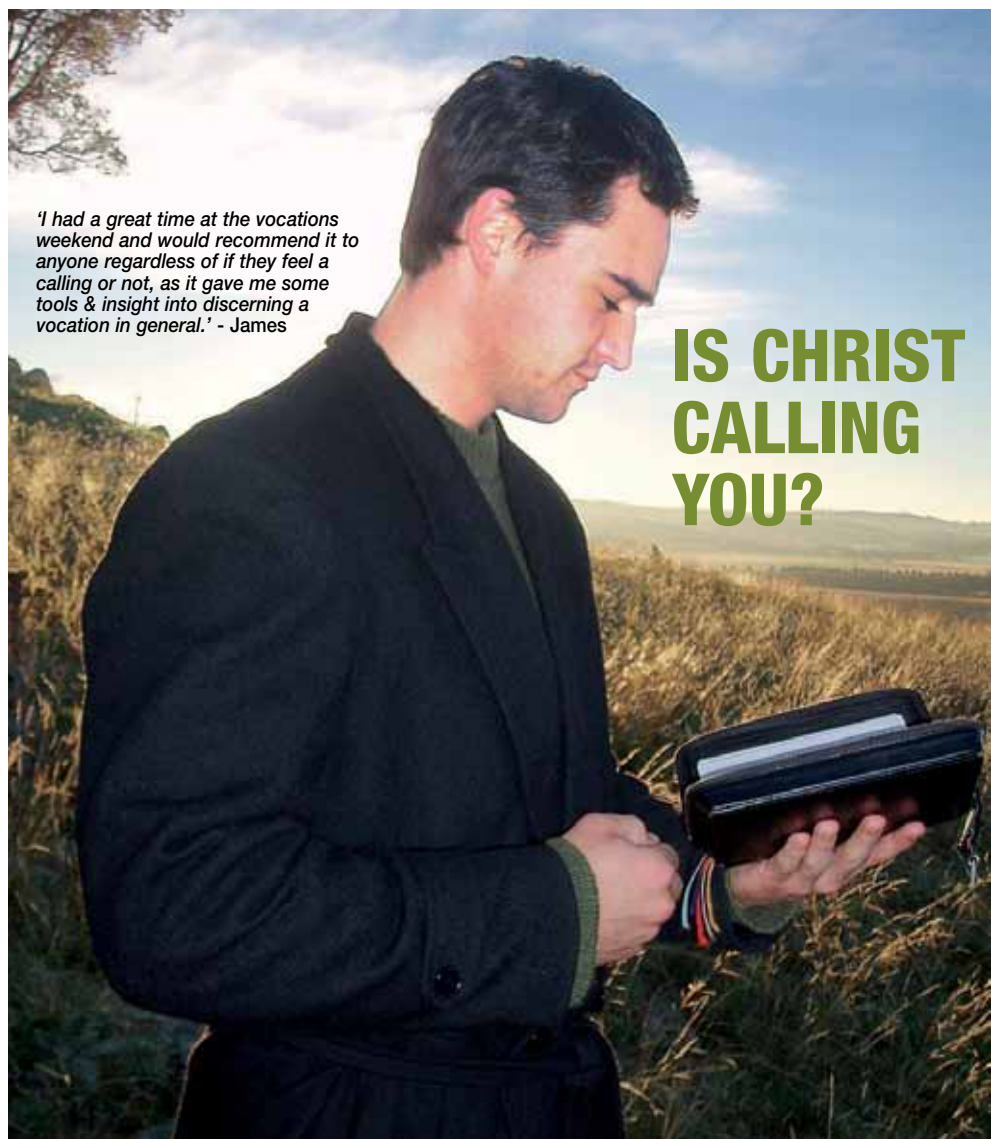
Right now, recruiting more volunteers is top of Mr Thornton's to-do list.

"Things aren't getting any easier, the need is growing, and so we need more people to put their hand up," he said.

"When people do come and volunteer, they'll get the same satisfaction that we all get from helping others."

"Vinnies does a tremendous amount of good. If you're going to spend time volunteering, that's the organisation you want to volunteer for."

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# Generosity helps communities across region

People across the Archdiocese have again shown their generosity giving more than \$65,000 to the Archbishop's 2010 Christmas Appeal.

Projects in the Asia-Pacific region and in the Broome Diocese have benefitted.

Archbishop Mark Coleridge said he was immensely appreciative of the generosity and expressed his heartfelt gratitude at being able to support the projects.

Timor Leste will receive \$20,000 for building and maintaining two churches in the remote south-eastern Natarbora region of the Bacau Diocese through the local community's joint efforts with the Bega Valley Advocates group. It has developed long-term relationships with the communities and undertaken other work in the area.

Yass parish priest and former parish priest of Bega Fr Mick Burke is visiting the communities.

Another \$10,000 was provided for the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart endeavours in Papua New Guinea and Kiribati. The money will help upgrade the water system of two houses in the village of Bosset, which is on the Fly River in Daru Diocese in PNG.

This involves the installation of a 1000-gallon tank as well as two 250-gallon header tanks, along with plumbing material and new gutters for the houses. This will provide the parish priest and sisters with a regular water supply and help the local community.

The money will also help towards the construction of two 3-tonne overhead tank stands, part of a major water



Br Kevin Murray FMS with local villagers from Kanengara, Sepik District, PNG, who are working to improve local water supplies.

project being undertaken by the OLSH Sisters who manage St Francis Catholic High School in Tabwakea Village, Christmas Island, Kiribati.

This will provide sufficient water for the school community of 400.

An additional \$5000 will go to the Marist Asia Pacific Soli-

darity efforts with which Br Kevin Murray FMS is involved. This will allow further work in PNG similar to last year's project that established a water pump and storage system along with maintenance training for its upkeep in the Kanengara, Sepik District.

After a number of natural disasters, \$10,000 has been given to Broome Bishop Chris Saunders and efforts in the diocese to aid flood recovery in the community of Marmun (Turkey Creek).

Archdiocesan Director of the Mission and Development Office Deacon Joe Blackwell said the Archdiocese had been able to continue to support work across the region through the National Council of Churches' Christmas Bowl Appeal.

## Lisa doesn't miss the boat

MacKillop House, which offers accommodation to country girls in their first year of study in the ACT, has a new manager with an unusual pastime.

The Sisters of St Joseph of Goulburn have appointed Canberra woman Ms Lisa Goodisson, who represents Australia in dragon-boat racing. She took up the position at MacKillop House and conference centre in Lyneham last month.

In a statement, the Sisters said Ms Goodisson was "a well



qualified young woman who brings to her new role a wealth of experience and wisdom in working with young people. We wish her well when she competes for Australia in dragon-boat racing in China during June."

The Sisters thanked Ms Dominique Frost for her work as lay manager for the past five years. She has chosen to leave to pursue other interests. The conference centre offers facilities and catering services for groups of 50 or more. Inquiries: Telephone 6249 6182.

## Top honour for interfaith work

The head of the Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture Prof James Haire has been awarded Australian Catholic University's highest honour in recognition of his contributions to interfaith dialogue.

He was presented with an honorary doctorate at the Sydney ACU graduation ceremony.

ACU Vice-Chancellor Prof Greg Craven said Australia was indebted to Prof Haire for his work in encouraging understanding between not only the Christian churches, but also between people of different faiths.

Prof Haire has served as president of the Uniting Church in Australia and was president of the National Council of Churches in Australia.

Originally from Belfast, Prof Haire received First Class Honours in theology from Oxford University in 1969. He is a theology professor at Charles Sturt University. He was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia in 2006.



ACU chancellor General Peter Cosgrove congratulates honorary doctorate recipient Rev Prof James Haire.

## Aboriginal families enjoy BBQ

The Aboriginal Catholic Ministry with the support of the Missionaries of Charity Sisters held a well attended and enjoyable family barbecue for the Queanbeyan Aboriginal community in Queen Elizabeth Park by the river.

A mix of children and adults enjoyed games and lunch in the sun with a tasty meal and promises of more future occasions.

The ministry runs events open to all Aboriginal people, their families and friends in the Archdiocese.

It welcomes all to the healing Mass at 5.30pm every second Friday at St Benedict's Narrabundah, which is devoted to the healing of Aboriginal people and their families.

Anyone wanting further information about the ministry or to become a "Friend of the Aboriginal Catholic Ministry", a group for non Aboriginal people to offer support and friendship, contact Kerrie, telephone 0402 049 650,



Sally 0422 066 080 or e-mail [bronnieschlager@gmail.com](mailto:bronnieschlager@gmail.com).

ABOVE: Around the barbecue with Sr Joy Edwards (far left) are Ethan, Missionaries of Charity Sisters Damienlene and Lia Maria, Joi Cross, Jordan (back), Desmond and cooks Gary and Felix Schlager.

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# Bill aims to get parishes on their feet

The Heart Foundation is offering free information and training sessions to all parishes in the Archdiocese to help parishioners start their own walking groups.

A weekly walk is a simple way for parishioners to get to know one another better while benefiting from fresh air and exercise, Heart Foundation walking coordinator Mr Bill Caddey said.

"We want to reinvigorate communities through walking," he said.

"In the Canberra region we currently have about 40 walking groups, both neighbourhood and business based.

"A walking group is a great opportunity for parishes too. It could be a fun way for new parishioners to meet everyone, or could even take the form of a pilgrimage."

The Catholic Church has a strong history of pilgrim walks which continues today; from overseas treks such as the Camino de Santiago de Compostela in Spain, to smaller local pilgrimages like St Clement's Way, which is a two-day walk from Yass to Galong.



Mr Bill Caddey leads a walking group at Floriade.

In addition to the social and spiritual benefits of walking, Mr Caddey said the groups were also an excellent preventative healthcare program.

"We should be getting about 30 minutes of exercise each day," he said.

"Even for people who do go to the gym or play sport, sitting down for an extended period can have

long term negative effects. Going for a walk is a great way to avoid that." The Heart Foundation will provide walking group organisers with training, information and insurance cover.

If you'd like to start a walking group in your parish, contact Bill Caddey, telephone 6269 2658 or email [bill.caddey@heartfoundation.org.au](mailto:bill.caddey@heartfoundation.org.au).

# Former envoy and wife 'an inspiration'

The first Australian Ambassador to the Holy See and his wife have been named Family of the Year by the Australian Family Association.

Sir Peter and Lady Mary Lawler have been living in Kiama since their Duffy home was lost in the 2003 bush fires, but they will soon be back in Canberra living at Holder.

Their absence has been punctuated by many visits and ongoing activity.

Association ACT president Mr Paul Monagle said Sir Peter and Lady Mary were an inspiration and worthy winners of the award.

They had made a significant contribution to their family, the community, the Church and the nation.

With seven children, 24 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren the Lawlers still found time for many activities including support for Aid to the Church in Need and the campaign to maintain Calvary Hospital in the terms



Sir Peter and Lady Mary Lawler with their award from the Australian Family Association.

agreed by the Archdiocese and then Prime Minister Mr Harold Holt in 1966.

Sir Peter was appointed Secretary of the Department of Administrative Services and Ambassador to Ireland and the Holy See.

He was the first Australian Ambassador to the Holy See and worked to ensure the position was located in Rome.

This was achieved with the appointment of Mr Tim Fischer.

The Australian Family Association makes its award each year to a family which demonstrates good family modeling but also contributes to the community.

# Women's role varied and vital

Women have a varied and vital role in the local Church, as shown at two forums run by the Archdiocesan Commission for Women.

The first was organised for the coastal deanery and held in Narooma. Guest speakers Pat Anderson, Jo Rummery, Liz Hallahan, Megan Quarmby and Margaret Liston spoke about their life journey and how their talents and experience had been put to the service of the Church and society.

A second was held in Goulburn where Barbara Hall, Sr Loretta Corrigan, Gaye McManus, Rachael Foley and Beverley Raby addressed a group from the northern deanery.

In both forums, the topic was "What Catholic Women do in the Church". The groups consisted of wives, mothers, grandmothers and



At Narooma were (from left): Pat Anderson and Jo Rummery (Tuross), Liz Hallahan (Moruya), and Megan Quarmby and Margaret Liston (Pambula).

single women, who have worked in parishes and schools, offering pastoral care in hospitals, jails and nursing homes, supporting refugees, the poor and the homeless.

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# Help us stay world class, say schools

Australia's peak Catholic education body has called for the maintenance of block funding to State and Territory Catholic education commissions to allow Catholic school systems to continue to distribute funds according to local need.

The submission of the National Catholic Education Commission to the Review of Funding for Schooling also calls for appropriate funding to help indigenous students, students with disability, schools in regional and remote areas, and new arrival and refugee students, for whom English is a second language, to achieve better educational outcomes.

It says that as a minimum, there should be no reduction in overall funding in real terms to enable Catholic education to continue to provide high quality, high equity education.

Catholic schools educate more than 704,000 children – 1 in 5 Australian children - in 1700 schools.

The Catholic school sector is the second largest provider of school education in Australia and has played a vital role in educating Australia's children within the Catholic faith tradition for 170 years.

Commission chair Mrs Therese Temby said the review provided an opportunity for governments and Catholic education to work together to improve equity in Australian schooling by building together on the strong performance of Catholic schools.

"Recent international and national research confirms that Australia's Catholic schools deliver world-class education that is both high equity and high quality," she said.

The submission is available on the NCEC website at [www.ncec.catholic.edu.au](http://www.ncec.catholic.edu.au).

## FACTS ON FUNERALS

## Burial or cremation? What do I choose?

The decision to bury or cremate the deceased can be based on very personal ideas of what is appropriate for oneself or others. Some people are guided by their emotional reaction to either option when deciding what to choose, and others are guided by their own or the deceased's religious beliefs. For example, Hindus and Buddhists usually choose cremation, and Orthodox Jews, Muslims, Greek and other Eastern Orthodox Churches choose burial.

If you are undecided, how you answer the following questions may help you decide:

- Is there a family grave with room for another interment? Perhaps you would like to use this?
- If there is to be a burial, which cemetery would you want to use? Is it close enough to visit?
- If there was to be a cremation, would all of the close family members agree? If they do not, a cremation may not be allowed to occur.
- Will you want to visit a place of memory - such as a gravesite or a memorial (for example, a rose bush or niche at a crematorium)?
- Are these places close enough to visit?
- Would you like to create a memorial at home? A cremation would enable you to take the cremated remains home, and perhaps place them in a special urn in the house or garden, or scatter them in the garden.
- Is there a place you have always associated with the deceased? Perhaps a cremation and the subsequent scattering of the cremated remains at sea, in the bush or another place of significance would be appropriate.

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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 is important. We speak to Merici College Year 12 student Josefina Andri.**

Josefina Andri has always had a passion for food.

"I grew up in the kitchen, cooking with my parents and grandparents," she said.

"Knowing someone has enjoyed something I've made really makes me happy."

Miss Andri studied food technology in Years 7-9 and has been taking hospitality since Year 10.

She is also currently completing an apprenticeship, which requires her to work in a restaurant on weekends, so that by the end of Year 12 she will have a Certificate III in hospitality.

"Working in a restaurant can be stressful," she said.

"You can have all these orders at once and only a limited time to finish everything, but I like it. I work well under pressure."

Next year she'll be testing her skills abroad, travelling to Spain to work in her cousin's restaurant.

The biggest challenge may actually be communicating, as Miss Andri doesn't speak any Spanish, but she said she was sure her family would help her out.

One of her favourite kinds of food to prepare is seafood. Her family background is Greek and Romanian, so she has had plenty of experience with Mediterranean cuisine.

The recipe Miss Andri has provided is a simplified version of a popular lobster dish, using cheaper ingredients that she said still combine to make a tasty dish.

**By Matthew Cassidy**

I have found that many people, in their own personal search for God, need to actually go searching. This is particularly true of young people.

When a longing for faith can often seem to be just one thing in a long line of priorities, an awful lot of young people see the need to remove everything else, just for a little while, and focus entirely on their relationship with God.

This removal, or physical search, has the potential to refocus us to establish God as the centre point of our lives once again.

The search for God in our lives can lead us anywhere. For some it is an overseas pilgrimage, for others it's a weekend retreat, or it may just be a new group of people with which to meet and talk about their relationship with God and share what it means to be part of the global Church.

I have been lucky enough to experience my relationship with God through many searches, some that have taken me out of my comfort zone and challenged me in my faith and others that have opened my eyes to the power of God's love in our world.

I travelled to World Youth Day in Cologne in 2005 and Sydney in 2008; I undertook immersion experiences in Bougainville in 2007 and India in 2011; and I was also lucky enough to journey to Rome in 2010 as part of a student group from the Australian Catholic University.

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### Prawn Ravioli with Tomato and Basil Vinaigrette (Serves 2)

#### RAVIOLI

150g fresh prawns, peeled and deveined  
1/2 tsp finely chopped tarragon  
1/2 tsp finely chopped chives  
150ml pouring cream, chilled  
1 egg white  
16 wonton wrappers  
Salt and pepper, to taste

#### VINAIGRETTE

50ml extra virgin olive oil  
3 tpsps rice wine vinegar  
125g blanched, peeled, diced tomato  
1/2 tsp ground coriander  
1/2 tsp finely chopped basil  
1/4 tsp finely chopped garlic  
1/2 tsp caster sugar  
Salt and pepper to taste



Served with:

6 sprigs of asparagus, blanched  
Julienned basil (as garnish)

1. Purée prawns in a food processor. Once they are finely blended, add the finely chopped tarragon, chives and 50ml of the cream and blend again quickly. Do not over-blend otherwise the cream will separate. Fold in the remaining 100ml of cream by hand. Add salt and pepper to taste.

2. Brush some egg white onto the wonton wrappers, put a spoonful of the mixture in the middle and place another wonton wrapper on top. Press the edges to seal, then cut into rounds with a pastry cutter. Repeat with wonton wrappers until all the filling has been used. Set aside until ready to cook.

3. To make vinaigrette, combine all ingredients and mix well.

4. Bring lots of salted water to the boil, drop the ravioli into the boiling water and cook until they float to the surface.

5. In another pot blanch the sprigs of asparagus for a minute and then refresh in cold water.

6. To serve, place ravioli in bowl, drizzle with vinaigrette, serve with asparagus and garnish with the basil.

## Changing our world



**Each month we focus on the views of a young person and what he or she sees as an important issue of the day**

These experiences have taught me about the global Church, the importance of Christ being the focus of my life, because that is what makes sense. Where there was immense hardship but still an abundance of joy in a village in India, or where there was incredible celebration in Cologne in 2005, people were yearning for, proclaiming and sharing the love of Christ in their lives.

This is what drives home to me the importance of our faith. The relationships I have with people in my life would be nothing if it wasn't for the incredible love of Jesus Christ within each and every one of them.

I find that there are so many distractions in my life that I need to have at least one group of people I can rely on to strengthen my own relationship with God.

For me, this comes through a new initiative of Identity and Mission at the Australian Catholic University called Alegria. A student-run faith group on each campus, Alegria gives students the opportunity to share and explore their faith with each other.

This is an opportunity for young people to get together, grow in the love of Christ and then, most importantly, take this back to their parishes and be present there. That is why our Archdiocese's Guinness and God events are so important. It allows people to come searching for God with a group of people and then take this renewed focus of Christ back to our parishes, families and communities. This is how I believe we can most easily spread the love of Christ in our lives.

\* *Matthew, 24, belongs to St Anthony's parish, Wanniasa, and studies primary education at the Australian Catholic University. He plays Aussie Rules football and will be travelling to World Youth Day in Madrid later this year.*

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# How we give birth to forgiveness

In one of James Carroll's early novels, he offers this poignant image: A young man is in the delivery room watching his wife give birth to their baby. The delivery is a difficult one and she is in danger of dying.

As he stands watching, he is deeply conflicted: He loves his wife, is holding her hand, and is frantically praying that she not die.

Yet the impending birth of their child and the danger of his wife's death conspire to make him acutely aware that, deep in his heart, he has not forgiven her for once being unfaithful to him.

He has expressed his forgiveness to her but he realises now, at this moment of extreme crisis, that in his heart he still has not been able to let go of the hurt and that he has not truly forgiven her.

As his wife hovers between life and death, he sees in her face a great tension, a struggle to give birth to someone even as she desperately struggles not to die.

Her agony accentuates the deeper lines in her face and he sees there a dual struggle, to give birth and to not die.

Seeing this, he is able to forgive her in his heart. What moves him is not simple pity but an empathy born of special insight.

His wife's struggle to give birth while wrestling to stay alive, highlighted by the agony of her situation, is like a light shining on her whole life helping to explain everything, including her infidelity.

And it's the same for all of us. The deepest instinct inside each of us is the instinct to stay alive, to not petrify, to not unravel, to struggle against every obstacle so as to stay alive.

Closely tied to that is a congenital pressure, at every level of body and soul, to give birth, to perpetuate our own seed, to leave behind some child that's ours, to create an artifact, to co-create something with God.

That dual pressure ultimately undergirds most everything we do, inchoately colouring our every motivation and forming the deep context out of which we act. It's what invites us to virtue and tempts us to sin. The struggle to stay alive and to give birth is at the base of both our heroism and our infidelities.

It shows in our faces. It shapes the deeper contours of our countenance. Our faces ultimately reveal who we are, both at the surface and at our depth. That can be a frightening thought.

## Ron Rolheiser

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It's not consoling to know that, in the end, we cannot hide our pettiness, greed, lust, self-centeredness, anger, bitterness, nor even how dull and bland we are. It shows through, physically.

As Jean-Paul Sartre once affirmed, we create our own faces and, after age 40, what we are underneath, our virtue and sin, begin to trump our genetic endowment in terms of what people see in our faces.

People begin to see who we are. And it isn't the fat cells or the wrinkles that are the most telling. Selfishness, conceit, and bitterness are no longer cute, after 40!

Oscar Wilde in *A Picture of Dorian Gray* makes this point very powerfully.

His hero, Dorian, a young man of stunning good looks, has his portrait painted by a master artist who produces a masterpiece. Everyone is taken by its beauty.

But, and this is the catch, the portrait is painted when Dorian is young, innocent, and of gentle and good heart.

His face in the portrait is beautiful because of these qualities, not just because of his extraordinary good-looks.

This becomes clear later, when Wilde, in a twist that smacks of something between magic and a bargain with the devil, has the portrait of Dorian's face change so that as Dorian grows vain, lustful, arrogant, and cruel the painting changes and begins to show his vanity, lust, arrogance, and cruelty.

Dorian hides the painting and only occasionally, in either

a fit of remorse or of utter cynicism, looks at it. And he sees in his changing face the state of his soul.

And this is true for all of us. Our changing faces reveal the state of our souls. But this is not as frightening as it may seem.

Unless through long years of dishonesty we have so perverted ourselves so as to commit what the Gospels call the unforgivable sin against the Holy Spirit, our deepest beauty-lines remain intact.

Beneath our aging genetics, beneath our fat cells and wrinkles, beneath the greed and self-preoccupation that sin has painted into our faces, beneath the bitterness put there by every rejection we've endured, beneath the facade that tries to hide our weaknesses and infidelities, and underneath even our virtues and quiet martyrdom, there lies the tension that James Carroll's young man saw in his wife as she struggled to give birth to their child even as she struggled not to die.

That struggle forms the deepest contour of the human face. Seeing it can give birth to forgiveness.

## New honour for Mary

Australia's first Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop has been honoured like no other Australian with her feast day named as a solemnity.

The Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments has approved that the liturgical observance of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop be raised from a "feast" to a "solemnity." Each year on 8 August the feast day has been marked in parishes. A solemnity will mean that the Mass of the day will include a first reading as well as the second reading. It will also include the Gospel, the Gloria and the recitation of the Creed.

## Take time out for a walk

In an age in which news is so accessible, people face a poverty of conversation about important issues of life and hope rather than death and disaster, Canberra priest Fr John Armstrong said.

Fr Armstrong, who is parish priest of South Tuggeranong, was speaking at the media launch of his project Walk and Talk: City with a Soul.

He wants to encourage 250,000 people around the globe to walk with someone in the neighbourhood between 2pm and 3pm on Sunday, 15 May.

"There are real concerns that people do not know each other and become unaware of what is happening to the person next door," he said.

"We even lose touch with the questions which are closest to our human hearts. In their isolation people feel that they have no one to turn to who will listen to them and this can lead to depression, separation and suicide."

Things can be different, he said. "There can be conversations which do touch the heart of the human person and this needs to happen long before we turn to such wonderful organisations like Lifeline and Beyond Blue," he said.

"There is a need to become present to ourselves as people who make a difference in our communities."

"Usually our conversations are based around what someone else is doing and an event happening in

the world. The conversations are interesting ways of passing the time and provide an opportunity for us to acknowledge the impact that these events have on our lives.

"However, conversations need to build lasting connections between us; to discover what is of primary interest to ourselves and what truly brings life to our communities. We need to act in a way which is good for ourselves and good for others."

RIGHT: Fr John Armstrong launches the Walk and Talk project at the Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture at Barton.



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# Compelling statement of love, forgiveness

**Incendies. Starring:** Lubna Azabal, Melissa Desormeaux-Poulin, Maxim Gaudette, Remy Girard, and Allen Altman. **Directed by** Denis Villeneuve. **130 minutes. MA 15+ Restricted (Strong themes and violence).** **Reviewer:** Peter W Sheehan\*.

This Canadian movie, subtitled in French, was nominated as Best Foreign Language Film of the year in the 2011 Academy Awards, and it won Best Feature Film at the 2011 Adelaide Film Festival. It is adapted from the work of a Lebanese-born playwright, Wajdi Mouawad, who wrote "Scorched" for the stage. The film tells the story of twins, Jeanne (Melissa Desormeaux-Poulin) and Simon (Maxim Gaudette), who try to unravel the mystery of their mother, Nawal (Lubna Azabal), who leaves them some unusual instructions in her will.

Nawal knew that there were secrets that her children never suspected, but she wanted to reveal them only after she died. They did not know she was recruited to assassinate, and she had been interred and tortured in a Christian militia prison.

Through letters to her lawyer, Jean Lebel (Remy Girard), for whom she worked, she asks her children to go to the Middle East, to try to find their father and their brother.

Simon thinks his mother has to be deranged. He was sure his father was dead, and he never knew that he had a brother. Jeanne wants to respect her mother's dying wishes, and she sets out in search of her mother's past. Soon, she calls for Simon to help her in her distress.

Their journey together reveals extraordinary things about their mother, and their own lives. Their voyage takes them on a dramatic trip into their mother's past, where they discover that hatred, anger, and racism have touched them intimately.

The acting is wonderful, and the film's scripting is razor-tight. Nawal was born an Arab Christian in an unspecified Middle Eastern country, fictionally called "Faud" in the movie, strongly reminiscent of Lebanon in the 1975-1990 civil war.

During that time, they learn that Nawal, as a young woman, witnessed the honour murder of her lover by Arab Christians. Her lover's killing pulled her



Nawal Marwan (Lubna Azabal) in a scene from Denis Villeneuve's *Incendies*. Hopscotch Films.

across to the Muslim world, and she was led by feelings of vengeance and retribution to an act of extreme violence for which she was imprisoned. The film's images are captured superbly by its cinematographer, Andre Turpin. Turpin manages to capture the beauty of the land that he photographs, but also the brutality of life in it.

Emotionally very powerful, the film's story-line unfolds haphazardly, but the pieces of its puzzle come together with amazing force, helped greatly by the realistic and poetically inspired imagery of a country ravaged by war. The personal

hatreds, brutality against women, racism and religious resentment that the film shows are palpably real, and the drama unfolds like a classical Greek tragedy in structure, style and content. As in Greek tragedy, the dramatic coincidences accumulate to an utterly convincing emotional climax.

The film is a thrilling tribute to the powerful force of love, and the rejection of hatred, and it argues with searing intensity that "the chain of anger" has to be broken to let the power of love break through.

One wonders why Nawal put her children through such

torment in search of things they didn't know, and the revelations occur as the coincidences keep happening; however, the overall force of the film is tremendous, and the film is deeply affecting.

Rarely, does one expect that a movie dealing with killing, religious intolerance, torture and rape will offer such a compelling statement of love and forgiveness. Nawal's final words written in letters to be opened by her children, their father and their brother, after all has been revealed, literally eat into the soul.

The title of this film refers to an inferno that leaves "something totally destroyed, totally transformed", and it expresses a metaphor for the film as a whole.

This is a masterfully directed movie about conflicts that torment humans, wherever they are, and whatever they do. It explores its revelations amidst the horrors of war, and it never lets go of the notion that life itself is an inferno that both destroys and transforms.

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

## Return of Arthur

**Arthur. Starring** Russell Brand, Jennifer Garner, Helen Mirren, Nick Nolte, and Luis Guzmán. **Directed by** Justin Winer. **110 minutes. PG (Mild sexual references, coarse language and violence).** **Reviewer:** Fr Peter Malone MSC\*.

It's 30 years since Dudley Moore was the cheerful, alcoholic ne'er-do-well, Arthur, the New York billionaire. It's 30 years since John Gielgud's Oscar-winning performance as Arthur's butler and nanny, Hobson.

After making his name as a comedian, Russell Brand has been appearing as an actor in films as diverse as *Get Him to the Greek* and *The Tempest*. He has a distinctive British accent and tone that often can get away with humorous murder. He uses it again in *Arthur*, but there is much more in his performance. In fact, there is quite an amount of nice romanticism and sentiment in this version.

Brand has no difficulty in showing the irresponsible and indulgent side of Arthur. But, he is convincing in showing an underlying intelligence (which he hasn't bothered developing).

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## Comic book hero comes alive

**Thor. Starring** Chris Hemsworth, Natalie Portman, Tom Hiddleston, and Anthony Hopkins. **Directed by** Kenneth Branagh. **111 minutes. M (Action violence).** **Reviewer:** Peter W Sheehan\*.

This action-adventure film tells the story of the powerful warrior, Thor, who was cast out of the realm of Asgard, and exiled to live among the inhabitants of Midgard (Earth). Thor is the God of Thunder, based on a Norse mythological deity, and is the American super-hero created from the comic book character of the same name.

The film spans the Marvel Universe from present-day Earth to the cosmic world of Asgard. Thor (Chris Hemsworth) is a reckless, arrogant warrior on Asgard, and he has been punished by his beloved father, Odin (Anthony Hopkins), King of Asgard, for his behaviour which has ignited a war with the Frost Giants. Odin had forged a tenuous peace with the Frost Giants, but Thor has naively destroyed it. Forced to live in exile on Earth, Thor falls in love with Jane Foster (Natalie Portman), an astrophysicist, and through her, he matures, and learns the qualities of true heroism.

While Thor is on Earth, the dark forces of Asgard are delivered by the Destroyer, who is unleashed by Thor's adopted brother, Loti (Tom Hiddleston).

Thor defeats the Destroyer, and returns to Asgard to expose and confront his brother. When Thor returns to Asgard, the movie ends with Thor mourning the death of his scheming brother, but he also can't help thinking about Jane, whom he left behind.

Back on Earth, Jane is searching for Thor too, and she is trying to use science to help her. The final scenes are faintly suggestive

of Thor II, sometime in the future.

The costuming and make-up of actors in this movie fit very well with the story. The Frost Giants look suitably icy, Asgard looks wonderfully angular, and Thor wields the hammer of the Gods with menacing advantage.

The film, as a whole, is a great light show, and demonstrates impressive digital photography. The team responsible for some of the special effects in *Avatar* worked on this movie too.

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



Thor (Chris Hemsworth) and Jane Foster (Natalie Portman) in *Thor*. Paramount Pictures and Marvel Entertainment.

## SHORTS

**The Lost Bladesman.** Starring Donnie Yen, Jiang Wen, Sun Li and Andy On. Directed by Felix Chong and Andrew Mak. 109 minutes. M (Frequent violence).

An initial piece of advice for someone who is not Chinese or who is not familiar with Chinese history: check with Wikipedia to find some details about the central character and his place in the Chinese memory. Otherwise, the film might just be another martial arts period epic.

**Brighton Rock.** Starring John Hurt, Helen Mirren, Andy Serkis and Sam Riley. Directed by Rowan Joffe. 111 minutes. MA 15+ (Strong coarse language and violence).

The new film version of Graham Greene's 1939 novel, *Brighton Rock*, brings some Catholic themes into prominence. This version brings an old way and style of Catholicism centre screen in a drama that is powerful. Audiences might wonder and question.

**Paul.** Starring Paul Pegg, Nick Frost, Jason Bateman, Kristen Wiig, and Sigourney Weaver. Character of Paul voiced by Seth Rogen. Directed by Greg Mottola. 104 minutes. MA 15+ Restricted (Strong coarse language and violence).

Another mix of animation and live action, but considerably better than most. Clever, scripted wittily and bound to offend everybody in some way. Comic moments happen spontaneously, as the absurd plot unfolds. A road trip, adventure yarn, it plays around with our expectations about extra-terrestrials.

**Potiche.** Starring Catherine Deneuve, Gérard Depardieu and Fabrice Luchini. Directed by François Ozon. 103 minutes, M (Brief sex scenes).

The kind of comedy with serious undertones that the French do so well (with some Gallic behaviour, especially in relationships). Catherine Deneuve, almost 50 years after her movie debut, is a striking and beautiful screen presence.

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# Seven steps to serenity?

**Overcoming Life's 7 Common Tragedies: Opportunities for Discovering God.** by Chris Benguhe. **Paulist Press, 2008, 166pp, \$29.95. Reviewer: Janet Moyle.**

Chris Benguhe is a former People magazine writer and tabloid editor, now working for Catholic publications in the US.

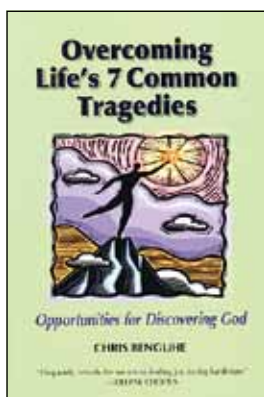
Writing in a folksy, self-help manner he identifies seven areas in life which are challenging. He names these as work, relationships, finances, illness, family, death and personal choices. As he states, these are normal life events.

Benguhe then offers what he calls Seven Steps to Serenity which he has observed in people who respond positively to tragedy. These steps do not match the difficulties one to one but taken together inspire our response. Bottom line is trust in God, love yourself and be loving to your neighbour.

Benguhe lavishly illustrates his points with potted biographies of his interviewees some of whom have truly remarkable tales to tell of extraordinary courage and resilience.

The reader should take these in small bites. To anyone attempting an overview in one hit they can appear like Oprah on steroids.

I was left with the uncomfortable feeling that I was a voyeur into people's lives. However there is no doubting the sincerity of the author and of his mission to provide guidance and comfort.



# Pope's unique source of meditation

**Jesus Of Nazareth Part Two. Holy Week: From The Entrance Into Jerusalem To The Resurrection** by Joseph Ratzinger Pope Benedict XVI. **Freedom Publishing, 2011, 315pp, \$37.95. Reviewer: Janet Moyle.**

Currently number five on the New York Times bestseller list is Pope Benedict's second book concerning Jesus of Nazareth.

The first, published in 2007, concentrated on Jesus' public life. It included a memorable explication of the Our Father and an equally remarkable treatment of the principal images in John's Gospel - water, wine and vine, bread and the Shepherd.

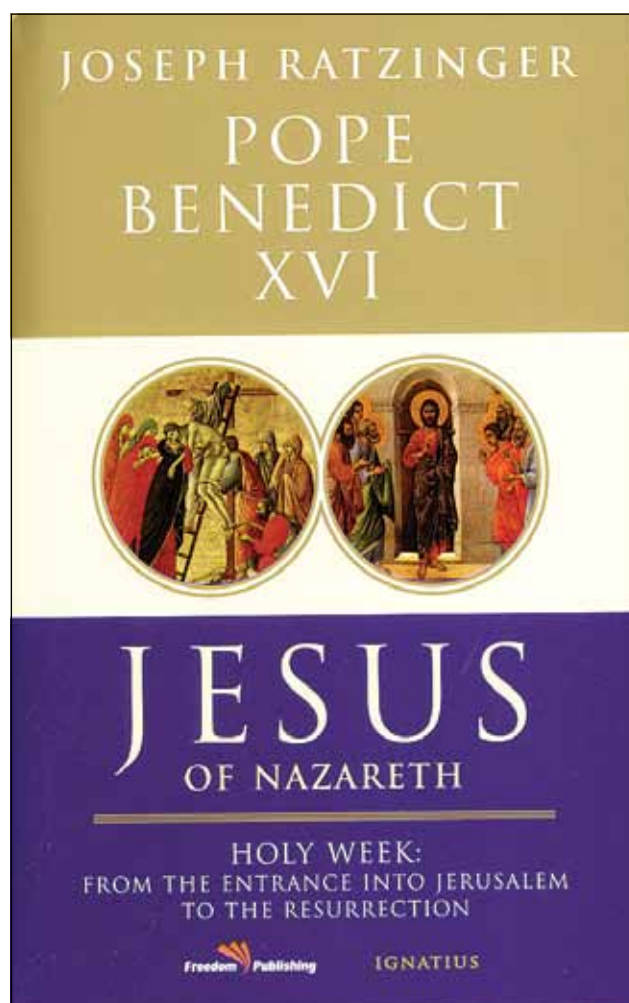
In this book, the Pope focuses on Holy Week: from the Entrance into Jerusalem on Passion [Palm] Sunday through to the Resurrection.

Each of the events from all four Gospel accounts is explored and re-interpreted.

Benedict himself says that he did not set out to write a "life of Jesus".

Rather he aims to develop "a way of observing and listening to the Jesus of the Gospels that can indeed lead to a personal encounter" [p.xvii].

The Pope's "way" is to examine with care the Gospel texts, to include other writings from the same period and to consider the contributions by the Church Fathers, theologians and from contemporary writers.



The Pope is a noted scholar teacher and theologian. His particular strength is his ability to analyse and explain quite complex theories and strands of thought from many eras.

For example, in addressing just two of the themes - the coming of the Kingdom and the High Priestly prayer of Jesus - Benedict both breaks new ground while at the same time answering revisionist historians.

His work is broad in appeal to other religious traditions.

In his treatment of such an enormous subject he remains true to his aim, to open up the Scriptures and reveal a loving Lord who is very near.

I was fortunate enough to read this book during the final weeks of Lent.

It became a unique source of meditation and preparation for the Easter Triduum. For those of us immersed in the study of the New Order of the Mass I located a very cogent theological explanation as to why the words of institution over the chalice "poured

out for many" have been chosen.

We have much to learn.

Pope Benedict's book is made all the more lucid and accessible by its detailed bibliography, which is a rich field for students of theology, and for the comprehensive glossary and indices which favour us all.

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## Mary's biography proves popular

A book about the life of Mary MacKillop, which draws on historical records and letters from her, has been so popular it has been republished.

An Extraordinary Australian Mary MacKillop, written by Jesuit priest Fr Paul Gardiner and first published in 1993, is the official biography of Australia's first saint. The book is based on the position paper which was written to tell Mary MacKillop's life history as part of her canonisation process.

Fr Gardiner was postulator of the Cause of Mary MacKillop, a role which gave him access to letters and other archival material essential to his research.

The book is available at the Mary MacKillop Place museum bookshop at Mount Street, North Sydney or online at [www.marymackillopplace.org.au](http://www.marymackillopplace.org.au).

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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.

**CAPTAIN THUNDERBOLT IN CONCERT** - In support of HOME in Queanbeyan. 8pm, Friday, 27 May, 2.30pm, Saturday, 28 May, Queanbeyan Uniting Church, Rutledge St. Presented by Kaleidoscope, the story of Australia's own Robin Hood narrated, enacted and sung. Tickets \$15 adult, \$10 concession \$5 children available at door.

**CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER SEMINAR** - Perth spiritual director Dr Meath Conlan will discuss his late friend and mentor Dom Bede Griffiths in "Silence and Stillness: Bede Griffiths' Way". 9.30am-1pm, Saturday, 7 May, at St Matthew's school hall/ staff room Stutchbury Street, Page. The morning will appeal particularly to practitioners of Christian Meditation and Centering Prayer. Donation. RSVP to Peter Ahern, telephone 6254 7168, e-mail: peter.ahern@bigpond.com.

**CURSILLO** - Canberra Women's Cursillo, 19-22 May, at St Clement's Galong. Three-day retreat to experience Christian living with meditation and talks. All meals and accommodation included. Inquiries: Sandra Franceschini, telephone 0411 555 641 or 6255 5041.

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**PHILIPPINE INDEPENDENCE DAY MASS** - 4pm, Saturday, 11 June, at St Matthew's Church, Page, celebrated by Bishop Pat Power.

**PRAYER AND SOCIAL** - Call to Connect afternoon tea to build network of women in Archdiocese. 2pm-4.30pm, Saturday, 7 May, St Benedict's parish centre, Narrabundah. Coast \$10. RSVP 4 May to Bronnie, telephone 0432 257 622 e-mail bronnie.schlager@gmail.com or Diane, telephone 0404 228 396.

**PUBLIC FORUM** - Christians for an Ethical Society forum on "Populating the Future", 7.30pm, Thursday, 12 May, Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture, Blackall St, Barton. Speakers Geoff Buckmaster on "Hurling Towards a Precipice, Hoping for a Miracle?" and Mark O'Connor on "Controlling Our Population - A Moral Obligation". \$5 donation requested. Inquiries: R. Coghlan, telephone 6254 0487.

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## Archdiocese's first priest had great humility

**Fr Vincent Piere**

We are standing at a moment of history in the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn as we commend to God Fr Vincent Piere, our oldest priest and the first priest ordained for the Archdiocese, earlier priests having been ordained for the Diocese of Goulburn.

It is appropriate that this Requiem Mass be celebrated here in St Patrick's Church, Gundagai where Fr Piere was baptised and where he was ordained on 25 July, 1948. Just one week ago, we farewelled Fr Geoff Lloyd also born in Gundagai, and a little over two years ago many of us gathered here for the funeral of another priest boastful of his Gundagai origins, Fr Tommy Hunt.

Vincent Piere was a son of the soil and proud of his roots in the farming community of Gundagai. He had an easy understanding of many of Jesus' parables which related to life on the land. It is little wonder that his sister, Vonnice, relates how he spoke of the priesthood even as a young boy. Nurtured in a family environment of deep faith by their parents, he and his brothers and sisters understood the love of God and the direction it gave to their lives. He was also blessed in being a student of St Patrick's College, Goulburn, which contributed to the formation of so many future priests. I presume that it was at St Pat's that he first met George Weissel who was his seminary classmate and who was ordained in Goulburn a week after him.

Vince Piere was the first to admit that he found the seminary studies difficult and there were times when he wondered whether he would make it through to ordination. Yet I often think that the very difficulties which he encountered enabled him to have such a deep appreciation of the gift of the priesthood, something which never left him.

Like St Paul, he was keenly aware of the need to rely on the grace of God. In our reading we heard St Paul writing to his younger disciple, Timothy, of his utter reliance on God's mercy. He goes on to speak of Jesus' "inexhaustible patience for all the people who would later have to trust in him in order to come to eternal life." Like St Paul, Vincent Piere was conscious of his personal limitations, but he could also say with St Paul "I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, and who judged me faithful enough to call me into his service."

Like his Divine Master, Fr Vincent Piere was very much at home with the battlers of this world. People in all kinds of need knew they had a friend. He was successively parish priest of Adamaby, Bombala and O'Connor but he served in parishes right across the Archdiocese where he had appointments in all five deaneries.

In his fatherly care for his parishioners, he attended to the great variety of their pastoral needs. People were at the heart of his ministry, even though he sometimes found preaching and administration challenging. Like St Paul he could be a little bit testy at times, but if ever he lost his cool he was always full of remorse afterwards.

He was a man of great humility and what always came through was his love for his people. I loved his poster which declared "What matters is not the size of the dog in the fight, but rather the size of the fight in the dog." It said a lot about Vince.

Affectionately known as "Gundy" to his brother priests, he enjoyed their camaraderie and contributed mightily to the presbyterate of the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn.

His friendship and hospitality were particularly appreciated by priests in neighbouring parishes. It is ironic that in December 2002 Fr John Browne was driving him from a priests' gathering in Adelong when they were involved in an accident from which Fr Browne was to die shortly afterwards and Fr Piere was never to be the same again.

- Bishop Pat Power



With Easter celebrations fresh in our memories it is great to witness the joy of new members received at this time and the hope that we will all be encouraged in our faith and participation in Christ's mission.

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## Two Josephites farewelled

Josephites Sr Jean Adams, a former school principal and congregational leader, and Sr M Benedicta Thompson, who was a former secretary-general, both died peacefully on 28 March.

Sr Jean was 79 and Sr M Benedicta 90.

Sr Jean was born at Ardlethan to a farmer, Leslie James, and Mary (nee Ryan) on 8 April, 1932. She was one of a large family and had 14 siblings; she is survived by Len, Charlie, Pat, Dot, Greg, Elaine, and Bruce.

Jean Adams entered the convent on the Feast of St Joseph, 19 March, 1950. Sr Jean was an educationist par-excellence and was renowned for her skill as teacher and principal and for her work in adult education and parish ministry.

It was while she was principal of St Francis De Sales College, Leeton, that she was elected congregational leader for the Sisters of St Joseph of Goulburn. In this role she was prayerful, visionary, courageous and single-minded in working for the best interests of people in need.

Sr Jean had a great love for the congregation and its Sisters and was a woman of hope and joy. She was committed to justice, to the mission of the Gospel and the call to care for others.

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Sr M Benedicta Thompson entered the convent at the age of 19 during World War 2.

Born at Bungendore to a baker and hotel-keeper, John Benedict, and Catherine Agnes (Heaphy) on 24 January, 1921, she was a loved sister to Irene (dec), Joseph (Joe - dec), and Mary Josephine (Jackie).

She entered the convent on 24 May, 1940, and developed a wonderful rapport with young people and quickly became revered as an excellent teacher.

Her considerable organisational skills were put at the service of the congregation when she was secretary-general from 1982 to 1987. Her work in this capacity was meticulous and professional.

The Mass of Christian Burial for both sisters was celebrated in Our Lady of Fatima Church, North Goulburn. Chief celebrant Bishop Pat Power was assisted by Archbishop Francis Carroll and Fr Dermid McDermott, Fr Kevin Brannelly, Fr Henry Byrne, Fr Phil Harding, Fr Peter Ryan CSSR, Fr Wilf Plunkett, Fr Laurie Bent and Fr Neville Drinkwater.

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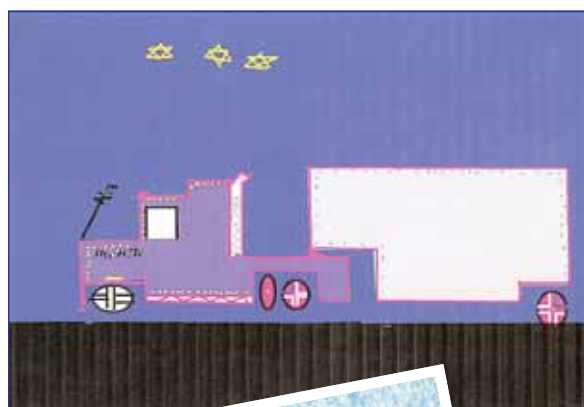


It was a bright sunny day in Lake Cargelligo when Catholic Voice visited St Francis Xavier Primary so the students were outside playing at lunchtime. Hopscotch, handball, cricket, skipping, and games in the playground's bush surrounds were all popular activities. They had also been testing their creativity using the computers to produce artworks, as well making plenty of drawings and paintings the old fashioned way.



LEFT: St Francis Xavier's Kindergarten/Year 1 class. Back: Henry Williams, Dakota McCann, Gil Toole, Lachlan Middleton, Ethan Golding and Charlotte Clark. Middle: Zane Quinn, Lilli Smith, Xavier Brigden, Darcy Booth, Isabel Harris, Ella Waters and Bryanne King. Front: Bailey McDonald.

BELOW: Brodie Morris is next in bat.



ABOVE: Stage 1 student Alexander Brigden used pastels to create this colourful portrait.



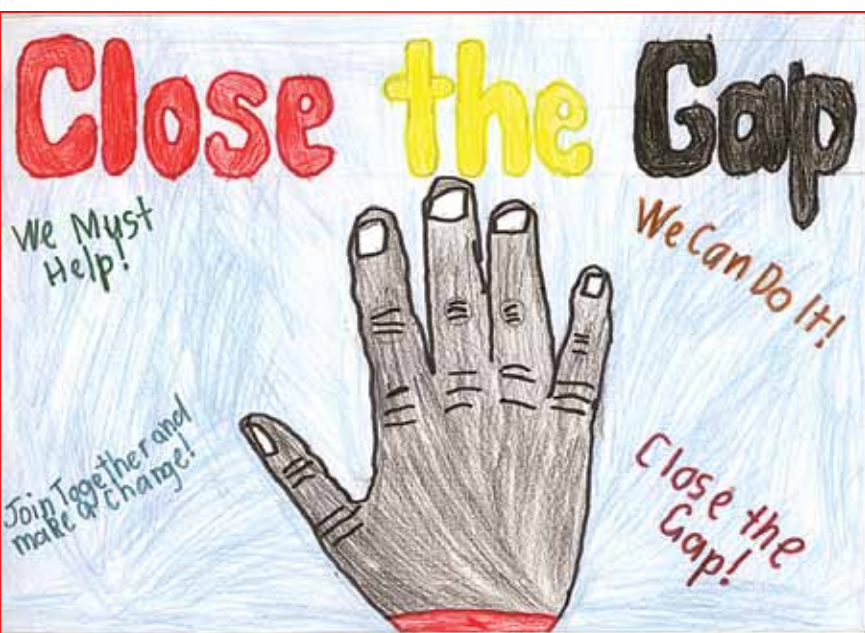
ABOVE: Zane Quinn enjoys playing in the trees.

RIGHT: Ella Waters shows off her hopscotch skills.

FAR LEFT: ABOVE: This is Maddison Bell from Stage 2's impression of Australian artist Ken Done's style.

ABOVE LEFT: Year 5 student Heath Lightfoot used his computer skills to draw a Mack truck driving along at night.

FAR LEFT BELOW: Bianca Wood from Year 5 used the computer paint program to make this image of a horse.



Year 5 student Jordan MacDonald made this poster highlighting the need to improve indigenous health.



ABOVE: Maddison Bell peers through the trees.

LEFT: Lilli Smith strikes a pose for the camera.