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Going to Mass on top of the world



As the sun begins to set on the slopes of Perisher Valley, the bells of Our Lady of the Snow Church summon people from the ski-fields to Mass.

Every Sunday evening, skiers and snowboarders complete their final runs and then trudge up the hill to thank God for a safe and fun weekend.

On Pentecost Sunday, the first Sunday of the 2011 season, Jindabyne parish priest Fr Peter Miller welcomed about 25 Perisher visitors. The travellers from Canberra and various parts of NSW included families, young people and older adults.

As they entered the stone structure, some still in ski boots and protective snow gear, Fr Miller asked for volunteers to do the readings and prayers of the faithful.

The congregation filed into the pews, looked out the floor-to-ceiling glass windows behind the altar at the snow below, and admired the beauty of God's creation while they prayed together.

"As you made your way from the ski-fields to the church, you were witnesses to Christ," Fr Miller said.

"When people saw you walk up here they may have thought, 'I should be up there with them'. Maybe next weekend they will be."

Mass is held at 5pm at Our Lady of the Snow Perisher every Sunday during the snow season.

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A new era for coast schools

Lumen Christi Catholic College is set to be the first K-12 school in the Archdiocese when it opens its doors to primary students in 2012.

With St Joseph's Primary in Eden closing at the end of the year, the expansion of the Pambula Beach college will ensure that Catholic primary education continues to be offered in the parish – something St Joseph's principal Mrs Anne Maddock said was very exciting.

"This is meeting the needs of a changed demographic in the Archdiocese," she said.

"Pambula is central to the parish [which stretches from Eden in the south to Merimbula in the north] so geographically, this is the best location.

"The existing bus network already provides buses from Eden to Lumen Christi so adequate transport will be available."

Mrs Maddock will take on the role of head of primary at the college next year and she

hopes current students will make the transition with her.

"We're in the middle of our enrolment period now and we've had significant interest from students currently at St Joseph's and from other parts of the parish," she said.

Three existing Lumen Christi classrooms are being remodelled and will be ready for the new kindergarten to Year 6 students for the start of 2012.

At the same time, plans are being finalised for purpose built

facilities for the primary section of the campus, which will open in 2013.

Lumen Christi principal Mr Paul Carroll said an application for funding through the NSW Block Grant Authority still needed to be submitted and it would be at least eight months before building begun.

"We are anxious to ensure the new buildings complement the existing facilities on site," Mr Carroll said.

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Seeking her heritage

Aboriginal elder Aunty Janet continues her quest - P 9



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We drop in on restaurateur Jenny Foley - P 15.



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Care for others draws honour from Queen

Moruya parishioner Mrs Kaye Shephard and Dickson parishioner Mr John Skene were recognised on the Queen's Birthday Honours List with Medals of the Order of Australia.

Mrs Shephard received her award for services to the community through pastoral care and volunteer roles.

She spent a number of years recording text books for the Royal Blind Society, and since the organisation became Vision Australia she has produced the local talking newspaper.

Mrs Shephard is a well known St Vincent de Paul Society volunteer, and has become a welcome face in the south coast retirement villages she visits.

"At 74, I feel I can relate to the residents," she said.

"So many don't get visitors; a lot are lonely. A smiling face and a soft word can make all the difference."

Mrs Shephard said being recognised was a humbling experience and that she would wear her medal for all volunteers.

She credited her commitment to help others to the values instilled in her growing up.

"We had a saying in my family: you can't pay anybody back; you can only pass it on."

Such values have also been evident in Mr John Skene's dedication to the community.

He received an OAM in recognition of his service to swimming



OAM recipient Mrs Kaye Shephard with her proud husband Alan. Picture: Bay Post/Moruya Examiner.

through a number of technical and administrative roles.

He has been involved in swimming in the ACT since 1974 and worked as a referee at many state and national meets. He is also chair of the assessment panel for Swimming NSW.

Mr Skene is well known for his work outside the pool too.

He spent 11 years working for CatholicCare and has also had a long involvement with Southern Cross Care.

"I just believe in being involved in the community and the Church so I always have been," he said.

Understanding Mass

How do you explain the Mass to children? And what good reason can you give them for going?

Catholics can be a little unsure on what the Mass is about and why it matters. They can also be unsure how to respond to questions from their children.

On Saturday, 16 July, CatholicLIFE will launch a new free resource (right) about the Mass for parents and parishes.

The launch will coincide with a seminar by Mr Shane Dwyer, the new coordinator for spirituality and faith education in the Archdiocese.

The launch and seminar will be held at 10am at the Rheinberger Centre, corner Weston and Loch streets, Yarralumla.

For more information, telephone 6163 4300.

Holy Trinity project

Holy Trinity Primary School in Curtin was incorrectly referred to as Holy Spirit Primary in the story titled "Revolution changes face of our schools" in last month's issue of Catholic Voice.

Holy Trinity received \$2.7 million in BER funding, \$600,000 of which was redirected funds from other schools in the Archdiocese that were able to complete their projects without spending their entire initial allotment. It was used to refurbish classrooms and build an Early Learning Centre.

The school also received \$125,000 from the Federal Government in School Pride funds, plus \$20,000 from the school community, to help maintain the older buildings which were opened in 1966.

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A new era for coast schools

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"Naturally they will also be designed to reflect the modern approaches to learning and teaching."

Mrs Maddock said the design, which would include a separate playground for the K-6 students, would allow the primary section to run independently, but also join with the older students for whole school events.

"It is quite clear that St Joseph's is closing. This is not a relocation; it won't be St Joseph's operating on the Lumen Christi site," she said.

"As of 2012, Lumen Christi will be a K-12 college. So we'll be embracing a new vision and mission."

St Joseph's students participated in recent Catholic Schools Week and open day events at the college to get a taste of what their potential future school would be like.

"The secondary students are looking forward to having the primary students joining the Lumen Christi community next year," Mr Carroll said.

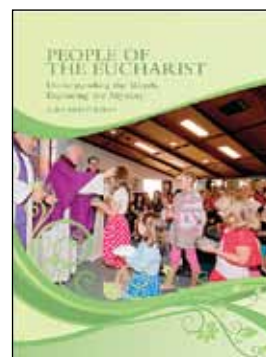
"They enjoy having the responsibility of mentoring and assisting the little ones. I am sure they will make them feel very welcome."

Vacancies still exist in all grades for 2012. For more information contact Lumen Christi, telephone 6495 8888.

what do you know?

1. Where do Year 9 students at St Patrick's Parish School Cooma trek to meditate each year?
2. Which special instrument is used in pastoral care at Calvary John James Hospital?
3. Name the national religious education resource Hennessy Catholic College helped to launch.
4. Where is Our Lady of the Snow Catholic Church located?
5. What language have Merici, St Mary MacKillop and St Clare's colleges teamed up to offer students?
6. Name the justice program Matt Casey is teaching at schools around the Archdiocese.
7. How many business leaders took part in the Vinnies' CEO sleepout in Canberra?

Answers: Bottom of Page 4.



Novena of Masses for the 2011 Feast of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

7th-15th July, 2011

CARMELITE MONASTERY, 28 Mugga Way, Red Hill, ACT

Please note variation of times

Thursday, 7th July 10.30 am Father Brian Lucas

Friday, 8th July 10.30 am Archbishop Mark Coleridge

Saturday 9th July 9.00 am

Sunday 10th July 9.00 am

Fr. Frank Leo will celebrate Mass on:

Monday 11th July 10.30 am

Tuesday 12th July 10.30 am

Wednesday 13th July 10.30 am

Thursday 14th July 10.30 am

Friday, 15th July 10.30 am

Saturday, 16th JULY, FEAST OF OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL
10.30 am. Solemn Mass and Occasional Sermon

Celebrant: Father Frank Leo

After Mass enrolment in the Brown Scapular will take place

The Novena of Masses will be offered for the following intentions:

1. The Priests and People of the Archdiocese of Canberra - Goulburn.
2. Peace and freedom for oppressed peoples throughout the world.
3. All the sick and suffering.
4. Peace and harmony in family life.

Those who wish may forward their intentions to be placed at Our Lady's Shrine in the Chapel

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Action not band-aids plea for homeless

Government and corporate leaders need to take action to fight the causes of homelessness rather than simply provide a "cash band-aid".

This was the main plea to come out of the ACT Vinnies CEO sleepout, St Clare's College principal Mrs Alison Jeffries said.

She was one of 152 business and community leaders who slept under the stars at the National Museum of Australia to experience how the Canberra region's 1000 homeless people spend each night.

With her was fellow archdiocesan principal Mrs Judy Walsh, from St Michael's Primary, Kaleen, and together

they slept out to represent the Catholic education sector.

The participants listened to talks from three young people who had experienced homelessness and benefited from the St Vincent de Paul Society's assistance.

"It was really important for the politicians and big business leaders who were there, the people with the power to make changes at a higher level, to hear those stories," Mrs Walsh said.

While neither principal was in a position to alter government policy or start large-scale projects, both felt they could make an important contribution by sharing what they had



ABOVE LEFT: School principals Mrs Judy Walsh and Mrs Alison Jeffries huddle together for warmth at the Vinnies CEO sleepout. ABOVE RIGHT: Mr Peter Murphy, of the Australian Catholic Superannuation Retirement Fund, with the three pieces of cardboard he was given to protect against the cold.



learned and experienced with their students.

In doing so they intended to promote awareness of homelessness and help to grow students' social justice consciences.

While it certainly wasn't a pleasant night out, both women said the event was rewarding and they would encourage anyone to give it a go next year.

Australian Catholic Superannuation Retirement Fund Canberra regional manager Mr Peter Murphy agreed, describ-

ing the experience as a real eye-opener.

"I got to sleep about 12.30am and was then woken at 1am by the sound of trains, traffic and a thunderstorm blasted through the PA system," he said.

"They had decided to give us an idea of the kind of noises people sleeping rough might have to put up with."

Listening to the clients share their stories Mr Murphy soon discovered how wrong many

people's assumptions about homelessness were.

"When you imagine homeless people you think of the old guy with the bottle of scotch," he said. "But mostly it's young people; it's kids. It's just shocking. That we let them get into this cycle at such a young age is terrible."

All participants were given the challenge to fundraise by encouraging people to sponsor them. So far the ACT event has raised more than \$400,000.



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A Pentecost Letter on the Mission of the Church

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

When I was young, there was a strong sense that Catholics were called out of the world into the Church, and there is a great truth in that.

In the words of St Peter, we are a people "called out of darkness into [God's] marvellous light" (1 Peter 2:9).

But true as that is, it is not the full truth, because those called out of the world into the Church are then sent out into the world by Jesus himself.

He calls us into the Church only to empower us to go out into the world in his name. In other words, the Church is essentially missionary. We have to go out into the darkness bearing the light of Easter.

Again when I was young, we tended to think that missionaries were people who went off to distant places where Jesus was unknown and where the Church was new.

These were often poor places where the people needed very basic and practical help which the missionaries provided.

But especially since the Second Vatican Council we have come to a stronger sense that the whole Church is called to be missionary and that all places are mission territory.

Australia is as much a mission country as anywhere on earth.

The prime challenge for us now in the Church is to become more missionary.

We have to go out to people to help them meet Jesus crucified

Fire on the Earth



and risen, the Lord who is the light.

We cannot sit back and wait for them to come to us. We have to go to them.

And I have come to think that many of our chronic internal problems will be solved only if and when we do become more missionary in this sense. The question is how.

What does it mean practically for us in the Archdiocese to become more missionary? That is the great Pentecost question.

Might it mean something as simple-seeming as training and equipping Catholics to go out into the community "two by two" (Mark 6:7), from house to house as it were?

This has not been our Catholic style in general, even if groups like the St Vincent de Paul Society and the Legion of Mary have long done home visitation.

But does the Church now as a whole have to go out to meet people, all people, where they are? Of course this is difficult and there is always the risk of rejection,

especially perhaps in a society like ours.

But that is the price that must be paid in order to lead people to Jesus and the hope he brings. They have a right to hear his Good News, which means that we have a duty – joyful, if at times painful – to proclaim the Good News to them.

A word we often hear these days is "evangelisation", and next year's Synod of Bishops in Rome will focus on the need for a "new evangelisation".

But what does this mean practically, a "new evangelisation"? Unless we can at least begin to answer that question, the phrase itself runs the risk of becoming just words to the wind.

Part of what it means is that we need a kind of Copernican revolution in the Church.

Copernicus was the Polish priest-scientist who discovered that the earth revolved around the sun rather than vice versa as people had thought from the dawn of time.

The Copernican revolution we need in the Church is to move

from thinking that the world revolves around the Church to thinking that the Church revolves around the world.

Now this requires care, lest it sound like a call for a worldly Church, which is the opposite of what we need.

In fact, the Church always revolves around Jesus Christ, the "sol invictus", the unconquered sun, as early Christians called him.

But as Matthew 25 makes clear, Christ is to be found in the world: "as you did this to the least of my brothers and sisters, you did it to me" (v. 40).

The angelic messengers of Acts 1 make the same point when they ask the disciples, "Men of Galilee, why are you standing here gazing up into the heavens?" (v. 11)

What is certain is that we will never become more missionary, never work out what evangelisation might mean, unless we open more to the gift of the Holy Spirit.

The great gift has been given. The life of God has been breathed into us in ways we can scarcely imagine.

Now is the time to unleash the power of the Holy Spirit, time for what Blessed Pope John XXIII called "a new Pentecost", a new "fire on the earth" (Luke 12:49).

That is why we cry out in these Pentecost days, "Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful. Kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created, and you shall renew the face of the earth". Amen.

Mark Coleridge

JULY DIARY

Archbishop Mark Coleridge

2,3 Confirmation, Wanniasa

3 ATSI annual Mass

9 Confirmation, Ardlethan

10 Confirmation, Barellan, Binya

14 Clergy reflection day

16 People of the Eucharist formation day talk, Rheinberger Centre

16 Institution as lector and admission to candidacy for Don Nguyen, Kambah

17 CYM team ReFresh camp, Tharwa

22 Confirmation, West Wyalong

23 Confirmation, West Wyalong

25 Launch Palliative Care Research Centre, Clare Holland House

29 NAIDOC Mass, Cathedral, followed by gathering at Boomanulla Oval

30 WYD formation day, Rheinberger Centre

31 Blessing of statue of Mary, Vietnamese community, Aranda

Bishop Pat Power

5-6 Formation meeting of Sisters of Mercy, Sydney

8 Problem gambling forum, Parliament House, Canberra

19 ACT Pastoral Care Council

20 Executive ACT Churches Council

23 Installation Mass St Christopher's National President of St Vincent de Paul Society

25 Launch of Palliative Care Research Centre, Clare Holland House

Crudity and cruelty: the live export issue

West Wyalong parish priest Fr Mick MacAndrew looks at who has most to lose in the escalating issue of live animal export bans.

Sadly, the issue of the live export of cattle and sheep and their subsequent killing and processing at abattoirs, which clearly are not operating to Australian standards, has been hijacked for a different purpose other than the welfare of the animals.

Many people, farmers, stock handlers, transport personnel, Indonesian

workers and families will be directly affected.

Surely there was a better way to handle the issue.

No-one wants to see animals badly treated, no matter at what stage of the process to become food.

I'm always aware of the lore of our indigenous brothers and sisters who would, before and after a hunt, seek permission and then understanding in the hunting and taking of animals for food.

Christians have their ritual of grace, before and after a meal.

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Alison tunes in to patients' stress

The power of music can make a world of difference to the healing process, therapeutic musician Ms Alison Ware has shown at Calvary John James Hospital.

Working for the pastoral care department, Ms Ware visits the hospital once a month with her 31-string minstrel harp and a small reverie harp.

"The music provides a distraction, facilitates rest and reduces stress," Ms Ware said.

"It can lower blood pressure and assist with pain management. Music touches us spiritually and emotionally.

"The harp is an excellent instrument for use in healthcare because it has a wide pitch range that creates a gentle warm sound. It's also beautiful to look at and I find people are often calmed just by seeing it."

Seated at a patient's bedside, or sometimes in a crowded waiting room, she offers the harp's soothing tones.

Ms Ware stressed that she played not as a performance, but as a service, and adapted the music to suit the patient's needs.

"I take it as a compliment if a patient falls asleep while I'm playing," she said.

Depending on the patient's condition, Ms Ware may also invite them to try the harp themselves and ensures it is tuned so any combination of strings they pluck sounds musical.

Ms Ware has a healthcare focused background, having worked as a registered nurse, in occupational therapy and in pastoral care.

She took up the harp about eight years ago, and when she learnt harps were being



Ms Alison Ware provides therapeutic harp music for Calvary John James Hospital patient Ms Julie Nimmo.

used overseas in healthcare, she knew that was what she wanted to do.

She travelled to the United States to study and graduated from the International Healing Musicians Program, the Clinical Musicians Program and the International Harp Therapy Program.

"With the therapeutic music I provide, patients don't have to do anything, they can just be," she said.

Calvary John James director of mission Ms Frances Brown said the hospital hoped to get a grant to increase the number of Ms Ware's visits.

Apostles Creed

Archbishop Mark Coleridge has given permission for use in the Archdiocese of the Apostles Creed in place of the Nicene Creed at the discretion of local pastors in light of the introduction of the new translation of the Missal. If the Apostles Creed is normally used, he asked that the Nicene Creed be sung or recited in English or Latin on the great feasts, especially Christmas and Easter.

Irish link

An exhibition celebrating the links between the Sisters of St Joseph and their Irish counterparts has opened in Sydney.

Celebrating Irish Heritage in Australia: The story of the Irish Josephite women, will run daily at Mary MacKillop Place Museum, North Sydney, until 30 September.

It portrays the struggles of the Catholic Church in South Australia to establish a Catholic system of education and shares the stories of 15 women who travelled from Ireland to equip the remote schools.



Dear Friend,

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Thank you and God Bless,

Evan Brett
President - Canberra/Goulburn Central Council
St Vincent de Paul Society

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'More needed' than talk



ACM executive and guests at the Sorry Day dinner (from left): Fr Steve Fletcher MGL, Bronnie Schlager, Kerrie Hogan, Graeme Mundine, Auntie Ruth Bell, Dr Margo Neale, Sally Fitzgerald, Sr Joy Edwards and John Paul Janke.

It's time to take concrete action on reconciliation, Mr Graeme Mundine told those gathered at St Benedict's, Narrabundah, for the Aboriginal Catholic Ministry's Sorry Day dinner.

Visiting from the Sydney ACM, Mr Mundine said events such as Sorry Day were a step in the right direction, but more was needed than just discussion. In particular, he called for changes to the Constitution to include Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

On the Northern Territory intervention, he urged the Church to condemn what he described as a violation of the rights of Aboriginal people and their culture.

He also hoped to see Aboriginal clerical leadership in the Catholic Church in Australia.

National Museum of Australia senior curator Dr Margo Neale offered an insight into indigenous artefacts on display at the Vatican.

The items are part of an exhibition first opened in 1925. Pope Pius X called for the world's indigenous people to send items that represented their culture and identity. Of the 100,000 objects sent, 300 were from Australia's Aboriginal people. The aim of the collection was to assist missionaries to learn about the spirituality of the cultures they were going to serve.

Those attending the dinner included Archbishop Mark Coleridge, ACM elder in residence Auntie Ruth Bell, acting ACM chaplain Fr Steve Fletcher MGL and ACM non-Aboriginal elder in residence Sr Joy Edwards.

Mandarin on line to be next big language

St Mary MacKillop, St Clare's and Merici colleges have joined forces to offer Mandarin to their senior students.

As none of the schools had sufficient numbers to run a class of their own, MacKillop teacher Miss Bronwyn Griffin agreed to run a primarily online version of the ACT BSSS tertiary accredited Beginning Chinese course.

She rotates between the schools to run two classes a week, which are streamed live to students on the other campuses.

With the use of cameras, microphones and interactive white boards, the students and teacher are able to see and hear each other in a virtual classroom.

Each of the 11 students taking part has a laptop with software to enable Chinese script.

Miss Griffin explained that the phonetic based software allowed students to type in English the sound of the particular character they were trying to write, then a list of possible characters would appear on the screen for them to choose from, similar to the way predict-a-text works on a mobile phone.

"The technology has been fantastic," Miss Griffin said.

"This style of flexible learning provides such a wonderful opportunity. It's actually quite common in country areas.



Helen Song, Miss Bronwyn Griffin, Hannah Gray-Foley, Abhilasha Hamal and Sonali Mudaliar at Merici College during a class.

"Because the schools are close together we've also been able to all come to one campus twice this term for some additional face-to-face learning."

While Mandarin is a rather new language to make the list of those learnt in Australian schools, Miss Griffin said it would become increasingly more important in the future.

"There are so many applications, not just teaching, but for work in government, business, even hospitality and retail," she said.

"Chinese tourism to Australia is meant to be the next big thing so learning Mandarin will be really important."

Australia's growing relationship with China is one of the main reasons MacKillop student Hannah Gray-Foley decided to take the course.

"China is becoming a really strong influence on our society, so having an understanding of the language will be really good for me in the future," she said.

Merici student Sonali Mudaliar had a slightly different motivation.

Her family speak Hindi but she struggles with the accent. She has taken different languages at school to train herself to make the sounds needed for a better Hindi accent, and Mandarin has been the most effective.

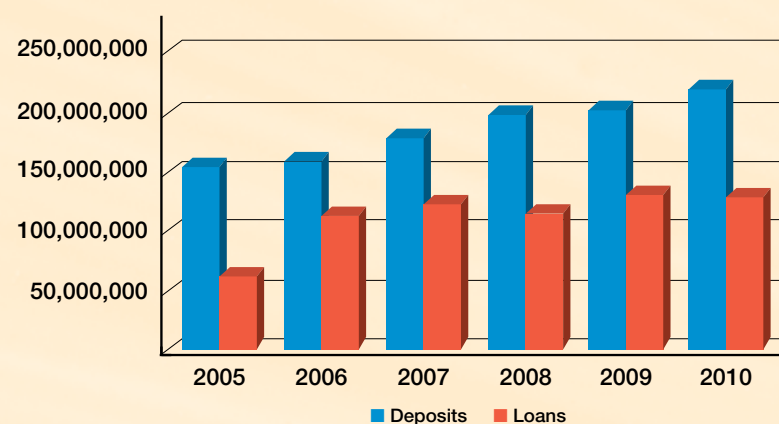
FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS IN 2010



(Correction)

	2010	2009
Interest on loans	\$ 9,873,394	\$ 7,645,023
Interest on investments	\$ 4,164,690	\$ 2,585,076
Other	\$ 65,458	\$ 20,959
	\$14,103,542	\$10,251,058
Interest paid	\$ 8,736,709	\$ 6,726,748
Other costs	\$ 76,724	\$ 59,457
Operating costs	\$ 786,671	\$ 700,181
OPERATING SURPLUS	\$ 4,503,438	\$ 2,764,672
Average operating margin	2.35%	1.62%
Current assets	\$ 99,028,770	\$ 76,238,092
Non-current assets	\$129,251,171	\$130,954,480
TOTAL ASSETS	\$228,279,941	\$207,192,572
Current liabilities	\$221,701,452	\$202,633,918
Non-current liabilities	\$ 33,969	\$ 42,572
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$221,735,421	\$202,676,490
NET ASSETS/ ACCUMULATED FUNDS	\$ 6,544,520	\$ 4,516,082

DEPOSIT AND LOAN GROWTH



College pioneers RE resource

Hennessy Catholic College, Young, was one of three schools chosen to launch Australia's first nationally-produced Catholic religious education resource.

The web-based teaching and learning program, Together at One Altar, can be used for both primary and secondary students.

It features a range of interactive content on the Mass, its purpose and history, as well as explanations of the changes in the new translation of the Missal.

Sponsored by the National Catholic Education Commission (NCEC), it was developed by a team of writers from Catholic Education Offices in Perth, Adelaide, Melbourne, Sale and Brisbane.

Year 10 students from Hennessy joined students from Parramatta Marist High and Catherine McAuley College, Westmead, in a religion lesson to demonstrate how the new resource could be used in the classroom.

Hennessy religious education coordinator Miss Cheryl Hamill said the class was streamed live to each campus so that all the students could participate.

"There were some technical issues, as we didn't quite have all the hardware we needed,



Young parish priest Fr Richard Thompson with Hennessy Catholic College students in a demonstration lesson to launch Together at One Altar.

but it was a really good opportunity," she said.

"It's a very interactive program and we'll definitely be using it in our classes."

Former Young resident Br Anthony Robertson FMS led the demonstration lesson, which was used to launch the program.

NCEC chair Mrs Therese Temby said Together at One Altar was part of a major project to ensure religious education was properly recognised in the rollout of the new national Australian Curriculum.

Anyone can access the new resource at www.togetheratonealtar.catholic.edu.au.

Matt's practice is to restore relationships

By Claire Mitchell

When it comes to dealing with conflict and inappropriate behaviour, traditional crime and punishment methods are far from effective, archdiocesan parish support coordinator Mr Matt Casey said.

The more successful and more Christian approach, according to Mr Casey, is restorative practice, on which he is offering seminars to schools and community groups across the Archdiocese.

Unlike traditional retributive justice, which focuses on who is to blame and what punishment is needed, restorative practice places an emphasis on the harm that was caused. Through mediated discussion with all parties concerned, offenders are made aware of the consequences of their actions and the group decides what needs to happen to make things right.

"The idea [of the retributive system] is if we make the jail term long enough or the fine large enough then people will stop committing crimes," Mr Casey said.

"Obviously, that doesn't work. "Restorative practice gives people an opportunity to reflect on what they have done and learn from their actions.

"It's also very much what Jesus was on about. It allows us to condemn the sin but love the sinner."

Mr Casey first became involved in restorative practice in 1996 while working as a detective in the NSW police force.

A colleague, Mr Terry O'Connell, decided that hauling young offenders in front of a judge was not effective and that a better approach was needed.

While working in Wagga Wagga, he introduced family conferencing, in similar vein to that being used in New Zealand. Offenders and their families would attend a mediated conference with victims and their families so that all parties could talk about how what had happened had impacted on them and decide on an appropriate resolution.

The practice was adopted by NSW Juvenile Justice, and the two men worked to teach other officers about restorative practice.

In 1999, Mr Casey left the police force and started a restorative practice-based project through Goulburn Family Support Service for women affected by domestic violence.

Mr O'Connell meanwhile had also left the police force and was in the United States giving lectures on restorative practice. He was then asked by the International Institute of Restorative Practice to start a subsidiary group in Australia: Real Justice.

Mr O'Connell called on Mr Casey's assistance and the pair worked together on the new organisation for three years.

Mr Casey then spent time as a private consultant and counsellor for schools and businesses before joining the Archdiocese's CatholicLIFE team.

Most recently he has been working with Daramalan College and Good Shepherd Primary, Amaroo, on ways to introduce restorative practices.

"When I go to a school I work with the whole staff, teach-



Mr Matt Casey with Year 2 students from Good Shepherd Primary, Amaroo, during a course on restorative practice.

'It gives people an opportunity to reflect on what they have done and learn from their actions'

ing and non-teaching, so everyone understands the theory that will help them to implement restorative practices," Mr Casey said.

"Then I do a session with the students, followed by a session with parents."

Queanbeyan South Public School is one of many institutions to have benefited from Mr Casey's courses.

In 2002, 86 of the school's 850

students were suspended.

In January 2003, Mr Casey ran sessions at the school on restorative practices and provided staff and students with a script of simple questions aimed at offenders and those who had been harmed, to use when dealing with conflicts.

By the end of 2003 there had been only 26 suspensions,

and in 2004 that number dropped to six.

While indigenous students made up 80 per cent of those suspended in 2002, by 2004 the number was zero.

Mr Casey said restorative practices had wide applications beyond the classroom, and there was no situation where it wasn't effective.

"I've worked with clients aged four to 80," he said.

"I've run conferences around murders, rape, domestic violence, family break-up and serious family and community conflicts.

"Obviously you get some issues dealing with sociopaths but, in those instances where you can't help the offender, the conferences can still benefit victims and family members."

Mr Casey said the key to restorative practice was the understanding that conflict and inappropriate behaviour provided an opportunity to improve

relationships, rather than simply being actions to be solved by punishment.

"We're at our best when we're in good and wholesome relationships," he said.

"Inappropriate behaviour and conflict impact on our relationships. As a community, we don't do conflict very well.

"Restorative practice enables us to respond appropriately to our own and others' responses to the inevitable conflict and tension of life. It allows us to build and maintain stronger relationships and ultimately improve our wellbeing.

"It increases our capacity to truly love one another and to love and build a deeper relationship with God."

* For more information about restorative practice courses contact Matt Casey, telephone 6163 4307.

The restorative practice script

Questions for offenders:

1. What happened?
2. What were you thinking of at the time?
3. What have you thought about since?
4. Who has been affected by what you have done? In what way?
5. What do you think you need to do to make things right?

Questions for those who have been harmed:

1. What did you think when you realised what had happened?
2. What impact has this incident had on you and others?
3. What has been the hardest thing for you?
4. What do you think needs to happen to make things right?

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a centenary of canberra's catholics

In the fifth in a series of portraits of significant Catholics of the national capital, 2009 Canberra Citizen of the Year Bishop Pat Power remembers Fred Quinane

'Lord Mayor' was man of compassion and justice

In 1959 I sat with a group of young seminarians while Archbishop Eris O'Brien explained to us that as chairman of the ACT Advisory Council, Fred Quinane was effectively the Lord Mayor of Canberra.

I don't remember the context of the Archbishop's remarks, but he clearly had a deep affection and admiration for Fred who had occupied that role since 1955.

The Advisory Council was the forerunner to the ACT Legislative Assembly which ushered in self-government for the ACT in 1989.

Labor politics and the Catholic faith were deeply imbued in Fred's life when he moved to Canberra in 1948 with his wife, Mary, the year after their wedding.

His father, Joe, had been a supporter of H V (Doc) Evatt but there had been an acrimonious falling-out in which Fred was also embroiled.

However, Fred had enjoyed good relations with Ben Chifley, Eddie Ward, Arthur Calwell and many other ALP notables.

Little wonder that when he and Mary moved to Canberra one of the first things he did was to apply for membership of the ACT branch of the ALP.

The officer bearers were Prof Fin Crisp (president), Peter Lawler (secretary) and Bill Byrne (treasurer).

At that time, Canberra was still not represented in

the Federal Parliament and Fred campaigned for Jim Fraser to become its first member in 1949.

Among the highlights of his time as chairman of the Advisory Council were welcoming the Olympic Torch to Canberra in 1956, and with Mary being presented to the Queen Mother in 1958.

Fred Quinane hosted a citizens' welcome to the Queen Mother, the event taking place at the foot of City Hill.

A plaque at the southern end of Northbourne Avenue records this piece of history. An important part of Fred's duties was presiding over the naturalisation ceremonies of the time.

Retiring from the Advisory Council in 1959 allowed Fred to further his public service career and take key roles in many developments in Canberra's burgeoning Catholic community.

He was very much a mover and shaker actively involved in building the O'Donnell Youth Centre in Braddon, St Brigid's in Dickson and the Dominican priory and convent in Watson.

Later in life he was to help in fund-raising for a new chapel for the Carmelite Sisters.

In the late 1960s he was part of a group which set out to establish what was to become the Canberra Southern Cross Club.



ABOVE: Fred Quinane and wife Mary escort the Queen Mother at a citizens' welcome to the royal visitor in 1958.



RIGHT: Fred Quinane... "Lord Mayor of Canberra".

In 1971, with club patron, Bishop Alo Morgan, he turned the first sod and when the club was opened he became its first president.

His fellow board members included Paul Rice, Mary Scholtens, Barney Lewis, Ron Keogh, George Wilde and John Reilly.

Alex McGoldrick, a future ambassador to Saudi Arabia, had been associated with Fred Quinane while the former was a senior official in the Department of Trade and Fred was working in the Trade Commissioner Service.

Alex writes: "Running the Trade Commissioner Service was a labour of love for Fred. He was a tough manager but

a compassionate one and he was liked – admired indeed – by those he regarded as his people around the world.

"In 1979 he himself was appointed Australian Trade Commissioner in San Francisco, retiring on his return to Australia in 1982."

Fred Quinane's great love for Canberra found many expressions, and on his return from overseas, he became the first executive director of the Canberra Association for Regional Development which was to become the Canberra Business Council.

Later he was to be a member of the National Capital Planning Authority from 1991 to 1994.

Fred Quinane lived through the Great Depression growing up in Sydney and, although he always had a pair of shoes himself, he vividly remembered other children who didn't.

He would forever have a concern for those less fortunate.

This was part of the motivation which drove him politically and which expressed itself as he lived out his Catholic faith with a keen sense of justice.

He used his fund-raising skills in helping the St Vincent de Paul Society to raise around a million dollars in 1988 assisting in the building of centres in Mitchell, Belconnen and Tuggeranong, allowing people in need to be assisted with dignity and compassion.

He was always involved in parish life and served as an acolyte in St Augustine's Parish, Farrer, with his good friend, Fr Tommy Wright.

Anne Quinane summed up her father at his funeral Mass which I was privileged to celebrate following his death on 8 June, 2005.

"Fred was a natural leader with an impressive capacity to get things done. Sustained by his deep Christian faith and motivated by his abiding commitment to community service, Fred took on responsibilities of office because he felt it important to make a contribution.

"Fred was a man of action, never happier than when chairing a meeting or launching an undertaking – relishing in the planning, delegation and execution and finally the main event. Fred could always be relied upon to deliver a great speech and ensure that everything went just right on the day."

Anne, currently Australia's High Commissioner to Malta, has clearly been given a good share of her father's (and mother's!) genes.

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Institutionalised from the age of four, Aunty Janet tells of ...

One woman's quest to understand her history

By Claire Mitchell

"I've never really done anything out of the ordinary," Canberra Aboriginal elder Ms Janet Philips said.

"My story is similar to so many others."

While she may be modest about her contribution, her extensive research into Aboriginal history, her years of work in education and her commitment to gaining recognition for indigenous Australians would be regarded by most as far from ordinary.

Best known as Aunty Janet, Ms Philips is originally from Brungle Aboriginal Reserve near Tumut, at the base of the Snowy Mountains.

She was baptised Catholic in accordance with her mother's beliefs. Her father belonged to the Church of England.

Ms Philips' mother died when she was very young, so when the authorities came to take the Aboriginal children to various institutions, she was sent to a Church of England girls' home.

"I was institutionalised from age 4 to 18," Ms Philips said.

"It was more or less a child prison. It wasn't like it was for those who were 'adopted' by families; there was no freedom.

"While I was there they had No Family Visitation stamped on my jacket. What kind of people would do something like that?"

She was well educated and received the Church of England sacraments, but lost all connection to her family and her culture.

At the age of 18, Ms Philips returned to Brungle Reserve to discover there wasn't really anyone left to tell her about who she was or where she came from.

"The three major women who would have played a role in my life died before I was old enough to understand," she said.

"Women are the storytellers in our family and by the time I got out of the girls' home there wasn't really anyone to pass those stories on to me."

Ms Philips then started what would become decades of research and study into Aboriginal history. She began her tertiary education at Sydney University.

She trained as an early intervention teacher and worked in various positions in the NSW Department of Education, while continuing her search for her family and her past.

This research also involved the Catholic Church, which she had started working her way back to after marrying a Catholic man.

"I studied Aboriginal history and the role the Catholic Church played," she said.

"Mother Mary MacKillop was there for the poor but she saw what was happening to the Aboriginal people, too.

"Wherever there was a Catholic influence, Aboriginal people were far better educated.

"Up until the 1980s you could count on one hand how many indigenous kids made it to Year 10 in public schools. It was a very different story in Catholic schools."

Ms Philips combined her passion for history and education and drove a campaign to see Aboriginal studies included in the NSW curriculum.

It was something she said she "worked tooth and nail for" and now all primary and secondary school students are required to learn about Aboriginal history and culture.

Meanwhile, Ms Philips and her husband started a family.

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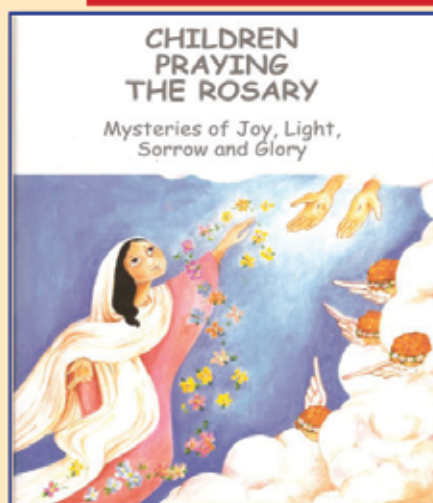
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Aunty Janet Philips at her home in Macquarie (above) and with St Francis Xavier College student Nicole Best (left) at the blessing of the school's Garden of Reconciliation in July last year.

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God gets a warm welcome on the slopes

Story and pictures: Claire Mitchell
Hundreds of people had worked hard to ensure the ski-fields were ready to open on the June long weekend, but according to Jindabyne parish priest Fr Peter Miller, they'll still need a little help.

Speaking at an ecumenical blessing of the 2011 snow season, Fr Miller said people needed to remember that they were all still dependant on God.

"We can't do it all by ourselves, but we must do what we can," he said.

"The scene is set for a good season, but we still need to wait on the goodness of the Lord.

"Let us work with God and pray he will bless us with a great season."

Fr Miller was joined by Perisher and Thredbo staff chaplains as well as representatives from the other local churches for two blessing services.

The first was held in the all denominational Alpine Church at Perisher on the Saturday of the June long weekend, with a second held at the John Paul II Ecumenical Centre/Mary MacKillop Chapel at Thredbo on the Sunday.

Members of the ski patrol and visitors to the ski-fields were among the congregation who took the time to thank God for his gift of creation. They listened to readings and joined in prayer and song, asking the Lord to keep all those who visited the ski-fields this winter safe from harm.

"We ask your blessing on these mountains, and the snow that will blanket them this coming season," they prayed. "We ask your blessing on all who work in the mountains, and those who visit and enjoy the winter beauty of creation. May the care and respect we show for people, and for nature, remind us of your love for all."



ABOVE: Jindabyne parish priest Fr Peter Miller, Mountain Life pastor Marc Hunter and Anglican Church minister Rev Lloyd Bennett after the ecumenical blessing of the snow season at Perisher.

RIGHT: Many people skied over to the all denominational Alpine Church at Perisher for the annual blessing of the snow season.



ABOVE: Time for contemplation ... Jindabyne parish priest Fr Peter Miller reflects on his homily during Sunday Mass in Perisher as the congregation faces the superb view of snow-covered mountains
LEFT: Visitors arrive for Mass at Our Lady of the Snow Church, which overlooks the Perisher ski-fields.



Making the most of the mountains

When your school is located in the picturesque Monaro region, you've got to make the most of your environment.

At least that's the attitude of the principal of St Patrick's Parish School, Cooma, Mr Phil Stubbs.

This year there have been three creative excursions to allow students to appreciate their unique surroundings.

Year 10 students tested their history and geography skills, as well as their fitness, by trekking to the highest points along the Main Range near Mt Kosciuszko.

"The highlight of the excursion each year is a meditation session on top of Mt Carruthers where students have nothing but the sound of the alpine breezes to soothe them," Mr Stubbs said. "No phones, no iPods, no technology. For many of them it is an overwhelming and memorable experience."

The Stage 2 students kept their explorations a little closer to home with their recent Space Voyage sleepover. The event involved about 60 children constructing spacecraft, exploring the night sky, listening to an astronomy talk and watching a space movie.

As well as fitting in with their science unit on planets, the evening was also many of the students' first sleepover.

Mr Stubbs said the Year 9 students had also had the opportunity to experience the beauty of God's creation this term.



They took part in a three-day trek along the nearby South Coast in Mimosa Rocks National Park.

They camped out under the stars each night and had to carry all their camping and cooking gear.

Among the many challenges they faced was making a raft from six planks of wood and eight large water canisters.

"Not only did they have to make the raft, using teamwork and ingenuity, but they had to float all their gear across a tidal inlet on it and attempt to remain dry," Mr Stubbs said.

ABOVE: St Patrick's Cooma Year 9 students meditate on top of Mt Carruthers.

'Almost like a new school' as funding rolls on

"It's almost like a brand new school," St John the Apostle Primary Florey Year 6 student Catherine Smith said of her school's newly unveiled \$3.2 million refurbishments.

"I love my new classroom because there is more light, and you can see through the windows to other classrooms so it feels like there is more space."

The Federal Government funded works were delivered through the Building the Education Revolution and the School Pride projects.

All the classrooms in the main building were completely refurbished and the roofline extended to incorporate courtyards that St John the Apostle

assistant principal Mrs Sharon Sams said were previously rarely used areas. Grounds were re-landscaped and the library renovated.

"We were also able to connect the library and computer lab, providing more opportunities for team teaching and connected learning," she said.

The canteen was refurbished as well, and now includes an area where children not yet at school can play while their parents or carers volunteer in the canteen.

The refurbishments took two years of planning and a further two years to construct, but St John the Apostle principal Mrs Helen Currie said it was worth the wait.

"I am deeply grateful for the way the school community has come together on this project to achieve such a wonderful result," she said.

The refurbishments were blessed by Archbishop Mark Coleridge and opened by Federal Member for Fraser Dr Andrew Leigh.

LEFT: At the opening of St John the Apostle Primary's BER refurbishments: Fr Paul Browne MSC, Community Council chairperson Mrs Bronwyn Ward, Archbishop Mark Coleridge, Catholic Education Office director Mrs Moira Najdecki and principal Mrs Helen Currie.



St Jude's Primary Holder has joined the growing list of archdiocesan schools with completed Building the Education Revolution projects.

Federal Government funding of \$2,125,000 has provided a new library, refurbished classrooms, new front offices and a new courtyard for the south Canberra school.

The additions were blessed by Bishop Pat Power and officially opened by Federal Member for Canberra Ms Gai Brodtmann.

St Jude's principal Mr Peter Galvin said the end result was the culmination of two years hard work by architects Paul Barnett Design Group, builders R and F Management, the parents, staff, students, Catholic Education Office and the school's previous principal Mr Mick Lowe.

He said special mention should also go to the St Jude's New Works Committee, which was formed to assist Mr Lowe with decision making around any large capital improvements to the school.

The BER scheme was announced not long after the group was established, so the members soon had their work cut out for them.

Mr Galvin said St Jude's was very grateful for the funding and that the results were nothing short of brilliant.

"Not only has the community been able to achieve all that it had planned for, but St Jude's has been able to achieve all that it had hoped for as well," he said.

"We now have new classrooms, a new library, new front offices and a new courtyard which will prove itself to be, over time, an integral part of the school."



Bishop Pat Power, Member for Canberra Ms Gai Brodtmann, St Jude's librarian Mrs Kathy Laudenbach, school captains Chloe Hart and Quentin Moffatt and parish priest Fr Kevin Brannelly at the opening.
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New technology has some willing students

Students at St Joseph's Primary School, Boorowa, have embarked on an iPad education program. Each Year Six student has access to an iPad in a program that acting principal Mr Paul Corcoran said was about learning and not about technology.

"It has been a wonderful opportunity for our whole school community," he said.

Year 6 students and teachers have received tuition from the Catholic Education Office's technologies curriculum officer Mr Kel Hathaway.

Students have been learning how to use the resource to think, analyse and construct knowledge, create avatars, share opinions, and discover, research and download information

Teachers have asked themselves questions such as: How can I use the

iPad in the classroom to support powerful learning in my classroom? How can using an iPad change the way I teach? How can I ensure the way I teach with iPads promotes deep learning?

Student Lily Corkhill said the iPads were "really handy because they are portable and you can use them anywhere in the school."

Persia Notarberardino said: "I really like finding information on the internet because it works fast and you don't have to waste time waiting for a class computer to be available."

Mr Corcoran said St Joseph's experience and use of the iPad in the classroom would be shared with other schools to develop good practice for this type of learning technology.



Harry Corcoran and Tenille O'Neill look happy with their experience of iPad education.

\$350,000 for mission work

People in the Archdiocese gave more than \$350,000 to Catholic Mission last year.

In its annual report, Catholic Mission said Australians gave \$18.28 million, up more than \$5 million from 2009 and a record for the organisation's fund-raising and other income sources.

Donations from the Archdiocese totalled \$335,684, with an additional \$16,973 raised by schools during World Mission Month.

Catholic Mission archdiocesan director Deacon Joe Blackwell said he was humbled by the response of donors.

"Our team is blessed to know some of you personally, and we are always conscious that there are thousands of you who donate to us anonymously," he said. "For every dollar we receive we offer a prayer of thanks."

"We know just how far even one dollar reaches and we work

to share as much of this story with you."

The 2010 annual report offered a snapshot of the "hundreds of heart-lifting stories of people who are able to live with dignity and respect because they are shown love and are helped by someone who works for the global Catholic Church."

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Tales of new saint enthrall women



Authors of The Little Brown Book, which explores the personality and spirituality of St Mary MacKillop, were guests at a women's breakfast held at Harden-Murrumburrah. Fifty-three women attended the breakfast, organised by Jean Shea, who said in welcome that country women did extraordinary things in a quiet way, like Mary MacKillop did.

Authors Sue and Leo Kane told many stories of Mary MacKillop and how she lived her life with love and passion. Mrs Kane told how

Mary went to an uncontrollable prisoner on death row. She showed him respect and spoke with him gently. He became settled and spoke with her for some time. If she had been permitted she would have stood with him on the gallows.

ABOVE: At the women's breakfast with Sue and Leo Kane are (from left): Jade Kerrison, Fran O'Connor and Marie McCarthy.

New Melkite leader

Australia's Greek Melkites have a new leader with the appointment by Pope Benedict of the Rt Rev Archimandrite Robert Rabbat.

He succeeds Archbishop Issam Darwish as Bishop of the Greek Melkite Eparchy of St Michael the Archangel of Sydney.

The Pope confirmed the election held by the Synod of Bishops of the Greek Melkite Church, of Archbishop Darwish as Greek-Melkite Archbishop of Zahleh and Furzol in Lebanon.

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Sisters and students share their cultures

After a 13-week visit to experience the language and culture of Australia, Timor Leste Carmelites Sisters Bernardete and Angelina said goodbye to St Patrick's parish and school community in Bega.

The women were the fifth pair of sisters to visit the parish, as part of a program developed by the Bega Valley Advocates.

Their time in Australia was an opportunity to improve their English skills, learn new agricultural techniques and enjoy the cultural diversity of Australian life.

Volunteer tutors from the church community worked with the sisters to provide as many different English speaking situations as possible. This meant in addition to sharing lots of cups of tea, there were farm visits, mini golf days, visits to an animal sanctuary and trips to Sydney and Canberra.

The visit was also an opportunity for students at St Patrick's Primary to learn more about Timor Leste.

Sr Bernadete and Sr Angelina taught their native language, Tetum, to Stage 1 students in term one and Stage 2 and 3 students in term two.

The children studied both the language and Timor Leste culture as part of their LOTE curriculum. The program was started at the school last year by the previous pair of sisters to visit the parish, Sr Carmelita and Sr



St Patrick's Primary Bega students farewell Carmelite Sisters Bernadete and Angelina, who were visiting from Timor Leste.

Terezinha. Srs Bernadete and Angelina became part of the parish during their stay. They attended Mass every day, joined parish priest Fr Bernie Hennessy in home visits and took part in parish activities.

Rosary Carmel's link to WYD

What started as a personal creative challenge has become a successful World Youth Day fundraising venture for Gungahlin parishioner Miss Carmel Dinn.

She made her first set of rosary beads at the start of the year, just to see if she could. She made a few more, to give as gifts, and then a friend suggested she sell them to help fund her pilgrimage to Madrid. The rosary beads were an instant hit.

"I sold them at Confirmation and the little kids just loved them, especially when they saw all the bright colours," Miss Dinn said. "Older people also bought some to give as presents. I had little cards on how to pray the rosary to give out too. One little girl asked me if she could have one and then told her mum they could pray the rosary together." She has already sold more than 45 sets of rosary beads. Miss Dinn will travel to WYD with the Emmanuel Community.



Another 38 young people have joined the archdiocesan pilgrimage, led Archbishop Mark Coleridge. "It's really getting exciting now because we're counting down weeks instead of months," Archdiocesan pilgrimage coordinator Ms Rebekah Fulop said.

Miss Carmel Dinn begins another decade on her latest set of rosary beads.

In search of her heritage

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Their children were the first generation born "free of the reserves", but without a connection to relatives, there were still some difficult times.

"At one stage I had three children under three, one of whom was intellectually disabled," Ms Philips said.

"I had no family to help me. My brother and I grew up far apart, my mother and grandmother were dead and my father and I weren't friends until I was in my 40s."

But for all the hardships there were also blessings. Her intellectually disabled son was given the Last Rites when he was just 48-hours-old, then again at two years old, and again at the age of five. He's currently 48.

Ms Philip's personal quest to understand her heritage continued. She visited remote areas of Australia where indigenous communities were living more or less traditionally.

She spent 12 years in the Northern Territory living and working with other Aboriginal people, educating children and offering support to women who were victims of domestic violence.

After her marriage of 34 years ended, Ms Philips went to the Australian National University to complete further studies.

"History has always been my big thing because it is essential for indigenous people to understand where we are now and how we got here," she said.

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Even today, as a grandmother living in Canberra, Ms Philips is making discoveries. Last year she found out where her mother was buried.

Ms Philips has continued her involvement in education and can often be heard giving the Welcome to Country at Merici College and St Francis Xavier College events.

She also dedicates many hours to campaigns focused on gaining recognition for indigenous people.

Ms Philips said that while there had been campaigns in the past that had taken the wrong approach and lashed out at those who had only tried to help, there were others that had been far more effective.

"I love the arrogance of the Tent Embassy," she said. "That these wonderful Aboriginal people sit there among the icons of white Australian power and essentially snub their nose at the Government."

"No other nation on earth would allow their indigenous people to do something like that."

"Tourists come, take photos and I'm sure many would go home wishing they could be part of a country like Australia."

But of all the projects she's been involved in, all the things she's learnt and discovered, her family has always been the most important.

"What I'm most grateful for is that my children will survive me."

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Crudity and cruelty

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Peter Singer, philosopher, and Ingrid Newkirk, political activist leader of PETA — People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, have, over the past two decades, become the leading figures in a campaign to revoke the innately acceptable understanding that humans and animals, while similar, are essentially different, with humans benefitting from the lives of animals.

They not only want to revoke this understanding, they seek to replace it with one that gives animals the possibility to be considered superior to humans, thus requiring the recognition that animals have rights which, if legal recognition is achieved, places the animal on an equal, if not superior footing to humans.

The scenario of a few years ago, that an animal would be able to have legal representation and form a union and force farmers to negotiate terms of employment etc was the stuff of endearing movies such as Babe. Then you had the hit tune of the mid-1990s "Cows With Guns." Oh, when fiction becomes fact!

We have had media coverage of farm animals being supported in a campaign for property rights over the farms where they are reared. No doubt they will have agents acting on their behalf!


Then, we had ABC 4 Corners stage an emotions-driven campaign over Indonesian abattoirs. A few years ago it was a campaign against sheep farmers and mulesing.

The one thing absent in every debate that the animal liberationists and their newly constructed legal industry backers become involved with is any admission that they are promoting rights for animals which humans will ultimately be forced to pay the price of.


The currency will not be dollars and cents either, but the dignity and meaning of what it is to be human, something which is not ours to trade away, lest we become less than human.

Maybe, we've already reached that stage, with politicians imposing a ban on the export of cattle, concerned at the crude ways of abattoir processing in another country, but denying any similar media coverage or ban on abortions of babies in the womb?

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Historian Fr Brian Maher reflects on the Catholic roots of the federal territory as Canberra prepares to celebrate its centenary in 2013.

Fr Charles Lovat, pioneer priest of Yass, visited Queanbeyan district in 1840 and was hospitably received at Yarrowlumlumla by Terence Murray.

We can be sure that Fr Lovat celebrated Mass there, the first Mass in the future ACT.

By 1842 a resident priest was posted at Queanbeyan. Fr Michael Kavanagh in 1843 took responsibility for Canberra and indeed the whole Monaro district beyond Cooma as far as the port of Eden.

His visits to Canberra, perhaps quarterly, took place very likely in Mass at Yarrowlumlumla until he opened his own stone church in 1850 (St Gregory's) at Queanbeyan.

Catholics from the Canberra area would walk 10km, ride horseback or drive in sulkies to St Gregory's for regular Sunday Mass, but outlying districts were also provided with station Masses at Christmas, Easter and other occasions as advertised in the Queanbeyan newspapers.

The church of St Gregory the Great at Queanbeyan still survives as a secondary parish church. It was serviced over decades by a succession of pastors who lived in the dilapidated presbytery next door, which was demolished in 1956.

They provided regular Sunday Mass and other services there and to regional churches at Ginninderra and Michelago until they, too, gained a resident priest. Queanbeyan continued to attend churches at Ginninderra 1872, Hall 1910, and Tuggranong 1902.

The 1859 Catholic Almanac listed Mass centres in Quean-

Not always easy for our early fathers in faith



The visit of the Apostolic Delegate in 1923 with Fr Haydon and local clergy at the "tin shed" at Acton.



Married quarters at Brickyards Canberra in the 1920s.

beyan parish as station Masses: every second month at Michelago, Yarrowlumlumla, Gundaroo, Molonglo; every third month at Glenwood and Gingery.

From the mid 1860s to 1915, Catholics would assemble at Springbank for Mass in the slab cottage at regular intervals.

In winter they were warmed by the logs in the fireplace and afterwards enjoyed laughter and music before returning home.

ACTON HALL
– the "tin shed"

Fr Patrick Haydon took up his first priestly appointment

in December 1912 as an assistant to Fr Matthew Hogan at Queanbeyan and soon began his visits to Canberra.

He was appointed parish priest of Queanbeyan on 26 January, 1918. As the building of Canberra proceeded, Fr Haydon began to provide services to the Royal Military College, Duntroon and also to workers' camps at Cotter River, Westridge and Molonglo.

He conducted the station Masses at Sullivan's home-
stead Springbank in the large



Parade of Holy Catholic Guild members 1920s quarterly Communion breakfast at St Gregory's Church, Queanbeyan.

kitchen of the slab house and later at the Bates house there.

Workers built a Trades and Labour Hall for community use at Acton, sited near the now demolished nurses quarters of Royal Canberra Hospital. It served as a community centre for social events, meetings, dances and formal occasions.

In January 1925 a regular Sunday Mass commenced there. Those attending had to clean up the hall if necessary after Saturday's social event, set up chairs and prepare the altar.

After Mass they had to hand over to a Methodist congregation who sometimes shared an organist with the Catholics.

Fr Haydon arrived by motorbike, and for privacy, sat over the motorbike to hear Confession.

The hall was built with corrugated iron and was very cold in winter. It was affectionately known as the "tin shed". Goulburn Bishop John Barry attended for Confirmation. The Apostolic Delegate B Cattaneo was hosted there in 1923 with a meal on a trestle table – a far cry from the beauties of the Vatican.

ST CHRISTOPHER'S SCHOOL AND CHURCH

In 1928, the parish of Canberra was established with Fr Haydon as parish priest.

Regular Sunday Mass was provided in the new school hall from February 1928 until 1939 when St Christopher's church (now Cathedral) was opened.

On the north side of the city Mass was provided from the early 1930s at Ainslie Public School, where parishioners arranged chairs, desks and furnishings before and after Mass.

A new Catholic school at Donaldson Street, Braddon, was opened in October 1935, and Masses were then celebrated there. This school closed in December 1973, but it continued as a Mass Centre (St Mary's). A renovated portion was opened in Easter 1984 as St Mary's Chapel.

As the Canberra city centenary approaches in March 2013, it seems good to recall that St Gregory's church in Queanbeyan is the "mother" church for our region. Yet geographically, it is in NSW.

In the ACT the "tin shed" at Acton was demolished years ago. The St Christopher's school is now dedicated to other administrative purposes.

The remnant Springbank Island in Lake Burley Griffin where Mass was celebrated for at least 60 years, could serve to move us to gratitude for our fathers in faith who passed on the Catholic faith in times not always easy.

By Amy Webb

Once upon a time, there was boy, who walked kilometres and kilometres to get to school every day.

Every day he would embark on this journey, because that's what it was.

He would see all kinds of people, sometimes walking with his brothers and sisters, but some days alone. He saw the seasons come and go.

With thoughts of hot chocolate and a warm house he would shiver his way through the middle of winter, and then the flowers would start to come out and suddenly he had a spring in his step and hope in his heart, because there would be a warmer tomorrow and a sunnier day after that.

He watched the buds begin to bloom and the people come out of house hibernation to enjoy the weather again, and then summer came, bringing singlet tops and ice cream with it.

At this point he thought ahead, never before had it occurred to him to dread winter because of the cold days of walking to school, but once it was in his mind he couldn't shake it.

Sure it was warm today, but tomorrow would be colder and then eventually he would be shivering again.

This boy made it through that winter, and the one after that, until he was no longer a boy, but instead a man.

A man who could catch the bus, and instead of dreading the cold he would dread his days of work, and

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

just like his hope for summer, the weekends became the cause of the spring in his step.

Some days he would work in a team, other days independently, but the boyish dread stayed with him.

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This time it wasn't winter, it was a meeting, or having to do the laundry, but once the dread was in his mind he couldn't shake it.

What he didn't realise was that he should spend the time he had enjoying that moment.

Every morning, you may go to the fridge or the cupboard and get some breakfast, sit down and eat.

What occupies your thoughts? Is it all the things you have to do and places you have to go?

Or is it pledging to stand for two minutes at lunchtime in Civic and watch that guitar player, who is actually quite good but you never have the time to enjoy her skills?

After these thoughts you would continue with whatever you had to do that day. There are too many people like this man in the world today. Don't waste your day dreading tomorrow.

I have a challenge for you, and a new thought for the breakfast table, that will hopefully change your plan for the day.

Is it the winter that you should focus on, or the fact that there is always a summer after that?

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As we age, three words are all we need

Somewhere near his 75th birthday, Morris West wrote a series of autobiographical essays entitled, *A View from the Ridge*.

In the prologue of that book he suggests that at age 75 you need to have only one word left in your spiritual vocabulary, gratitude, and that maturity is attained precisely at that moment when gratitude begins to drown out and cauterize the hurts in your life.

As he describes it: Life has served me as it serves everyone, sometimes well and sometimes ill, but I have learned to be grateful for the gifts of it, for the love that began it and the other loves with which I have been so richly endowed.

I agree with West, though it's necessary to add that the fruit of that maturity is forgiveness. Just as smoke follows fire, forgiveness follows gratitude.

Gratitude ultimately undergirds and fuels all genuine virtue, is the real basis of holiness, and the source of love itself.

And its major fruit is forgiveness. When we are grateful we more easily find the strength to forgive.

Moreover, just as gratitude undergirds genuine virtue, forgiveness undergirds genuine religion and morality.

Thus, as we get older, we can trim our spiritual vocabulary down to three words: Forgive, forgive, forgive!

To age into and then die with a forgiving heart is the ultimate moral and religious imperative.

We shouldn't delude ourselves on this. All the dogmatic and moral purity in the world does little for us if our hearts are bitter and incapable of forgiveness.

We see this, for instance, in the sad figure of the older brother of the prodigal son.

He stands before his father protesting that he has never wandered, never been unfaithful, and that he has stayed home and done the family's work. But, and this is the issue, he stands outside the father's house, unable to enter into joy, celebration, the banquet, the dance.

He's done everything right, but a bitter heart prevents him from entering the father's house just as much as the lustful wanderings of his younger brother took him out of that same house.

Religious and moral fidelity, when not rooted inside of gratitude and forgiveness, are far from enough. They can leave us

just as much outside the father's house as sin and infidelity.

As Jesus teaches forcefully in the Lord's Prayer, a non-negotiable condition for going to heaven is forgiveness, especially our forgiving those who have hurt us.

Ron Rolheiser

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But the struggle to forgive others is not easy and may never be trivialized or preached lightly. The struggle to forgive, I suspect, is our greatest psychological, moral, and religious struggle.

It's not easy to forgive. Most everything inside of us protests.

When we have been wronged, when we have suffered an injustice, when someone or something has treated us unfairly, a thousand physical and psychological mechanisms inside of us begin to clam-up, shut-down, freeze-over, self-

protect, and scream-out in protest, anger, and rage.

Forgiveness is not something we can simply will and make happen. The heart, as Pascal once said, has its reasons. It also has its rhythms, its paranoia, its cold bitter spots, and its need to seal itself off from whatever has wounded it.

Moreover, all of us have been wounded. No one comes to adulthood with his or her heart fully intact. In ways small or traumatic, we have all been treated unjustly, violated, hurt, ignored, not properly honored, and unfairly cast aside.

We all carry wounds and, with those wounds, we all carry some angers, some bitterness, and some areas within which we have not forgiven.

The strength of Henri Nouwen's greatest book, *The Return of the Prodigal Son*, was precisely to point out both the hidden cold places in our hearts and the mammoth struggle needed to bring warmth and forgiveness to those places.

So much of the lightness or heaviness in our hearts, most every nuance of our mood, is unconsciously dictated by either the forgiveness or the non-forgiveness inside us.

Forgiveness is the deep secret to joy. It is also the ultimate imperative.

Andrew Greeley, writing a review of Frank McCourt's book, *Angela's Ashes*, praised McCourt for being brilliant, but challenged him for being unforgiving with words to this effect:

Granted, your life has been unfair. Your father was an alcoholic, your mother didn't protect you from the effects of that, you grew up in dire poverty, and you suffered a series of mini-injustices under the Irish social services, the Irish church, the Irish educational system, and the Irish weather! So, let me give you some advice: Before you die, forgive!

Forgive your father for being an alcoholic, forgive your mother for not protecting you, forgive the church for whatever ways it failed you, forgive Ireland for the poverty, rain, and bad teachers it inflicted on you, forgive yourself for the failures of your own life, and then forgive God because life isn't fair ... so that you don't die an angry and bitter man because that's really the ultimate moral imperative.

How true and how challenging!

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 Murrumbateman restaurateur Jenny Foley.

Chef Jenny wanted her slice of the pie

Murrumbateman restaurant owner Miss Jenny Foley was told quite firmly in high school that there was no way she was going to be a chef – only men did that.

"Our home science teacher taught us how to cook at school, which I enjoyed, but I thought, 'I don't want to just do this at home, I want to cook in a restaurant'," Miss Foley said.

"They told me I should go work in a bank because I was good at maths, but I wanted to be a chef."

She struggled after school trying to find someone to take her on as an apprentice, until a friend of her grandmother agreed to give her a go.

Miss Foley soon became the first girl to complete a chef's apprenticeship at CIT.

She worked at the Hilton in Sydney and then spent 28 years cooking and travelling around Europe.

While much of her time was spent cooking from pub to pub Miss Foley



CWL treasurer Mrs Meike Foley gets ready to try a slice of her daughter Jenny's lemon meringue pie.

also had the opportunity to rub shoulders with royalty.

"I cooked for the Queen, I've waited for Charles and Diana, I cooked for Fergie, cooked for Pat Cash – I also worked for a very wealthy and eccentric Jewish couple whose flat overlooked the palace."

She returned to Australia three years ago and bought Springers Rest cafe/restaurant.

Her mother, Mrs Meike Foley is the treasurer of the Catholic Women's League, so Miss Foley has also been

known to cater the occasional CWL function.

Having experienced Europe, Miss Foley has decided it's time to see more of Australia so she's looking to sell up and hit the road on her Harley.

There's no escaping the travel bug.

Lemon Meringue Pie Pastry:

1. Rub 3oz (85g) of butter or margarine into 8oz (227g) of self raising flour until fine crumbs.

2. Slowly add milk and mix to form dough.
3. Roll out on a floured bench and line a pie dish. Trim edges.

Filling:

1. Mix together two tins of condensed milk, five egg yolks and the juice and fine rind of three lemons.
2. Pour into pastry case and bake in a moderate oven for 12-15 minutes. Pastry should be just colouring and the filling set on top.

Meringue:

1. Add a pinch of salt to five egg whites and beat until stiff peaks.
2. Add six heaped tablespoons of castor sugar, one at a time, mixing well after each addition.
3. Pile on top of the pie and bake for another 10-12 minutes.

If you want try something different:

- Use five limes instead of lemons; or
- Use one small tin of pineapple (drained and chopped) with the juice and rind of one lemon; or
- Fold the whipped egg whites into the filling and bake altogether.

Panda's back with another sure-fire hit

Kung Fu Panda 2. Animation film voiced by Jack Black, Angelina Jolie, Dustin Hoffman, Jackie Chan. Directed by Jennifer Yuh Nelson. 88 minutes. PG (Mild animated violence). Reviewer: Fr Richard Leonard SJ*.

In Kung Fu Panda 2, Po is living his dream as The Dragon Warrior, protecting the Valley of Peace alongside his friends and fellow kung fu masters, The Furious Five. But Po's new life is threatened by the emergence of a formidable villain, Lord Chen, who plans to use a secret, unstoppable weapon to conquer China and destroy kung fu. Po must look to his past and uncover the secrets of his mysterious origins; only then will he be able to unlock the strength he needs to succeed.

In 2008, Kung Fu Panda made \$633 million worldwide. This worthy sequel premiered

in May and has already taken \$423 million.

This film will be a hit here too, though it is not for young children. In fact, I am surprised the reason for its PG rating is mild animated violence. I would have thought that the never-ending action and battle sequences warranted a moderate violence note at least. Don't take under-eights along.

This time around the story line is much more political. Lord Shen wants to dominate China and so has an insatiable desire for steel in his bid to build up his military might. And the anxiety of an evil Chinese power seeking domination is presented in a darker way too. Does all this sound familiar?

That said, Kung Fu Panda 2 is beautifully realised and, for a change, the 3D production only adds to the wonderful anima-



tion. It is a very handsome film indeed. Hans Zimmer's score is near perfect too.

The major and more satisfying shift this time is Po's character development. To deepen his warrior status he does need to develop his skills as much as go into himself and find peace in regard to the circumstances of

his parent's death. The values that underpin this plot line are excellent.

My only major objection to Kung Fu Panda 2 is the continuation of the racist Hollywood stereotype of the really evil character having a British accent, this time Gary Oldman as Lord Shen. That characteri-

sation is now so common in US films that it only mildly takes away from the other excellent elements that make this an enjoyable film for older children and adults alike.

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

SHORTS

Blame. Starring Damian de Montemas, Sophie Lowe, Kestie Morassi, Simon Stone, Mark Leonard Winter, Ashley Zukerman. Directed by Michael Henry. 86 minutes. MA 15+ (Strong violence and coarse language).

A small Australian production, a bit repetitious and frantic at times. But, it does raise issues of revenge and violence, not thinking things through – and the dire consequences.



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A French take on the ordinary

Little White Lies. Starring Francois Cluzet, Marion Cotillard, Benoit Magimel, Giles Lellouche, Jean Dujardin. Directed by Guillaume Canet. 148 minutes. MA 15+ (Strong sexual references and coarse language). Reviewer: Fr Peter Malone MSC*.

Very French. French writers and directors seem to have an inbuilt talent for writing and directing films about families and tensions in relationships. They dramatise these not so much in melodramatic encounters and crises, but in the ordinary things of life.

The premise of this quite long drama about families and friends is that in the ordinariness of life, we are not always truthful to ourselves or to others. We avoid responsibilities or hurt others with little white lies. We tell more than little white lies to



Marie (Marion Cotillard) in a scene from Guillaume Canet's "Little White Lies". Hopscotch Films.

ourselves which evolve into considerable self-deception.

During the opening credits we see a young man on a motor bike riding through Paris suddenly hit by a lorry. He is hospitalised with severe injuries. A group of close friends come to visit. But, it is summer vacation time. Should they go on their planned holiday or stay in Paris to be with their friend?

We know that they will go on holidays but the scene in which they debate whether they should go or not, that their friend will be unconscious because of surgery and recuperation, and rationalising their going means the beginning of a new round of little white lies.

Much of the film shows the group on holiday by the sea out from Bordeaux. They

know each other well and have been there before. For a while, we and they are happy in the sun and in the water. But, we know it can't last.

We begin to be very aware of the potential for clash. In one sequence before they go, we see Max, a restaurateur and owner of the holiday house (Francois Cluzet) being massaged by his physiotherapist, Vincent, and then dining with him while Vincent talks about his affection for Max, declaring he is not gay, is married and Max is his son's godfather.

But, this encounter rangles with Max, and leads to outbursts on the holiday, especially from a prickly Max prone to blurt out hurtful remarks. Others in the group have relationship problems which also come to the fore.

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A simple pitch for family life, and it's fun

What If... Starring Kevin Sorbo, Kristy Swanson and John Ratzenberger. Directed by Dallas Jenkins. 118 minutes. PG. Available on DVD from 14 July. Reviewer: Claire Mitchell.

At first glance What If... appears to be a remake of The Family Man, only Nicholas Cage has been replaced by Hercules star Kevin Sorbo and there are a whole lot more Bibles.

It tells the story of Ben Walker (Sorbo), who abandoned his college sweetheart Wendy (Swanson), and his calling to be a

preacher, for a high paying executive job in the city.

Then along comes tow-truck driver Mike (Ratzenberger), an angel sent to show Ben what his life would have looked like if he'd followed his true calling.

Suddenly Ben wakes up in the middle of domestic chaos as his wife Wendy and two daughters are getting ready for church, where Ben is the new pastor. Confusion and hilarity ensue.

The standard line shines through: life ruled by possessions is bad, simple family life is good.

Where What If... stands apart from previous versions of the same old fable, is the idea that our choices don't just affect other people, God cares too.

Ben doesn't just ditch true love for more money, he turns his back on God.

"What if you followed God's plan instead of your own?" Mike the angel asks.

There are plenty of thought provoking moments, including a dramatisation of God speaking to a doubting Moses saying, "Who are you to tell me, who made you, what I can

and cannot accomplish in you?"

It's definitely a winner for families, as "shoot" is the closest we come to a swear word and two one-second lip-locks are the only physical romance on display.

The handheld camera work can be distracting and there are more than a few plot holes the writers would like you to pretend not to notice, but the acting is superb.

It will certainly leave audiences with something to think about.

Stewardship as it works in a parish

Making Stewardship a Way of Life. A Complete Guide for Catholic Parishes. By A Kemberloing and M. Glodava. Our Sunday Visitor, 2009, pb 300pp, \$59.95. Reviewer: Margaret Ryan.

Question: What task did God give human beings early in Genesis? Answer: To be stewards. Good stewards are those who know their identity via God's love and trust, and respond with love, trust and gratitude.

This book examines the differences made when stewardship spirituality is embraced by the whole parish, for the purposes of expanding personal faith and spreading the good news.

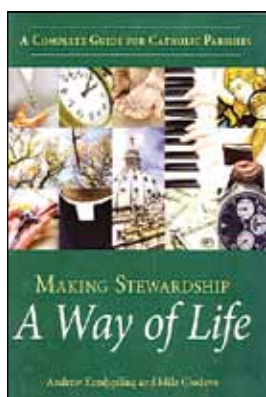
Fr Andrew Kemberling is a Benedictine and Mila Glodava is a senior parish employee. They have worked within this spirituality for 20 years, both in the US and the Philippines. They write of their experiences developing the spirituality of stewardship, particularly in Colorado.

The premise is that everything we have is God's gift to us for the good of all, so the parish practises tithing (individuals, including children, give 10 per cent of their time, talents and "treasure"). Parishioners and clergy testify to the changes and blessings that follow in the wake of personal tithing.

The stewardship approach covers six phases as part of its annual timetable: prayer (time), ministry (talent), faith, treasure, vocations and the earth.

The book outlines this spirituality (drawing on scripture, Church documents and the Catholic Catechism), how it works in one Colorado parish, the details and timetable (plus sample letters and commitment cards) in the annual renewal, sample homilies and lay witness talks.

It is very readable: a combination of inspiration, spirituality and manual. Very worthwhile for parish consideration!



Spirituality of the Middle Ages

Meister Eckhart: Master of Mystics. By Richard Woods OP. Continuum 2011, 204pp, \$39.95.

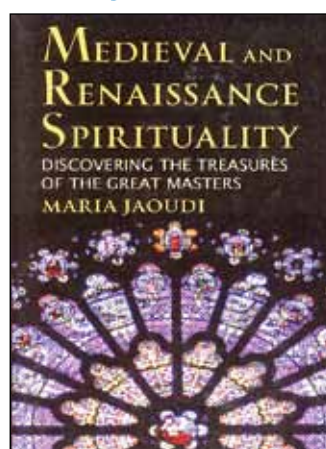
Medieval and Renaissance Spirituality: Discovering The Treasures Of The Great Masters. By Maria Jaoudi. Paulist Press 2010, 137pp, \$27.95. Reviewer: Janet Moyle.

During the past month I've been trawling through the spirituality of the Middle Ages courtesy of two writers.

The first is Richard Woods whose subject is his fellow Dominican, the great German mystic, philosopher and theologian Meister Eckhart. Woods has been fascinated by Eckhart since 1984. This book of essays is the fruit of his research, articles and talks given over the past 15 years.

Woods tells us that Eckhart was born about 1260, entered the Dominican novitiate in 1280, was ordained priest, became a lecturer in Paris, then held several important positions in the order. When he was able to finish his studies he was granted the highest academic honour of the age. Henceforth he was known as Meister (Master) Eckhart.

Woods goes on to say that in the early years of the 14th century there was an explosion of vocations. Large numbers of devout well-educated women were attracted to the Dominicans because of the emphasis on study and the mystical character of that spirituality fuelled by dynamic preach-

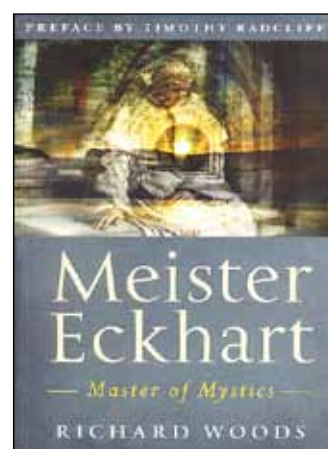


ers. Eckhart, Woods contends, was undoubtedly the greatest of them.

But these were dangerous times for new ideas and reformist preachers who provoked hearers into attending to the divine presence within and to the world outside.

In 1325 Eckhart was summoned before the Inquisition accused of preaching heresy. He vigorously defended himself for several years but died the year before a papal bull of condemnation was promulgated in 1329. As a result, his teachings were suppressed and many writings destroyed. Woods tells us Eckhart's gravesite is unknown and his formal exoneration has not yet occurred.

All of this makes Eckhart's spirituality elusive. Woods clearly has a mission to bring it alive for contemporary Christians. My feeling is that this compilation of talks is targeted most precisely at those readers with the relevant background knowledge. It appears that scholars themselves differ in their understanding of the Meister who was, after all,



the Master of Mystics. This book is ideal for the serious student who wishes to explore further.

Medieval and Renaissance Spirituality by Maria Jaoudi is much more accessible. Also the product of a series of academic lectures, Jaoudi addresses the mysticism embedded in Christianity and the two other monotheistic religions Islam and Judaism.

Jewish mysticism persisted in the medieval period despite persecution in predominantly Christian Europe. Known as the Kabbalah it is based on ancient texts and scriptures. The Zohar, which translates as "illumination", is the canonical text of the Kabbalah. The illumination of our minds takes place through the 10 energies of God.

Jaoudi illustrates these neatly with a simple diagram. Their importance is a way for us to connect with God through spiritual experience and insight.

Jaoudi also treats two exponents of Islamic Love Mysticism. The first, a woman named Rabi'a, was born

in 717 in modern-day Iraq. She believed that the consciousness of God must work from the inside out. She must have been a splendid teacher because this is her example of the liberated holiness she gave to her students, as quoted by Woods.

'Come to the edge'

It's too high.

'Come to the edge'.

We might fall.

COME TO THE EDGE.

And they came.

And she pushed them.

And they flew.

Rumi is better known.

We're told he is arguably the best-selling poet in America. Recently I saw a video clip featuring Andrew Harvey, a scholar on the holiness of Islam, speaking about Rumi's passion for God and sacred activism. Born in Afghanistan in 1207 he moved to Turkey. A Sufi, he was contemplative to the core and known for having created the Mevlevi order of whirling dervishes.

The remainder of Jaoudi's book is devoted to more familiar subjects - Teresa of Avila, Hildegard of Bingen and Dante. She outlines the theological visions of places such as Chartres Cathedral and the treasures in Florence such as Michelangelo's David, the Duomo and major art-works by Giotto and Raphael with other artists. She sketches all these aspects of spirituality with a sure hand and they glisten like beads on a string. Very satisfying.

Personal encounter with the Pope


Light of the World: A Conversation with Peter Seewald. By Benedict XVI. Freedom Publishing, 2010, 200pp, \$ 29.95. Reviewer: Janet Moyle.

Light of the World is the record of a series of interviews by veteran journalist Peter Seewald with Pope Benedict over one week in mid-2010. Clearly they know each other well.

Together they visit a number of topics. These are arranged into chapters containing (surely expanded) questions and the Pope's responses. To them all, His Holiness is open and measured.


Predictably the secular press has concentrated on those about sexual abuse and homosexuality, but there are many more of wider interest. There are personal questions about the Pope's lifestyle and interests; the contrast between Pope John Paul's personality and leadership and his own; the fate of the planet; inter-faith relationships; authority, discipline and the renewal of the Church.


The book essentially is an exercise in getting to know you. However, I'm not sure that the book format really works. I suspect it would have been much more effective as a live television interview but that was never going to happen.



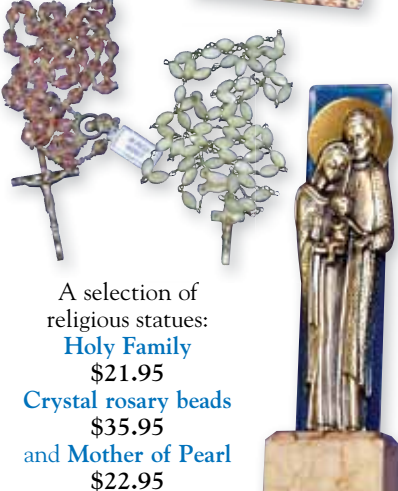
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humbly beseech thee from the
bottom of my heart to succour
me in my necessity (make
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Priest's journey took many turns

FR FRED EDWARDS

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Fr Fred Edwards was ordained to the priesthood in the Basilica of St Paul's Outside-the-Walls, Rome, on 26 March, 1966, by Cardinal Cicognani, Vatican Secretary of State. He is the only priest of the Archdiocese to complete his seminary training at the Beda College in Rome.

His journey to ordination as a Catholic priest took many turns. He was baptised into a nominal Anglican family in Sydney, but during his primary school days he came under the influence of remarkable man Mr Bottomley.

Through this wonderful character, he and eventually his whole family underwent a profound conversion experience.

Fr Edwards embarked on a teaching career by graduating from Sydney University as a Bachelor of Science in 1952 and gaining a Diploma in Education from Sydney Teachers' College in 1953. An interest in music, enjoying playing the piano and the organ were part of his early life.

He began teaching in Narrabri in the Anglican Diocese of Armidale. It was then that he was drawn to ministry and began his theological studies with Moore Theological College in Sydney. He was ordained an Anglican deacon and was posted to Quirindi but after a comparatively short period he began to experience a call to Catholicism.

On approaching his understanding bishop, it was agreed that he should withdraw from Anglican ministry. He began taking instructions with a view to becoming a Catholic. He moved to Canberra, and during four years as a science teacher at Canberra High School and living at Reid House he made contact with the parish priest of Braddon and Vicar General Mgr Edward Favier, who received him into the Catholic Church in 1959.

His seminary studies in Rome began in 1962 and covered the historic period of the Second Vatican Council. He was ordained to the priesthood in March 1966. Sadly, the ill-health which was to plague him for much of his priesthood began to manifest itself even then.

He returned to Australia and took up his first appointment at St Peter and Paul's Old Cathedral parish in Goulburn. In five years of priestly ministry in Goulburn his background as a teacher enabled him to bring those skills to bear in catechetics in government schools and as chaplain to Our Lady of Mercy College.

He had a particular fondness for the Christian Brothers' agricultural college, Inverloch, where he regularly celebrated Mass.

In parish life, his kindly nature allowed him to have a gentle ministry to senior parishioners and people in hospital.

He always treasured his Anglican origins and this enhanced his commitment to ecumenism where he was at home with ministers and laity of other churches.

Fr Edwards went on to serve in the parishes of Queanbeyan, Tumut, and Cootamundra until, in 1979, he was appointed parish priest of Grenfell. He went to Braidwood in 1986 and his last appointment was as parish priest of Gunning. While his health was far from good for the eight years in Gunning, he is fondly remembered for his humility, kindness, prayerfulness and pastoral care.

He is survived by June, his brother, Ron, and their six sons.

- Bishop Pat Power



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An Australian, Fr John Anderson has spent the past 29 years working in Peru, the last 19 years as Parish Priest in Santa Rosa which has around 10,500 people and is part of the city of Chiclayo, home to more than half a million.

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Feast day fun takes the cake



Merici College students celebrated the feast day of their school's patron with Bollywood dancing, Zumba lessons and Henna tattoos, in support of an Indian village in Kolkata.

The St Angela Merici Day activity fundraisers were part of the college's ongoing contribution to education in the impoverished village.

Previous efforts have financed the purchase of land, the construction of a small school, five teachers to be employed and the purchase of basic equipment and stationery.

All proceeds from St Angela Merici Day will go towards the purchase of land for a school playground.

In addition to the fundraising activities, a Mass was also held to celebrate the life of the school's patron saint.

"Students remembered St Angela as an educator of women from all classes of society," Merici principal Mrs Catherine Rey said.

"Her love and sensitivity to human needs and her deep understanding of God's love for all continues to influence the Merici students as they continue to follow St Angela's vision."

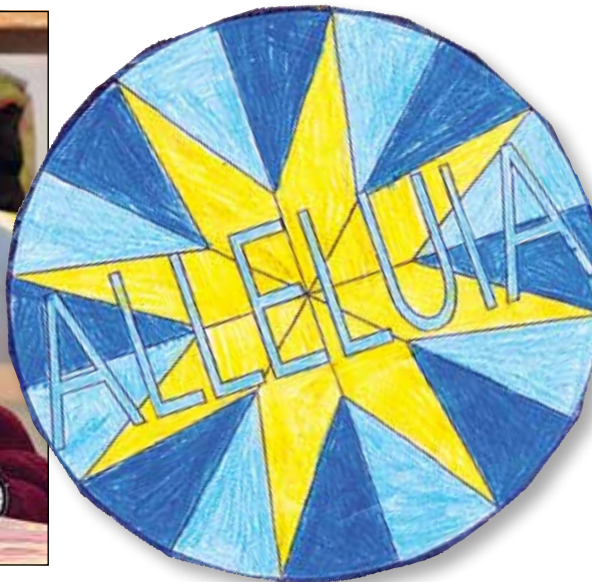
LEFT: Merici College captain Kate Thornber and principal Mrs Catherine Rey cut the cake in celebration of St Angela Merici's feast day.



ABOVE: Cordelia Anderson and Sam Frey write down their spelling list.



ABOVE: Patrick Roos flicks through a new book.



Mrs Andrea de Carvalho's Year 2 class were in English mode when Catholic Voice visited. Some students were learning spelling words while others were busy in reading groups. The class' special project for the term is "I like to move it!", so in art, the students have been experimenting with moving art media and materials to create interesting and new effects. The movement project also incorporates science, SOSE, physical education and English.



ABOVE: Lucinda Hatton concentrates carefully on her work.

LEFT: Sophie Bailey used bright colours in this spinning wheel.

RIGHT: Nathaniel Levy is getting some science practice with Kitchen Chemistry on the school computers.



ABOVE: Aaron Kouparitsas pushed and pulled crumpled newspaper, sponges and corks through paint and onto paper to show examples of different modes of transport.

RIGHT: Layla Wilson and Rebecca Naess read a story.

LEFT: Mckenna Mitchell tests her spelling skills.



ABOVE: William Boundy and his Year 4 buddy drew these cartoon characters. He blew dye through a straw, to add some extra effects.

