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for you? - Pages 13-15**



Goulburn's restoration hits a high point



Goulburn's history came to life with the unveiling by the Governor-General of a giant mosaic tribute to a pioneering woman with a link to the city's past. Top: Archbishop Mark Coleridge blesses the artwork. Above: Governor-General Quentin Bryce with artist Nola Diamantopoulos and Archbishop Coleridge.

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what do you know?

1. Which parish's refugee resettlement committee has been running for more than 30 years?
2. What anniversary did HOME in Queanbeyan celebrate last month?
3. What country did Sr Marie Martin CHF travel from for the golden jubilee of St Thomas More's Primary?
4. What is the focus of the Australian Catholic Bishop's Social Justice Statement for 2011-2012?
5. What indigenous game were the students at St Michael's Primary playing during NAIDOC Week?
6. Where is World Youth Day about to be held?
7. Which priest celebrates 60 years of ordination this month?

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Coota's history covered

A book covering the history of Sacred Heart Parish, Cootamundra, stretching back to the time Fr Lovat rode his horse from Yass base in the 1840s, has been launched.

The 200-page book, written and compiled by Mr Ted O'Connor, contains many photographs.

Sacred Heart Church, built in 1916, was expected to be the cathedral of the new diocese of Cootamundra, but Wagga Wagga was selected as the new diocese. With seating capacity for 600, it is the largest church in country NSW. Ground movement during the recent prolonged drought caused much structural damage. Proceeds from book sales will be donated to the Sacred Heart Church Restoration Fund.

The book is available from the Catholic Presbytery, Morris Street, Cootamundra NSW 2590. Price is \$40 plus \$5 postage.

New translation 'not just about words'

Silence at Mass can be uncomfortable for some, but should help people to experience the presence of God, Archbishop Mark Coleridge said.

He was speaking at the official launch of the new "People of the Eucharist" resource, developed and published by CatholicLIFE.

"Our worship has tended to become more and more chatty," Archbishop Coleridge said.

"If there is a silence, you tend to think 'what's gone wrong'. But it's not a silence that is empty and threatening, but full of the presence of God.

"The new translation of the Roman Missal is not just about words. We are trying to go more deeply into the experience of the interplay of sound and silence."



Archbishop Mark Coleridge with director of pastoral support services Mr Shawn van der Linden at the launch.

CatholicLIFE has made available, through parishes, a free copy of the resource.

\$10m 'great hall' plan for college

Construction is underway on a \$10 million hall at Marist College, providing for the first time a space where whole college functions can be held.

Dubbed "The Great Hall" the project is due for completion in mid-2012, by which time a more Marist name will have been chosen.

Some suggestions have been Marcellin, Marian and Champagnat.

Situated between the college's rugby and soccer fields, the hall will have a seating capacity for 2000 people.

It will incorporate a gymnasium with space for two full-size basketball courts, a grandstand overlooking Number One Oval, a weights room, staff space, change rooms and storage facilities.

By Chelsea Boxall*

I have always had an interest in travelling, but when I was younger I could not afford to go anywhere. One day I decided to set myself a goal to start saving. This gave me hope that I would eventually go overseas and live my dream. It gave me something to look forward to.

A few years later when I was old enough to get a job, I applied everywhere I could. The downside was that I was rarely working and was spending the little money I had. At that stage I had no motivation to start saving to travel.

When I was in year 10 I thought my school work load was the end of the world and I used to panic. My parents then helped me get back on track and that's when I started to organise myself more and started to take school more seriously.

One night when I was having dinner with my family and friends, my aunty handed me a small book about China.

As I read it and got more interested in the culture, I wondered how it was relevant. I kept reading, and then when I turned the next page it said in big, bold writing... You are going on a 13 Day Tour of China.

At first I thought it was a joke, but as she started to explain I realised it was

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

legitimate, I was also told that I was allowed to take one of my best friends along. The smile on my face lasted days; I was so happy that I would get to go on my first overseas holiday with my aunty and best friend.

How was I going to save enough money? I only had nine months to do it, that's when the realisation kicked in.

I looked back on how I had given up in the past and told myself "This time it's different". So I got myself a new job and worked whenever I could. I knew this time I could not give up.

I had the occasional moments when I really wanted to buy a dress or some

source for households across the Archdiocese. A longer and more detailed Resource is available from the Catholic Bookshop and CatholicLIFE for \$10.

As part of the launch, new Archdiocesan coordinator for spirituality and faith education Mr Shane Dwyer presented a seminar entitled "Why go to Mass?"

The 40 participants responded positively to Mr Dwyer's seminar, which they described as absorbing and entertaining.

Parishes interested in having Mr Dwyer run a similar seminar should contact CatholicLIFE, telephone 6163 4300.



An artist's impression of Marist College's new hall.

"This is a very exciting facility for the college and much needed for both PE and sports facilities, as well as a space in which we as a college community can celebrate the important rituals that make us Marist," headmaster Mr Richard Sidorko said.

The project will be funded partly from college funds and the Building Fund contributions of families.

shoes, but I also knew the money would be better spent in China.

One year passed and I was there. I made it! I stood there on the Great Wall with pride.

By seeing remarkable things such as the Terracotta Warriors, The Great Wall, The Birds Nest Stadium, The Forbidden City, The Temple of Heaven and going to the World Expo made me think ... "What's the point in giving up? It's going to take me nowhere in life and I don't want to miss out."

I have changed my intentions; I want to be happy and I want to travel. I am saving to go to the US for a few months holiday, and then plan to work in England at an international school.

Setting goals gives you something to look forward to. In the end, one of the best feelings is accomplishing something, knowing that there is something to look forward to, and the only way of doing that is having no doubt that you will.

* Chelsea Boxall, a year 12 student from St Mary MacKillop College in Canberra, spent a week at Catholic Voice on work experience. She is studying photography, dance and media. She will be found at dance rehearsals four days a week. She hopes to work in television/film in the media industry.

Church to appeal heritage listing

The Archdiocese will pursue an appeal against the heritage listing of St Patrick's Church at Braddon "to the full extent possible", Vicar General Mgr John Woods said.

As a first step, an appeal will be made to the ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal, but Mgr Woods said further action would be taken if necessary.

The Archdiocese had been in negotiations with the ACT Government to sell the 76-year-old building, along with the adjacent Favier House, to help fund the redevelopment of the St Christopher's Cathedral precinct in Manuka.

The ACT Heritage Council's decision to add the site to the ACT Heritage Register will prevent the Government from including the church in its intended redevelopment of Currong Apartments and Allawah and Bega Courts.

Archbishop Mark Coleridge said he disagreed with the listing and was disappointed by the decision. "Of course St Patrick's has some social and historical significance, but I think it has been overstated by the Heritage Council."

Archbishop Coleridge said he would appeal the heritage listing on two grounds.

"Firstly, that it jeopardises our plans to develop a worship space and pastoral care

centre, for inner city purposes, for which the current St Patrick's building is inadequate.

"And secondly, it seriously compromises the return on the Braddon development, which in turn impacts on the redevelopment of the cathedral precinct at Manuka."

Archbishop Coleridge said both developments also sought to embellish the city, by improving areas which were currently "eyesores".

St Patrick's Church was found to have heritage significance when assessed against criteria of the ACT Heritage Act 2004.

According to the ACT Heritage Council's assessment, "St Patrick's Church is important in representing a distinctive function and tradition of a religious community in Canberra for some 75 years".

The Council also found that, "as the first Catholic school on the north side of Canberra, St Patrick's has special associations with the development of Canberra during and following World War II... particularly in regard to church and community responses to the provision of education and with the role that the Church took in forging new communities during the growth of the national capital."

Help from St Ben's? Take it as read

When St Benedict's Primary teacher Rebecca Carvolth learnt that most children in Papua New Guinea did not have access to books, she decided to take action.

She made the discovery when a friend told her about a charity called Buk bilong Pikinni, which establishes libraries across PNG to provide books for families who cannot afford schooling.

"I was amazed that in a country so close to us, children were missing out on something as basic as books," Ms Carvolth said.

She decided to organise a combined school and parish book drive.

For three weeks St Benedict's students and Narrabundah parishioners brought in their donations, which filled about 30 boxes.

"Thanks to the power of the internet, our kids have been able to watch as the books are delivered to the libraries," Ms Carvolth said.

"It's great they can see that what they're donating really is going over



St Benedict's staff and students with some of the books they have collected for children in PNG.

Back: Principal Mrs Anne Staines, parish priest Fr Steve Fletcher MGL, Ashleigh Murrell, Sam Ogden, Claire Bennett and Jack Jensen. Front: book drive coordinator Ms Rebecca Carvolth, Patrick Cox, Ella Gee and Tess

there and how much it is appreciated.

"The [PNG] children get so excited when they pick up a book."

Buk bilong Pikinni was founded in 2008 by Anne-Sophie Hermann, the wife of Australia's then High Commissioner to PNG.

By establishing community-based libraries next to clinics, marketplaces or settlements, the charity hopes to attract children and increase literacy rates. For more information about the charity, go to bukbilongpikinni.org.

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An addictive land that leaves you changed



the two southern tribes, and the 10 northern tribes had come to him asking that he be the king of both north and south. They recognised in him the military leader they needed. David accepted the invitation and then set about looking for a new and unifying capital between the territory of north and south. His eye fell upon the mountain fortress which he stormed and made into his capital. It would become the city of Jerusalem. Traditionally, the name Jerusalem has been associated with peace, but its history has never been peaceful.

Another thing that never seems to change is the sheer complexity of the situation. They say that if you've been in the Holy Land for a month, you can write a book; if you've been there for six months, you can write an article; and if you've been there for a year, you can't write a word. That's because the more you know of the situation and the people in it, the less clear-cut the issues become. There's right and wrong on all sides, and at times the emotions can get in the way.

Somehow, emotional reactions grow more intense in the Holy Land. There's a special kind of anger and

elation that I associate with Jerusalem; and no place on earth that I know confronts you more with the alarming difference between the way we would like the world to be and the way the world actually is. Jerusalem seems to gather up in one small city all that is best and worst in the human being. It is the city of both the Death and the Resurrection, of Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

Another perennial factor in the Holy Land is the climate. First of all, the variety: snow-capped mountains in the north, coastal plain in the west, desert in the south, with the hottest place on earth just for good measure. And all this is a tiny land that is one seventh the size of Tasmania. Jerusalem can be freezing cold in winter, but blazing hot in summer. Jesus must have had a good cloak and a big hat.

He must also have known plenty about dehydration. I had to learn the hard way in the summer. The strange thing about the summer heat in Jerusalem is that it never seems to leave you thirsty or clammy; and yet the loss of moisture from the body is massive. I spent a

week in the Negev desert south of Jerusalem, and there we had to drink nine litres of water a day just to survive. We also had to eat sweet or salty things to ensure that the body retained the fluid. Getting the balance right between consumption and retention was quite an art – an art, I might add, that the Bedouins have perfected. They live on the edge of dehydration but are never dehydrated. Well, I was a bit slow to learn. I now know the signs – irritability gives way to a dull head-ache which gives way to nausea. People then say that they got sick because they drank the water when the truth is that they got sick because they didn't drink enough water. So I'll be telling the pilgrims to drink up – and not beer or coffee either, because they only make things worse.

Some, including Pope Benedict, have called the Holy Land "the fifth Gospel". The Land is a kind of text which needs to be carefully read and which yields immense treasures to those who know how to read it. Certainly you can never read the Bible in the same way after you have visited the Holy Land and read the text which it is. The Land is part of the mystery of the Incarnation: God took flesh in this particular place at one particular time. That's the mystery which grounds the mysticism of the Land. Our pilgrimage will be hard work; it will have highs and lows, all of them intense. But none of us will be unchanged by what we see and hear and smell and taste and touch. Say a prayer for us.

Mark Coleridge

AUGUST DIARY

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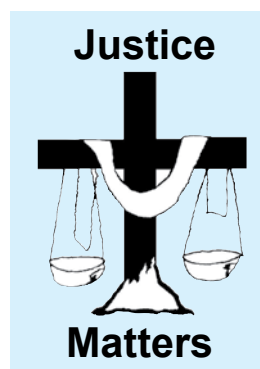
The essentials of a fair system

From the archdiocesan Social Justice Commission

The final report of the Henry review of the tax system has been released. In 2009 the Australian Government acted on the review's earlier recommendations in relation to pensions. Does Catholic social teaching have anything to say on tax and social security?

Catholic teaching cannot offer detailed prescriptions for the design of the tax and social security systems. It does, however, suggest broad principles on which to base the two systems. They can be summarised in two phrases: the "common good" and a "preferential option for the poor".

The principle of the common good asks us to look beyond narrow self-interest and to think of society as a whole. The principle of a preferential option for the poor is more specific and asks us



to look primarily at the interests of "these; the least of our brothers and sisters". Neither principle says that absolute equality should be the ultimate aim of public policy, but both argue strongly for avoiding extremes of wealth and poverty.

Practical judgments of how to implement these principles in the context of tax and social security are not easy to make. They depend not just on the direct impacts of particular measures but also on their indirect consequences.

To take one example, it looks like common-sense to tighten means tests on payments of social security benefits – by doing so, governments exclude from eligibility those who are not "in need". Against that, however, tighter means tests also disadvantage the poor by making it more difficult for them to work their own way out of poverty.

To take another example, large increases in pension rates are of great benefit to people with little or no income or assets other than the pension itself. They also, however, benefit many other pensioners with substantial income and assets. They also do nothing for unemployed people, whose levels of income support are well below the pension rate.

The principles of the "common good" and a "preferential option for the poor" often seem to

take second place in public policy. For example, the tax exemption of most superannuation benefits gives by far the greatest advantage to people with substantial income and wealth. To take another instance, the lump-sum stimulus grants to taxpayers in 2009 were withheld from people with too little income to pay tax in the first place.

In a nutshell, Catholic teaching suggests that tax and social security measures should be judged primarily by the contribution they make to the common good and the advantages they confer on those with least resources of their own. If the direct beneficiaries of a proposed initiative are those with ample resources of their own, the onus lies on those advancing the measure to show how it will ultimately contribute to the common good or work to benefit poor people.

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WYD pilgrims Madrid bound

Newly engaged Canberra couple Jessica Wilson and Nick Morgan are counting down the days until the Archdiocesan World Youth Day pilgrimage begins.

Along with 35 other pilgrims, they will be led by Archbishop Mark Coleridge through the Holy Land before arriving in Madrid for a week of WYD events.

It will be Mr Morgan's first WYD, an experience that he hopes will help him grow closer to God.

"Our appreciation of the Gospels will be so much more having been to the Holy Land," he said.

"Once we get to Madrid, I'm particularly looking forward to the catechesis sessions and to hearing amazing speakers from around the world."

Miss Wilson attended her first WYD in Sydney, which resulted in her returning to the Church.

"Last time I went with my sisters, not a pilgrimage group, so that's a new element that I'm looking forward to this time," she said.

The couple chose the archdiocesan pilgrimage in part because a number of fellow Cathedral Youth Group members had signed up. They will continue to travel together after the pilgrimage as well – something Miss Wilson said she was sure would be "good marriage preparation".

The archdiocesan pilgrims will fly out on Friday 5 August.

They will be blogging their experiences at wydblog.catholiclife.org.au. Regular updates and photos will also be posted on the Archdiocese website, www.cg.catholic.org.au, and in August editions of the Tuesday E-News.



Nick Morgan and Jessica Wilson are packed and ready for World Youth Day.

Vinnies wants to warm up winter

The St Vincent de Paul Society is calling for donations of blankets, doonas, parker jackets, gloves and beanies as part of its Winter Appeal.

Director of Special Works Mr Shannon Pickles said the society's financial and material donations had fallen from last year, but the increase in demand for assistance experienced over the past few years was expected to continue.

"It is the generosity of our community which allows us to help people see a better future," he said.

"We believe people don't choose to be unemployed, homeless, or mentally ill. We believe all people regardless of their situation hope for a better future, and need the care and support of a compassionate community to make this change possible."

Preliminary figures from the 2011 Community Sector Survey indicated a 47 per cent increase in the number of people charities had to turn away from emergency relief services that help with such items as food and electricity vouchers.

Consequently, Mr Pickles said, financial and material donations would continue to be needed.

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First Communion day



Six Bombala children made their First Holy Communion at St Mary's Church. Mass was celebrated by Fr John Vallayil VC. The children are pictured here with their parents, after receiving their certificates. Back: Sandra and Kincaid Lunn, David and Julia Merritt, Wendy and Warren Hampshire, Naomi and David Bruce and Leanne Pocock. Front: Bridget Lunn, Jack Merritt, Karter Hampshire, Jasper Bruce, Stephanie Lunn and Nick Pocock.



Maddison Manning and Russell Jamieson made their First Communion at St Joseph's Church, Delegate. They are pictured here with their catechist Joyce Reed and family members Cleo Jamieson, Louise Manning, Drew Manning and Jean Manning.

Hands-off marriage is call

"Don't meddle with marriage" is the message that will be sent to all politicians on 16 August at the National Marriage Day Rally.

From 10am to noon, people are invited to gather in the Great Hall of Parliament House to voice their opinion on proposed laws to permit same-sex marriage.

"In August 2004, Australians from all over crowded into the Great Hall of Parliament House, the Marble Foyer, the surrounding balconies and the Forecourt, demanding that marriage be protected and defined as a 'union between one man and

one woman, to the exclusion of all others, voluntarily entered into for life'," Australian Family Association national vice president Mary-Louise Fowler said.

"The message was heard and subsequently the Marriage Amendment Act 2004 was passed on 13 August 2004, with support from both sides of politics."

Since then however the debates about redefining marriage have remerged.

"Many people, including Christians, are confused and have been silenced for fear of offending homosexuals," Ms Fowler said.

"The fight to defend the institution of marriage is not about homophobia.

"It is rather about preserving the integrity of marriage, which is naturally oriented to the bearing and nurturing of children."

Rally participants are encouraged to dress in ruby and gold, the colours of National Marriage Day.

Rebecca Hagelin, from the United States, will deliver the rally's keynote address, One Man, One Woman: the Future of Civil Society.

To register for the rally, or for more information, go to www.marrieday.org.au.

Discovering the better decisions

Lay Catholics looking for guidance in life's choices are invited to a discernment weekend in Canberra next month.

Organised by the Disciples of Jesus Covenant Community and St Benedict's Eucharistic Centre, Narrabundah, the event will explore what discernment is and how to do it in the context of the Church's vision for the mission and call of the laity.

Drawing from the Ignation spiritual tradition, the weekend aims to help lay Catholics discover, through prayer, the better decisions in life.

The leadership team will consist of Missionaries of God's Love moderator Fr Ken Barker, winemaker and father of five Mr Tim Kirk, public servant and father of four Mr Adrian Wellspring, and Catholic Bookshop manager and mother of three Mrs Anne Woods.

The weekend is particularly targeted at people who have recently experienced an important change in their life, such as marriage, a new job, starting volunteer work, or moving from interstate.

It will also benefit those seeking support, direction and practical spiritual tools for decision making, or those who just feel unsure about what God is doing.

The weekend will run from 16-18 September at Greenhills Conference Centre, Cotter.

For more information contact Adrian Wellspring, email dtbl1@hotmail.com or go to www.stbenedict.info/DTBL.html.

Charlie books his place in history



Charlie Croker (centre) at the launch of his autobiography Back to Book Book. Back: his son Kevin Croker, great grandson Bryce O'Hara and fellow resident Ron Faulks. Front: Calvary Haydon Village pastoral co-ordinator Heather Dewar and her husband John.

At the age of 86, Mr Charlie Croker decided to write an autobiography, with the simple view that family members might find it interesting. Now aged 91, Mr Croker has launched his finished work, Back to Book Book, at Calvary Haydon Village in Bruce.

His writing shows his life's journey had indeed been a rich and rewarding one, though not without a few hurdles along the way. Having lived through the Great Depression and World War II, Mr Croker knows only too well that any success he enjoyed didn't come without a lot of hard work. His family were impressed with his autobiography, which may interest non-members of the Croker clan as well. Book Book is a rural community near Wagga Wagga.

Bridges, not walls Mary's first feast day

Australia's bishops urge people to think about the conditions in our prisons and the reasons for incarceration in their annual Social Justice Statement.

Titled Building Bridges, Not Walls: Prisons and the Justice System, the statement will be launched the week before Social Justice Sunday, which falls on 25 September.

According to their research, between 1984 and 2008, while rates of crime either stayed steady or fell, the number of Australians in

prison per 100,000 people almost doubled.

Most Australian prisoners come from the most disadvantaged sections of the community: the underprivileged, those suffering from mental illness, and especially indigenous people, who make up about 2.3 per cent of the Australian population but about a quarter of those in prison. The rate for young indigenous people is even higher.

The statement will be available for download from www.catholic.org.au next month.

Mary's first feast day

Monday, 8 August, marks the first official feast day of St Mary MacKillop since her canonisation last October.

Vicar General Mgr John Woods said parishes were encouraged to hold celebrations in honour of Australia's first saint.

St Mary's feast day has been named a solemnity, meaning the Mass of the day will include a first and second reading. It will also include the Gospel, the Gloria and recitation of the Creed.

Fr Dermid McDermott will celebrate 7am Mass for the Sisters of St Joseph at their North Goulburn convent. Parishioners are invited to join the sisters for breakfast.

Congregational leader Sr Noelene Quinane said the Goulburn Josephites would celebrate with sisters in Sydney on the Saturday.

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HOME resident John Velnaar, staff member Susan English with sons Harry and Damien, staff member Nola Payten, volunteers Bradley and Lisa Lasker, manager Anne Pratt and resident Luis.

Residents feeling at HOME after first year

The renewed confidence of the residents at HOME in Queanbeyan after its first year of operation is proof of its success, manager Anne Pratt said.

A community-based initiative, HOME provides supported accommodation in a family-type setting for up to 20 people with chronic mental illness who cannot live independently, or are at risk of being homeless. "It's a real community here," Ms Pratt said.

"Some residents are really social and happily interact with each other and support each other. Others like to keep to themselves but take comfort in the knowledge that there is always someone here if they need them.

"Three residents go to TAFE, a couple are working. It's great to see this place empowering people."

HOME runs with four permanent staff, two on-call staff and a group of volunteers. There are also two caretakers who stay onsite overnight, Fr Peter Day lives at HOME and a local family has a house at the back of the property.

Ms Pratt said the supportive environment had not only benefited residents, but had also helped to take extra pressure off families. Many residents had been living with an elderly parent previously.

Places at HOME have been in high demand, with the staff receiving regular referrals. As residents may stay at HOME as long as they wish, Ms Pratt said she never kept more than six people on a waiting list.

"We've had inquiries from people in Canberra about possibly starting a HOME there," Ms Pratt said. "While we won't be setting up any other places ourselves, we've always said we hoped other communities would follow the HOME model.

"We gratefully accepted government capital support during the initial construction but we receive no ongoing government funding, nor have we asked for any," Ms Pratt said.

For more information, contact Ms Pratt, telephone 0412 460 308 or e-mail manager@homeinqueanbeyan.org.

Men's spirituality comes alive

Last month's MenAlive weekend in Gowrie is something the Archdiocese needs more of, Bega parishioner Mr Peter Harvey said.

He travelled to Canberra for the retreat along with three other men from his coastal parish because he was keen to experience an event specifically targeted at Catholic men's spirituality.

"If you look around the congregation in most parishes, the majority of people are usually women," Mr Harvey said.

"There needs to be more of a focus on men's spirituality. There needs to be something to show men that there is something there that can enrich their lives.

"One of the highlights for me was that I got a renewed sense of the sacrament of reconciliation."

For South Tuggeranong parishioner Mr Nathan Ahearne, the key message of the weekend was that if he focused on his family, everything else would flow from there.

Having moved to the area last year, Mr Ahearne thought the MenAlive weekend would be a good opportunity to get more involved in the parish. Working in youth ministry at Marist College, he is no stranger



South Tuggeranong parishioner Mr Peter Sharman leads the MenAlive participants in a song.

to retreats, but it's not too often that he gets to be a participant.

"It was challenging, which was great," Mr Ahearne said. "The presenters did an excellent job, particularly considering the fact the audience spread from 19-year-olds right through to 81."

Some of the South Tuggeranong parishioners who attended have decided to start a small cell group, to continue to support each other in their faith.



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A woman ahead of her times

In the sixth in a series of portraits of significant Catholics of the national capital, 2009 Canberra Citizen of the Year Bishop Pat Power recalls Kath Durie.

While St Edmund's College, Canberra, is often viewed as a thoroughly male enterprise, no history of it would be complete without recognition of Kath Durie's integral part in its beginnings and its growth into being the great school which so many Canberrans admire today. But this formidable woman's achievements are not limited to St Edmund's.

Because of the Depression, Kathleen McMahon had to give up her pursuit of a degree at the University of Sydney.

Rather than return to the family farm, she decided to come to Canberra in 1933. She had attended boarding school with the Good Samaritan Sisters in Sydney and they arranged with their counterparts at St Christopher's Convent, Manuka, for Kath to have a room with them and teach senior students.

Until 1954, St Christopher's catered for girls and boys through to the Leaving Certificate. One of the boys to whom Kath taught Latin in those days was John Kelly who was to be ordained to the priesthood. At that time, a good grasp of Latin was needed in preparation for the priesthood. As inspector of (Catholic) schools and later as Mgr Kelly and Vicar for Education, he always acknowledged Kath's role in his own education.

As with many other newcomers to Canberra, the Hotel Kurrajong was home for Kath as she looked to begin a career in the public service. After moving from St Christopher's, it was there that she met her future husband, Bob Durie, in 1935. Bob and Kath were married in 1940, by which time Bob had converted to Catholicism. Bob's brother, David, later became a much loved and admired Anglican priest in Canberra.

The early part of the marriage saw a move from Canberra to Sydney, but in 1947 the family, which now included four children, returned to Canberra and the Duries made their home in Sturt Ave, Narrabundah.

Kath and Bob were very much involved in school and parish life.

No history of St Edmund's College would be complete without recognition of Kath Durie's integral part

But the commitment of this devoted married couple went even wider when they began to help young couples prepare for marriage through what were known as Pre-Cana conferences. The older Durie children remember Archbishop Eris O'Brien's personal interest in the family apostolate and his arranging to come for a meal. Known to be a little absent-



Children Peter, Robert, Ruth and Jane with Kath Durie

minded, the genial Archbishop threw everyone into a spin by arriving a day before he was expected!

While on a posting as Official Secretary at Australia House, London, in the late 1950s, Bob Durie was diagnosed with brain cancer, and in 1960 returned with his family to Canberra to die at the age of 43, leaving Kath with eight children.

Living quite near St Edmund's site, in 1953, the year before the college opened, Bob and Kath had welcomed future headmaster Br McCarthy and Provincial Br Young to their home as the Brothers planned the new college. It was to be the beginning of Kath's involvement at many levels with a college on which she was to make a huge impact.

Not only were her three sons to be students



at St Edmund's, but Kath worked there in a voluntary capacity before accepting a full-time position on the college staff in the mid-1960s. College historian Michael Moloney writes: "She taught some classes and established the first library in the room we now call Waterford... As well as fostering her deep faith, Kath read widely and

developed a knowledge and love of the fine arts, music, art, poetry and literature... To pass on her appreciation of what is good and beautiful in life to the boys gathered around her desk was one of Kath's greatest gifts and keenest pleasures."

Michael Moloney describes how after her children had grown up, she would assist Tony

O'Shea every Christmas holidays in running "Sunshine Camps" for boys who would not have had a holiday outside Canberra.

He narrates how Kath took under her wing a talented young concert pianist, Geoffrey Tozer, who had joined the college staff. "Years later, when he heard of Kath's death, he returned to Canberra to perform a concert in honour of his great friend and benefactor. The proceeds of this concert he donated to establish a Kath Durie Scholarship to help talented St Edmund's boys continue their music studies."

In many ways Kath Durie was ahead of her times in living out much of the Second Vatican Council's vision for lay involvement in the Church and the world.

She was a member of the Catholic Women's League and the St Vincent de Paul Society, guided marriage preparation and post-marriage counselling, taught as a catechist at Telopea Park High School, and later in life as a Eucharistic minister, she cared for the sick and housebound.

At times, these commitments must have come at a cost to her children, yet they were proud of her devotion to others and have grown up as people with a well-grounded social conscience.

When they gathered around Kath in their Sturt Avenue home as she courageously prepared for death on 17 August, 1993, they hailed the enormous contribution this valiant woman had made to their family and to the life of Canberra.

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Giving hope to ease refugees' nightmares

When he went to work for three years on secondment in Germany for the Department of Immigration, Mr Bevil Purnell quickly discovered just how challenging living in a foreign country could be.

He didn't really speak the language, didn't know many people, but still had to figure out basic things such as transport, where to buy food and how to enrol his children in the local school.

"The experience made me realise how difficult it is to move to a different place, a different culture," he said.

So when he relocated to Kippax and discovered the parish had a refugee resettlement committee, it was not long before he put up his hand to volunteer.

For the past 26 years he has worked with the group to help ease refugees into the community.

The volunteers work with immigration bodies and services, and their role changes in line with changes to legislation and contracts.

Usually in teams of three, they meet with a new family and offer them support and guidance as they try to understand how systems and services in the ACT operate.

"Our broad mission statement is to help people settle with dignity and hope," Mr Purnell said.

"This could mean helping people learn to use the bus, use the phone, go shopping; things that are simple for us but can be daunting for refugees –



Mr Bevil Purnell with Wara (centre), her son Lamin (right) and niece Fatmata (left) after their citizenship ceremony.

even helping someone gain the confidence to use an escalator when they've never seen anything like it before."

Volunteers offer transport to doctor's appointments, school or CIT; provide moral support during meetings with teachers or Centrelink; help with homework, job applications and understanding government letters;

and they introduce new arrivals to relevant cultural groups in the community.

"You need to research the culture and background of the people you are assisting so you can better understand their situation. And you need a lot of patience."

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Diamond jubilee

Fr Paul Bateman will celebrate the 60th anniversary of his priesthood this month in the same church in which he was ordained. On 7 August at 9.30am, Mass will be celebrated in St Patrick's Church, Bega, where he was ordained on 23 July, 1951. His jubilee dinner will be held in Bega at noon on 6 August. For bookings, telephone 6492 1058.

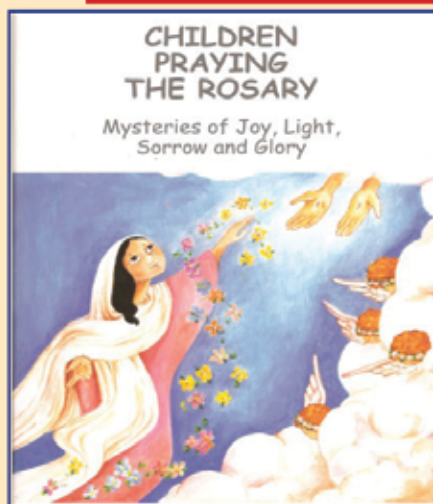
Art show planned

Gunning parish is busy planning its popular annual art show and sale, which will be held in October. The opening will be held at a supper at 7.30pm, on Friday, 7 October. The show will be open from 10am to 4pm on 8 and 9 October. Entries for artists close on 30 September. Inquiries: Maureen Hewitt, telephone 4845 1308.

Back to the bay

After a four-month period of leave, Fr Tom Thornton has been reappointed parish priest of Batemans Bay. His six year term began last month. "Our prayers go with Fr Tom as he resumes his mission on the Coast," Archbishop Mark Coleridge said.

'Children Praying the Rosary' Mysteries of Joy, Light, Sorrow & Glory New publication helps children to pray



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

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

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

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ABOVE: Mr Robert Beegling shares a Dreamtime story.

St Michael's Primary School, Kaleen celebrated NAIDOC Week last month. When Catholic Voice visited, the students were in groups, rotating through different fun indigenous activities. Some people were working on footprint dot paintings, while others were listening to Dreamtime stories. Another activity the students loved was indigenous sport. They were taught a variety of traditional games which included keentan, kai wed and wana. St Michael's was also lucky enough to have two of the Canberra Raiders come in and play some sport with the children. Mr Paul Collins from the University of Canberra also visited and conducted a traditional smoke ceremony.



RIGHT: Alyssa Simoncini and Monique Sawn smile for the camera.

LEFT: Harry Ryan-Baker's Faraway Tree.

BELOW: Mr Chris Beerworth teaches some students how to play the indigenous game 'keentan'.



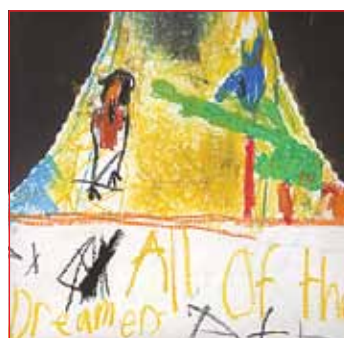
ABOVE: Leila Gardener shows off her footprint painting.

LEFT: Charlotte Dennis-Latter from year 2's bubble blowing painting.



ABOVE: Ethan Swan waits for his turn to get the ball.

LEFT: Jacinta King, Mea Fernandes and Oden Ecob watch Mr Paul Collins as he prepares the smoke ceremony.



ABOVE: Ethan Toscan created this piece called 'All of the dreamers'.

YEAR 5 ART: Grace Drummond (above right), Brittney Wilks (bottom left) and Arrianne Mitchell (bottom right) created these artworks which were inspired by the unit 'show time'.

LEFT: Liam Moss concentrates on where to paint next.



School recalls it was started on holy faith

Sr Marie Martin CHF said she was touched when she received the invitation to travel from Ireland for the 50th anniversary of St Thomas More's Primary, Campbell.

Formerly known as Sr Aloysia, she was one of the four Sisters of the Holy Faith who established the school in 1961.

Joined by Sr Barbara, another foundation teacher, Sr Marie flew out especially for the golden jubilee celebrations. Two Holy Faith Sisters, who had taught at St Thomas More's in later years, were also able to attend.

Speaking to the many guests gathered in the school library,

Sr Marie shared memories of the early days.

"When we first came here, the school consisted of this room [the library] and three classrooms," she said.

"It also doubled as the church. On Friday afternoon we'd have to set up for Mass and then on Monday morning we had to put everything back out for class.

"We didn't have a staffroom because Fr Hoare (Mgr John Hoare) had commandeered it as his presbytery, so we all went up to the convent for lunch."

She said the support of parents and the local community had been vital to the school's success.



LEFT: The St Thomas More's Primary choir sings during the feast day Mass.

BELOW: Current St Thomas More's Primary principal Mrs Margaret Pollard with founding principal Sr Marie Martin CHF.



A time capsule was buried as part of the celebrations to mark the 25th anniversary of Ss Peter and Paul Primary School, Goulburn. With school captains Charlotte Mawdsley and Thomas Condylis (above) is principal Mrs Maree Wilsmore.

The event coincided with the unveiling by Governor General Mrs Quentin Bryce of a Caroline Chisholm mosaic on the out-

side wall of Sts Peter and Paul Old Cathedral.

The celebration was marked by a large display of photographs, newspaper clippings and other souvenirs documenting a quarter of a century of school events and activities. Students competed in a writing competition, and the best writers had examples of their work sealed in the time capsule.



Braidwood resident Mrs Midge Stalker celebrated her 101st birthday surrounded by friends and family. She is pictured next to parish priest Fr Varghese Vavolil with children from St Bede's Primary School, who joined her for a special birthday Mass. She is active in the community, attending lunches and visiting friends and patients in the hospital regularly.

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All the books and equipment were bought through fundraising.

Mgr Hoare organised a working bee every Saturday and would join the men who came to do the mowing and other maintenance tasks.

"What starts, grows, and I can see that the spirit of the school has continued," Sr Marie

said. "It's really wonderful to be here and to hear all the stories. It's a great privilege."

The celebrations were held on the feast day of St Thomas More and began with Mass celebrated by Archbishop Mark Coleridge, Bishop Pat Power, Mgr John Woods and Campbell parish priest Fr Julian Wellspring.

Inspiration for colourful story

Nelson Mandela has become an inspiration for St Matthew's Primary, Page, students as they prepare their story-dance entry for Wakakirri.

The national story sharing arts festival challenges schools to make a positive impact on the world around them.

The Year 5 and 6 students will tell the story of Nelson Mandela for Wakakirri in a piece entitled Colour-Blind. As part of their preparation they put the story's message into action to do something in the parish community to make a difference.

The students hosted a crazy hair day and a bake sale, and gave the \$1200 proceeds to the Soweto Gospel Choir's charity Nkosi's Haven Children's Home.

Run by members of the internationally acclaimed choir, Nkosi's Haven provides a home for children and their parents who suffer from HIV/AIDS.

"The children and teachers have been in contact with the Soweto Gospel Choir who are thrilled that we have chosen their charity to raise money for," St Matthew's teacher Mr Paul Cecere said.



Mrs Michelle Johnson gets into the spirit of the day with Year 4 students Kate Westmacott and Jasmie French.

Students emailed the choir with questions about South Africa, Nelson Mandela and Nkosi's Haven.

Mr Cecere said they felt privileged when they received a DVD made especially for them with answers to their queries.

"We have been humbled by the way our children have taken on Mandela's message of love, peace and equality," he said.

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Inside each of us lies a saint's heart

It's common, particularly among religious commentators, to describe the human heart as small, narrow, and petty: How small-hearted and petty we are!

I find this distressing because religious thinkers, especially, should know better. We are not created by God and put in this earth with small, narrow, and petty hearts. The opposite is true.

God puts us into this world with huge hearts, hearts as deep as the Grand Canyon. The human heart in itself, when not closed off by fear, wound, and paranoia, is the antithesis of pettiness. The human heart, as Augustine describes it, is not fulfilled by anything less than infinity itself. There's nothing small about the human heart.

But then why do we so often find ourselves relating to the world, to each other, and to God, with hearts that are small, narrow, and petty?

The problem is not the size or the natural dynamics of the human heart, but what the heart tends to do when it is wounded, fearful, disrespected, paranoid, or self-deluded by greed and selfishness. It's then that it closes itself to its own depth and great-

ness and becomes narrow, petty, fearful, and selfish.

But that behavior is anomalous, not the human heart at either its normal or its best. At its normal and at its best, the human heart is huge, generous, noble, and self-sacrificing.

The early Church Fathers had a simple way of expressing our struggle here. They taught that each of us has two hearts, two souls:

In each person, they affirmed, there is a small, petty heart, a pusilla anima. This is the heart that we operate out of when we are not at our best. This is the heart within which we feel our wounds and our distance from others.

This is the heart within which are chronically irritated and angry, the heart within which we feel the unfairness of life, the heart within which we sense others as a threat, the heart within which we feel envy and bitterness, and the heart within which greed, lust, and selfishness break through.

This, too, is the heart that wants to set itself apart from and above others. And this is the heart that is most often

described by religious thinkers when they describe human nature as small and petty.

But the Church Fathers taught that inside of each of us there was also another heart, a magna anima, a huge, deep, big, generous, and noble heart.

Ron Rolheiser

Fr Ron Rolheiser, theologian, teacher, and award-winning author, is president of the Oblate School of Theology in Texas. www.ronrolheiser.com



This is the heart we operate out of when we are at our best. This is the heart within which we feel empathy and compassion. This is the heart within which we are enflamed with noble ideals. This is the heart where we inchoately feel God's presence in faith and hope and are able to move out to others in charity and forgiveness.

Inside each of us, sadly often buried under suffocating

wounds that keep if far from the surface, lies the heart of a saint, bursting to get out.

Thus on any given day, and at any given moment, we can feel like Mother Teresa or like a bitter terrorist. We can feel ready to give our lives in martyrdom or we can feel ready to welcome the sensation of sin.

We can feel like the noble Don Quixote, enflamed with idealism, or we can feel like a despairing cynic, content to settle for whatever short-range compensation and pleasure life can give rather than believing in deeper, more life-giving possibilities for ourselves and others.

Everything depends upon which heart we are connected to at a given moment.

If that is true then our invitation to others in terms of moving towards nobleness of heart will be most effective when, rather than emphasising their faults and narrowness, we instead invite them to try to access what is best, highest, within themselves.

And this is not a simple variation on the axiom that you attract more bees with honey than with vinegar. It's a varia-

tion on the dynamics of repentance and healing as the great mystic, John of the Cross, describes them.

For him, the most effective way to move towards healing is not by focusing on the moral and spiritual areas within which we particularly struggle. For him, we heal and grow and eventually "cauterise" our faults by fanning the flames of what is already virtuous, best, inside us.

As we fan our virtues to full-flame, those fires eventually burn out our selfishness and our wounds. Our virtues, when fanned to full-flame, leave no room inside us for pettiness and small-heartedness.

Fanning what's highest in us eventually moves us more and more towards living out of our big hearts rather than petty hearts.

Not everything can be fixed or cured, but it should be named correctly. Nowhere is this more important than in how we name both the size and the struggles of the human heart.

We are not petty souls who occasionally do noble things. We are rather noble souls who, sadly, occasionally do petty things.

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. This month we visit St Gregory's Primary School, Queanbeyan, to meet student Taylor McIntosh.

Great colour, great taste

Year 6 student Taylor McIntosh chose to share her family's purple carrot muffin recipe with her class during a public speaking project last term.

"Like most of you, I had no idea what purple carrots were or that they even existed, until my Mum's friend Veena gave me a try of one," she told the class.

During the research for her speech, Taylor discovered that all carrots were originally purple and were first grown in Ancient Persia.

The brightly coloured vegetables have a number of health benefits and can aid in lowering high blood pressure; preventing heart disease, cancer and diabetes; strengthening the kidneys and assisting in weight loss. Purple carrots are also high in vitamins A, C and calcium.

"My Mum, Nan and I decided to make some muffins with our purple carrots, and add in some blackcurrants and coconut," Taylor said.

"They have a wonderful beetroot-like colour that makes them look outstanding. This recipe is very healthy and tastes great."



Taylor McIntosh... ready to get to work.

Purple Carrot Muffins

Ingredients

- 1 ½ cups plain flour
- 1 ½ cups millet flour
- ½ cup coconut
- 2 tsp baking powder
- 1 pinch salt
- 2 eggs, lightly beaten

- 1 cup plain yoghurt

- 1 tsp vanilla
- 1/3 cup oil
- 1/3 cup blackcurrants
- 2 medium purple carrots, grated

Method

1. Sift plain flour and then mix in a bowl with millet flour, coconut, baking powder and salt.

2. Add lightly beaten eggs, raw sugar, yoghurt, vanilla and oil and mix until combined.
3. Fold in blackcurrants and grated purple carrots.
4. Place in greased muffin tins and cook in a medium oven (180 degrees) for 20-30 minutes.

'I fell in love' with Christ

By archdiocesan seminarian
Trenton van Reesch

I am in my fourth year of formation for the diocesan priesthood for the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn. Born and raised in Canberra, I entered the seminary in 2008 after graduating the previous year.

Still today, when asked what made me want to be a priest and how it all began, I often feel lost for words for it is such a mysterious thing. The short and honest answer is, "I fell in love"; with Christ and with His body, the Church.

For myself, there was never an initial, extraordinary conversion experience but a slow and steady awareness. During high school my thoughts became more and more occupied with Christ.

However, throughout this time I still esteemed the idea of marriage and a family all by age 25; God's plan however was very different.

There was a tugging at my heart - a yearning that longed to be answered. It was never going to go away and so I answered, and what a marvellous door was opened to me.

I have never been happier and more content than I have been following Christ's call to priesthood. It is truly so very fulfilling in so many ways. I have just completed my philosophy in Sydney and am now about to begin my formal theological studies in Rome.

What an immense privilege this is to be able to pray and study in the Eternal city, the heart



of the Church, and so close to the Holy Father.

Many recognise today the need for more priests and religious, however eyebrows should be raised when this is referred to as a vocations crisis. Such a term suggests that vocations have dried up.

We must remind ourselves of Christ's promise to never leave His Church without shepherds. We hear this promise from God as early as Jeremiah (3:15).

Christ is forever calling young men to His priesthood and equally, women and men to religious life. Benedict XVI reminds and heartens us to "not leave Christ's call unanswered".

The "crisis", therefore, is found not in the lack of vocations to priesthood and religious life, but in the small number of those who actually respond in openness to such a call.

When I realised what my vocation would claim of me, namely all of me; I was rather startled and fearful, but making the decision to enter the seminary, although challenging at times has brought an immense joy and peace.

Follow the Good Shepherd in whatever way He is calling you.

I encourage all young people to consider and pray deeply, genuinely asking Christ to what vocation He is calling you to serve Him and His Church.

For it is only by asking that we shall receive and only through seeking that we shall find.

The Sisters of St Joseph of Goulburn arrived in Goulburn from Bathurst in August 1882, at the invitation of Bishop William J Lanigan.

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Reaching out wherever there is a need



The Josephite Sisters are (from left): Doris Corbett, Mary Murphy, M Andrew, Mary O'Dea, Ann Steenbergen and Frances McAleer.

centres, in parish situations as coordinators and pastoral assistants, in pastoral ministry, and with children and adults through various programs.

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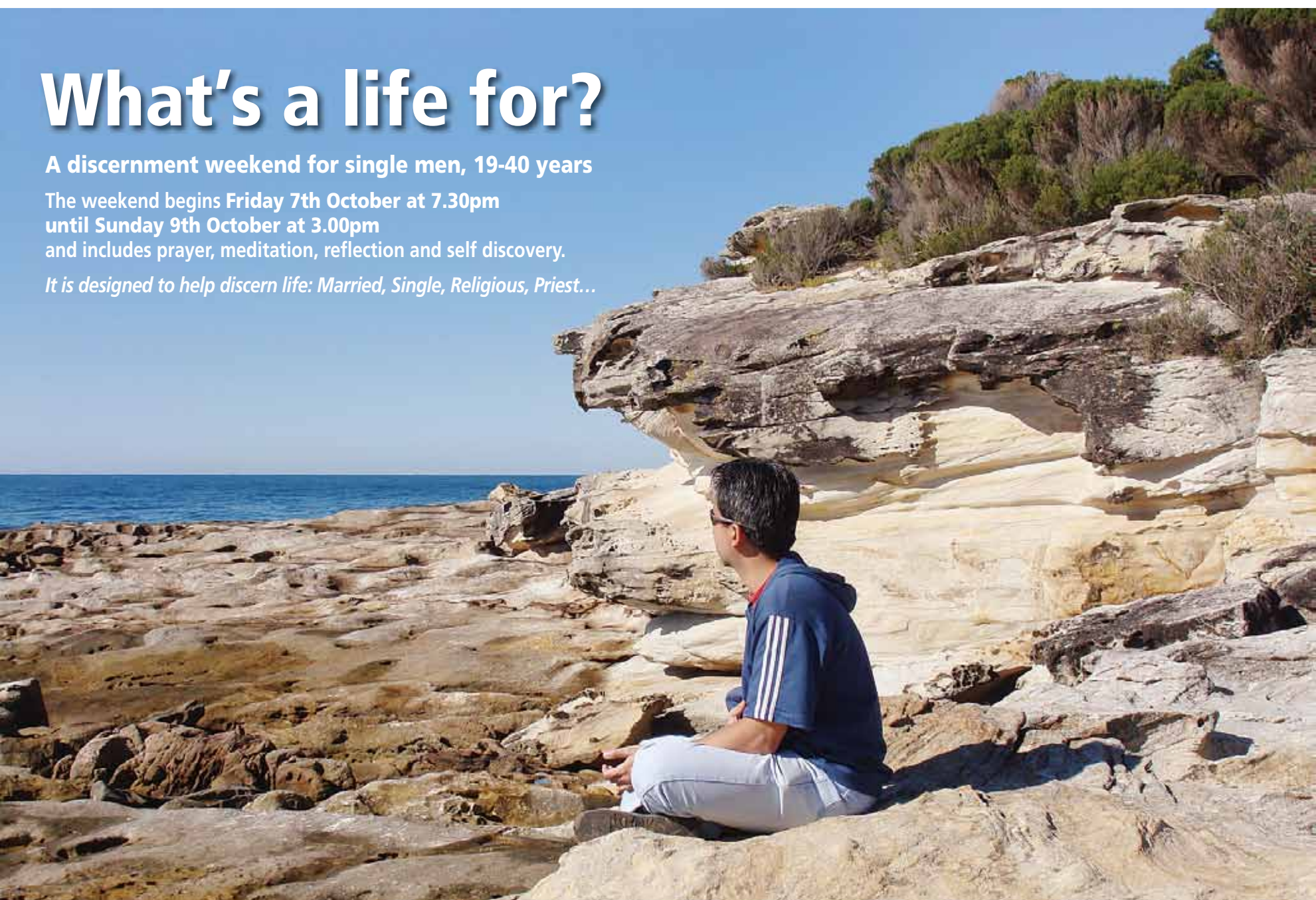
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We are each called ... to act justly, to love tenderly and to walk humbly with God. Jesus was the incarnation of this.

There are followers of Jesus who understand this and live it. Mary Potter, foundress of the Little Company of Mary, is one of them.

I have been inspired by the Little Company of Mary and supported by the Associates of the Little Company of Mary through daily life and a life of prayer.

I have found a place to live out what I believe and what I have discovered and continue to discover in life.

The aged, the vulnerable, those who no longer have their own home, those with dementia, those dying, those who are somewhat discarded by society because they are no longer “doing” anything, are a source of life and truth.

It is they who call us to truth, to competence, to compassion, to understanding and to a centeredness of “being” rather than “doing”.

* Susan Neylan is pastoral care co-ordinator at Calvary Retirement Community Ryde.



From left: Sr Clare Tully LCM, associate Susan Neylan and Sr Bernadine Breen LCM.

What's in a name?

This year marks the 360th anniversary of the birth of the founder of the De La Salle Brothers, John Baptist de La Salle.

He was born in France in 1651 and opened the first Lasallian School in 1680.

Since that time, the De La Salle Brothers have spread to 83 countries around the globe and work in varied places such as Madagascar, Palestine, Australia, China, the Southern Sudan and Chile, to name just some.

The core work of the De La Salle Brothers is to provide a human and Christian education to young people especially those most in need.

Br Mark McKeon, who is the director of vocations, has been a De La Salle Brother for almost 30 years.

“The name ‘Brother’ says it all for me,” he said.

“Being a Brother is all about relationships. These relationships include the Brothers I live in community with, the young people I meet in my work, the adults I work with and my relationship with God.

“My time in the Brothers has given me opportunities to teach in Papua New Guinea,



Br Mark McKeon chats with students.

New Zealand and Australia and other countries in the Asia Pacific region.

“I love what I do. Community life is integral to the life of a Brother.

“Living in community with other Brothers provides me with both support and encouragement to engage in my various ministries.”

Over the past couple of years the De La Salle Brothers have provided opportunities for young men to experience the life of a Brother first hand on a short-term basis.

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For more information about the De La Salle Brothers go to www.delasallebrothers.com.

Love in heart of the Church

Mount Carmel, meaning Garden of God, has always been seen as a symbol of God's beauty and transcendence. Here, where the prophet Elijah “stood before God”, the first Carmelites, who sought to live lives of holiness in the spirit and power of Elijah, laid the foundation of the Carmelite Order, taking God's own Virgin Mother as their Queen and inspiration.

Generations of Carmelites have felt called to follow after the great prophet in this contemplative way of life which has produced saints such as the mystical doctors, St Teresa of Avila and St John of the Cross, St Therese of Lisieux, the Carmelites of Compiègne, St Edith Stein and Blessed Elizabeth of the Trinity. All felt called to total service of God through pondering and living the Word on behalf of all His people.

The Spanish Carmelite, St Teresa of Avila, was inspired to set up a Carmel according to its first, more austere rule, in Avila, Spain, in 1562; she founded 17 monasteries throughout Spain, travelling the rough roads by mule-cart. After her death in 1582, Carmels were founded in France, Belgium, and throughout the world. From this line descended the monastery of



Melbourne, from which the monastery of Canberra was founded in 1974.

The call to Carmel is above all a call to prayer, contemplation and union with God through the exercise of the theological virtues of faith, hope and charity. The Carmelite's vocation, as St Therese summed it up, is to be “love in the heart of the Church.” Their apostolate finds liturgical expression in the Eucharist and Divine Office celebrated in the chapel of the monastery, where people are warmly welcomed. The nuns are available to speak with the many who come burdened with problems.

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The big question: What's a life for?

By Fr Chris McPhee MSC

Apart from being a novice director for the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart, another ministry I love and have been involved with has been to help young men discern their vocation.

Each October, or when a young man connects with us and needs and wants time out to reflect and discern his vocation, we run what I call "What's a life for? Weekend."

Since 2006, we have had through this process 70+ men discerning their vocation. Some are still in contact with us, coming back and being welcomed into our MSC community. Others have discerned their direction and have joined diocesan priesthood, other religious orders, and more to the point a number have entered into marriage (a number of weddings to attend!). For some their choice has been to remain single.

Journeying with these young men has been a wonderful gift for me to hear and to listen to their desire for God; their energy for life; their commitment to others and community, and of their mission to bring the Gospel alive in our present time. It also says to me that God has not given up on us – especially religious life or the Church – but maybe some of us are giving up on God.

I am convinced there are young men trying to discern where God is drawing them, but they are not being given the opportunity to test and work through where this might be leading. Are we welcoming enough to send a young man, to tap someone on the shoulder, or just to stay still long enough to hear the stirrings in your own heart, to come to St Mary's Towers to discern where God is and where life's commitment may lead?

Pruning provides profound experience

By Br Tony Leon FMS

It was the weekend after the winter solstice at the Marist Hermitage, Mittagong, where seven young men gathered to listen to the visions of those who have begun their formation as Marist brothers and the dreams of six fully professed brothers.

One activity was pruning vines in the Marist vineyard.

It was an opportunity to experience communal physical labour and to reflect on discernment.

One participant wrote: "The action of pruning the grapevine was a profound experience for me.

"A prompting from within told me that to flourish requires me to be both garden and gardener, to accept the things I cannot change and let them go and to be actively aware of pruning the habits and choices that do not bear fruit."

Marist postulant Ashley Higgins, novice Br Daniel Lynch and junior professed Br Pat Connell gave thoughtful reflections on the topic "Brother: both a noun and a verb".

The young brothers' passion was well tempered by the courageous reflection from Br Darren Burge who shared the living reality of our charism.

After Br David Hall inspired the young men with presenting the Marist Brothers founder, St Marcellin Champagnat, as a mystic, the young men imagined the Marist brother's identity as:



"You share vulnerability, experiences, discussions and opinions – where you are open to be changed by the other. It is a call to act for others in the context of a brotherly relationship. This then is your identity."

"A brother lives his life as a man guided by his love of God, Mary and Humanity. They go beyond the ordinary. They show the way in which we may reach towards the true, fully human aspects of Jesus with the guidance from the truly divine."

After the winter solstice, when there is the promise of enduring sunlight and the buds of new life in our world, may we encourage young people to see a future by dreaming the dreams worthy of their visions.



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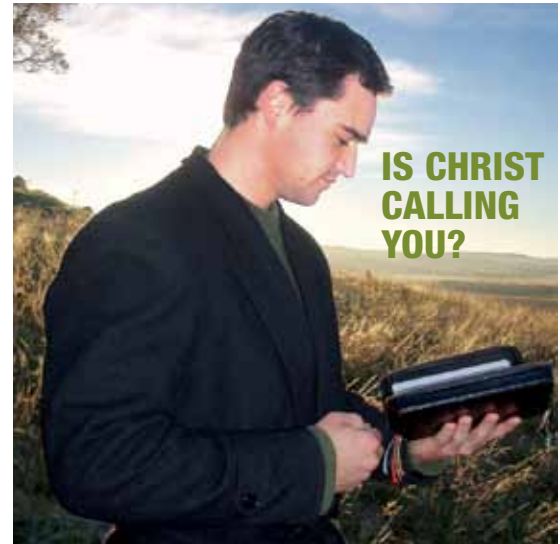
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Note: Fr Emil away at WYD until 30 August.

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... and so finally it's goodbye Harry

Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows, Part 2. Starring: Daniel Radcliffe, Rupert Grint, Ralph Fiennes, Helena Bonham Carter, Michael Gambon, Maggie Smith, and Alan Rickman. Directed by David Yates. 130 minutes. M (Fantasy themes and violence). Reviewer Peter W Sheehan*.

The film lives up to expectations extraordinarily well and is a very satisfying climax to the most commercially successful series in the history of film.

In it, the opposing forces of Good, represented by Harry Potter and his friends, and Evil, represented by Voldemort and his Death Eaters, move into total

war. In the ensuing battle, Harry (Daniel Radcliffe) is asked to make the supreme sacrifice, to the taunt of Voldemort (Ralph Fiennes) that "you have allowed your friends to die for you, rather than face me yourself."

Part 1 was a dark and measured film about the loyalties of Harry, Ron Weasley (Rupert Grint) and Hermione Granger (Emma Watson) to each other, as they faced the challenges of growing up.

This is a grander movie where Good and Evil dramatically confront each other. The surface plot of trying to destroy the remaining Horcruxes is subjugated to the final, special effects-

filled show-down of Harry and the Dark Lord.

Previous plot lines are drawn together, familiar characters like Prof McGonagall (Maggie Smith) return to play a final magical role, and the Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry takes on a more sinister look.

The old Hogwarts was home to eye-catching special effects, that visually dazzled and entertained us, like the fantastic Quidditch matches.

Here, Hogwarts is the battle ground for life-threatening decisions about which of the two forces, Good or Evil, means survival for those who live inside its walls.

Previous plots are integrated, flashbacks are used to show the true nature of characters like Severus Snape (Alan Rickman).

This is the only one of the Harry Potter movies to be made specifically for 3D, and the film is best viewed in this format.

The special effects are obviously designed for it, and they are superbly captured by special effects supervisor, Tim Burke.

What marks this film as distinct from the ones before it is that the visual effects are not there just to be marvelled at; rather, they are integrated effortlessly into the drama, and serve as its background. Parents, though, should be mindful that some scenes are still scary.

The moral themes that the film projects are love, friendship, and loss, and the values which accompany them move to the fore in an action-packed finale.

Characteristic of the series as a whole – but often submerged by it in the past – is the message that darkness can lurk in each of us, but can be overcome by love, goodness, and courage.

This movie is hugely entertaining, and will not disappoint those who go to see it. For Harry Potter and his fans, it brings a highly imaginative series, a little sadly, to a life-endorsing end.

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

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Happy, and a bit corny



Happy Ever After. Starring Sally Hawkins, Sinead Maguire, Tom Riley and Jade Yourell. Directed by Stephen Burke. 104 minutes. Reviewer: Fr Peter Malone MSC*.

Lots of Irish films these days – and lots of blarney. This one, as the title suggests, has quite some unhappiness now rather than happy ever afters.

It takes place over one day and shows us two weddings. One is a Green Card affair with a marriage to help a migrant from Africa stay in Ireland.

The other is a second attempt after one of the parties has spent some time in an institution and in therapy.

At first we think we are seeing the two central characters who are to marry each other. Then we find

that there are the two weddings, with all the hesitations, reluctance and pressures to go through with the ceremony.

Both parties arrive at the same hotel and some mix-ups, some funny, some corny, and a whole lot of misunderstandings lead to what looks as if it is going to be unhappy every afters.

Happy Go Lucky's Sally Hawkins is the bride for the migrant. Tom Riley is going through the second time around with his marriage.

This is the kind of film that, if you happened to catch it on television or saw it on DVD, might be an amusing but undemanding watch.

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

SHORTS

Transformers: Dark of the Moon. Starring Shia LaBeouf, Josh Duhamel, Tyrese Gibson, Rosie Huntington-Whiteley, Patrick Dempsey and John Malkovich. Voiced by Hugo Weaving, Leonard Nimoy and Frank Welker. Directed Michael Bay. 154 minutes. M (Action violence and coarse language).

Almost universally panned by reviewers, almost universally liked by audiences. This third in the series made over \$200 million in the US in about 10 days. Director

Michael Bay, prone to the very big, the very loud and the very smashing in his films, ensures that the legion of Transformer fans will not be disappointed.

The Human Resources Manager. Starring Mark Ivanir, Gila Almagor and Guri Alfi. Directed by Eran Riklis. 103 minutes. M (Coarse language).

Set in Jerusalem in 2002, the outline is simple, but its hidden meaning and droll execution in the form of a road movie is not.

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Time out for the busy

Pause For Thought: Making Time for Prayer, Jesus and God. By Gerald O'Collins SJ. Paulist Press, 2011, 147pp, \$19.95. Reviewer: Janet Moyle.

Gerald O'Collins SJ is well-known for his writings on theology and spirituality. He is an adjunct professor at Australian Catholic University, an experienced and popular speaker and author of over 50 books.

I was really looking forward to his latest one, *Pause for Thought* and it doesn't disappoint.

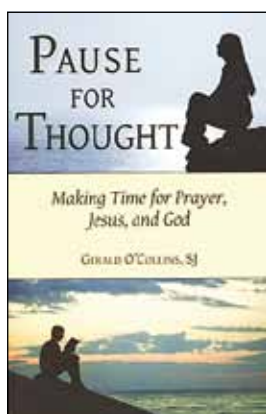
O'Collins says it is designed for busy people with full programs but who "still want to pause regularly to reflect on the deeper realities of life".

He begins by defining what prayer is. As well as some of the more obvious definitions, O'Collins gives others out of the ordinary such as prayer as looking, or prayer as being delivered from false images.

Rather startlingly he makes a case against prayer (Jesus said "love one another" not "pray for one another" - we need both). Just one of his ideas which indeed gives pause for thought.

The book invites and repays close attention. Three of the five sections cover the basics of Christian Faith - the Coming and Mission of Jesus, the Suffering and Death of Jesus and the Resurrection and Risen Life of Jesus. This order lends itself to praying and meditating during the liturgical seasons. I really liked his guide on how to spend Holy Saturday prayerfully.

So if you're looking for something with real content in small bites this may well be the book for you.

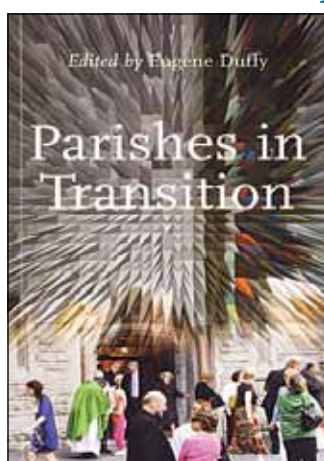


Parishes in Transition. Eugene Duffy (ed). The Columba press, 2010, pb 240pp, \$29.95. Reviewer: Margaret Ryan.

Where are our parishes heading? That's a pressing question for many in the Church, Pope and parishioners alike.

In 2008, the Department of Theology and Religious Studies at Mary Immaculate College, Limerick, organised a two-day conference on "Parishes in Transition".

The collection of essays in this book are the papers either presented there, or arising from the conference. The 13 papers were written



by 16 specialists, including a couple of women.

While two papers present an historical perspective relevant to the Irish situation, the remainder, while cultur-

ally specific, deal with universal themes, approaches and experiences.

Topics covered include: the current demographic, social, economic and technological factors and their implications for parishes and relationships; the clustering or regionalising of parishes; the theological and canonical nature of parish; implications for governance in an ageing Church with a dwindling ordained ministry; the charism of parish leadership.

Because of the context, the chapters are seriously written and somewhat specialised, but would provide some interesting background and commentary on particu-

lar issues in our contemporary Church for the educated reader and parish team or parish pastoral council, in both rural and urban areas.

The authors are parish priests, professors, pastoral co-ordinators, lecturers, social researchers, historians, former bishops, theologians and a canon lawyer.

Change is a perennial and the papers contain insights and wisdom, reporting on practices and structures that will support transitions to new social and pastoral situations.

The authors articulate challenges and offer encouragement and hope.

Keeping it all together

Marriage: Small Steps, Big Rewards. By Dr Ray Guarendi. Servant Books, 2011, 146pp, \$19.95. Reviewer: Janet Moyle.

Ever run your eye down the classifieds and seen an item about a couple celebrating 50 or 60 years of marriage?

Ever wondered how they managed to get there?

Nowadays there's a disturbing incidence of early break-down in marriage with all the attendant grief and dislocation. So what to do?

Enter Dr Ray Guarendi, a clinical psychologist and experienced communicator. His book would have to be one of the finest I've read



about communicating in marriage. He writes logically using humorous examples, some from his own family life.

He believes in taking small steps to make big gains. There are 10 of these. Some are absurdly simple like saying "I'm sorry", Listen for a Minute, Use Your Manners and Don't Say It. He is skillful at challenging entrenched attitudes and illustrates these with imaginary scenarios which are only too pertinent. Nowhere to run here. His is a splendid self-help book aimed at improving marriage and consequently family relationships. It deserves a place on your bookshelf. Spread the word.

Easing refugees' nightmares

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While there have been many success stories during Mr Purnell's time with the group, he said sometimes despite everyone's best efforts, things do not work out as well as they hoped.

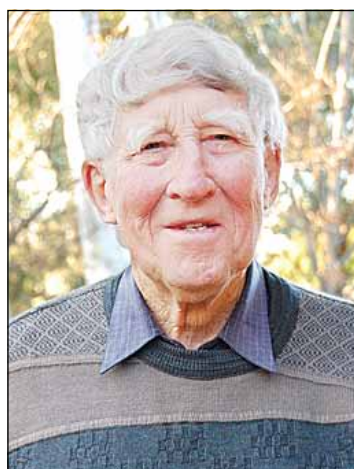
"We had a person from Bosnia who was a qualified doctor, but because he couldn't master enough English, his qualifications weren't recognised in Australia," he said. "So now he works as a paramedic."

Many refugees are well educated while others are from impoverished backgrounds, but they all come to Australia to escape horrific situations.

These experiences are not only emotionally scarring for the refugees but often also for the people assisting them.

"Early in my volunteering days I went to visit a family where a number of the children were playing happily," Mr Purnell said.

"After the parents told me of the tragic circumstances in which they'd decided to come here I naively said, 'isn't it good the children haven't been affected'. The mother replied, 'you're



not here when the screaming starts'. The children were having nightmares every night."

Confronting as the work may be, Mr Purnell has continued as a committed refugee resettlement committee volunteer.

"The people you meet are amazing," he said.

"The volunteer-client relationship often develops into a firm friendship."

Mr Purnell has held a number of positions in the group and is currently community liaison officer.

He represents the committee at interagency meetings and

meetings with government bodies. This close connection with all involved in immigration affairs is what has ensured the Kippax group has continued to function for more than 30 years.

"When the committee started in 1979, most parishes also had a similar group," he said.

"Since then there have been changes in legislation, changes in the way the Immigration Department works with contractors and volunteers, so most of the groups folded. We're one of the only ones still going."

In addition to direct assistance, the other aspect of the group's mission is to develop community support for refugees.

For this reason they take advantage of events such as Refugee Week and Harmony Day to share their message with the parish.

The next big event for the group will be World Day of Migrants and Refugees on Sunday, 28 August.

For full details of planned activities, contact the parish, telephone 6254 3236.

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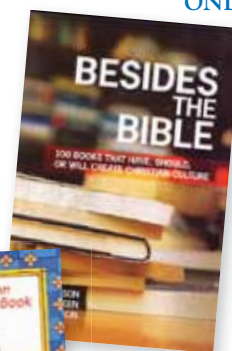
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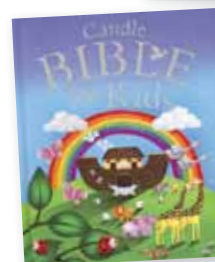
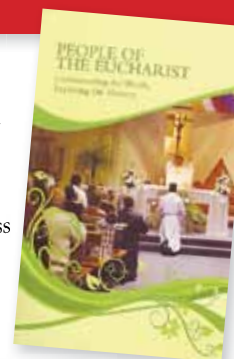
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my Mother. O Holy Mary, Mother of
God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I
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none that can withstand thy power. O
Mary, conceived without sin, pray for
us who have recourse to thee (three
times). Holy Mary, I place this prayer
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CENTERING PRAYER - 9.30am-3pm, 17-18 September, Marian Hall, St Matthew's Parish, Page. Two-day retreat "Coming Alive to the Contemplative Within" led by Fr Tom Gleeson and Annemarie Reiner from Contemplative Living Community in Adelaide. Retreat for all who have desire to deepen their relationship with God or who hunger for something more in life. Seating limited to 35, bookings essential. Suggested donation \$20. Bring lunch to share. Inquiries Peter Ahern, telephone 6254 7168, e-mail peter.ahern@bigpond.com.

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GUNNING PARISH ART SHOW - Opening with supper 7.30pm, Friday, 7 October. Open 10am-4pm, 8 and 9 October, art for sale, Devonshire teas, light lunches. Entries for artists close 30 September. Inquiries: Maureen Hewitt, telephone 48451308.

HEALING MASS - Theme Healing the Mother Relationship, 5.30pm, Friday, 26 August, St Benedict's Church, Narrabundah.

HEALING NIGHT - 5.30pm, Friday, 23 September, St Benedict's Church, Narrabundah. Healing Mass followed by healing ministry with Dr John Bonnici-Mallia, medical practitioner with powerful healing ministry. Inquiries: Telephone 6295 7879 or 0403 395 953.

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MINISTRY OF WELCOME AND HEALING - Tuesdays 2 August to 6 September, Blackfriars Parish, Holy Rosary Church, Watson. Program for baptised Catholics who have been away from the Church and wish to reconnect. Inquiries: Parish office, telephone 6248 5925.

PADRE PIO VENERATION - St Padre Pio's mitten (fingerless glove) available for veneration after 5.30 pm Healing Mass, Friday, 9 September, St Benedict's Church, Narrabundah. Inquiries: Maria, telephone 6286 5679.

PRAYER AND REFLECTION - Expressed in Mandalian art, an ancient technique in prayer, 10am to 3pm, Saturday, 12 August, St Therese's parish centre, Mulga Street, Barellan. BYO lunch. Cost \$15. Art materials provided. Inquiries: Sr Ann Steenbergen RSJ, telephone 0429 606 107 or 6963 9342.

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TWILIGHT RETREAT - 8 September, at St Benedict's, Narrabundah. Theme is the Blessed Virgin Mary. Starts with 5.30 Mass then light supper, finishes 9pm. Gold coin donation. Reply by 6 September to Mary, telephone 0403 395 953, or Bronnie, telephone 0432 257622

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Written entries are invited for the September issue to: Catholic Voice, GPO Box 3089, Canberra ACT 2601, or e-mail ed.voice@cg.catholic.org.au by Monday, 15 August. Entries which are accepted for this section are free, courtesy of sponsorship by the Catholic Development Fund.

Gentle giant made a vintage contribution

James Francis Murphy
1947-2011

Wine merchant and philanthropist Jim Murphy, who died after a severe heart attack following cancer surgery in a Sydney hospital on 26 May, will be remembered as much more than a successful businessman.

He was a generous giver, both of time and resources, a compassionate man, with great generosity of spirit; a gentle giant of a man.

For many years he helped the Canberra community and he will be remembered for his kindness and generosity, dedicating time to charitable organisations including supporting street kids through Open Family Canberra, and for meeting many individual needs as he saw fit.

Mr Murphy's eldest brother Crookwell parish priest Fr Peter Murphy concelebrated the Requiem Mass in St Christopher's Cathedral with Archbishop Mark Coleridge, Archbishop Emeritus Francis Carroll, Bishop Pat Power and many priest friends.

An overflowing Cathedral of family, friends and others whom Mr Murphy's life had touched shared in the liturgy for a Christian man, whose essence of life flowed from his faithful relationship with God.

Members of the Canberra Raiders rugby league club, of which he was a board member and long-time supporter, formed a guard of honour. After the cortege passed his Fyshwick wine cellars he was buried at Gungahlin Cemetery.

James Francis Murphy was born on 13 December, 1947, at Boorowa Hospital, the youngest son of eight children of William and Annie Murphy. He attended St Joseph's School, Boorowa, until Year 8 and as a young fellow was described by his siblings as warm and cuddly.

After he left school, he worked on the Wyangala Dam project using a jack-hammer and building up body strength to play football for Wyangala Dam in the Maher Cup competition. He once played in the front row opposite Ron "Dookie" Crowe who represented Australia. There was a rule that the defending teams had the "loose head". Jim's coach told him, "if you want the loose head, fight for it". He did. Ron wasn't overly aggressive but Jim didn't return to the field after half-time.

After he moved to Canberra in 1967, Mr Murphy saw an advertisement for employment in the staff centre at Australian National University. He brought the run-down facilities to life, and it was there he was introduced to wine.

He knew little about wine, but made it his business to find out all he could. He travelled to South Australia many times in pursuit of knowledge and so began his passion for the industry. He was astute, hardworking and followed the beat of his own drum. He was discerning and courageous; his intuitive and entrepreneurial gifts made him a respected businessman.

He stepped from the genteel world of serving wine at the ANU staff centre to the then brutal competitive world of Canberra wine retailing. Competitors gave him little hope of



survival when he opened Jim Murphy's Market Cellars in a small shop next to the current site.

Customer loyalty, wine knowledge, front shop meet-and-greet, carrying a good selection of wines, giving reasonable advice on buying, making sure things ran as he wanted and being a great bloke to deal with were some of the attributes accorded him. He fulfilled a dream in 2009 when he and a friend bought Schobers Vineyard in South Australia.

Mr Murphy was chairman of Can-Trade and was instrumental in the sister city relationship between Canberra and Beijing being set up in September 2000. He made up to 20 trips to China.

His belief in ACT's business potential and the need to pursue emerging business opportunities contributed to economic growth. His hands-on involvement in several programs helped retain local workers and created hundreds of jobs. He was made an Honorary Ambassador for the ACT and was awarded a Medal of the Order of Australia (AM).

Among his connections, Mr Murphy was involved with the Irish-Australian community, was a member and contributor to the Liberal Party, a board member of the Australian Catholic University and a benefactor of Calvary Hospital.

Born into an Irish-Catholic family, Mr Murphy had a deep love of Our Lady. He was gifted with faith in God, which he accepted graciously into his life. He was faithful to the Catholic Church and made every effort to attend Mass each week, and to support the Church.

Justice, love and peace were manifest in his life and his works flowed from his faith. His natural ecumenical activities made him a very post-Vatican II Christian Catholic.

He was a committed member of a number of charities and sat on many local boards in Canberra including the Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture. He supported Aboriginal culture and had a significant collection of Aboriginal paintings.

Jim and Margaret Byrnes were married in Queanbeyan on 19 February, 1972. They had two sons, Damien and Adrien, of whom Mr Murphy was immensely proud. As the boys grew up, Jim and Margaret helped set up each in business.

Jim showed great generosity towards his family. In his mother's later years he spent hours with her at weekends at the nursing home. At Christmas he brought each staff member gifts in appreciation of the care they gave her.

Jim's legacy could be encompassed in the truth of three words ... wonderful Christian man.

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The choir of Sts Peter and Paul Primary School sings under the watchful eyes of conductor Mr Gerry Conroy and principal Mrs Maree Wilsmore.



Senator Ursula Stephens introduces the unveiling of commemorative plaques to a packed Old Cathedral.

'Wonderful gift' to city unveiled

Goulburn's history came to life with the unveiling by the Governor-General of a giant mosaic tribute to a pioneering woman with a link to the city's past.

On a wintry morning outside Sts Peter and Paul's Old Cathedral, Archbishop Mark Coleridge got into the spirit of the occasion about 8 metres above the street as a cherry-picker transported him close enough to splash holy water in a blessing of the artwork of Caroline Chisholm created by Sydney artist Nola Diamantopoulos.

The mosaic symbolising the life and vocation of a champion of the poor known as the "Immigrant's Friend" is a significant part of a multi-million dollar restoration of the greenstone church.

Governor-General Mrs Quentin Bryce described the church and its

mosaic as "a wonderful gift to the city of Goulburn".

She said the enormous task to restore the Old Cathedral had brought together people with the kind of vision and determination that had inspired the pioneer builders in the 19th century.

In a message read to the gathering, Prime Minister Ms Julia Gillard said it was fitting Caroline Chisholm was being honoured in one of the region's most loved buildings. The artist had done the subject great justice.

Archbishop Coleridge celebrated Mass in the Old Cathedral to mark the feast day of the two saints, the 25th anniversary of Sts Peter and Paul Parish Primary School and the unveiling of the mosaic.

He said while the two saints and the pioneering woman would "seem to come from different planets", there was a strange convergence in their lives. Caroline Chisholm was middle-class by birth and background, as were Peter and Paul. Peter had been "a middle-class businessman who was doing quite well".

Caroline Chisholm began as a conventional figure but as her life wore on she became increasingly radical, scorning material reward and public acclaim.

Her life was one of ceaseless journeying in Australia, India and Europe, often on a white horse called Captain.

The lives of all three were marked by astonishing energy and self-sacrifice which, to many, had no meaning.

People could not understand the connection between them unless they could see their deep faith in Jesus Christ crucified and raised from the dead.

Diplomats, political, civic and church leaders, members of religious orders, many school children and members of the Goulburn community packed the Old Cathedral for the historic event.

Among the crowd was the artist, Ms Diamantopoulos, whose mosaic incorporated features of Caroline Chisholm's work in Australia, including immigrants arriving by sailing ship, eucalyptus trees, a possum and her horse.

She used various types of stone in the mosaic, including the diorite porphyry "greenstone" used in the construction of the church.



LEFT: Going up... Archbishop Mark Coleridge is strapped in for a ride in a cherry-picker. ABOVE: He nears the mosaic ready to splash it with holy water. BELOW LEFT: A relieved archbishop on the way back to earth. ABOVE RIGHT: Administrator of Braidwood parish Fr Varghese Vavoliil unveils a plaque to thank the parish for the donation of a stained glass window from the former St Bernard's Church, Reidsvale.



RIGHT: The huge 7 square metre mosaic on the north-facing wall of the Old Cathedral.

LEFT: Artist Nola Diamantopoulos (left) with Governor-General Mrs Quentin Bryce.

