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Wild, wet wonderful - it's World Youth Day



Battling soaring temperatures and crowds of more than two million young people, pilgrims from all over the world camped in the mud of Madrid's Cuatro Vientos Airbase before celebrating Mass with Pope Benedict XVI on the 26th World Youth Day.

Among pilgrims from the Archdiocese were a group of 37 led by Archbishop Mark Coleridge, who had travelled to Spain via the Holy Land, to be part of the global event.

Their journey included visits to many key biblical locations, a gathering of Australians in Madrid at the beginning of World Youth Day Week, catechesis, concerts, prayer and celebration.

But as the days went by, the trials of pilgrimage really set in.

"It was extremely hot [the night before World Youth Day] and I was starting to wonder why I was even there," archdiocesan pilgrim Charlene Broad said.

"Walking without shoes at 3am I ran into an Italian priest and decided to ask for reconciliation. When I asked him what my penance was he said, 'World Youth Day is penance; pilgrimage is penance'.

"Then I understood. Our sacrifice was small compared to Jesus'. We want to stay in the heat and the mud and the crowd for Jesus. It's not a lot to put up with when you consider what he gave for us."

This focus on Jesus was clearly shared by all, as the partying masses of people quickly turned into a reverent crowd for times of prayer.

The night before World Youth Day a vigil was held with the Pope. Archdiocesan youth coordinator Daniela Kesina said as soon as the Blessed Sacrament was brought out there was complete silence.



ABOVE: Erin Cassidy with other excited archdiocesan pilgrims at the Australia Gathering. Picture: Beth Doherty.
TOP: Pope Benedict XVI makes his way through the crowd for the World Youth Day Mass. Picture: Alphonsus Fok and Grace Lu.

"It was amazing how quickly you can get two million people to be quiet," she said.

The weather continued to prove a challenge, with a sudden storm bringing a halt to proceedings. "The Pope was so beautiful," Ms Kesina said.

"Once everything began again he told us all how grateful he was that we had stayed and he praised us for our perseverance. He was funny and uplifting, which is what everyone needed."

The following morning, as pilgrims stirred in their sodden sleeping bags, thousands more came to join them at the airbase for the World Youth Day Mass.

Although communion wasn't distributed, as the tents the hosts had been stored in the night before collapsed during the storm, Ms Kesina said the Mass was still the highlight of the week. "The Pope was so encouraging and genuine," she said. "He acknowledged that it

wasn't easy to be Catholic, that it wasn't necessarily a perfect Church. But was it worth it? Yes."

When Rio de Janeiro was announced as the location for the 2013 World Youth Day, the prayerfulness of the crowd was replaced by screams of delight from the Brazilians who were camped next to the archdiocesan pilgrims. Relive the highlights by visiting the pilgrims' blog at cgmadrid.org.au.

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what do you know?

1. What does NAIDOC mean?
2. Vinnies Ozanam Appeal helps families in which countries?
3. How many World Youth Days have there been and where will the next one be held?
4. What did St John Vianney's Primary Waramanga make a giant number 40 out of and why?
5. How many sets of twins will start kindergarten at St Michael's Primary, Kaleen next year?

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Let 'em eat (lots of) cake



Principal Mrs Vicky van der Sanden presents Fr Kevin Brannelly with a birthday present from St John Vianney's Primary.

Parents baked more than 450 cupcakes for a double celebration at St John Vianney's Primary.

This year is not only the 40th anniversary of the Waramanga school, but also the 80th birthday of its parish priest Fr Kevin Brannelly.

The colourful cupcakes were laid out in a giant number 40, and each had a number 80 written on the top in icing.

The scent from the display quickly filled the school hall, but the students had to wait patiently until after Mass before they were allowed to taste any.

In honour of Fr Brannelly's birthday, school principal Mrs Vicky van der Sanden presented him with the first 40th anniversary tea towel, which featured a mini self-portrait of every student and staff member.

The design will be printed on both tea towels and aprons for people to purchase.

Fr Brannelly was also given a picture-book made by the students to show much they value their parish priest.

After burning off their cupcakes running around at lunchtime, the students spent the afternoon decorating ceramic tiles.

Mrs van der Sanden said these would be incorporated into a mural to commemorate the 40th anniversary.

While St John Vianney's feast day focused on celebrations for the children, Mrs van der Sanden said there would be a second event for past students, staff and parents.

It will be held on 25 November, by which time the refurbishments still under way at the school should be completed.

For more information telephone 6288 2583.

From near and far

OUR coverage on the blessing of the snow season (Catholic Voice, July) prompted Mr Tom Campbell to tell us about the interesting history of Mass in the mountains:

The first Mass was celebrated at Mt Kosciusko on Sunday, 23 February, 1913, by Bishop Patrick Vincent Dwyer, of Maitland, assisted by the Rev H McDermott, president of St Patrick's College, Manly, and Fr J J Norris, of Cooma. Archbishop Michael Kelly, of Sydney, presided and preached.

Everything had to be taken to the summit to prepare an altar. Quite a party assembled at the peak over some days to attend the Mass.

On an obviously eventful journey to the summit, a vehicle carrying eight passengers rolled more than 4 metres down an embankment. Fortunately, no-one died, although it is reported several were injured.



ABOVE: The popular Fr Frank Leo has moved on from his post at the Apostolic Nunciature in Canberra to a position at the Holy See's study mission in Hong Kong. Fr Leo (far right), who spent about three years in Canberra, is pictured at a farewell gathering at the nunciature at Red Hill with Dr Raymond Canning (left) and Prof Alan Cadwallader from Australian Catholic University. He told a large group of well-wishers that one of the outstanding graces he had experienced had been the opportunity to share his life and work in the church community in Australia in general and in Canberra in particular. A major highlight had been to lecture at Australian Catholic University and many friendships had sprung from that ministry.

A DOCTORAL student at the University of Queensland is asking for the help of clergy and parishioners across Australia to find stained glass windows that depict nurses in public buildings. It is part of Susan Kellett's research examining the commemoration and memorialisation of nurses. She may be contacted at telephone 07 3346 5269 or e-mail susan.kellett@uqconnect.edu.au.

Man charged

A Calwell man accused of embezzling more than \$1 million from his former employer, the Catholic Education Office, has been formally charged in a Canberra court.

Mr Timothy Patrick Cousins faces 153 charges of obtaining property by deception, unauthorised modification of data and theft.

Taize visitors

Two members of the Taize community in France, Br Matthew and Br Gislain, will visit Canberra this month.

They will take part in evening prayer at Holy Cross Anglican Church, corner of Phillip Avenue and Antill Street, Hackett, from 6pm on Sunday, 11 September. The service is aimed at people aged 18 to 35.

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Doctor of the Church

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 H.E Archbishop Giuseppe Lazarotto



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Room for all at the table of life

– Archbishop

Jesus says there is room at his table of life for everyone, Archbishop Mark Coleridge told 750 students and teachers who attended the annual NAIDOC Week Mass in St Christopher's Cathedral.

"If we talk about reconciliation in this country, as we must, what we have to work towards is saying that all peoples have as much a place at this table of life as I do," he said.

Everyone at the table was a friend of Jesus, everyone was a brother and a sister. "There are no servants or second-class citizens at the table of life," he said. "Jesus says he doesn't care about the colour of your skin. He says, 'I call you friend.'"

"For too long we have said to indigenous peoples, 'you go outside, you have no place at this table.'"

The theme for National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee Week was Change: the next step is ours.

Students travelled to attend the Mass from as far west as Lake Cargelligo, Eden on the far south coast, Batlow in the mountains and Goulburn.

Mrs Agnes Shea, who gave the welcome to country, reminded students that "the future is all about change, and the next step is yours".

Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people should seek to learn from those who had walked before them, she said.

"Open your hearts to hear God's call to love and respect each other," she said.

Guest speaker Erin Vink, a year 12 student from St Clare's College, spoke about what change meant to her. Young people needed to keep the momentum happening as change had to happen from within, she said.

NAIDOC awards were presented to students, teachers and schools who had made a contribution to Aboriginal education.

The recipients were:

Year 6 students Hayley Whatman (Trinity Primary School, Murrumburrah) and Janaia Booth and Nadine Rafferty (St Francis Xavier Primary School, Lake Cargelligo) for their commitment and contribution as role models.

Brendon Williams (year 10 St Edmund's College) for leadership qualities.

Teachers Mary Pezzella (St Clare's College) and Colleen Caddey-Murphy (St John Vianney Primary School, Waramanga) for their commitment and contribution to Aboriginal education in the school community.

St Matthew's Primary School, Page, for the school's commitment and contribution to Aboriginal education.

House leader Mr Michael Moloney, who spoke of taking action as a community in order to make change happen. The liturgy was presided over by Fr Bernie Patterson and Fr Constantine Osuchukwu.

BELOW: Fr Constantine Osuchukwu blesses the congregation.



ABOVE: Duncan Smith performs a traditional smoking ceremony as students file in to Mass.

LEFT: Sophie Bone and Ethan Hall (both nearest the camera) bring up the offertory gifts.

BELOW LEFT: Agnes Shea gives the welcome to Ngunnawal country.



ABOVE: Janaia Booth (left) and Nadine Rafferty, from St Francis Xavier Primary School, Lake Cargelligo, hold the NAIDOC recognition awards they received from Archbishop Mark Coleridge.

A celebration of history and culture

Students of Lumen Christi Catholic College, Pambula Beach, came together to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

The ceremony opened with the ancient reverberation of the didgeridoo, followed by a moving oration by Baringa



LEFT: Merici College principal Mrs Catherine Rey presents Jessica Boyd with a membership badge to the college's reconciliation group Narragunnawali, which means alive/ wellbeing/ coming together.

Taking the next step

Merici staff and students have committed to live out this year's NAIDOC theme and "take the next step". At an assembly, Ngunnawal elder Auntie Nin encouraged everyone to think about ways they could implement change through simple actions.

Top of the list will be building an indigenous garden, involving staff and students.

The college's reconciliation group has already taken "the next step" to change through ceremonial marking of major events, education through aspects of the curriculum and cultural awareness excursions.

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I'm writing this from Aranjuez which touts itself as the Versailles of Spain. This is because it became the spring-time residence of the Spanish kings and, therefore, proudly possesses a royal palace which, I think, is no longer used by the royal family. These days the place is best known by the eponymous Concierto which was written by Rodrigo in 1939 and which evokes Spain more than any other piece of music I know.

More humbly, Aranjuez also has a camping-ground where we are catching our breath after the hectic two weeks of the Holy Land and World Youth Day. Camping-grounds in Europe are considerably more comfortable and better equipped than in Australia, and this one is no exception.

We're here for a couple of days away from the frenzy of Madrid to pray and to ponder all that we have seen and heard and done on this pilgrimage. In a sense, we will spend the rest of our lives unpacking the experience, but it's important that we begin the process now before we return to the hurly-burly of home.

We'll also be making a brief visit to nearby Toledo to pay our respects to the ancient Spanish capital which is still in many ways the heartland of Spain where the old Iberian mix of Christian, Jewish and Islamic cultures is still in evidence.

A lot went wrong in Madrid - more so for some groups, it seems, than for ours. My own biggest hitch came on the second of the three mornings of catechesis. I was driven way out into the west of the city to what turned out to be an indoor bull-ring.

When I entered, there were volunteers standing around and men working on the sound. I asked the volunteers where the animating team was, and they looked at me as if I were talking Chinese. They said there was no animating team, which stirred my unease. This was about 10am. The session was due to start at 10.30am,

With all its hassles it's still a unique time



but by 10.40am there was not a single pilgrim in sight, so back to the hotel I was driven, my carefully prepared catechesis never having left my bag.

The group had hitches too. You would have seen news of the thunderstorm that erupted on Saturday night during the Vigil. The Pope and bishops got drenched, but at least we could retire to a change of clothes and a dry bed. But the other pilgrims were left to contend with mud and wet sleeping bags. One of them described it as like

life in a concentration camp. The joys of World Youth Day.

At Mass the following morning, something went badly wrong with the distribution of Holy Communion and many - even most - of the pilgrims didn't receive communion. They were told instead that they should go to a church in Madrid for communion later in the day, but our group couldn't find a church that was open.

Then there was the heat which took its toll, although our week in the Holy

Land had prepared us well for that. So you see what I mean by hitches.

It's said that every World Youth Day learns from the mistakes of the previous ones and then goes on to make mistakes which no-one has ever seen or imagined. Madrid was no exception.

But was it a time of grace? It certainly was, even if at this stage it's hard to take the measure of the grace given. World Youth Day is so large and complex event, moving in so many different directions and at so many different levels, that only God sees it whole.

Other World Youth Days - including Sydney - had their hitches. But in retrospect it's safe to say that all were moments of strange grace and that Madrid will be no exception. We will, however, need time to see the fruit of this latest World Youth Day.

We look now to Rio de Janeiro in 2013. Both for Brazil and the dioceses of the world, two years is a very short time to prepare for something as big as World Youth Day has become. Perhaps it's time for a World Youth Day that is more modest in scale. Perhaps it's also time to consider celebrating World Youth Day a little less frequently - let's say every five years.

But whatever about that, there is no doubt that World Youth Day has been and will remain a powerful strategy for the building up of the Church into the future. Of course it's not enough on its own, but for all its hitches and the questions it prompts, World Youth Day - born of the prophetic impulse and pastoral insight of Blessed John Paul II - has a unique place in the range of strategies, large and small, which the Church both universal and local is called to imagine and implement in this in-between time.

Mark Coleridge

SEPTEMBER DIARY

Archbishop Mark Coleridge

- 3 Confirmation, Campbell
- 6 Confirmation, Evatt
- 7 Vocations prayer and dinner, Archbishop's House
- 8 Day on liturgical changes with parish priests, principals, and RECs; Confirmation, Kaleen
- 10 Confirmation, Gundagai
- 15 ACU staff talk
- 16 Feast day Mass for St Mary MacKillop College
- 17 Confirmation, Eden
- 18 Confirmation, Pambula
- 20 Confirmation, Holder
- 22 Students leaders and staff from Daramalan and St Francis Xavier colleges at Archbishop's House
- 24 Post WYD reunion, Rheinberger Centre; Confirmation, South Woden
- 25 Confirmation, South Woden

Bishop Pat Power

- 1 ACT Churches Council meeting
- 5 Queanbeyan Mass for Feast of Mother Teresa
- 7 Bless renovations at St Joseph's School, O'Connor; Canon Law Commission teleconference
- 8 Religious Education Formation day, Rheinberger Centre; Confirmation, St Matthew's, Page
- 11 Peace and Harmony gathering, Clare Holland House
- 14 Secondary Principals in-service, Galong
- 16 Confirmation, Holy Rosary, Watson
- 17-18 Masses, St Thomas More's Campbell Social Justice Sunday
- 25 Confirmation, St Benedict's, Narrabundah
- 27 Archdiocesan Finance Council; Confirmation, St John Vianney's, Waramanga
- 29 Bless renovations at Sacred Heart School, Pearce

Vocations crusade on

More than 14,000 Catholics around Australia have agreed to take part in the fifth Knights of the Southern Cross national prayer crusade for vocations.

The crusade, which will take place from 4 September to 26 November aims to pray for an increase in vocations generally, but more particularly that more priests and deacons will be released to provide badly needed military chaplains for the Australian Defence Force.

"If all the schools, colleges and Catholic organisations from last year again take part, we should have over 25,000 participants," national executive officer of the Knights of the Southern Cross Mr Bob Perkins said.

A papal blessing has been granted to all who take part in the crusade.

To take part, e-mail neo@ksca.org.au.

It's showtime for schools

Artwork from Rosary, St Joseph's, St Michael's and St Vincent's Primary Schools has been selected in an exhibition of Canberra primary and pre-school art at the Australian National Capital Artists Gallery in Dickson.

Titled Showtime, the exhibition features works that explore theatre, dance and musical performance.

It is the third exhibition of its kind at the gallery, designed to encourage and celebrate the creativity of local school students.

The works will be on display from noon-5pm each Wednesday to Sunday until 11 September. Go to www.anca.net.au for details.

WHAT DO YOU KNOW?

1. National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee.
2. India, Indonesia and Thailand.
3. 26, Rio de Janeiro.
4. Cupcakes, to celebrate the school's 40th anniversary.
5. Four.

A few Aussie \$ go a long way

A small donation by an archdiocesan parishioner goes a long way towards helping a needy family in Asia and the Pacific.

This month the St Vincent de Paul Society, through its annual Ozanam Appeal, will once again seek to put this statement into practice.

The appeal, which has a target of \$21,000 this year, will help families in India, Indonesia and Thailand through the society's twinning program.

St Vincent de Paul Society conferences across the Archdiocese help fellow conferences by giving \$80 every three months to each of their "twins" – 57 in Indonesia, 39 in India and five in Thailand. In all, about \$8000 is sent overseas each quarter.

The money is distributed by members of the overseas conferences to support the day-to-day needs of local people in poor areas.

The society's Canberra-Goulburn twinning officer Mr Jack Matsay said \$80 often was not a lot of money for an Australian conference to donate. But, its real value was apparent when you considered that \$1 bought 2kg of rice in Indonesia.

On a visit to Indonesia in 2002, society members were shocked to see people living near a river picking through the rubbish in an effort to eke out an existence. The families often lived in a 1m x 2m house and the parents' income might be only 50c or \$1 a day. The children in the local school, however, wore uniforms and were obviously happy.

When the delegates asked how this could be they were astonished to find it was donations from St Vincent de Paul conferences in Australia that had paid for the children's clothes.

"We don't differentiate between religions; we give to Muslims, Hindus, Christians, as long as they are poor," Mr Matsay said.

"As Catholics, our faith mission is to help anyone who needs help."

Mr Matsay, who joined the St Vincent de Paul Society as a high school student in Indonesia in 1985, said twinning with overseas conferences had started about 40 years ago in the Archdiocese.

The Ozanam Appeal will be held in parishes across the Archdiocese on the weekend of 24-25 September.

Double trouble and then some



Kindergarten teachers at St Michael's Primary Kaleen will have their work cut out with a record number of four sets of twins enrolled next year.

Ruby and Josie Anderson are the only identical pair. They'll be joined by their pre-school friends Bryce and Morgan Dalla Costa and Declan and Bailey Cotter, along with James and Peter Bondfield.

Luckily the school will have two kindergarten classes next year, with two sets of twins intended to be enrolled in each.

But St Michael's principal Mrs Judy Walsh said so many multiples would definitely be a challenge.

"We currently only have one set of twins at the school, and they're in Year 5, so it's been a while since we've had any twins in infants," she said. All the twins enrolled for next year have older brothers or sisters already attending the school.

ABOVE: Bryce and Morgan Dalla Costa, Declan and Bailey Cotter, and Ruby and Josie Anderson, who will all start kindergarten at St Michael's Primary in Kaleen next year.





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Advent resource offer

An Advent resource, *Carrying the Christ*, which provides a four-week program on aspects of Christian spirituality, will be offered by the Archdiocese.

The resource has been designed for use by individuals and groups. It will form the basis of a series of faith formation seminars to be run by CatholicLIFE.

The themes of the four-week program are Conceiving the Child, Carrying the Child, Giving Birth to the Child and Showing the Child to the World.

The first seminar will be held from 10am to 2.30pm on Saturday, 26 November, the day before the first Sunday of Advent, at the CatholicLIFE function centre at Yarralumla.

Subsequent seminars or faith formation events will be offered in parishes and schools or to other groups throughout the Archdiocese during Advent by arrangement with CatholicLIFE.

The Advent resource will be available from early November at \$4.50 each plus GST for orders received before 14 October. Discounts are available for group orders.

Inquiries: Mr Shane Dwyer, e-mail shane.dwyer@catholiclife.org.au.

Nursing patients along final journey

The ACT's first dedicated palliative care research centre has opened its doors at Clare Holland House.

A partnership between Little Company of Mary HealthCare and Australian Catholic University, the Calvary Centre for Palliative Care Research will be driven by nursing-led research.

Dr John Rosenberg, who has 25 years experience as a registered nurse, mostly in palliative care, has moved from Brisbane to take up the director's position.

"The majority of the workforce in palliative care is nurses," he said.

"We're constantly by the side of patients and families."

Consequently, input from nursing staff will regularly be sought in the projects the centre undertakes.

Dr Rosenberg and research associate Dr Tracey Bullen will attend journal club meetings and clinical review meetings to hear from palliative care nurses about their experiences.

They will also work closely with ACU on matters of nurse education.



Dr Rosenberg said the first task was to work out what the centre would specialise in.

"We intend to identify researchable issues from the clinical world and the community to see where our niche in palliative care research will be."

With palliative care research centres already well established in Sydney, Brisbane, Melbourne and Adelaide, Dr Rosenberg said it

was important to work out what areas were already being covered and then focus on the gaps so as not to duplicate research being done elsewhere.

"When we know that someone is going to die, we can't change that, but we can change what that journey will be like for them," he said.

"We do that through the care and services we offer, as well as

through community support and attitudes to dying.

"Whatever projects or programs we develop, whatever niche our research explores, the ultimate goal is to improve the journey of dying people."

ABOVE: Calvary Centre for Palliative Care Research director Dr John Rosenberg and research associate Dr Tracey Bullen.

Fun in the fog helps those a world away

Dressing up in their pyjamas was great fun one cold, foggy Friday for students and staff at Holy Family Primary School, Gowrie.

Through South Tuggera-nong parish priest Fr John Armstrong and two staff members, the school has begun supporting Sr Kim Hoa Ha in fund raising for a project to help disabled children in Vietnam.

Sr Kim's Mary Queen of Peace community at Buon Ma Thuot in the central highlands of Vietnam is involved with a school for children with disabilities that operates near the convent.

The children have flourished but as they become adults there is no place for them to work.

A sheltered workshop where they can do simple tasks in a structured environment is desperately needed.

The Holy Family community raised more than \$1000. Collections were held after Mass in the parish. Sr Kim has also launched a page on facebook called "Hearts Beating Together".

RIGHT: Kindy Green and teacher Miss Rachel Harnett look cosy in their PJs.



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a centenary of canberra's catholics

In the seventh in a series of portraits of significant Catholics of the national capital, 2009 Canberra Citizen of the Year Bishop Pat Power remembers one of the city's great characters Mick Gallagher.

It is not altogether clear how Augustine Albert Gallagher was transformed into Mick Gallagher, one of Canberra's great characters who contributed mightily to our city for 62 years of the centenary we are about to celebrate.

Leading up to his time in Canberra, there were many transformations in Mick's life from a childhood in a family of 10 children in Toogoolawah and Cooroy (Queensland) faced with the Great Depression, enlisting in the RAAF in World War II, there plying his trade as an electrician and giving expression to his prowess as an athlete.

At Mick's funeral in 2008 his son, Michael, related how these events shaped Mick's life. "From his father he acquired a deep sense of social justice, the collective power of the common man and the values of a democratic society. From his (converted Protestant) mother he learnt family values, Catholicism and religious and racial tolerance.

"In his working life he carried these values and represented the union in the interest of his

For six decades Mick brought a spark to the city

fellow workers, particularly in his early days as an electrician.

"He maintained an undiluted allegiance to the Australian Labor Party and its ideals and aspirations for a free egalitarian society. He maintained his allegiance to the Catholic Church and became a tireless worker for the advancement of Catholic schools in Canberra."

I first knew Mick Gallagher while he was working in the Department of Customs and Excise. I recall at one point during a power struggle in the Public Service Union, both the contending parties were vying to have Mick on their ticket because everyone saw him as a man of great integrity and beyond reproach.

Mick Gallagher and Gwen Raftery were married in Sydney in 1943 and at the end of World War II, first Mick, then Gwen and their sons, began life in Canberra in a pre-fab government house in 3rd Street, Narrabundah. Alan Foksett's recent book highlights the significance of this part of Canberra's history and social fabric.

Eventually, their much-loved home became too small for a family which had grown to six children with Margaret, Eileen and their four brothers. So the Gallaghers moved to their new home in Telopea Park, Barton in 1954. Ten years later, the family witnessed nearby a milestone in Canberra's history with the filling of Lake Burley Griffin.

Mick's contribution to Church and community was very much "hands on". In fact he had very little patience for people who were "all talk and no action".

His skills as an electrician saw him much in demand in an honorary capacity. Son Michael recalls, "Mick was volunteering his services to string the lights along the running tracks (at Manuka Oval) for the St Patrick's Day Sports Carnival – a large event on the professional athletic circuit and a major fund-raiser for the Church and its schools. Little as we were, both under 10, Brian and I were seconded as apprentices in clicking the light bulbs into the bayonet sockets."

The year the Gallaghers moved from Narrabundah to Barton was also the year that St Edmund's College opened. Michael Gallagher was a foundation student and until youngest son, David, graduated in 1970 there was never a year without at least one Gallagher at the college.

There is a splendid photo on the cover of the 1979 St Edmund's Annual with Mick and a group of other proud hard-working fathers striding across the main oval. St Edmund's was hailing the contribution they had made to the life of the college in its first 25 years.

As Mick's boys began taking an interest in Australian Rules football, their good father from a rugby league background volunteered his services as a coach for the Manuka club. In

preparing boys for an interschool carnival, Mick was impressed by a young lad who kicked the ball over Mick's head. Mick asked "And what's your name?" The response was "Alex". He is now best known by his surname, Jesaulenko.

Mick's two youngest sons, Terry and David, rewarded their father's coaching deeds by becoming outstanding first grade players for Manuka. It is generally agreed that Terry, who kicked 11 goals in a game on three occasions, would have risen to greater heights if he had accepted offers to play in Melbourne rather than pursue his university studies in Canberra.

One of Mick's many acts of kindness was to take Wally Wright to Australian Rules



Mick Gallagher and wife Gwen.

games. Wally, father of Fr Tommy Wright, had been a goal umpire in his day, but was by then stricken with blindness.

Mick used to give Wally a running commentary on the game and was amazed how at the post-mortem at the Manuka Club, Wally was able to describe the highlights. It was ironic that Mick was to lose his sight in his last years.

In October 1993, I had the joy of celebrating Mass in St Christopher's for Mick, Gwen and their family marking their 50th wedding anniversary. It was not long afterwards that Mick lost his sight. Gwen's devotion to Mick was total until she developed cancer which led to her untimely death.

Mick spent his last years in Villaggio Sant'Antonio in Page. Always interested in current affairs, he was then constantly up-to-date with the radio as his constant companion. His neighbour just across the corridor was his old friend, Bishop Alo Morgan. After the evening meal and the news, they recited the Rosary and had a whisky together.

God called Bishop Alo to his eternal reward in May 2008 and Mick the following September. Within a few months, Canberra had lost two of its most loved and admired citizens.

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10 years on, this night patrol pioneer still warms to the task

By Claire Mitchell

"It's really horrible when you can't feel safe in your own home," a young girl said to Vinnies night patrol volunteer Mrs Carmel Toohey before telling her why she was living on the streets.

It was one of hundreds of stories the 68-year-old has heard since signing up with the St Vincent de Paul Society's mobile outreach program back in 2001.

She has been with the night patrol from its inception through to its 10th birthday last month, and has no intention of quitting any time soon.

Because for Mrs Toohey, to provide a sympathetic ear, warm clothes and food to someone in need isn't a chore, it's a privilege.

The patrol now helps about 800 to 1000 people most months; last year the total topped 10,000.

"When I started, my daughter Leah joined with me. She would have been in her 20s," Mrs Toohey said.

"The young girls that came up to us loved the idea of a mother and daughter on the team."

The night patrol was first co-ordinated by 19-year-old Megan Skillicorn, who Mrs Toohey said was "well ahead of her years in maturity".

The volunteers spent a lot of time training, learning communication skills and completing short mental health courses to ensure they knew not only how to listen but how to ask the right questions.

As a mother, Mrs Toohey found that a lot of young people were drawn to her and wanted to share their stories. But they weren't the only ones.

"We had one lady in her early 50s who came to see us," Mrs Toohey said.

"She'd lived a sheltered life, was a secretary in a government department and lived with her parents. Her job was her life.

"But she was made redundant, her parents died and she just fell apart."

The woman visited the night patrol for several months and after talking to the volunteers decided she wanted to get back into the workforce.



ABOVE: Night patrol volunteers on the job in Civic. LEFT: Mrs Carmel Toohey, who has volunteered for the night patrol since it began 10 years ago.

thing left for food, so we gave them something to eat.

"One of them was just wearing a singlet, and as it was a cold night I offered him a jumper. He wouldn't take it.

"He told me to give it to someone who didn't have a job; that he'd be able to buy his own in a few days.

"And people say young people don't care about others. Rubbish."

night, we have a cup of coffee each and wonderful company."

"I was blown away. Here was a man who didn't know where he was going to sleep that night and yet he could make the most of the present. That's more than most of us can do."

The evenings haven't always left her with a smile on her face. She has heard some harrowing stories over the years that take an emotional toll.

Over the years the night patrol has earned a lot of respect from the Canberra community, which Mrs Toohey said was evident by the constant stream of donations she received.

She never goes out empty handed and always has warm clothing and food to give to people in need.

Of course, there are also still those with misconceptions about the service.

"People often ask me why I bother, especially older women," Mrs Toohey said.

"They talk about people on the streets like they're another species. But they're people like anyone else. They've had some bad things happen to them, things that could happen to anyone. But they have no one to support them. That's the only difference.

"I love doing this. I meet so many wonderful people.

"It is an absolute privilege to be out there and hear their stories."

'They talk about people on the streets like they're another species. But they're people like anyone else.'

This certainly wasn't the first time Mrs Toohey had found herself surprised and inspired by a night patrol visitor.

"One night at Ainslie Avenue we had a group of men come up and talk to us.

"One of them said to me, 'Isn't this wonderful. It's a beautiful

People come and go and volunteers are often left with no knowledge of what has happened to them.

"It's difficult sometimes when you don't see people anymore," Mrs Toohey said.

"I pray for them. That's what keeps me going."

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Conversation with Islam

Conversations with Islam is the theme of an e-conference aimed at students in years 10 to 12 to be held this month.

Presented by the Australian Catholic University, the e-conference will be held from 10am to noon on Friday, 16 September.

The e-conference on the study of Islam was inspired by Pope Benedict XVI's call in 2006 to intensify dialogue between Catholics and Muslims, and by the Qur'anic call to learn from one another.

It is intended to help open up for high school and college students an awareness and appreciation of Islam and Muslims

that is not only integral to their studies in other subject areas but also essential to the strengthening of Australia's social fabric.

The Canberra campus of ACU has organised for students in rural and regional areas to come to the campus and experience the e-conference by having access to academics and experts in the field.

Students will be able to take part by twittering their questions to an expert panel.

Inquiries: www.acu.edu.au/conversationswithislam.

To register e-mail econference@acu.edu.au.

ACU head to stay longer

Vice-Chancellor of Australian Catholic University Prof Greg Craven will continue in the job until 2018 after his initial contract was extended.

A constitutional lawyer and regular contributor to public debate, Prof Craven has led the university through a period of growth in student numbers, research, and infrastructure.

Since he began in February 2008, full-time student numbers have grown from 11,000 to

17,000, and are set to reach 25,000 by 2016. Access to university has been a particular focus, with the introduction of programs to engage low socioeconomic and disadvantaged students, as well as students who have shown commitment to their communities.

To manage the growth, the university is undertaking a capital works program of more than \$150 million, which began in 2008.

School's early birthday present

Many Year 7 students who attended St Bede's Primary, Red Hill, last year cast an envious eye over the school's new hall and library at the official opening and blessing of the renovations.

They were invited by principal Mr Doug Hodgson to join the celebration of the completed works, which had taken a little longer than expected.

In fact, parents and community members were busily finishing off the landscaping just days before.

The \$2.125 million project was funded by the Federal Government through the Building the Education Revolution and School Pride schemes.

A further \$105,000 was contributed by the school community.

St Bede's school board chair Ms Felicity McNeill said the library and hall were something a school of a few hundred students would never have been able to afford on its own.

"Four years ago we had to fundraise just for air-conditioning in the classrooms," she said.



Parents and students gathered in the new school hall for the official opening of St Bede's Primary's BER renovations.

The school itself is almost 50 years old and Mr Hodgson said the renovations were an excellent early birthday present.

They were also most appreciated by the students, who commented on how much space they had now for assem-

blies, how good it was to have somewhere warm to play in wet weather and how great the library looked.

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

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Colleges get big boost for trade training

The \$5.7 million Canberra Region Pathways Trade Training Centre will soon be up and running, with most facilities expected to be completed this term.

A partnership between the Catholic Education Office and the Canberra Institute of Technology, the Australian Government-funded project was announced in June last year.

It will allow students at Merici, St Clare's, St Francis Xavier and St Mary MacKillop colleges to complete elements of Certificate III Vocational Education Training qualifications at school, with a guaranteed pathway to full qualifications at CIT.

The new facilities at St Mary MacKillop College were finished last month and students have already started making the most of them.

"The MacKillop campus of the Trade Training Centre will be dedicated to St Joseph the Worker, appropriate to our Josephite tradition and the broader Catholic ethos of our school," MacKillop principal Mr Michael Lee said.

"The facility at MacKillop will provide a range of opportunities for students to participate in vocational courses in construction and hospitality with facilities that are industry standard."

Construction facilities at St Francis Xavier College are well under way, as are the upgraded hospitality facilities at Merici College.

Building at St Clare's College is expected to begin in November.

"This is an exciting partnership between the four schools and CIT, which will enable us to meet current needs as well as those of the future," Merici principal Mrs Catherine Rey said.

In addition to the Trade Training Centre funded new commercial kitchen and permanent restaurant, the college has contributed its own funds to relocate the canteen.

"Our canteen will run out of the restaurant kitchen, allowing for an integrated way of teaching cooking and feeding the school," Mrs Rey said.

"It's ideal vocational education because it's real life.

"The students won't just be cooking, but they'll have to meet deadlines for serving.

"They'll be able to cater functions too."



Merici College business manager Mr Keith Vardanega discusses the progress of the school's Trade Training Centre facilities with construction manager Mr Barry Byrnes at the end of last term.

When the restaurant is not in use, Mrs Rey said it would be opened to senior students as an informal learning environment.

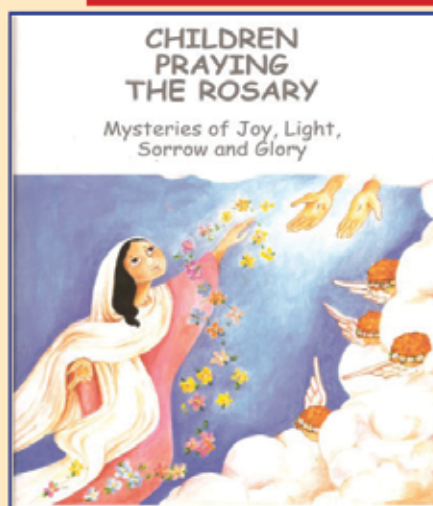
"Such a sophisticated environment, being able to study while sipping a latte, will make a big difference to learning," she said.

Mrs Mary Dorrian, from the Catholic Education Office, said the Trade Training Centre would continue to offer new opportunities, even beyond these facilities, with a number of additional programs expected to be offered online as well.



ABOVE: MacKillop College hospitality student Robert Lewis serves staff member Mrs Ros Hollands in the new facility.

'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 Some. 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: Zac Chapman has fun trying out the masks.

Year 1/2 students at McAuley were learning about Australia's neighbour Indonesia when Catholic Voice visited. As part of the Languages Other Than English (LOTE) component of the curriculum, all students from kindergarten to Year 6 have one lesson each week with Indonesian teacher Ms Kelly Weir. The children study not only the language but also learn about the country's culture. This means a chance to play with some decorative puppets, which are a popular entertaining tool in Indonesia.



ABOVE: Tom Boxall made this painting to illustrate a story about his toy truck and toy motorbike.



ABOVE: Jobe Gentle tests out one of the wooden puppets.



ABOVE: Jordan Sanbrook with the class mascot Ani the orang-utan.



ABOVE: Johnny Holz tried his hand at indigenous art by creating this dot painting.



LEFT: Kurt Torio used lots of bright colours for this giraffe picture.



ABOVE: Hunter Mott tries his hand at shadow puppets.

BELOW LEFT: Isaac Gray (back), Kayla McNamara Boyd, Annelise Watkins and Blake Webb show off some of Ms Weir's collection of Indonesian treasures.

BELOW: Lexie Oag and Amberlena Lake with their puppets.



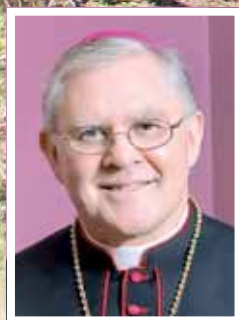
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Message from Archbishop Mark Coleridge, 2011

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Mark Coleridge

Mark Coleridge
Archbishop of Canberra
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Father Paul Bateman

This year marks the diamond jubilee of ordination to the priesthood for Fr Paul Bateman. He was ordained by Bishop Guilford Young at St Patrick's Church Bega in 1951.

In 1952 he was appointed as assistant priest to Canberra, which then consisted of one parish. Later he would serve in the city as Administrator at Braddon, the Cathedral and as pastor at Aranda.

In between he ministered in country parishes for 25 years. Some of these were Young, Pambula, Temora, Boorowa and Gundagai.

He also worked for a short time on exchange at Cloughbawn parish, Wexford, Ireland, and as chaplain

to the RAAF for almost eight years.

In his spare time Fr Paul has published several family and parish studies. The most recent was In the Shade of Jimmy Ryan's Tree, which delves into memories of his childhood during the Depression Years. After a period of unwellness and on reaching the age of 75, he retired from parish appointments. He now resides at Ballymacreese, Moran's Crossing, the home where he was born. Over the past ten years whilst retired, he has continued his priestly ministry through relief work in many of our Archdiocesan parishes.

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Following the Blessing and Opening of the new 80 apartment facility in Young, Cootamundra was to follow shortly afterwards. On 13th November, 2010 Bishop Pat Power, Reverend Kevin Barry-Cotter, Reverend Lyn Forsyth and Capt. Ron Robinson led the Ecumenical Blessing Service launching the new Southern Cross Supported Living Apartments, Cootamundra – a 55 apartment residential aged care facility. The Official Opening was performed by the highly regarded Mr Edward O'Connor who played an important role in the very beginnings of the Cootamundra Retirement Village.

Within the next couple of weeks the newly built Southern Cross St Lawrence Apartments will open its doors in Harden. This 45 bed residential aged care facility will replace the old 32 bed hostel at Galong. The Ecumenical Blessing and Official Opening later in the year will afford members of the Harden Community the opportunity to inspect their long-awaited and long-overdue quality aged care service in their own town.

But, of course, that is not the end of the story...

The first 3 cottages which form part of the overall 43 cottage development at Young have been completed with the remainder ready to be built **on demand**. Southern Cross is awaiting final approval from the Young Council in order to commence the refurbishment of the old hostel to provide 28 x 1 and 2 bedroom affordable units with access also by pensioner renters.

The approvals are in place and the tenders have been finalised for the building of the first 4 independent living units at Cootamundra – 2 of which will be for pensioner renters.

Finally, we must not forget the important final stage development at Bombala where we are awaiting Council's final approval and the closing of tenders for the last stage of development at Currawarna Supported Living Apartments which will also include the building of 3 pensioner renter independent living units.

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Southern Cross Care Young.

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Southern Cross Care Harden.

The 3 projects costing \$25m clearly evidence Southern Cross Care's unswerving commitment that older people in rural New South Wales have access to the same high standard of accommodation and care as do their counterparts on the eastern seaboard. As commented by the Deputy Mayor of Cootamundra in his address at the Official Opening, "people of Cootamundra (and the other nearby towns) could never have dreamed of such a wonderful home without the support of Southern Cross Care".



Southern Cross Care Cootamundra.

Facing a new challenge in a fragile life

When I began writing this column, I shared that occasionally I would do a column that was more exclusively about my personal life.

I have tried to limit myself in that and, in the 28 years I have been writing this column, have probably done less than 10 pieces whose main focus was my own life. When I have done so, it was almost always to share with readers a major transition in my life.

This column is one of those personal pieces.

My personal life is again undergoing a major transition, though this one does not concern a move to a new job or to a new city. It has to do with my health:

In early May I went for a routine colonoscopy and the doctor discovered a cancerous tumor in my colon. The good news was that it was discovered relatively early, before there were symptoms.

They scheduled me for surgery in early June and removed the affected area, along with a series of lymph nodes.

The operation, while pretty invasive, went well, but some of the lymph nodes had already been affected, meaning that the

cancer was not necessarily fully contained in the tumor.

I have recovered very well from the surgery, though this took some weeks.

An oncologist advised me that prudence dictates that there be a follow-up treatment to the surgery, namely, six months of chemotherapy.

He also assured me that the long-term prognosis is good, but that, as with all cancer, nothing is really sure until it's sure.

A cure is most likely, but not assured. I started the chemotherapy treatments in early August and will be facing a certain desert-experience for the next six months.

This is not a plea for sympathy. I share this with you because one shares this with one's family and you are my family of readers. I will appreciate your prayers, even as I trust you not to deluge me with emails, cards, and letters.

What we give to each other inside the mystical body of faith, family, and friendship, need not be announced to be effective.

Where am I with all of this?

Initially, especially before the surgery and subsequent

scans revealed more precisely the limit of the cancer, there was understandably a good amount of fear and paranoia.

One's thoughts and fears aren't easy to control when one's next visit to the doctor might mean a death-sentence. Eventually though, and not just because the long-term prognosis now appears quite positive, I have begun to find a deep peace within all of this.

Ron Rolheiser

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



I trust in God and know that I am in safe hands, irrespective of whatever happens. I also trust the medical professionals with whom I have been dealing.

They have been marvelously competent and infinitely gentle. What a grace for us all, the skill of doctors.

But that peace of soul is also predicated on a number of realisations that were only abstract theories for me before this illness. Some things are infinitely more real to me now:

I now know existentially that life is fragile, that health is precious, and that it's to be appreciated rather than taken for granted.

I know too existentially that we cannot safeguard our own lives, no matter how carefully we try. Faith and hope are flooding into my life as never before.

So, too, is love. Family and friends are mostly taken for granted when we are young and strong and under the illusion that death is not really a reality for us.

We realise how deep a grace family and friendship are only when we are fully attuned to our own vulnerability; mostly, too, it only then that we actually allow others to love us.

And there are other deep lessons in this for me: I have been driving my engines hard for a long time, dodging bullets as I overwork and am over-extended.

So many times in the past years, in a trance of overwork, I

promised God that I would slow my life down, just as soon as this particular task was finished.

Indeed, often, explicitly in prayer, I asked God to let me do this slowdown willfully, and not have some health breakdown force it on me.

Like the young Augustine, I was praying: "Slow me down, but not yet!"

My cancer diagnosis is finally doing for me what I couldn't do for myself. My prayer now is: Let me receive this gracefully, and as a grace!

One last lesson: Should I land on my feet, healthy and my old self again after the chemotherapy, I hope to have the strength to not return to my old life, grateful to have dodged a bullet and ready for business as usual.

Instead, like the one leper who returned to give thanks to Jesus rather than going back to normal living, I am praying that the grace of this visitation will be the alchemy I have long needed to make me turn instead habitually in gratitude towards Jesus and towards the present moment.

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 dine out at Calvary John James Hospital.

Patients are the key ingredient

For people facing a stay in hospital, the quality of the food served can make a big difference, which is why Calvary John James chef Mr Shane Hosie takes great pride in his work.

"Giving patients a good meal gives them something to look forward to, especially when they've been lying in a boring room all day," he said.

"It can help give them the comfort of home."

Mr Hosie joined the hospital kitchen staff in 2006 and said it was a nice change of pace from the stresses of a cafe or restaurant. He spent a number of seasons switching between kitchens in the ski fields of the Australian Alps and those on Hamilton Island off the coast of Queensland. He also spent many years cooking at a cafe in Canberra.

Calvary's food services manager Mr Damien Lawler said Mr Hosie's love of cooking was evident in the quality of his creations.

"Some of his baking exploits here have made him a favourite not only with our patients but also with some of the local Sisters of the Little Company of Mary," Mr Lawler said. The hospital provides a diverse menu of six meals per day.



Mr Shane Hosie with Beef Wellington.

This recipe is one of Mr Hosie's favourite savoury dishes.

Filet de Boeuf Wellington

Makes 6 portions

Ingredients

50g butter

60g onion, finely chopped

300g mushrooms, finely chopped
60ml white wine
120ml demi-glace (rich thick gravy)
60g lean ham, chopped
1 tbs parsley, chopped
60ml oil
1.2kg fillet of beef
390g pate feuilletée (puff pastry)

Method

1. Melt butter in a sauteuse (sauté pan), add the onions and cook without colour. Add the mushrooms, season and cook until almost dry. Add the wine and reduce. Add the demi-glace and reduce to a stiff consistency. Add the ham and parsley, correct seasoning and allow to cool.

2. Heat the oil in a roasting tray. Season the piece of fillet and brown quickly on all sides. Place in a hot oven (220 degrees) until half cooked, approximately 20mins. Remove from the tray and allow to cool.

3. Place puff pastry sheet on bench and spread a layer of the mushroom mixture down the centre of the pastry the length of the fillet. Place the fillet on top and spread the remainder of the mixture all over the fillet. Egg-wash the edges of the pastry, draw the pastry over to completely enclose the fillet and seal the edges together. Place on a baking sheet, decorate with the remaining pastry and brush with egg-wash. Make a small neat hole in the top and cool in fridge for 30mins. Place in hot oven (220 degrees) and colour the pastry. Reduce the temperature and allow to cook gently for 40-50mins.



Prisons: how can we make a difference?

From the archdiocesan Social Justice Commission

The Australian Catholic Bishops Social Justice Statement, issued to mark Social Justice Sunday on 25 September, is titled: Building Bridges, not Walls: prisons and the justice system.

The statement asks Catholics to think about conditions in our prisons, who is sentenced to prison and why. 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.

The most disadvantaged in Australia are the most likely to be imprisoned: 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 incarceration rate for young indigenous people is even higher.

Why is this so? What can you do? To bring interested parishioners together to discuss the issues, the archdiocesan Catholic Social Justice Commission is organising a workshop on the bishops' statement for all parishes on Saturday, 17 September. The workshop will run from 10am to noon in the private dining room of the Southern Cross Club, Phillip.

Bishop Pat Power will address the gathering and those involved in chaplaincy services at the Alexander Maconochie Centre will also be present. Participants may continue discussion over lunch (at their own expense) at the club.

No crime can diminish the fact that we are all created in the image and likeness of God. In our parishes and our communities, let us consider how we can make a difference for those in prison and seeking bridges to a new life.

For catering purposes, please advise the commission of attendance, telephone 6235 5452, e-mail csjc@cg.catholic.org.au by 8 September.

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I want to be loved for my pimples

by **Francesca Maatouk.**

For my hair that needs to be washed every second day and for my stomach that bloats when I eat too much, which, I'd like to add, is often.

This year has been a tricky one. I've been confronted by girls who have questioned beauty and struggled with their image. Thinking: "I am not enough and I am too much at the same time. Not pretty enough, not thin enough, not kind, gracious, or disciplined enough. But too emotional, too needy, too sensitive, strong, opinionated, and too messy." (*Captivating, John and Stasi Eldredge*)

But this unattainable and delusional idea of beauty and the way the media and, ultimately, society presents it is something I am very passionate about. Watching actively and fully aware of a multi million-dollar industry thriving off our weaknesses has encouraged me to speak out and speak now.

I will never sit back and watch people live under these gray shadows

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

of "perfection". I read in a book sometime ago that: Cinderella is beautiful, yes, but she is also good.

Her outward beauty would be hollow were it not for the beauty of her heart. I used to tell myself that if I didn't care, this wouldn't have to hurt so much.

But, surely, I should care about me, about what I look like. Be proud of my skin because there is no one like me.

That is why God made me this way. Perfect. Created. Planned. I am a strong believer that love is louder than the pressure to be perfect. That you must be the change you want to see in the world.

So, here's to the girls who are small and big and brunette and blonde. To the girls who are from all over the world.

The girls who have clear, smooth skin, and the ones who have pimples and scars.

To the ones who made it through the bitter break-up, dried their own tears and moved on with their life.

To the girls who have tattoos and goals and passions and regrets. To the perfectly imperfect women that we are and to our hearts that make us that much better.

Women in wonder and splendid beauty, unashamed in our desire to be wanted today, tomorrow, next week, and forever.

** Francesca loves living simply, spending winter days in the garden under the sun, writing letters to people who have inspired her, praying, forgiving, loving. She is faith and community captain at St Clare's College.*

Two priests celebrate diamond jubilees

Two priests of the Archdiocese, Fr Bill Keating and Fr Paul Bateman, have celebrated 60 years of ordination. They are pictured with Bishop Pat Power and Fr Bernie Patterson (far left) after a Mass at Fr Keating's home to mark the occasion.

Fr Keating was appointed as an assistant in the parish of Canberra in 1956. Later, he served the parishes of Cobargo, Young, Grenfell, Bega, Boorowa, Braddon, Adaminaby, Narooma and Taralga. He also spent three years as a RAAF chaplain in the 1960s.

After ordination, Fr Bateman was appointed to Temora, and later served the parishes of Canberra, Braddon, O'Connor, Young, Pambula, Ardlethan, Aranda, Boorowa, Gundagai and Cobargo. He was an RAAF chaplain from 1956-1962. Both priests are now retired and live on the south coast.

Parishioners gathered after Mass on Sunday, 31 July, at St Joseph's parish centre, Merimbula, to mark Fr Bateman's jubilee.

Fr Bateman has strong and long-standing, family attachments to the area which he has written about in a number of family histories. Although retired, he often steps in to celebrate Mass, and generally help out when the parish priest is away.

Josephite Sister Brigid McMahon, who attended the morning tea, was a member of the congregation at Fr Bateman's ordination on 23 July, 1951, at St Patrick's Church, Bega.

Ignatian group says come and see

Christian Life Community, an international lay organisation within the Catholic Church practising Ignatian spirituality, will hold a "come-and-see" gathering in Queanbeyan this month.

It will be held at St Gregory's parish centre, Lowe Street, Queanbeyan at 10.30am on Saturday, 17 September.

NSW president of Christian Life Community Mrs Felicity Flynn said the organisation had groups in most states as well as Ignatian groups that follow the ways of CLC in West Wyalong, Young and Temora.

"This type of group appeals to those people who have a faith attitude to life and who desire to find God in their everyday experiences as well as recognising the need to support each other in this journey," she said.

Members followed the Ignatian way of "trying to find God in all things with the support of a small group of people who meet fortnightly to pray together, share their life experiences in the light of faith and support each other as they reach out in the service of others."

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Popcorn western with an alien flavour

Cowboys and Aliens. Starring Daniel Craig, Harrison Ford, Olivia Wilde and Sam Rockwell. Directed by Jon Favreau. 118 minutes. M (Science fiction themes and violence). Reviewer: Fr Peter Malone MSC*.

Almost 50 years ago there was the absurdly specific title, Santa Claus vs the Martians. That was quite a juxtaposition. Cowboys and Aliens seems an absurd title, not so specific. In the past there were these small science-fiction-fantasy B-budget entertainments. Now we have the A-budget, A-cast entertainment that takes the old conventions of the western and the old conventions of those 1950s alien invasion melodramas, put them together and, presto, Cowboys and Aliens.

Not that it isn't a holiday entertainment, an upmarket throwback to the old serials and

matinees days. And who to give it some respectability? The present grim-faced James Bond himself, Daniel Craig, and Indiana Jones, now a grizzled, gruff and raspy Harrison Ford.

It all opens in the old West, but we have an immediate clue when we see the 21st century wristband that Jake Lonergan (Craig) is wearing. But, the screenplay wisely keeps tantalising us. We wonder about this man, at first with no name and no memory, whether he is the alien.

We get hints as the film goes on. An explanation (perfectly logical in the circumstances) towards the end of the film.

Then there are plenty of cowboys, toughs and robbers, cattle hands and cattle barons (Ford is the patriarchal baron), the western town, the sheriff (Keith Carradine), the wastrel son of the baron (Paul Dano) who likes to throw his somewhat



puny weight around, and his Indian minder (Adam Beach).

There is a mysterious woman, Ella (Olivia Wilde) who is clearly something more than she seems. After some western standoffs and arrests, the aliens get going on the town, mystifying one and all. Suddenly, in this war of the worlds where revolvers don't stand a chance against space ships, individuals are being instantly swooped and

swept into the air and into the spacecraft. And there are lots, LOTS, of explosions.

That obviously means a posse has to go in pursuit and the lone hero has to show his mettle. There are confrontations with the Indians, but this is a 21st century perception of the 19th, so the Indians combine forces with the cowboys (and the racist baron) to rescue the human hostages and destroy the aliens. The

aliens themselves look like beings straight out of the old movies, no glamour, just monstrous (especially in size and in close-ups). We discover their dastardly plan and are ready to cheer on the goodies against these creatures (the word alien not being available at that time to describe what is going on).

This is a close encounter of the reverse kind.

What we have is a bit popcorn holiday movie and it has its moments. The thought came while watching the familiar elements of both western and science fiction that it still had quite some originality – but a derivative originality. And, deciding on this phrase to end the review, I enjoyed it all the more.

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

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Jane Eyre. Starring: Mia Wasikowska, Michael Fassbender, Jamie Bell, Judi Dench. 120 minutes M (Mature themes).

An adaptation of Jane Eyre by newcomer Cary Fukunaga (Sin Nombre), which seriously challenges the view that the best versions of classics by such writers as Jane Austen, the Brontë sisters, Dickens and Mrs Gaskell, are those made as mini-series for the BBC.

Friends with Benefits. Starring: Justin Timberlake, Mila Kunis, Patricia Clarkson, Jenna Elfman, Richard Jenkins, Woody Harrelson, and Bryan Greenberg. Directed by Will Gluck. 109 minutes. MA 15+. Restricted. (Strong sexual references and sex scenes).

An American romantic comedy about two people who become friends, and decide to make their relationship sexual, but want no commitment or consequences. Entertaining human drama, but as an essay on intimacy, it is misguided and never recovers from its first half that sets the stage for genuine friendship in entirely the wrong way.

Senna. Documentary. Starring Ayrton Senna, Alain Prost and Frank Williams. Directed by Asif Kapadia. 106 minutes. M (Coarse language).

Acclaimed by critics and by fans of Formula 1. Audiences will take out what interests them. Some will look at the racing footage, others will be impressed with the portrait of Senna, others will be intrigued by the competitiveness and sport politics.

Mel stars at playing himself

The Beaver. Starring Mel Gibson, Jodie Foster, Jennifer Lawrence and Anton Yelchin. Directed by Jodie Foster. 91 minutes. M (Mature themes, sexual references and coarse language). Reviewer: Fr Peter Malone MSC*.

A serious film about depression (with a credit note at the end that depression is a family matter, that it is important for a family to be part of the treatment of this mental illness).

We are introduced to Walter Black, married with two children, who has sunk into depression and cannot find a way out.

His family don't know how to respond. His wife loves him but finds it more difficult to cope with his erratic behaviour and mood swings.

His teenage son resents his father, fearing that he could become like him and noting behaviour that he will try to avoid in his own life. His little boy is closing in on himself.

Walter compares himself to his father with resentment and senses that he is a loser. Workers in his toy company are bewildered. He finally gets to his limit and contemplates suicide.

Audiences who may be wary of mental illness may find the rest of the film puzzling or may try to laugh it off.



Some psychiatrists may be wary of the method shown for dealing with the depression.

Most of us in between may be absorbed by the struggle of a man trying to deal with his inner conflicts and his alternate self by the use of a puppet on his left hand, a toy beaver, who takes on a life and voice and accent, not of its own, but of an outer Walter Black who can argue with the inner Walter and evoke responses from others via the beaver.

There is a parallel sub-plot (which gets more attention, perhaps, than it needs to when we want to focus on Walter). Porter, the teenage son, is also a troubled young man.

One of his activities at school is to write assignments for fellow students (at a price).

One of the best sci-fi around

Green Lantern. Starring: Ryan Reynolds, Mark Strong, Blake Lively, Peter Sarsgaard, Temuera Morrison, and Tim Robbins. Directed by Martin Campbell. 114 minutes. M (Science fiction themes and violence). Reviewer: Peter W Sheehan*.

Like other current films, this is a science fiction film based on a superhero comics character of the same name. It tells the story of a test pilot for a US aircraft company being inducted into the Green Lantern Corps, a group of intergalactic police who guard the Universe. The force is held together by the green essence of

willpower. Fear is contrasted with courage and will-power. Although it quickly becomes an entertaining sound-and-light show, human drama consistently underlies the visual effects, and the film mixes together plot, bizarrely cartoonish characters, and light effects that are best appreciated in 3D. This is one of the best of the science-fiction movies around. Ryan Reynolds is the hero to beat, with his attractive mix of charm, good looks, and rakish humour.

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

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Bond between NY Jew and the Polish pope

The Pope's Maestro. By Sir Gilbert Levine. Jossey-Bass, 2010, 406pp, \$37.95. Reviewer: Janet Moyle.

Extraordinary as it may seem, a unique and unlikely friendship developed between the distinguished American conductor Sir Gilbert Levine and the late Pope John Paul II.

For almost two decades the two collaborated closely using music to heal centuries-old wounds.

Together they created a series of internationally broadcast concerts aimed at demonstrating His Holiness' desire for rapprochement in the Church's relationship with Jewish people.

The story begins with Sir Gilbert's appointment as music director to the Krakow Philharmonic during the last days of the Cold War in 1987.

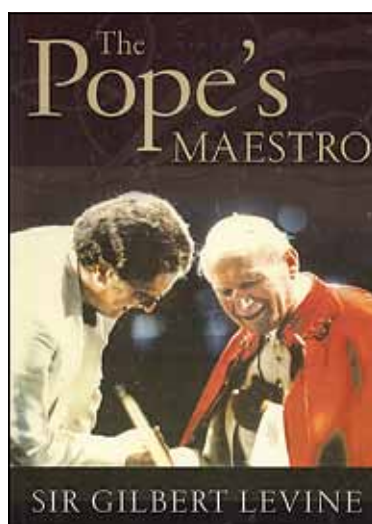
The tanks had just been removed from in front of the US Embassy after the lifting of martial law. It was not an easy place to be for anyone from the West and certainly not for an American.

Nevertheless he went, his decision influenced in no small way by his mother-in-law who had survived the concentration camp at Bergen-Belsen.

She encouraged him by saying that his going to Poland would show the world that the Nazis did not destroy Jewish culture.

This theme continues through the book as Levine constantly built bridges through his music-making. In the process he discovered and deepened his own Jewish roots.

His friendship with JP II developed through contact with



the Pope's Polish private secretary, Mgr Dziwisz.

Levine was invited to celebrate the 10th anniversary of His Holiness' pontificate. From this success there were other papal concerts.

The one in Rome to commemorate the Shoah had Australian Cardinal Cassidy largely involved in the preparations. This memorable event was attended also by the Chief Rabbi and the President of Italy. Richard Dreyfuss recited the Kaddish, the Hebrew prayer for the dead, prayed regularly in every synagogue. This was the beginning of healing for many.

Levine performed at World Youth Day in Denver; for His Holiness' 80th birthday; in the Holy Land as part of Jubilee 2000; at a papal concert of reconciliation; and in Krakow for the first anniversary of 9/11. These were some of the most memorable ones.

Gilbert Levine and his family had unprecedented audiences with the increasingly frail Pontiff. He was honoured with a pontifi-

cal knighthood. The unique and highly unusual relationship between the New York Jew and the Polish pope was a true spiritual bond.

For those who have always wanted to know, Levine's detailed tourist-like descriptions of the interiors of Vatican rooms and offices will appeal. For music-lovers the record of the various concert programs and performing artists will be fascinating.

Levine's voice comes through strongly in his use of direct speech, his acute observations and his humble acceptance of his own role in making history along with making music.

In many ways this inspired and creative man has penned a moving tribute to the legacy of [now] Blessed John Paul and has been profoundly moved by the experience.

Optimistic guide for the young

Spirituality You Can Live With: Stronger faith in 30 days. By Chris Padgett. Servant Books, 2011, 133pp, \$21.95. Reviewer: Janet Moyle.

The sub-title of Chris Padgett's book reads like a recipe for weight loss - stronger faith in 30 days. It's a big claim but Padgett, who has spent much of his time working with young people, is long on confidence and optimism. He has been described as one of the most dynamic and effective voices of the new evangelisation.

Padgett has impressive degrees in theology. He writes simply and engagingly in a conversational style. As indicated he tackles 30 concerns. Among these are relationships, sin and spirituality, forgiveness, solitude, God's love and dryness of soul.

His assurance contains a certain naivete. For example, at one point he states that the primary task of a mother is to see that her spouse and children get to heaven. Padgett's eight children obviously are still quite young.

I ran that statement past my friend, a more seasoned parent, for her comment. She looked at me steadily before saying, "Good luck!" My sentiments exactly.

Nevertheless there is much that is useful among these pages particularly for young adults discovering the riches of their faith.

Putting pastoral into parish councils

Making Parish Councils Pastoral. By Mark E Fischer. Paulist Press, 2010, pb 181pp, \$29.95. Reviewer: Margaret Ryan.

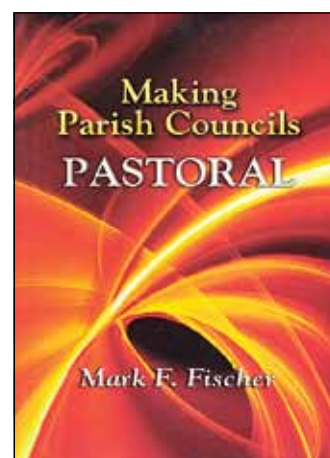
Has your parish got a functioning pastoral council? Is it doing a good job? How can you tell? As Archbishop Francis Carroll mandated parish pastoral councils (PPCs) for our archdiocese, these questions are pertinent.

Part of Fischer's motivation for writing the book is to modify an understanding of PPCs presented in his 2001 book Parish Councils in Today's Catholic Parish. In the 2010 book, he asks

are PPCs best recognised as groups that investigate, reflect and form conclusions under the parish priest's leadership? Or are they executive bodies that implement council decisions? He opts for the former role.

In chapter one, readers are invited to respond to a quiz which is used to orient them towards Catholic teaching. The next six chapters present very different situations in some American parishes where PPC guidance is sought.

The final six chapters examine the theological and spiritual underpinnings of PPCs, documentation from



Vatican II and afterwards, and allude to some US diocesan guidelines for PPCs.

Though the final chapters are more technical and may have less appeal for

some, most of the book is very readable, clear and realistic. For those who wish to pursue the topic more deeply, the end chapter notes provide excellent starting points. This is another important parish reference book.

Dr Fischer is Professor of Theology at St John's Seminary in Camarillo, California, and a prolific author of books and articles on PPCs.

If you'd like to know how PPCs are understood in Australia, go to <http://ppc.catholic.org.au/ppc/> This site was established by a committee under the direction of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference.

Hidden role of women

The Bone Gatherers. The Lost Worlds of Early Christian Women. By Nicola Denzey. Beacon Press, pb 290pp, \$34.95. Reviewer: Margaret Ryan.

Bone gatherers were people of influence and means who collected the bones of saints and martyrs to give them a proper burial. The earliest recorded one was the Roman woman Lucinda, who organised for the removal of St Peter's bones to a sacred spot, and who moved the bones of St Paul to a place where St Paul had formerly preached. Bone gatherers laid the foundations for Rome's cult of the saints.

The gospels record women who mourned for Jesus and came to tend to his body after death. Women, then and later, were seen as natural caretakers of the body, and some Roman Christian bone gatherers were patrons of the early Church. Some of them became powerful custodians and interpreters of the holy.

The writer explores the largely hidden role of women as religious and economic agents in the newly Christianised Rome. Some were so famous that they apparently lived longer than did Moses!

Denzey wished to sing stories of these lost women's lives, to use her knowledge of life in the ancient world to recreate their lives: how they experienced life, what they believed and thought about themselves.

She also explores why women came to be valued within specific narrowly defined social roles, and were eventually marginalised and rendered invisible. It's a worthy book!

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Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech thee from the bottom of my heart to succour me in my necessity (make request). There are none that can withstand thy power. O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (three times). Holy Mary, I place this prayer in thy hands (three times). This prayer must be said for three days. (Published in this issue on behalf of MP, DP, CP, PS and TP. Petitions gained after saying this prayer.)

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

ARCHDIOCESAN WOMEN'S COMMISSION TALK - Caroline Chisholm - Prophet of the Laity, talk by Clara Geoghegan, lecturer at Catholic Theological College, Melbourne, 9am to noon, Sunday, 4 September, St Patrick's School hall, Gundagai. Cost \$5. Inquiries: Judy Netting, telephone 6278 4163 or 0400 766 784.

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, Adelaide. Retreat 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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Youth visit Archbishop



ABOVE: Senior students from Marist College, Canberra joined archdiocesan vocations director Fr Emil Milat and members of the CYM team on a visit to Archbishop's House. On arrival the students were given a guided tour by Archbishop Mark Coleridge. This was followed by a barbeque lunch provided by members of the Serra Club of Canberra. The students joined Archbishop Coleridge and Fr Milat for an informal discussion before gathering for prayer in the chapel.

God's call to be holy



How can ordinary Catholics respond to God's call to be holy?

Dr Rose Marie Prosser, from the Yarra Theological Union in Melbourne, reflected on this as well as the recent history and sociology of the Church in gatherings at Goulburn and Batehaven organised by the archdiocesan Commission for Women.

Among her suggestions were to ensure there are people around you with whom you could share your deepest feelings, ensure there were opportunities to read and hear about others' journeys in life, and to be sure to make time to pray, to dialogue heart-to-heart with God.

Ms Clara Geoghegan, lecturer at the Catholic Theological College in Melbourne, will talk about Caroline Chisholm, saint of the laity, in an event hosted by the women's commission at 9am on 4 September in St Patrick's School hall, Gundagai.

ABOVE: A group of those who attended the Goulburn sessions are (from left, front) Helen McCormack (Crookwell), Sonia Burban (Canberra), Cath Drinkwater (Goulburn), Cathy Conroy (Goulburn) and Dr Rose Marie Prosser. Back: Judy Netting (women's commission chair), Denise Fisher (Black Springs) and Anne O'Brien (Yass).

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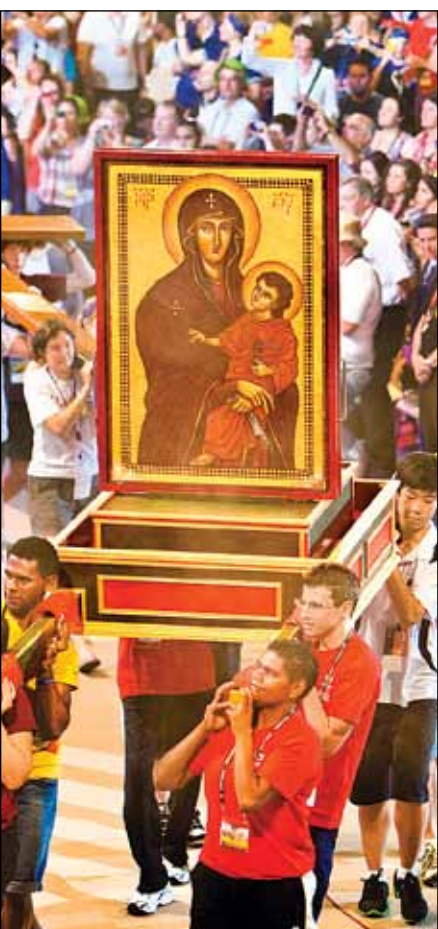
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On a visit to Australia Sr Maureen Elliott, a Franciscan Missionary of Mary, said the diocese of Hawassa in south-east Ethiopia, where she is working, has a clinic and feeding centre. It sits on the border with Somalia where refugees cross because of drought and violence. Their ability to respond is crucial, despite being an added demand on the clinic's workload and care capacity. Contact us Kate, Ruth or myself to give to Children's Mission or to become a Children's Mission Partner..

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Our pilgrims on the journey



TOP: Faces of our pilgrims (from left) Daniela Kesina, Marie Kesina and Carmel Murphy, seminarian Paul Nulley and Michelle Emmett. ABOVE: Our pilgrims on their first day in the Holy Land. LEFT: Archdiocesan pilgrim Matt Heffernan (wearing glasses) helps carry the World Youth Day icon.

RIGHT: Archbishop Mark Coleridge receives a prayer chain from an Australian pilgrim after his catechesis session. BELOW: Fr Emil Milat (centre) with some of the archdiocesan pilgrims. Pictures from WYD by Beth Doherty, Alphonsus Fok and Grace Lu and pilgrims.



What they had to say

A highlight for all seems to be our Mass in a relic boat, on the Sea of Galilee. Reliving the blessed celebration of Holy Eucharist, on the waters that Jesus walked upon, gave us all a chance to experience tranquillity and peace for the soul. [Belinda Milne](#)

Standing on Mt Nebo was the first time I really grasped and appreciated the enormity of Moses' journey for the Lord. I can say with certainty it would have taken more to convince me that what I was looking at was the Promised Land! [Michelle Emmett](#)

When we got to the vigil we were all so uncomfortable from the heat. But once we began adoration with the Pope, it all made sense. [James Moloney](#)

Despite the environment trying to get the best of us, the youth of the world proved that Jesus was at the centre of their hearts. [Nicole Blachut](#)

During time spent in adoration [at the Garden of Gethsemane] I was struck by the beauty of being able to spend time in this place of great suffering, knowing that Jesus felt every emotion I feel and suffered every suffering and more. [Erin Cassidy](#)

Upon leaving the Tomb of Christ in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre I became aware, like never before, of the hope and life given to us through the power of the resurrection. [Daniela Kesina](#)

I could only imagine how Moses and his followers felt when they finally saw the Promised Land – the vastness of seeing what Moses and the Israelites had sought for so long was poignant. [Cheryl Hamill](#)



Pope Benedict XVI greets the crowd after arriving in Madrid.

The Brazilians who had set up camp next to the archdiocesan pilgrims.