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## We make most of funding

Schools in the Archdiocese have maximised use of the Federal Government's Building the Education Revolution funding, students at Sacred Heart Primary School, Pearce, were told.

Head of religious education and curriculum services at the Catholic Education Office Mrs Mary Dorrian said the funding had been "an amazing gift to our schools".

She praised the school for being a "recognised leader in quality Catholic education". In terms of facilities, it was now "almost unrecognisable".

The school was the latest to hold a blessing and opening ceremony for its new facilities.

Bishop Pat Power blessed a new multi-purpose hall and relocated and refurbished library, costing nearly \$3 million. Member for Canberra Ms Gai Brodtmann officially opened the facilities.

RIGHT: Students take part in the liturgy at the opening.



## A letter from Rome

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# It's all set for assembly

Registrations are looking strong for this month's assembly which will explore the future direction of the Archdiocese.

"It looks like it will be a full house," Archdiocesan director of pastoral support services Mr Shawn van der Linden said.

The assembly with the theme, "The Changing face of Sunday", will be held on Saturday, 12 November, at the Rheinberger Centre, Yarralumla.

"Despite the Council of Priests only recently giving the go ahead for the assembly, registrations immediately started coming in, in strong numbers," Mr van der Linden said.

"There have been lots of e-mail and phone enquiries and there is clearly a lot of interest across the whole Archdiocese, which is so encouraging.

"People are really responding to Archbishop Mark's invitation to share their thoughts and ideas about future possibilities for our local Church, in the context of contemporary challenges and opportunities.

"This assembly provides the opportunity for a whole new type of shared commitment to ownership, planning and decision making in our local Church."

Free accommodation is available at the Canberra House of Prayer in Yarralumla for those who are travelling more than three hours to attend.

"We hope this will help people wanting to participate who felt they could not due to costs," Mr van der Linden said.

"We also need to get more young people attending. Young people bring an energy and enthusiasm to the Church - we saw that at World Youth Day.

coordination youth and young adults), Mrs Helen Delahunty (Archdiocesan financial administrator) and the Vicar General Mgr John Woods. St Francis Xavier College principal Mr Angus Tulley will be master of ceremonies.



"We need young people to come along and share their experiences."

The six facilitators for the consultation sessions are: Mr van der Linden, Mr Matt Casey (Archdiocesan coordinator parish support), Mr Shane Dwyer (Archdiocesan coordinator faith formation and spirituality), Miss Daniela Kesina (Archdiocesan

For background information on the theme and to help prepare for the assembly, go to [www.cgassembly.org.au/](http://www.cgassembly.org.au/)

There are options for people unable to attend but who want to contribute. Responses to the background document may be emailed to [sharon.brewer@catholiclife.org.au](mailto:sharon.brewer@catholiclife.org.au).

The website also includes a link to an online discussion to share ideas and thoughts before and after the assembly.

The website will also be used to present a summary of the key outcomes, including a video of the keynote address.

## DISCUSSION TOPICS

1. How many Sunday Masses are needed?
2. Sunday liturgy: challenges and opportunities
3. Work/ life/ family balance and Sunday: how do we understand "Sabbath rest" in contemporary society?
4. Youth and young adults and Sunday: how can the Catholic community engage with younger generations?
5. Sunday and the many who are not attending Sunday Mass
6. Sunday collections: a new spirituality of giving.

To attend, people must register at [www.cgassembly.org.au](http://www.cgassembly.org.au) or contact Sharon Brewer, telephone 6163 4300. Those needing accommodation should also contact Ms Brewer.



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# College head vies for national award

A Catholic school principal was one of seven finalists from around Australia to be nominated as secondary principal of the year.

Mr Michael Lee, principal of St Mary MacKillop College, was named the ACT finalist in the inaugural Australian Awards for Outstanding Teaching and School Leadership.

The awards were run by the Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership.

College board chair Mr Tony Visentin said it was a significant achievement for Mr Lee.

"It reflects well on the qualities of leadership he has brought to his role at MacKillop and a considerable reflection on the calibre of the college," he said.

College captains Seanne Inkpen and Adam Refki said Mr Lee's selection as a finalist was



well deserved, given the impact he had had on the college since he arrived in 2008.

"We have always known that Mr Lee was a good principal, but having had the privilege of working so closely with him this year, we have seen just how dedicated he is to the MacKillop cause," they said.

The citation written by the institute said Mr Lee

"sets high expectations, encourages staff to be innovative and adventurous in their teaching and has creatively restructured leadership teams to meet the needs of the school community".

It said his professionalism and confident leadership had helped the college to become a vital, collaborative learning community.

The winner of the secondary principal award was Mr David Hamlett, of Taroom High School, Tasmania.

## Award for Catholic Voice

Catholic Voice won the award for best layout and design in newspapers at the annual awards of the Australasian Catholic Press Association, held in Adelaide.

The judge commented that the newspaper had "bright, interesting layouts which invite readership.

"It makes good use of photographs which are sharp and well-composed. Headings are good and more than just labels.

"Each issue features excellent kids' pages with photos and illustrations.

Interesting columns, eg, Why I do what I do and What do you know? add design interest to pages. Spot colour is used to advantage."

The award for best newspaper went to The Sandpiper, of Sandhurst Diocese.

## what do you know?

1. Who is the new leader of the Sisters of St Joseph of Goulburn?
2. Which archdiocesan school closes this year?
3. Which one will be officially opened this month?
4. Jubilarians Fr Paul Bateman and Fr Bill Keating were both chaplains of what?
5. Which well-known national Church organisation is celebrating its centenary?
6. What is Wakakirri?

Answers bottom Page 4.

## From near and far New link for arboretum



Canberra's National Arboretum now has a link with an international association of Catholic lay men.

Grand president of the Catenian Association Briton Mr Tony Godden (right) was one of the latest visitors to the national capital to plant a tree at the arboretum, which is set on 250 hectares off the Tuggeranong Parkway and near Lake Burley Griffin.

Mr Godden added to a growing forest of Western Queensland white gums. He was helped by chairman of the board of governors of the National Arboretum Mr John Mackay.

The Catenian Association has more than 10,000 members in Australia, Great Britain, Ireland, Malta, South Africa, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

## Art show to aid church



Jugiong's fourth art exhibition will be held at the Memorial Hall starting on Friday, 18 November, with the opening and a cocktail party, and continuing over the weekend of 19 and 20 November.

It will raise funds for St John the Evangelist Church, Jugiong.

Feature artist will be Jenny Nuthall, of Binalong, who is a popular exhibitor of watercolour paintings.

The exhibition will be opened by Annabel Wallace, who has had a distinguished career in the arts and arts administration.

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ABOVE: A photograph by Anne Ford of the Murrumbidgee River at Jugiong



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Phoebe Davies, Marie Le Brin & friends  
Natalia Harvey with friends



## O come all ye faithful...

Everyone in the Archdiocese is invited by Archbishop Mark Coleridge to celebrate the spirit of Christmas by attending the annual Carols of the Nations.

The event will take place from 2pm to 4pm on Sunday, 18 December at Archbishop's House.

A sausage sizzle, tea, coffee and soft drinks will be on sale.

Children are invited to bring baby Jesus from the nativity set for Archbishop Coleridge to bless.

## Students hear of life on missions

About 450 students from around the Archdiocese listen to Sr Patti Jo Crockett, of the Missionaries of God's Love Sisters, tell of her experiences in indigenous missions. She was speaking at the annual Children's Mission Mass held at St Peter Chanel's Church, Yarralumla, and celebrated by Bishop Pat Power.



## 'Rancour not passion' in Church

Extremism around the Church is a significant problem and contributes to its poor image with the outside world, the vice-chancellor of the Australian Catholic University said in Canberra.

Speaking at a Guinness & God event hosted by CatholicLIFE and ACU, Prof Greg Craven said: "This is not simply passion and conviction, but rancour within the Church."

"It particularly worries me when I see opposite ends of the Church treating each other in a way that seems to outsiders as a scandal."

"I have a dear Jewish friend who says to me 'I will believe you Catholics about love the day you start loving each other, let alone the day you start loving me', and that worries me".

Prof Craven referred to "a basic lack of charity and love" between opposing groups within the Church, who knew what they opposed but refused to see the fundamental similarities with their opponents. "If God is the centre of our being and our world, certain things follow."

"When I think of my God and my Church I think of a sort of centrist and urbane and civilised God; of all the qualities that come from the heart of God, who is never shrill, never nasty, never petty and never ever a sort of loser."

"That is not to say that God does not have determined views. One holds to absolute truth and one fights hard but one does not spit, and it seems to me in our modern day that there a little too much spitting going on."

Prof Craven referred to the rise of militant atheism which he said was incredibly confident and particularly hostile to Catholicism. He said it was a key challenge for the Australian Church to develop a public intellectual strand to engage in debate and defend positions.

The father-of-four and former constitutional lawyer also shared some thoughts on politics. He said being a Catholic politician is "an absolute nightmare" but that it was wonderful to see a coalition of faith emerging on key issues such as abortion and euthanasia.

## New style for youth ministry

A new style of youth leadership will emerge next year in Catholic schools across the Archdiocese with the National Evangelisation Team Ministries running youth retreats.

After review and consultation, Archbishop Mark Coleridge has decided the Archdiocese will not run its own youth ministry team next year.

Instead, a group of up to six young people from NET Ministries, which comprises Australians as well as young people from the US, Canada and New Zealand, will be based in the Archdiocese and run

retreats and camps for students.

Archdiocesan coordinator of youth and young adults Miss Daniela Kesina said while demand from schools had never been stronger, ongoing difficulties with recruiting volunteers for a local team meant a new approach was needed.

"Although it is disappointing, because our own Catholic Youth Ministry team has been such a success in so many ways and something we have passionately believed in, this also presents us with a great opportunity to stimulate

new ideas and ways of operating," Miss Kesina said.

"The Archdiocesan Youth Office will administer the NET team and will recruit a parish and schools youth ministry coordinator to perform that role and explore new opportunities."

"Where God shuts one door, another opens, and we are excited by the prospect of working with new and talented people and gaining a new perspective on youth ministry for our Archdiocese."

A total of 35 full-time volunteers have served the CYM team over eight years.

One of the real strengths of the program has been its

faith formation and members have gone on to serve the Church in leadership roles, including diocesan priesthood.

"The CYM team has been a terrific breeding ground for youth leaders," Miss Kesina said.

"The Archdiocese is lucky to have so many talented young people so well formed in their Catholic faith."

Miss Kesina, a former CYM member, said retreat bookings for next year were predicted to be higher than ever. Information: Miss Daniela Kesina at the Archdiocesan Youth Office, telephone 6163 4300.

## Income support change call

Catholic Social Services Australia proposed a more streamlined income support system aimed at ensuring an adequate minimum standard of living in its submission to the Federal Government's Tax Forum in Canberra last month.

Bishop Pat Power, board member of the organisation which represents 69 agencies and serves 1 million people around Australia, told the forum it recommended the establishment of an independent Australian Entitlements Commission.

The commission would set and adjust adequate standards of living in a transparent way.

The independent body would be outside the political process and set entitlements for people on welfare in a similar way to the Remuneration Tribunal which set salaries for judges and parliamentarians.

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CSSA believed the model proposed by the Australian Council of Social Services for a minimum standard of living to cover basic living expenses, with supplements for disability, caring, housing rents and related matters, was sound.

Bishop Power pointed to the Newstart unemployment allowance of \$35 a day. "To expect people to live on \$35 a day is unreasonable," he said.

The gap between the Newstart allowance and other pensions and allowances had increased markedly.

At times people could not get employment despite their best efforts.

On the issue of the GST which was raised at the forum, Bishop Power said historically the Australian Catholic Welfare Commission, which preceded the CSSA, had opposed the tax and when it was becoming a reality had successfully opposed it being levied on food.

"We see taxation across the board has a greater effect on the poorer in the community because everyone paid the same amount of tax without having the same capacity to pay," he said.

At the forum, Bishop Power also spoke about the plight of the working poor.

He said he had at times supported cleaners, who were a hidden group of mainly migrant women who often found it very hard to advocate on their own behalf.

"It is important the plight of people such as these is not just overlooked," he said.

He quoted former Governor-General Sir William Deane, who observed that society was best judged by the way in which it treated its most vulnerable members.

Bishop Power told the gathering that he hoped that a group such as it, made up of the powerful, rich and privileged, would have a heart for people less fortunate.

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I write this from Rome as we approach the end of the first week of the Ad Limina visit. It's been a hectic week of meetings, culminating in this morning's audience with Pope Benedict.

During the pontificate of John Paul II, the practice was for the Pope to receive each bishop individually for about 15 minutes. These private audiences became more difficult for the Pope as he got older, but he still maintained the heavy schedule. This was never the practice of Pope Paul VI or his predecessors, all of whom met bishops in groups during the Ad Limina visits.

Individual bishops were free to see the Pope personally if they had some special business to discuss, but normally the bishops were received together. In his first years, Pope Benedict continued the practice of his predecessor and received bishops individually.

But that has changed in more recent times as the Pope has aged and the number of bishops grown. The change is perfectly understandable: John Paul II was a mere 58 when he was elected but Benedict XVI was 20 years older.

This morning, the Pope received seven of us. We greeted him and had an individual photograph with him, we then spoke one by one about the challenges facing us in our dioceses, the Pope following carefully and asking perceptive questions of each of us.

The conversation ranged far and wide, given that we had in the group not only Canberra and Goulburn but also Brisbane, Hobart, Darwin, Port Pirie, Cairns and the Chaldean eparchy.

After our conversation of about 45 minutes, we gathered for a group photo before the Pope presented us with a gift and farewelled us as both he and we bustled off to the next engagement.

He had another audience with a large group of Italian public officials; I and the other Archbishops had a meeting with the Holy See's Foreign Minister, who happens to be an old

## Refreshing business of Ad Limina



Archbishop Mark Coleridge (third from left) on his way to a papal audience with fellow bishops Gibrail Kassab, John Bathersby, James Foley and Adrian Doyle.

friend of mine from the days when I worked in the Vatican.

Through the week we have also had great moments of celebration as we offered Mass together at St Peter's Tomb, St Paul's Tomb and in the great Basilica of St Mary Major.

These moments of prayer are the fundament of the Ad Limina experience and make it very much more than just a business trip or a political exercise.

Tomorrow, we go on a little pilgrimage to Subiaco not far from Rome where St Benedict began his extraordinary journey which brought an entire new culture and civilisation to birth.

Being Mark Benedict in Baptism, I have always had a devotion to St Benedict and I find Subiaco one of the most evocative places on earth. To sit in the cave where Benedict began is like sitting in the womb from which medieval and modern Europe were born after the fall of the Roman Empire in the West. The fall of the empire brought chaos, and Benedict's wholly original response to the chaos was to go into his cave from which Western monasticism was born.

I have often thought that we live in a time when we need a new Benedict. He is a figure – like Antony of Egypt or Francis of Assisi – who by taking a path of unpredictable and radical holiness enabled a whole new way of being human, both individually and socially.

I guess we always stand in need of such figures, but especially perhaps in a time like this, which is also a twilight time of the kind that Antony, Benedict and Francis knew.

One the difficulties is that you can't plan or manage figures like them. They simply pop up out of nowhere to live what seems at first a kind of madness, but which appears eventually as a deep and radiant humanity that speaks of God in the most compelling way.

On Sunday, we have a day of recollection at the new Domus Australia,

so again we will be in prayer. The day will conclude with Mass at which Cardinal Pell will consecrate the new altar in the Chapel of St Peter Chanel which is part of the splendid Domus complex.

Then on Wednesday next the Holy Father will come to the Domus to open it officially. This will be a great occasion, and I spoke to the Pope about it this morning. He is delighted that there will now be a hearth in Rome for Australian pilgrims, and I told him that, in my view, it was long overdue. Australians have long been part of Rome, and the Roman experience has long been part of Australia. But we have tended to be cuckoos, looking to other nests where we might find a home.

Now, Australians will have a base in the city that they can call home. The place is in some ways very Roman, but it is in other ways very Aussie. As the Pope said this morning, Australia is physically very distant, but it is never far from his heart or from the heart of Rome; and the Domus will say that, as does the Pope in another way by agreeing to opening it officially. My hope is that many pilgrims from the Archdiocese will pass through its doors.

I haven't mentioned the many business meetings that have filled our first week and will fill our second as well – not because they are unimportant, but simply because they are not where the Ad Limina visit starts and ends.

We have had intense discussions about large and complex matters through these days, and that will continue through next week. But these discussions have all been within the context of prayer and communion, which is why even the most difficult discussions can be touched by the peace and joy which only Jesus can give.

The Ad Limina visit is certainly no holiday; it's hard work. But it's the kind of hard work that is deeply refreshing.

*Mark Coleridge*

## NOVEMBER DIARY

### Archbishop Mark Coleridge

- 1 Vespers, cathedral
- 2 CCD Mass, Goulburn
- 3 NSW and ACT Bishops meeting
- 4 St Clare's College assembly; Mother Teresa School, Harrison opening
- 5 Southern Cross Care Harden opening
- 6-11 Clergy retreat, Galong
- 12 Archdiocesan Assembly
- 13 Mass with Eden community
- 14 St Matthew's School, Page, BER opening
- 15 St Thomas More, Campbell, BER opening
- 17 Council of Priests
- 18 St Anthony's, Wanniasa, BER opening; ordination, Cathedral
- 21 -25 Australian Bishops meeting

### Bishop Pat Power

- 1 All Saints Day
- 3 NSW and ACT Bishops' meeting, Sydney
- 5,6 Mass, Campbell parish
- 6-11 Annual priests' retreat, Galong
- 12 Archdiocesan Assembly
- 15 Catholic Social Services Australia meeting
- 16 ACT Churches Council Executive; CCD Mass, Cooma; Secondary school principals, Galong
- 17 Council of Priests meeting
- 18 Mass at Maconachie Centre
- 20-27 Meeting at Pontifical Council for Health Care, Rome
- 29 Archdiocesan Finance Council

## New Josephites leader

The Sisters of St Joseph Goulburn elected a new congregational leader, Sr Kerrie Cusack, at a gathering at St Joseph's Convent, North Goulburn.

She succeeds Sr Noelene Quinane.

Sr Laraine Crowe (first assistant), Sr Colleen Howe, Sr Carmel Drew and Sr Marie McAlister

They will share aspects of leadership of the congregation with Sr Kerrie. The new team will take up office on 8 December, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

At their 15th general chapter, the sisters pledged themselves to continue actively pursuing "one-



Sr Kerrie Cusack

ness" with the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart.

They also declared a renewed and sustained commitment to the people of rural regions.

The sisters gave a strong commitment to "right relationships" in the area of ecological stewardship.

Outgoing leader Sr Noelene expressed appreciation for the Spirit-filled process of the chapter year.

She extended prayerful wishes to the new team as they prepared to take up their ministry of leadership.



# A glance at finances of the Archdiocese

**By Archdiocesan financial administrator Helen Delahunty**

The Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn encompasses 57 parishes which includes over 230,000 parishioners.

The Archdiocese also has many and varied services including pastoral support, clergy welfare, parish support, education, welfare and children and family support services.

These graphs (see right) represent the income and expenses for just part of the vast range of these services.

The Archdiocese in this case represents the Archbishop's pastoral and administration offices.

The total income for the Archdiocese for the 2010 year was almost \$4.9 million. Almost half of that sum was derived from the operations of the Catholic Development Fund.

Parish levies represent 12 per cent of the total income, which equates to around \$600,000.



The expenses total around \$4.6 million, and so for the 2010 year, there was a surplus of \$300,000. The previous year, there had been a loss of \$245,000. We are covering our costs, but not by much.

The way the income is used is wide and varied.

There is the administration load of making sure all staff and clergy are paid, the clergy, both active and retired are adequately looked after, the semi-

narians of the Archdiocese and staff for the Archbishop's office.

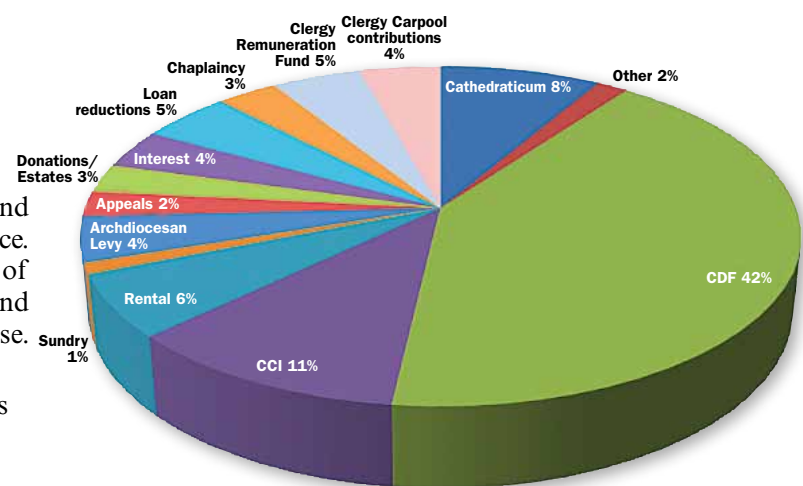
There is also a range of grants to various groups and services in the archdiocese. These include:

- Catholic Communications
- Catholic Bookshop
- Tribunal
- Pastoral evangelisation for adults and young people
- Charities and Mission office
- Archdiocesan commissions
- Various groups and movements

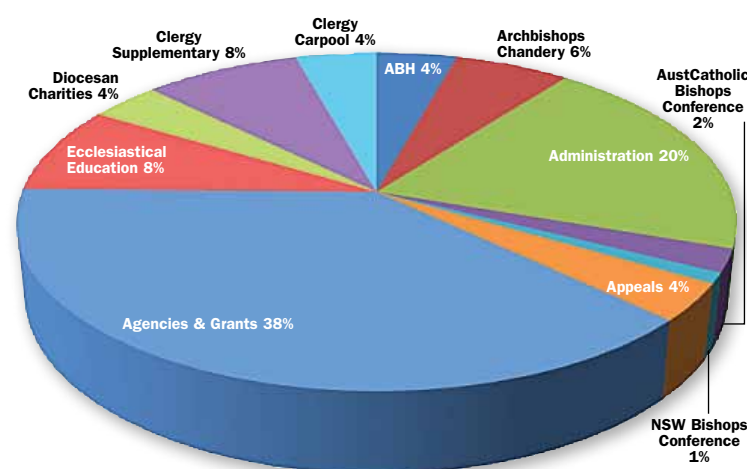
The plan for the sustainable future of the Archdiocese includes using our resources to build our very meagre current investment portfolio so that we can be less reliant on income sources that are dwindling.

The great work in proclaiming God's word is not dependent on the amount of money we have, but we have to be judicious custodians of the treasures we have.

**Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn Income**



**Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn Expenses**



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# Parish gives delight to desperate orphans



Moruya parishioner Sandy McFarlane nurses one of the babies at Baby Haven orphanage in South Africa.

Children at two African orphanages were delighted to receive new handmade clothes from generous parishioners in Moruya.

Mrs Sandy McFarlane and a group of friends spent the past few months sewing dresses, shirts and shorts out of cotton pillowcases to donate to Nkosi's Haven and Baby Haven in South Africa.

"I had planned to take only my baggage allowance when I flew to Africa, but so many ladies wanted to help," Mrs McFarlane said.

"The ladies of our craft group at St Mary's got behind me and sewed dresses and shorts and they asked the headmistress at St Mary's Primary School if they could

help fund-raise for me to take extra baggage."

The school raised \$400, which covered the cost of delivering 355 dresses, 50 pairs of shorts and a large collection of underwear, knitted baby clothes and toys. The donations were a big hit at Nkosi's, which cares for HIV/AIDS affected mothers and their babies, as well as the orphans of parents with AIDS.

Mrs McFarlane said the children loved the clothes and toys, but especially the balloons. "It was great to hear the delighted cries of the children," she said.

Next year she will be focusing her efforts on even poorer areas of South Africa.



Sandy McFarlane hands out toys and clothes at Nkosi's Haven orphanage in South Africa.

## They're all coming back to celebrate at Bay jubilee

A reunion will be held at St Bernard's Primary, Batehaven, on 20 November to celebrate 75 years since the opening of the first Catholic primary school in the parish.

Originally known as St Joseph's, the school was established in 1936 and administered by the Sisters of St Joseph.

It was located in the main street of the Batemans Bay shopping area.

In 1982, the school moved to its present site in David Street and was renamed St Bernard's.

The Josephites ran the school for 63 years, until the first lay principal was appointed in 2000.



An early school photo taken at St Joseph's (above) and years 5 and 6 in 1973 (right).


All past staff and students are invited to a thanksgiving Mass, which will be celebrated at 9am.

It will be followed by morning tea and a chance for people to catch up and share their stories. Guests are asked to bring along photographs or memorabilia from their school days to add to a display.




Cost is \$25 per person, which should be sent as a cheque or money order payable to St Joseph's Reunion at PO Box 56, Batemans Bay, NSW 2536.

Please RSVP with payment by 10 November. Inquiries: Maureen Kinross, telephone 4472 1282.



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## Baptism brings back memories

Back in 1989, seven Koori children from Eden and Bega were baptised in a group ceremony by Fr Gerard Monaghan.

Now parents themselves, the group decided they wanted to have their own children baptised in a similar way, so they turned to Bega parishioners Annette and Jim Scott.

The pair had been instrumental in arranging the 1989 baptism and had ensured that elements of Aboriginal culture were incorporated into the traditional sacramental ceremony.

They were faced with a difficult task, as the families now all lived in different parts of New South Wales.



They had hoped to have 16 children at the ceremony but not everyone could attend, so Fr Bernie Patterson baptised 11 Koori children at St Patrick's Church, Bega.

ABOVE: The proud parents are pictured with their children after the service.

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# St Mary's legacy on the move

It will be an emotional weekend on 12-13 November as people gather to celebrate 120 years of Catholic education in Eden and officially say goodbye to St Joseph's Primary.

Established by St Mary of the Cross MacKillop as a thank you to the town for its care of her mother's remains after her body washed up on the coast of Greencape, the school has become an Eden icon.

"Even though this is a parish school, there seems to be a sense of ownership from the town, so the people of Eden will no doubt feel its loss," St Joseph's principal Mrs Anne Maddock said.

"We owe a debt of gratitude to the community over the years that the school was able to continue as long as it has."

Mr John Liston, who has taught at St Joseph's since 1983, recalled how the school reflected changes in the sea port town.

"When the fishing and woodchip industries were at their peak, St Joseph's had more than 180 students," he said.

"I remember teaching in an Anglican hall down the road until the buildings caught up."

"But as those industries started to decline, so did our numbers."

Mr Liston said he had seen St Joseph's have a remarkable impact on the students who attended.

"There is a long tradition of people who've gone to this school going on to do great things."

"My three children all went here. They then went on to uni and are now all involved in teaching or other service careers. They really picked up on the Mary MacKillop spirit."

Part of the reason that spirit has been so well fostered is that there has been at least one Sister of St Joseph on staff for the entire life of the school.

As the last Josephite teacher, Sr Rosemary Hart said she was honoured to have helped maintain St Mary's legacy – one she believes will continue long after the school closes.

"It is heart wrenching to think that what we had for the past 120 years is about to end, but you can't hang on to something simply for the sake of sentimentality," she said.

"Even though we're finishing here, this is not the end of Catholic education in the parish. It's a new beginning. We will continue Mary MacKillop's mission to provide Catholic education to as many children on the far south coast as possible."

St Joseph's students have been invited to continue their Catholic primary education at Lumen Christi College in Pambula, which will be operating as a kindergarten to year 12 school from the beginning of 2013.

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The final group of staff and students at St Joseph's Primary Eden, which closes at the end of the year.

## Help Keep Christianity Alive in the Land of Christ's Birth

The Holy Father's concern for the Christian presence in the Holy Land and Middle East led him to call on the Catholic charity Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) to prioritise support for a Church that is "threatened in its very existence". Benedict's XVI's plea for the faithful in the Middle East follows an upsurge of anti-Christian fundamentalism, which has helped cause a mass exodus from the region.

Among the places worst affected is the Holy Land, where the number of Christians has dwindled to barely 150,000. Over the past 60 years, the percentage of Christians in Bethlehem has plummeted from 85% of the population to only 12%. In Jerusalem the figure has fallen from 20% to just 1.1%. What would Christmas Day at the birthplace of Christ be like if the faithful were no longer there to gather, worship and celebrate?

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*a centenary of canberra's catholics*

# Family pioneers of rural life

**In the ninth in a series of portraits of significant Catholics of the national capital, archdiocesan historian Fr Brian Maher remembers Jim Rochford.**

Alexander Rochford, aged 22, arrived in Australia in 1863 from Bannow, County Wexford.

He walked from Melbourne to Queanbeyan to join his brother John at Yarralumla working on the property of Irishman Terence A Murray.

They conducted a small leased farm there.

Alexander married Elizabeth Rolfe in 1872. By 1882 they moved with several children to Bedulluck near Hall and developed a farm, Forest View, from virgin bush.

The district contained many small farms for families such as McCarthy, Hibberson, McAuliffe, O'Rourke, Rolfe, Cavanagh, Ryan, Coulton, Blundell, who formed the nucleus of a Catholic community.

A son, George Rochford, married Alice Curran and developed Forest View into a successful farm.

Their children were Zena (Coulton), Ronald, James, Bernard, Clarence, Kathleen (Curll) and Alma (Endean).

The boys grew up, hardened by farm work, being physically strong and self reliant.

Ron and Jim, at age 11 and eight, took a dray loaded with wheat over rough roads and creeks to Crago's Mill at Yass, about 50km away, to be milled.

They slept overnight under the dray and returned home next day with milled flour.

The children walked more than 3km to Glenwood Public School.

Jim left school at 14 and got casual jobs at Jeir Station, the largest property nearby, but it was great Depression time so there was only tucker provided, no cash for work done.

Then he joined a team of shearers working as a rouseabout in sheds through wartorn NSW as far as Broken Hill. He attended a course in Sydney for shearing machine "experts".

Boarding in North Sydney, aged 20, he walked each day to East Sydney over the new Harbour Bridge to save the 3d fare. On his return home, he rejoined the shearing team to care for the machinery and shears.

After some years he took over a declining blacksmith shop in 1938 and

began to deal in agricultural requisites and motor vehicle repairs. In 1939, he joined the AIF, serving in transport units in New Guinea.

On returning home to Hall, he expanded his business taking on agencies and dealerships for vehicles, refrigerators and household appliances.

With growing success, he bought a farm of about 490 hectares (1200 acres) on Wallaroo Road, grazing up to 4000 sheep.

Jim with his brother Ron played a major role in the Hall Agricultural Show, which later developed into the Royal Canberra Agricultural Show.

Ron Rochford became for many years the public face of this event.

Meanwhile, their brothers Bernard and Clarence joined the police force. Bernard had a very successful police career, serving in the Northern Territory and finally being appointed a

police commissioner in the ACT. Clarrie stayed in NSW.

When the Little Company of Mary came to open Calvary, Jim wanted to do his best to help the sisters, so he attended the first auxiliary meeting, which he described as 70 women and one man.

Jim was appointed to an executive position and was forced to ponder financial matters.

In 1979, he decided to conduct an art show, an idea suggested by his artist friend Averil Muller. For eight years he organised this event with the guidance of Averil.

They solicited top professional artists to exhibit works with outstanding success.

Jim developed skills as a picture framer which he continued to old age.

With increasing demands on his business, and art show politics and bureaucracy pressing him, he withdrew and the project collapsed, after raising thousands of dollars for Calvary.

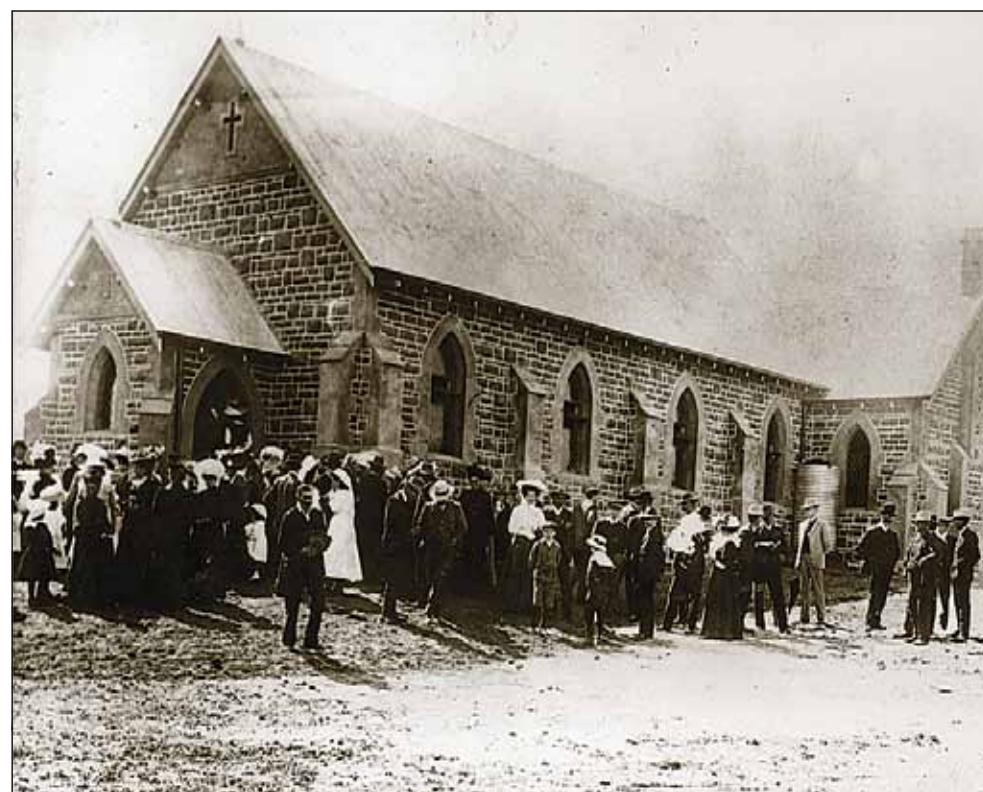
Jim was active in local civic life promoting his village of Hall to gain essential services such as reticulated water, electricity and sewerage, yet retaining its village atmosphere.

He organised a memorial as a tribute to ex-World War 2 servicemen with



LEFT: Jim Rochford ... active in local civic life promoting the village of Hall, but seeking to retain its atmosphere.

BELOW: The historic St Francis Xavier Church at Hall, on opening day in 1910.



the help of Rotary, of which he was a long-time member.

He published a family history, Sons of Wexford, which is a valuable social record of pioneering rural ways of life.

Jim, in later years, wrote a history of St Francis Xavier church, Hall, Catholic Churches at Ginninderra & Hall (1985), and attracted helpers to renovate the church, to repair roof and windows, plaster and flooring plus landscaping and toilets.

The Rochford, Rolfe, Southwell, Rule, Murphy and Cavanagh families had served the small community for

years, providing breakfast for the visiting priests, fund raising and maintenance.

The church centenary was celebrated last year with Archbishop Mark Coleridge as celebrant of the Mass.

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# 60-year veterans look back at how it all began

After 60 years of priesthood each, Fr Paul Bateman and Fr Bill Keating have seen plenty of changes in the Archdiocese.

They were both appointed to Canberra when it was just one big parish and later returned to minister in the capital when it was divided into more than 20.

Both men also spent a number of years as chaplains in the Royal Australian Air Force. While Fr Keating was quite comfortable in the pilot's seat, Fr Bateman preferred to travel as a passenger – but they both loved being in the air.

“I used to go up with them when they were doing aerobatics,” Fr Bateman said.

“We’d do barrel rolls and loop the loops over Lake George.”

After decades of ministry all over the Archdiocese, both priests are now retired and living on the south coast.

Looking back at what led to his vocation, Fr Keating said he almost couldn’t remember not being a priest.

Fr Bateman on the other hand said the decision to enter the seminary was almost made for him.

“I went to St Patrick’s at Goulburn for a few years, which was really seen as a preparation for the seminary. Four boys in my class were later ordained,” he said.

“People always assumed I’d enter the priesthood. I sat for a public service exam while I was at St Pat’s and one of the brothers asked, ‘what are you doing that for? Don’t you want to be a priest?’”

Fr Bateman had thought he would go home and run the family farm at Moran’s Crossing after school.

“But the parish priest booked me into the seminary so off I went,” Fr Bateman said.

“When I got to my last year I knew I really had to ask the question, what does God want me to do with my life? I prayed about it and realised that this was my vocation.”

He was ordained in Bega in 1951 and spent a short time in Temora before being assigned to Canberra.

With World War 2 not long over, there were many displaced people and Fr Bateman estimated there would have been 30 different European nationalities in the area he was ministering to.

“I tried to learn German but they were learning English faster, so we spoke a kind of pigeon English,” he said.

Fr Bateman spent 11 years in Canberra and then took on administrator positions at Young, Pambula, Ardlethan and Braddon.

By that stage he really wanted a parish of his own, so was delighted when he was appointed parish priest of Temora.

“I spent 10 years there, which was probably my happiest time,” he said.

“Western people are the easiest to get along with and the most welcoming.”

He wrote a history of the parish while he was there, the first of a number of histories he would later publish.

He also had a keen interest in researching his family, who hail from Ireland. He even had the opportunity to work in an Irish parish while he was overseas visiting relatives.

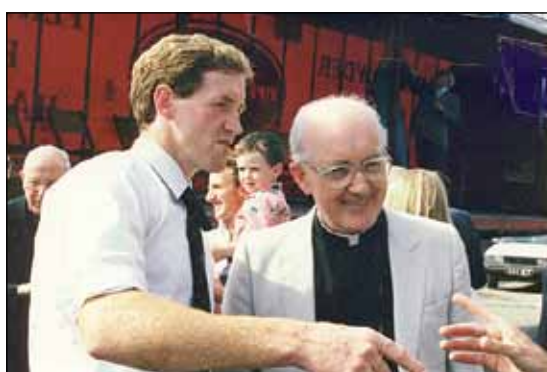
After Temora he relocated to Aranda for eight years, was appointed to Boorowa and then finally Gundagai.

Following a period of ill health Fr Bateman retired but continues to supply to a number of western deanery parishes and to his home parish of Bega. “In my time I’ve celebrated 25,000 or more Masses and given the Bread of Life to more than half a million people,” Fr Bateman said.

“I’ve heard countless confessions – but not so many recently. Reconciliation used to be a big thing and I’d spend hours each week listening to confession. It’s a sacrament that allows people to grow, when used properly. I think its decline is a real shame.”

He was involved in a number of organisations during his ministry, including the Holy Name Society, Young Catholic Workers, Legion of Mary and the Catholic Women’s League.

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TOP: Fr Bill Keating (second from right) and Fr Paul Bateman (far right) are joined by Bega parish priest Fr Bernie Patterson and Bishop Pat Power as they celebrate their 60th anniversary of ordination.

ABOVE: Fr Paul Bateman with clan chieftain Christy Heffernan at a gathering in Tipperary, Ireland.

RIGHT: A younger Fr Bill Keating.



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## You can count on CCI

By Archbishop Philip Wilson, president of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference

The 100th anniversary of Catholic Church Insurances is a time of celebration not only for CCI itself, but for the whole Church community in Australia.

When the Bishops of Australia decided in 1911 to create their own insurance company to provide fire insurance for Church property, they could not have envisaged the sophisticated and diversified general insurance and financial services provider that Catholic Church Insurances has become. But despite its impressive growth and development over the years, CCI has never lost sight of its core mission – to serve Church. Anyone in the Church who has endured difficulty or hardship, whether it be fire, flood, theft, property damage, accident or injury knows that they can count on CCI to get them back on their feet again. This allows the various arms and activities of the Church to operate with confidence and to concentrate their efforts on the one great mission we all share: to actively love God and our neighbour, and to be God's presence in our world.

I am delighted to congratulate Catholic Church Insurances on the occasion of their 100th anniversary. I thank them for their outstanding commitment to the Catholic Church in Australia and wish them every blessing as they embark on another century of service.

# A century and growing strong

Catholic Church Insurances (CCI) is celebrating its 100th anniversary in 2011 by thanking the people it holds most dear – its valued clients in the church community and beyond.

CCI began from simple origins in 1911 when the Catholic bishops of Australia decided that it was prudent for the Church to establish its own insurance company to provide fire insurance for church properties.

Today, CCI has diversified into a general insurance and financial services provider offering insurance products to church and religious institutes in Australia, including property, motor vehicle, liability, workers compensation, as well as providing personal insurance products to the broader community.

Catholic Church Insurances CEO Mr Peter Rush said the centenary celebrations provided an opportunity to reflect on CCI's history, its place in the Church today, and its vision for serving Church into the future.

"Catholic Church Insurances is proud to be the trusted partner of so many different church entities and operations," he said.

"The occasion of our centenary gives us the opportunity to thank our customers for their ongoing faith in us and to recommit ourselves to protecting their interests in the best possible way.

## Church plaque tells story of gratitude

When Fr Mick MacAndrew was first awoken in the middle of a February night in 2005 by what he recognised to be a small earth tremor, he rolled over and went back to sleep. When he was awoken an hour later by a bigger tremor, he leapt out of bed and headed for open ground.

"The first one came at 1.27am," he said. "It was a real jolt, but I'd felt earth tremors before, at Goulburn and Gunning, so I knew what it was.

"Then at 2.33am, the whole place started shaking and everything was rattling, so I raced outside, and then it subsided."

Fr MacAndrew, who was then Parish Priest at St Mary's, Bombala, immediately went to inspect the church for damage.

"Oh, it was so sad," he said. "It had split the whole wall. The next day you could see daylight through the crack, it was so big."

His first telephone call was to Catholic Church Insurances.

They quickly arranged for an engineer's report to be provided, but on the basis of that initial report, the claim was turned down.

Fr MacAndrew felt that some key areas had not been covered in the first report, including any verification with geo-

"There's no-one we'd rather share this historic milestone with more than our valued friends, clients and partners right across the church community."

Mr Rush said CCI was one of the oldest insurance companies in Australia and that right from the beginning it was unique among its competitors.

"It has always existed not to make a profit, but to protect the interests of the church community and to return any surplus made back to the church community – in this way, helping to support the mission of the Church," he said.

Being owned by the Catholic dioceses and religious congregations of Australia, CCI continued to understand the unique needs of the church community like no other.

"It's this understanding that has helped us build a valued relationship of trust with the community we serve," Mr Rush said. "It's a trust that we never take for granted as we continually strive to grow and develop according to our clients' needs.

"We hope that our friends in the church community will join us in celebrating the centenary of Catholic Church Insurances and that together we can embark on a new century of serving Church."



logical authorities about the size of the tremor.

"So I rang the lady at CCI in Melbourne and she was so helpful," he said.

"She listened to what I was saying and she got back to me very quickly and said she would send another engineer out.

"This time, the engineers came out and did all the measurements, they got the statistics from the geological authorities and they investigated and found that other places in the town had also received damage.

"The engineer sent the report to CCI and they never quibbled. They paid on the claim.

"It was really wonderful. CCI were extremely helpful, very considerate and understanding, and good to work with."

Thanks to CCI's settlement of the claim, new walls and a new sanctuary floor were able to be built at St Mary's to replace the damaged areas.

Fr MacAndrew was so grateful to CCI and their manager in the ACT, Mr Tony Cassar, that he included them on a plaque he had made to commemorate the opening of the new section of the church.



all around the place." One of her first ports of call was to Mr John Lemm, CCI South Australian State Manager. "John's response was immediate – 'we will have an assessor there tomorrow and give you all the assistance you need'," she said.

Next day, amid the devastation, CCI insurance assessor Mr Luke Hayward arrived from Warrnambool. "His expertise was immediately evident as he

inspected and documented the damage," Mrs Larkin said. "He listened to our requests, particularly the need to be back in business for 17 October, and assured us that date was possible."

Work went ahead quickly. "We moved back into the schoolhouse on 12 October – a week before the big celebrations. The schoolhouse is stronger than ever with the roof tied down to hurricane standards."

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# They may be clients, but they are also friends

Catholic Church Insurances manager in the ACT Tony Cassar was in bed and tuned in to the ABC radio news when he heard St Joseph's Church, O'Connor, and the parish meeting room were on fire.

"I quickly changed into some warm clothes and drove to be there to support Fr (Bill) Kennedy, the parish priest," he recalls.

"Fr Kennedy was absolutely distraught at what had happened. It was apparent soon afterwards that the fire had been deliberately lit. Archbishop Mark Coleridge, who had not long taken up the position, and Bishop Pat Power came as well to support the parish community.

"A fire in a church has devastating consequences for the community, more so when it is caused by arson, a senseless crime."

The damage to St Joseph's and the meeting room was estimated at \$2.5 million. This claim was a salutary reminder of the need to have property intending to be replaced insured for the full replacement value."

The total destruction of St Mary's Church, Adamina, was equally devastating to the small local community.

"Here the question was 'what do we do now, do we rebuild?'" Mr Cassar said. "After much consultation with the stakeholders, the Archdiocese gave approval to rebuild using only the funds available through the parish insurance policy.

"The loss of St Mary's was a classic example of the option CCI offers the Archdiocese when selecting an appropriate declared value for insured property where the intention is not to replicate damaged property. The community was able to design and construct a functional building to meet the current and future needs of the parish using only the insurance money. The parish did not need to contribute its own funds."

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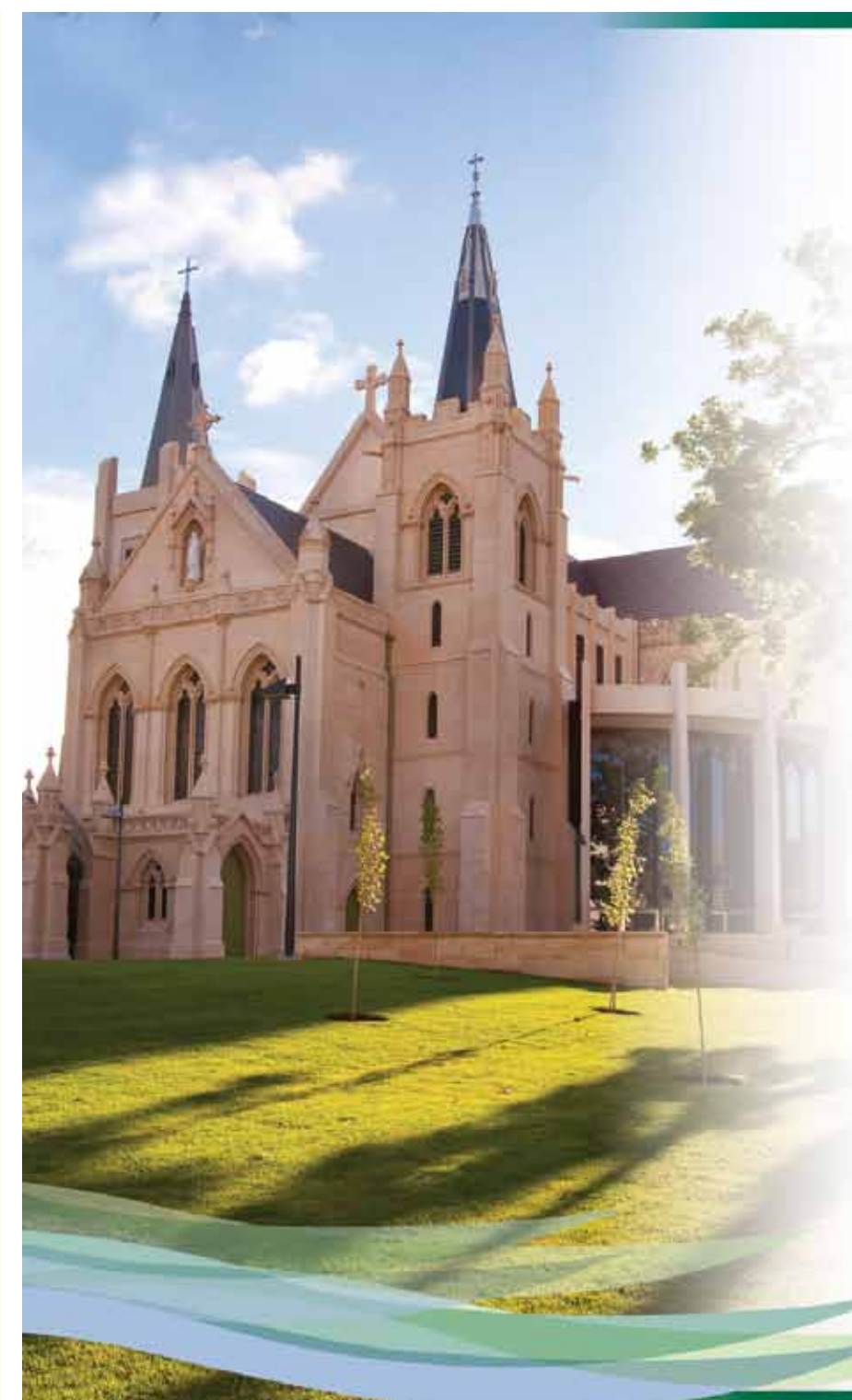
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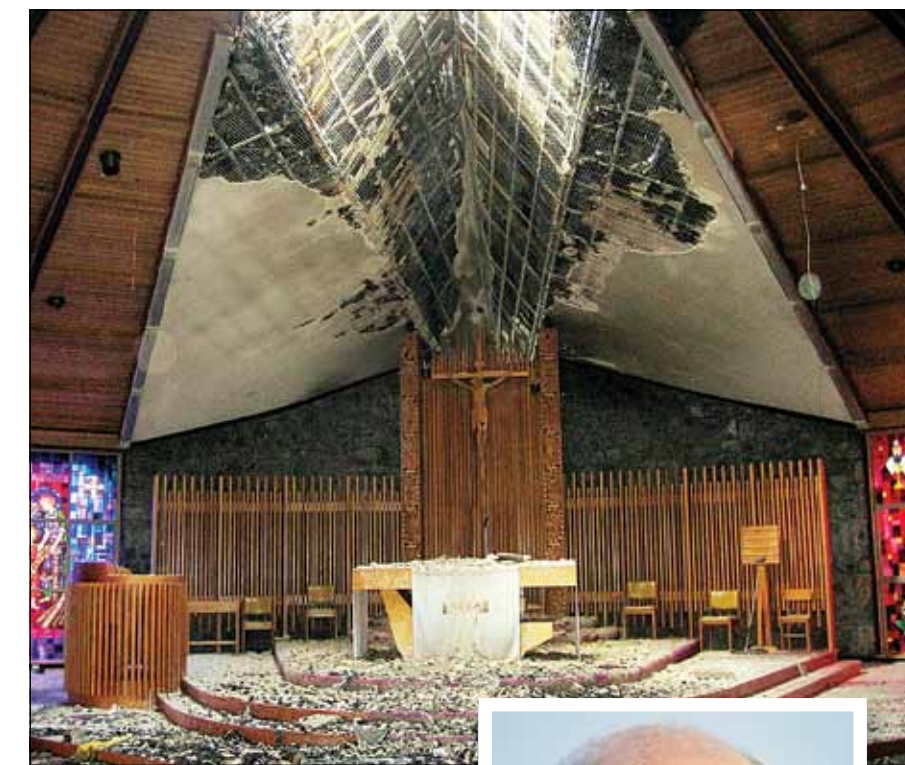
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ABOVE: The devastation inside St Joseph's Church, O'Connor, hours after the fire was extinguished. The parish today worships in a refurbished church and has the use of a new parish meeting hall.



RIGHT: CCI's ACT manager Mr Tony Cassar.

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# Veterans look back at how it all began

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"Those people were really fired up about their faith," he said.

Fr Keating and Fr Bateman were ordained just one day apart, so when their 60th anniversary came around in July they celebrated together with Mass in Fr Keating's Bermagui home. They were joined by Bishop Pat Power, Bega parish priest Fr Bernie Patterson and a small group of friends.

Fr Keating was ordained in 1951 in St Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne, by the famous Archbishop Daniel Mannix, and came to Canberra five years later.

His appointments took him to all corners of the Archdiocese, among them Cobargo, Moruya, Young, Grenfell, Bega, Boorowa, Braddon, Adaminaby, Narooma and Taralga parishes.

He spent 15 years at Moruya and was instrumental in arranging the renovation and refurbishment of the historic Sacred Heart Church.

Parishioners and visitors well remember one parish institution, daily Mass-goer and constant companion, Fr Keating's dog Kelly.

His fellow priests tell that Kelly always rode in the front passenger seat of the parish priest's car; even bishops rode in the back.

Fr Keating was an enthusiastic overseas traveller. "He travelled light," one priest recalls. "A passport, a toothbrush in his top pocket and runners on his feet. He toured Africa, the Middle East, India and Russia at different times, and lived where possible with tribal people. A man of Franciscan simplicity always."

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# The 'lucky' orphans who find someone who cares

**Michelle Fielding, a first-year nursing student at Australian Catholic University Canberra, visited Vietnam and the Sisters of Mary Queen of Peace during the holidays. She found out how tough life is for those most in need.**

All too often in our daily lives we hear of the terrible living and social conditions that people in some overseas countries deal with. Sometimes, we try to avoid it by changing the television channel, or turning the page in the newspaper, or sometimes we don't even realise what is happening at all.

But for the religious sisters of the Mary Queen of Peace congregation, this is something that they can't do.

Part of the Diocese of Buon Ma Thuot in the central highlands of Vietnam, the sisters work every day in their community and the surrounds, helping to bring about change and supporting those who need it most.

Vietnam makes headlines about its past, and needs no reminder of what happened during that time in history. That aside, the current situation in Vietnam is what it is, and the sisters are making the best of it.

One of these is Sr Mary Elizabeth Huong, principal of the Binh Minh Family School for Children with Disabilities since 2003. Located in Buon Ma Thout city, the school caters for 68 students aged from three to 20, all with a variety of physical and mental disabilities.

Monday to Friday Sr Huong is assisted by two nuns and three teach-

ing assistants to care for the children from 6.30am to 5pm. The day consists of feeding, cleaning, washing clothes and teaching the children, some of whom get their tuition fees waived on the grounds of low family income.

It's no easy assignment, but Sr Huong is ever diligent in her love and care of the children. This is reflected in the happy smiles on the students' faces and the testimonials from parents who say that even after one week at the school they can see an improvement in their children.

The economic and social situation in Vietnam is hard. According to AusAID, poverty has fallen from 58 per cent in 1993 to 12.3 per cent in 2009, but travelling around the country you wouldn't be able to tell.

Trying to look after and provide for one's family in Vietnam is enough of a challenge as it is, so it is no surprise that, because of the financial stress to care for a child with a physical or mental disability, some are orphans.

They are the lucky ones who were taken in before they were left or abandoned by their parents on the street. In Australia, access to government and social welfare is one of the things we take for granted; in Vietnam there is no such luck.

For the time being, the children at the Binh Minh Family School are relatively healthy and, most importantly, happy. Donations from overseas and in Vietnam have meant the school is able to provide for most of the students' needs.



Sr Huong and Hang Dac Thanh Ho, 8, who is physically and mentally under-developed.

One thing that the school cannot provide for without the proper facilities is a disability workshop for older students who have the capacity to learn basic life skills.

Still in the planning stages, funding and building the workshop is the next step for the sisters who work with the Binh Minh project.

They hope to have it up and running by the end of next year to be able to continue to support the families and students who attend the school.

For more information on the Binh Minh Project or to donate, contact binhminhproject@yahoo.com.

## Three vie for legal awards

Three students from Catholic colleges were in the running for university scholarships offered by a Canberra legal firm.

Amy Pyett, from Daramalan College, Khabilan Rukmanikanthan, from Marist College, and Nelson Mendonca, from St Mary MacKillop Catholic College, were among eight candidates seeking the two Snedden Hall & Gallop university scholarships for legal studies.

Catriona Schleiger, from Canberra Girls Grammar, and Vanisha Nand, from Hawker College, won the scholarships, which offer \$6000 each over the first three years of legal studies.



Nelson Mendonca receives a certificate from the firm's founding partner Mr Allan Hall.

## St Mary's legacy on the move

● From Page 7.

"We're really pioneering education again, as this will be the first K-12 college in the Archdiocese," Sr Rosemary said.

"So we're carrying on Mary's pioneering legacy too."

With Lumen Christi enrolments now finalised, Mrs Maddock said she was pleased to announce that most of the St Joseph's students would be making the transition to Pambula with her.

She will be Head of Primary at the expanded college, and is look-

ing forward to the new start. But there are some things about the little Eden school that nowhere else can compete with.

"We will miss the site and its extraordinary views," she said.

"There's no greater joy than standing on bus duty in the afternoon and watching the whales breaching.

"It has been a real privilege to be the final principal at St Joseph's."

For details about the farewell celebrations, contact Anne Maddock, telephone 6496 1682.

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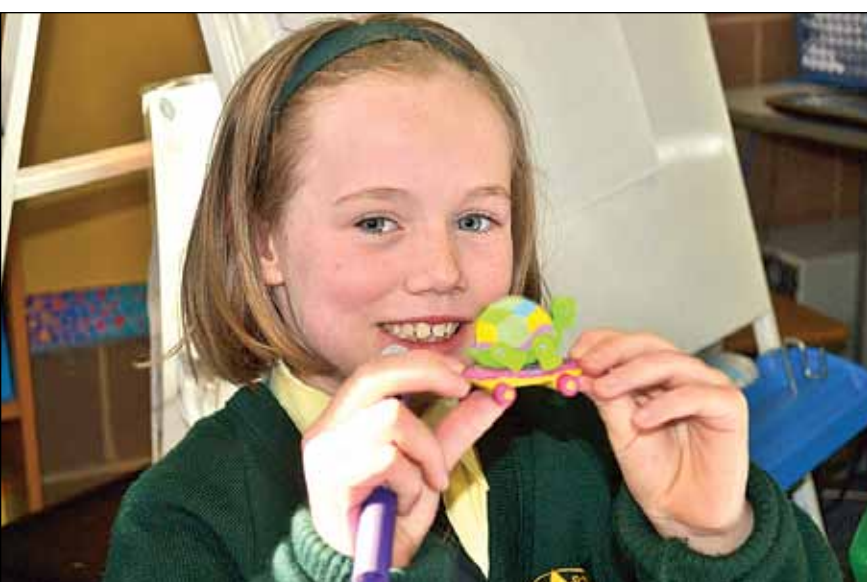
The children in Year 2 were all smiles when Catholic Voice visited Gundagai. The students were all hard at work decorating the cover of their science journals and finishing off their recounts. They had also been busy making some artworks to share with Catholic Voice readers. During a unit on weather they made some bright umbrella designs, and earlier in the year they each created a self portrait. The children also completed a project that combined science and art to make layered percussion music paintings.



**ARTISTIC:** These crafty designs were made by Alec McDonnell (left), Claudia Graham (right), Jiyah Adams (below left) and Tayla Coggan (below right).



ABOVE: Josie Kingwill opens up her "have-a-go work" book.



ABOVE: Amelia Miller shows off her turtle rubber.  
BELOW: Hannah Hand and Jack Flanagan.



LEFT: Will Coe and Frankie Hindmarsh gets started on their title pages.

BELOW: Corban Cotterill concentrates on finishing his recount.





**Archdiocesan Chancellor Fr Julian Wellspring scrolls through the pages of the newly-arrived new English translation of the Roman Missal.**

It has finally arrived: the English translation of the amended Latin Third Typical of the Roman Missal. This text has been produced after many years of work by all kinds of experts from around the world. Possibly no other Mass text has been subjected to the consultation, scrutiny and consideration that has been applied to producing this text.

It is a truly beautiful work. There is an Altar edition, a Chapel edition and a Study edition, all beautifully bound in leather. The work runs to 1565 pages. Several features make the new missal a particularly attractive work. Unlike previous editions of the Roman Missal published in English, this edition includes sacred pictures. The beauty of these pictures will help the celebrant meditate upon the mysteries that he is about to celebrate with the people.

A practical feature of this work has been the number of book markers included. There are six different coloured ribbons, along with 18 paged tabs. Four of these tabs indicate some of the different Eucharistic Prayers available to the celebrant. Proper use of the bookmarks and page tabs will prevent priests flicking through the pages trying to find the relevant prayers.

The text is well laid out, clear and easy to follow. The producers have made plenty of use of white space in the layout. To increase the use of musical chant, the prayers in the Order of the Mass, are accompanied by music when the prayers may be sung. The emphasis on chant reminds us all that ideally some if not all parts of the liturgy should be sung.

The Missal is well indexed. It includes an alphabetical index of the celebrations for both feasts and saints. The list of saints has been updated to include newer saints such as Mary of the Cross. The index also

## ‘Revolutionary’ edition of the Missal is finally here

indicates which feasts are applicable in the different English-speaking countries. Other indexes can be found for Prefaces and other celebrations. In Australia these include prayers for times of bushfires, drought, floods and cyclones.

There is no doubt this edition of the Roman Missal in English is revolutionary in unexpected ways. Apart from the more sacral language, this may be the first time the clergy in the English-speaking world have been presented with a Missal that does not include the full text of the Mass in Latin. While the General Instruction includes rules for the priest to say Mass without a congregation, this Mass format too is also no longer present in the Missal. These omissions are possibly explained by the fact that the English edition of the Roman Missal is for the most part a strict translation of the Latin Typical edition of the Roman Missal with some locally permitted variations.

Despite meticulous proof-reading for such a major work there are always errors. On page 1563, the word drought is spelt draught. Given modern technology and printing processes this error is found in all three editions of the Roman Missal. Usage may reveal other errors.

Every parish will buy the Altar edition of the Missal priced around \$400. The demand for the Chapel edition at \$200 and the study edition at \$90 is probably also there. I recommend the study edition for those people who wish to have an edition of the Roman Missal to use at Sunday and weekday Mass.

**The Archdiocese’s Catholic Social Justice Commission is establishing a Building Bridges not Walls sub-committee to follow-up on the workshop it ran in response to the Australian bishops’ social justice statement on prisons and the justice system, and to seek to apply the statement in the Archdiocese. Anyone interested in joining the sub-committee should contact the commission, telephone 6235 5452 or e-mail csjc@cg.catholic.org.au.**

**In this article, reprinted with permission from the Columban magazine The Far East, June 2009, Fr Noel Connolly says God challenges us to think more graciously and generously of others.**

Recently I have been reflecting on how much more difficult it is to think generously than to act generously.

Most Christians will make all kinds of sacrifices for others but find it much more difficult to think generously of others, especially if we do not think they deserve it.

That is where we are so different from God. God is an extravagant and generous lover but unfortunately we are meaner with our love.

God loves even those who do not “deserve” it, for example the Prodigal Son. Perhaps it is because I am an elder brother but I find it difficult to understand what is wrong with the elder brother’s complaint to his father.

He is offended by his father’s generous love for his selfish and undeserving brother. I think I would be deeply hurt as well.

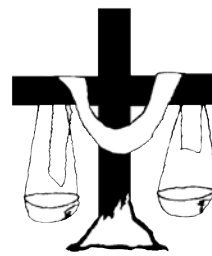
But this is the challenge of the parable. It should be called the parable of the Elder Brother.

God is challenging us to think more graciously and generously, to free ourselves of all our efforts, efforts that blind us to good in others.

Unfortunately the elder brother’s efforts had redefined for him what was good and holy and who was “deserving.”

It is part of human nature that we are prepared to make all kinds of sacrifices as long as people respect and value them.

### Justice



### Matters

Psychologists talk of a “sacrificial contract” - “how could you do this to me after all I have done for you?”

Like the Pharisees we are blinded by our virtue.

It is almost as if our virtue, our sense of responsibility and our sacrifices are our greatest impediments in learning to think

and love generously.

The other type of people we find difficult to think generously of, are the ones we “know too well.” Familiarity breeds contempt.

When Jesus returned to the synagogue in Nazareth (Mk 6: 1-16) his townspeople reject him, despite being astounded at his wisdom and his powerful deeds, because he is too “ordinary.” They knew him too well to see the good in him.

It is interesting how, like the elder brother and the people in Nazareth, we can be heroic in our service and survive all kinds of tests and struggles but fall on things as small as jealousy, resentment and familiarity.

Jesus through the parables of the elder brother, the workers who are paid the same at the end of the day and the steward who is forgiven much but cannot forgive his fellow is challenging us to have big minds and big hearts and to learn above all to think generously of all, even the “unremarkable and undeserving.”

Fr Noel Connolly, director@columban.org.au

## I had dealt with death but not loss

By Rachel Sheville\*

Despite our knowledge of change and decay, it comes as a shock when someone dies.

This year, I experienced the loss that accompanies death. I lost my dog, the companion I’d had from my childhood.

Then my best friend’s father passed. David Whitford Richards; a father, important to the air force, an uncle, a brother and a husband. He was diagnosed with a number of malignant tumours about a year ago, when he went to the doctor with a cough.

Then Rachel Baker. A mother, an athlete, a sister, a wife and a friend to my mother.

I have known her since I was young. Rachel contracted an oesophageal cancer usually found in 80-year-old men, not young women.

The people I lost were not old or unfit – it was hardly “their time”. Despite the diagnoses, the cancer, and the deadlines, their deaths were still a shock.

Almost a year on, the gaps they left remain in the lives of everyone they knew.

Oh, I have dealt with death before; in the written word a death of a character is not uncommon.

I had studied the stages of grief at school and I had seen the different effects death had on people.

But I was unable to deal with loss, because I thought I should be able to deal with everything. The world we live in spins on a wonky axis, and I think that reflects in each of us.

The slightest push can send us reeling, and this push nearly

## Changing our world



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sent me. I was lucky – I realised that I needed help, and started seeing a counsellor.

We’re not taught how to cope; we’re taught to keep our emotions inside and not bother everyone else.

When I cried at school for the loss of my friend’s father, I was told to stop. To not break down, and to carry on like nothing had happened.

That is possibly the worst advice I have ever been given.

The most effective way of dealing with grief is not to “get over it” or “move on”, but to accept it.

To accept the emotions that accompany loss. Accept that anger exists, that denial is there, that you are feeling these difficult emotions.

To remember all the while that, if you accept death, you are not forgetting the person you’ve lost. You are accepting that there will have to be life without them.

The people we lose will always be with us, even if it hurts every day to remember they are no longer there to talk

with, to laugh with, to share a drink with.

The fact that I knew such incredible people as Rachel and David – that will never change. Nor will the fact that they are gone.

Don’t ever let anyone tell you not to grieve. There is a time for composure, and that time is not when you’ve just lost someone.

It’s healthier to cry and curse the world, or to sit in shock until the truth reaches you.

And make sure you have a good network of caring friends and family.

\* Rachel Sheville is a student, much to her dismay. She is surprised to find herself finishing year 12 at Merici College. She won the regional title of the SMH Young Writer of the Year this year, and is looking forward to repeating year 12 so as to enter the competition next year.



# The making of a sufficient creed

Several years ago, a friend of mine made a very un-Hollywood type of marriage proposal to his fiancé: He was in his mid-40s and had suffered a number of disillusioning heartbreaks, some of which, by his own admission, were his own fault, the result of feelings shifting unexpectedly on his part.

Now, in mid-life, struggling not to be disillusioned and cynical about love and romance, he met a woman whom he deeply-respected, much-admired, and with whom he felt he would like to build a life. But, unsure of himself, he was humble in his proposal.

This, in essence, was his proposal: I'd like to ask you to marry me, but, I need to put my cards on the table.

I don't pretend to know what love means. There was a time in my life when I thought I did, but I've seen my own feelings and the feelings of others shift too often in ways that have made me lose my confidence in my understanding of love.

And so, I'll be honest. I can't promise that I will always be in love with you. But I can promise that I'll always be faithful,

that I'll always treat you with respect, that I'll always do everything in my power to be there for you to help further your own dreams, and that I'll always be an honest partner in trying to build a life together.

I can't guarantee how I will always feel, but I can promise that I won't betray you in infidelity!

That's not exactly the type of marriage-proposal we see in our romantic movies and novels, predicated, as they are, on the naïve belief that the passion and excitement we initially experience when we fall in love will remain that way forever.

But this is a mature proposal, one that doesn't naively promise something that's impossible to deliver.

But, beyond pointing us towards a more mature understanding of love, this is also a rich image for faith and how it works.

Faith too, in the end, is more about fidelity in action than about fervour in feelings. Allow me an example:

When I was in the seminary, a classmate of mine set off one

summer to make a 30-day retreat.

His aim was precisely to try to acquire a more affective faith, one that he would feel with fervour and which would seep warmly through his heart.

## Ron Rolheiser

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He suffered from what he self-described, as a stoic faith, a gut-sense of God's reality and love, but one which didn't translate much into any warm feelings of security about God's existence and love.

By his own admission, he lacked affectivity, fire, emotion, and warmth about his faith. And that's what he went in search of.

He returned from the retreat still stoic, but changed nonethe-

less. "I never got what I asked for," he said, "but I got something else. I learned to accept that my faith might always be stoic, but I learned too that this is okay. I don't necessarily have to have warm and imaginative feelings about my faith."

"I don't need to be full of passion and fire. I only need to be faithful in my actions, to not betray what I believe in."

"Now faith, for me, means that I need to live my life in charity, respect, patience, chastity, and generosity to others. I just need to do it; I don't need to feel it."

Faith and love are too easily identified with warm feelings, passion, fervour, affectivity and romantic fire. And those feelings are part of the mystery, a part we are meant to embrace and enjoy.

But, wonderful as these feelings can be, they are, as experience shows, fragile and ephemeral.

Our world can change in 15 seconds because we can fall in or out of love in that time.

Passionate and romantic feelings are part of love and faith, but not the deepest part,

and not a part over which we have much emotional control.

Hence, unromantic as it is, I like the stoic approach that is expressed in the marriage-proposal of my friend, particularly as it applies to faith.

For some of us, faith will never be, other than for short periods of time, something which fires our emotions and fills us with warm fire. We've already experienced how ephemeral that fire can be.

Hence, like my colleague with the stoic faith, some of us might have to settle for a faith that says to God, others, and ourselves: I can't guarantee how I will feel on any given day.

I can't promise that I will always have emotional passion about my faith, but I can promise that I'll always be faithful, that I'll always act with respect, and I will always do everything in my power, as far as my human weakness allows, to help others' and God's cause in this world.

I can't guarantee how I will always feel, but I can live in the firm resolve to never betray what I believe in.

That's a sufficient creed.

## why I cook what I cook

A column in which well known and not so well known people tell us about the food in their lives and why it is important. We speak to Bega's Betty O'Brien.

## Betty brings a smile amid the stress

Once a month, oncology specialists from Canberra travel to Pambula Hospital and spend a day treating as many patients as possible.

It's tiring for all involved, not to mention stressful and emotional. But there's one person who almost always manages to get a smile out of patients and doctors: Bega parishioner Mrs Betty O'Brien.

Every month she arrives with her cakes and slices and other goodies donated by fellow parishioners.

"When they see me they smile, give me a hug and it's the best feeling – I get more out of it than they do," she said.

Mrs O'Brien had cancer herself 20 years ago and lost her husband to leukaemia.

When she heard that her husband's doctor was one of

the visiting specialists at Pambula she decided to cook for him, as a way of saying thank you.

Before long she was bringing in food for the patients and other staff as well – some months she'll feed up to 60 people.

While Mrs O'Brien is quite comfortable in the kitchen these days, it wasn't always the case.

As the youngest of 12 children, there was always someone around to do things for her.

"I knew nothing about cooking so I had to learn pretty fast when I got married," she said.

"I started out just following recipes, but the more I cooked the more I learnt to just cook by feel."

This fruit loaf recipe is one of Bega parish priest Fr Bernie Patterson's favourite Betty O'Brien creations.

## Fruit Loaf

### Ingredients

125g butter  
1 cup sugar  
1 ½ cups dates, chopped  
¾ cup apricots, chopped  
½ cup crystallised ginger, finely sliced  
½ cup sultanas  
2 cups full cream milk



Betty O'Brien ... checking out one of her popular creations.

½ tsp bi-carb soda  
1 ½ cups self raising flour

### Method

1. Add everything except the flour and bi-carb soda to a saucepan. Bring to a gentle boil

and then simmer for 3-5 minutes.

2. Pour the mixture into a bowl. Let it cool a little and stir in the bi-carb soda.  
3. Leave it for about 10

minutes and then stir in the flour.

4. Cook in a loaf tin in a moderate oven for 50-60 minutes until firm to touch or a skewer comes out clean.





Hilda Fitzgerald with a couple of sick twins in the village.

## Nurse wants to bring hope to a village

A Canberra nurse and midwife is hoping to raise \$10,000 to help make a remote village in the Democratic Republic of Congo into a model community in health and education.

Central Canberra parishioner Ms Hilda Fitzgerald was invited in 2008 to share a journey to the African nation with Wagga Wagga couple John and Elaine Dietch. The journey exposed for them the plight of the many raped woman and children left vulnerable and displaced after the Rwanda war and massacres that have continued since 1998. Villages of raped woman and children sprang up in remote areas, as the people tried to regroup and support each other, the woman still living in fear.

In Karohora, they found young and old in poor health and suffering malnutrition. The young were bored and idle, and had never been to school.

"The water holes were deep and dirty, and shared with goats, perpetuating the stomach worm problems in the village, especially affecting the children," she said.

After the trip, Ms Fitzgerald raised money to start to get Karohora on its feet. The village was supplied with a water pump, and a brick works industry was started to give learning and work to the young men.

School teachers were financed to come into the village to begin educating the children. "There is no church to hold services," she said. "There is no school house. There is no clinic for the mission team.

"One bore pump is not enough for the village. Some micro-financing projects to help sustain the village are at a standstill."

Ms Fitzgerald said she envisaged Karohora becoming a model village, with completed dwellings, jobs and a fully supported primary health care.

She is planning to hold an event featuring Congolese food and dancing on 3 December at the National Archives, on Queen Victoria Terrace, Barton. Tickets may be obtained from Ms Fitzgerald, telephone 0437 895 359, e-mail hildafitzgerald@netspeed.com.au.

# Bang, crash, wallop, enjoyable

**Real Steel.** Starring Hugh Jackman, Evangeline Lilly, Dakota Goyo, Anthony Mackie, Kevin Durand. Directed by Shawn Levy. 127 minutes. M (Violence). Reviewer: Fr Peter Malone MSC\*.

Video games alive!

First of all, so many reviews are going to mention *The Champ* and *Rocky*, that I will mention them now as well. Plus *Rollerball*, *Death Race* and other futuristic sports films that emphasise smashing competitions and fanatical audiences.

But...

This is meant to be a family film and a film about family. There is plenty of noise, plenty of crashing of real steel against real steal, but it is geared to a PG rating.

Hugh Jackman, one of the best actors to convey both charm, geniality and toughness even when he plays an unsympathetic character, is Charley, a wanderer who is reckless and certainly no planner with his life and his work.

He goes from carnival to carnival or rodeo or venue for robotic boxing (yes, that is the subject of the film), sometimes winning, often losing, always in debt.

He is no good at relationships either, not having seen his wife or son for a decade or more, fickle even with the daughter of a gym owner (Evangeline Lilly) who had been a father-figure to him. This we see in the early scenes.

But, again...

With his wife's death, what is he to do with his 11-year-old son? Get some



Charlie Kenton (Hugh Jackman, left) gives instructions to Atom while his son, Max (Dakota Goyo) looks on in DreamWorks Pictures' action drama *Real Steel*.

cash so that he can be happily cared for by his wife's sister and her husband (Hope Davis and James Rebhorn). But, Max, the son, wants to go on the road with him, especially when he sees his dad's new robot fighter, the gigantic Noisy Boy.

For a while, it all goes badly, with Max being more intelligent and practically sensible than his father. Fate intervenes, and Max discovers an old robot which he cleans, fixes, trains and we are firmly in *The Champ* territory as father and son bond, and in *Rocky* territory with the build up to a huge fight in a New York arena, with fashionable and wealthy crowds and media, where Atom takes on the champion, Zeus, and its arrogant inventor and owner.

The screenplay mentions David and Goliath. The ending is only 90 per cent predictable. But, it is smiles and tears galore.

Dakota Goya is the young Canadian actor who plays Max.

He has had a considerable career already (was the young Thor), but he stands out here, an extraordinarily confident and credible performance by an 11 year old.

Which seems to mean that, while boxing films are not a favourite and, on paper, I might not have liked *Real Steel*, I realised by the end that I had been caught up and did enjoy it, predictability, steel crunching and pounding and all.

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## SHORTS

**The Cup.** Starring: Stephen Curry, Daniel MacPherson, Brendan Gleeson, Jodi Gordon, and Colleen Hewett. Directed by Simon Wincer. 106 minutes. PG (Mild themes and coarse language).

Brilliantly portrays jockey Damien Oliver's grief and acute sense of loss, and the courage necessary for him to return to racing. His victory in the Melbourne Cup 2002 was a triumph over adversity, and a demonstration of great personal courage that captured the heart of the nation. Perhaps the most emotional moment in the history of *The Cup*. Australian cinema should be proud to own it.

**The Thing.** Starring Mary Elizabeth Winstead and Joel Edgerton. Directed by Matthijs van Heijningen. 103 minutes. MA 15+ (very strong horror violence).

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A re-make of 1950's cult classic. While the material is familiar, it is offered with some zest and panache and should satisfy fans without necessarily threatening the reputation of the previous versions of *The Thing*.

**Red State.** Starring Michael Parks, Melissa Leo, John Goodman and Michael Angarano. Directed by Kevin Smith. 88 minutes. MA 15+ (Strong violence, sexual references and frequent coarse language).

Defies easy pigeon-holing as to what genre it is. It shifts genre from time to time which may prove disconcerting to the unwary and the unwilling, but when it is all put together (only 88 minutes), it comes

out as a smart movie whether we liked it or not.

**Contagion.** Starring: Matt Damon, Marion Cotillard, Laurence Fishburne, Jude Law, Jennifer Ehle, Kate Winslet, and Gwyneth Paltrow. Directed by Steven Soderbergh. 106 minutes. M (Mature themes and infrequent coarse language).

American thriller tracks the progress of a lethal virus that kills within days. Tense, grim, tightly structured and scary. Its potential relevance to what could happen in the world of today is chilling, and the reality of it all is heightened by wonderful acting from a superb cast. Limited a little by relaying its messages with touches of clinical coldness. Hardly anyone entreats, pleads, prays, or looks for spiritual solace from anybody else.

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# Make psalms our songs

**Songs of the Heart. Reflections on the Psalms. By Joan Chittister. John Garratt Publishing, 2011, PB, 131 pages, \$16.95. Reviewer: Margaret Ryan.**

When you combine spiritual wisdom, personal maturity, a love of scripture, monastic prayer life and simple and unpretentious writing from an experienced author and lecturer, what have you got? Answer: a great book!

Chittister sees psalms as “the story of the human soul in progress”, using the flexible languages of poetry and song. Though thousands of years old, the psalms are forever new, bringing insight, perspective and hope to our troubled times.

The 25 short chapters cover ideas emerging from the psalm: from stress to laughter, leadership to humility. She writes: “life finds us” (Path of Life); “it’s a lack of balance in life” (Stress); “it gives us peace of heart” (Self-acceptance).

Each chapter is centred on an outline of a verse crucial to a particular psalm, “soul points” offering opportunities for prayerful reflection, a “wisdom story” and a suggested activity to further ground the psalm in daily life. It doesn’t offer exegesis but suggestions and questions for life directions.

Sr Joan Chittister is a passionate American Benedictine leader, who invariably grapples with the heart of issues.

Here she captivates and encourages us to make the psalms “our” songs. The book will give me at least a month of delightful and challenging daily readings.

## It’s grandma’s call

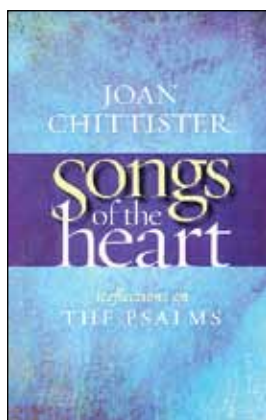
**World Wide Open. By Juliette Hughes-Norwood. John Garratt Publishing, 2011, 127 pages, \$24.95. Reviewer: Janet Moyle.**

World wide open has been written with the gift market for secondary school graduation students in mind. One can picture a proud grandma lovingly presenting it to a favourite grandchild as she or he leaves school. But what of the young person?

I wasn’t sure of its appeal to the target audience so I asked a Year 12 teacher and a senior college student to give me their individual feedback. Both of them thought only a small number of students would be interested in the religious focus; perhaps those few practising Christians in the cohort.

There are some good ideas to guide planning, eg how to make choices for volunteering, travel and relationships. These use the voices and experiences of young people just that bit older which is possibly the strength of the book.

Both my interviewees felt the language throughout was quite simple. The teacher noted that young people prefer high-tech methods to gain information rather than books. I looked in vain for any information about the author. This book is a nice try, but ultimately grandma will have to decide.



**Falling Upward. A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life. By Richard Rohr. Jossey Bass, 2011, PB, 182 pages, \$27.95. Reviewer: Margaret Ryan.**

Mature people, reflecting on their lives, come to see patterns: seasons, spirals, plateaux, crises, transitions. Some psychologists see human life, chronologically and spiritually, falling into two broad halves.

This is the context for Rohr’s book, written primarily as a guidepost or illuminator, to assist those in the first half of life’s journey. Those in their second half of life will find it equally helpful, I suspect. He aims to make “the sequencing, the tasks and the direction of the two halves clear”.

## Two tasty titles ...

**From Saint Hildegard’s Kitchen: Foods of Health, Foods of Joy. By Jany Fournier-Rosset. Ligouri Publications, 235 pages, \$24.95. When Angels Cook: Traditional Italian cooking for body and soul. By Sister Germana Consolaro. St Pauls, 303 pages, \$34.95. Reviewer: Janet Moyle.**

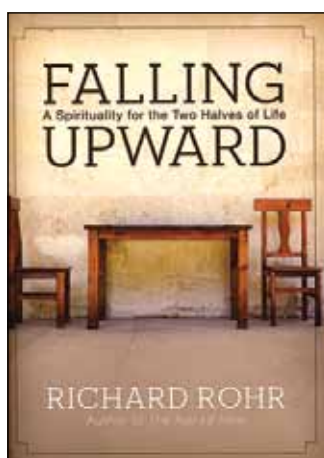
Hildegard of Bingen was a famed German mystic who lived in the 12th century. She was a prophet, a poet, a physician and a political moralist. All her advice and writings came directly from God to her in visions. Her medical knowledge was astonishing for that time. She paid particular attention to food and to its preparation.

There are foods that promote health and joy, she taught. Hildegard classified foods and spices by their character; hot or cold, dry or humid. The vital force is the greenness of foods.

Jany Fournier-Rosset is a chef who has steeped himself in Hildegard’s knowledge and philosophy on the preparation and eating of food. He has translated her recipes into the modern idiom while retaining her wisdom about nutrition and reverence for God’s gifts.

I was intrigued by a number of the ingredients - mouse-ear, galin-gale, powdered licorice, spelt flour, plantain leaves, fresh nettles and powdered geranium are but a few of them. Online addresses are given for the more exotic ingredients.

The recipes have all been tested and range from soups and salads (never eat lettuce without a dress-



In the first half of life, people are pre-occupied with constructing their personal “container”, and concerned with order, control, security, pleasure, gender issues, success, whereas those in the second half are sifting out the contents of their personal “container”:

ing, Hildegard said) through to mains, vegetables, desserts, liqueurs, jams and jellies.

So if you’re looking for something different for the adventurous cook in your life, this may well be it. I will pass my copy to my favourite dietician.

If you’re still hungry, then When Angels Cook is a feast for you.

This is a handsome hard-back edition with gorgeous photos of mouth-watering Italian food from Sr Germana’s cucina.

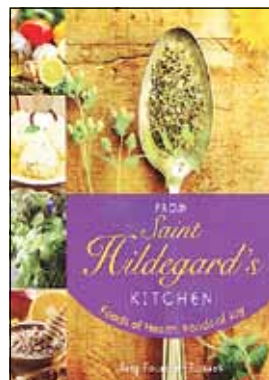
Sr Germana is one of Italy’s best-known cooks. She is famous for her weekly spots on radio, television and in magazines for nearly 30 years.

It began when she was assigned to run cooking classes for young women about to be married. She believes in simple recipes to make things easy and achievable.

She thinks that every dish we prepare is an expression of our love and care and that the heart of the family is the cook.

Her recipes are packed with little hints for success. The headings include: when you are in a hurry, making ends meet, when the family has the flu, when the children have no appetite, when things go wrong, when little angels cook and so on. I’ve already tried some from “when you live alone”.

The quantities are spot on and the results delish. This book is a keeper for me.



purified intentions and motivations, objectivity and inclusiveness.

The author believes that God gives each of us our deepest and unique identity (soul, True Self), our part of the Trinitarian divine life. We have only to discover, live it and eventually return it to God!

Perhaps unfortunately, the first half of life “achievements” are gradually found to be insufficiently life-giving or empty, and they fall apart. The way up the ladder proves to be a downward event. We taste tragedy, suffering, disorder and death.

The good news is that we grow spiritually far more through failure and renewal, and the upward path frequently emerges through loss.

By doing our part, and with God’s grace, we fall upwards into a transforming life.

Richard Rohr is a Franciscan priest, respected author, lecturer and founder of the Centre for Action and Contemplation in Albuquerque, US.

He has a special interest in spirituality, scripture and social justice.

Rohr writes seriously and passionately, drawing on psychology and scripture, ancient and modern texts and myths to convey his experience and beliefs about spiritual growth.

This post-card-sized book is ideal for those adults wishing to make sense of the process and paradoxes of the spiritual life. Highly recommended.

## More from Mary

**The Little Brown Book Too. By Sue and Leo Kane. St Pauls Publications, 2010, 151 pages, \$17.95. Reviewer: Janet Moyle.**

St Mary MacKillop when travelling would jot down her thoughts in a small brown-covered diary. So The Little Brown Book Too is a subtle reference to Mary’s practice. There has already been The Little Brown Book which was warm and comforting.

This one is in the same mould. It was compiled after the euphoria of the canonisation. It contextualises Mary’s words and applies them to everyday situations faced by today’s Christians.

The illustrations, by Helen Barnes RSJ are delicate and supportive of the text.

The authors have crafted a series of thoughtful scriptural meditations grouped under theme headings. A minor irritation is the italicising of some words and phrases on each page. This seems to be unnecessary.

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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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God has given such great powers, to come to my assistance. Help me now in my present and urgent need, and grant my urgent petition. In return I promise to make your name known and cause you to be invoked. Three Our Fathers, three Hail Marys, three Glorias. St Jude, pray for us and all who honour and invoke your aid. Amen. R S.

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**CAROLS OF THE NATIONS** - Everyone in Archdiocese invited by Archbishop Mark Coleridge to celebrate the spirit of Christmas, 2pm-4pm, 18 December, Archbishop's House. Parking and entry is via Albert Street, Commonwealth Park.

**FUND-RAISING DINNER** - Organised by Knights of the Southern Cross to help pay for training of military chaplains. 7.30pm, Saturday, 26 November, Canberra Southern Cross Club, Woden. Guest speakers Iraq veteran Brig Chris Appleton and Bishop Max Davis. Tickets \$65 per person, includes \$20 tax deductible donation. Tickets available from Stephen Blair, telephone 6255 8089, or e-mail sbclair1@iprimus.com.au.

**GERALD WARD LECTURE ON SOCIAL JUSTICE** - "How do we design a dignified welfare safety net without becoming a Nanny State - lessons from Catholic Social Teaching", delivered by Fr Frank Brennan, 6.30pm, Friday, 18 November, National Library, Canberra. Admission free. Information: www.vinnies.org.au, or telephone 6202 1200.

**HEALING MASS** - 5.30pm, 4 November, at St Benedict's, Narrabundah, special prayers for all those affected by addictions.

**HOLY SPIRIT SECULAR FRANCISCAN FRATERNITY** - Meets every third Friday of month, 7.30pm, St John Vianney's, Waramanga. Secular Franciscans try to follow Christ in the footsteps of St Francis. Inquiries: Frank Farrell, telephone 6258 7645 or 0400 793 260.

**JUGIONG ART EXHIBITION** - For St John Evangelist Church, Jugiong. Opens cocktail party, 7pm-10pm, Friday, 18 November, then 10am-4pm, Saturday and Sunday. Feature artist Jenny Nuthall.

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**PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP** - Meets second Friday of the month after 5.30 pm Healing Mass, parish centre St Benedict's Church, Narrabundah. Inquiries: Maria, telephone 6286 5679.

**REFLECTION ON BLESSED VIRGIN MARY** - After 5.30 pm Mass, 8 December, at St Benedict's Church, Narrabundah.

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**ST THOMAS MORE FORUM** - General Peter Cosgrove speaks on Leading in Australia. 7.30pm-9pm, 9 November, St Thomas More hall, 30 White Crescent, Campbell. Online booking, inquiries: info@catholiclife.org.au or telephone 6163 4300.

**WOMEN'S REFLECTION AFTERNOON** - Organised by Call to Connect, 26 November St Benedict's Church, Narrabundah. Theme "Coming into the heart of Advent". Gold coin donation. RSVP by 24 November to parish office, telephone 6295 7879 (Mon-Thurs 9am-3pm) or to Bronnie, 0432 257 622 or Diane, 0404 228 396

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## On stage at Floriade



Sixty children from St John the Apostle School, Florey, performed on the Carnival Stage at Floriade. The choir performed a repertoire of songs including the Glee version of "Over the Rainbow" and the St John's School Song. The choir was conducted by school parent Catherine Braybon.

## Faiths unite in prayer



The Canberra Interfaith Forum held a peace and harmony gathering in the Environment, Meditation and Healing Garden in Grevillea Park to reflect on "9/11 - Ten Years On". Forum chair Dean Sahu Khan welcomed the gathering. Representatives of 12 spiritual groups, including Bishop Pat Power, spoke briefly. ABOVE: Dean Sahu Khan with Mrs Alma Armstrong. He paid tribute to her work in establishing the garden.

## Help a Good Samaritan



Garden lovers will be able to play their part next month to help a Good Samaritan sister support isolated indigenous women and children.

Sr Anna Warlow, who is known to many for her work in Catholic primary schools in Canberra, serves in Western Australia at the House of Welcome, Three Springs.

Two beautiful gardens, at 8 Torres Street, Red Hill, and 17 Stokes Street, Griffith, will be opened from 10am to 4pm on the weekend of 12 and 13 November to raise money for the remote community. Entrance fee is \$10 for the two gardens. Home made jams, preserves, cordial, baked goods, morning and afternoon tea and plants potted from the gardens will be on sale.

Sr Anna mentors indigenous women and helps to send children to boarding school in Geraldton to break the cycle of teenage pregnancy and poverty.

She was awarded an Order of Australia Medal this year.

ABOVE: Sr Anna with Ivy and Elaine Walley, whom she is mentoring.



Students from across the Archdiocese gathered with Bishop Pat Power to celebrate the Mission Mass and appreciate that mission involves all our voices and our need to listen to them. Sr Patti Jo Crockett MGL shared about her time of mission in Darwin.

Stories of mission are often filled with faith, hope and energy for action in the face of challenge and need. It is into such situations that, as a family of faith, we are called to prayerfully respond.

This is especially important where children are concerned. Many globally experience orphanage care. Some have lost one or both parents through illness, suicide or violence; others are economically 'orphaned'. A 5-year-old Indian girl, who saw her mother kill her father, now has her mother in jail, and the family searching for her to 'silence' the only witness. For her the orphanage and its sisters offer security, trauma care and love.

Some people and schools have become Children's Mission Partners, generously supporting such work through monthly donations, while receiving quarterly feedback on various projects that Catholic Mission supports.

God bless,

**Deacon Joe Blackwell**

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## Student pirates impressive

Theatre goers were treated to a professional production of Gilbert and Sullivan's The Pirates of Penzance when St Francis Xavier College took to the stage. Among the cast were (from left): Caitlin Gammage, Ellyse Sharp, Tiahn Fernandez, Victoria Constable, Amelia Jamieson, Monica Jury, Amy Webb, Sarah King, Kate Dimech and Megan Johnson.



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Canberra's Catholic primary schools again featured among the winners in the ACT grand final of the story-dance live section of Wakakirri. Wakakirri is a national story telling arts festival which promotes sustainability. It encourages schools to make a positive impact on the world through dance, song, spoken word, writing, art or film.

St Matthew's Primary School, Page, came second in division 1 and won the most sustainable production award. St Thomas the Apostle Primary School, Kambah, came second in division 2, with Rosary Primary School, Watson, third. Other division 2 finalists were Holy

## Wakakirri wonderland

Family Primary School, Gowrie, St Anthony's Primary School, Wanniasa, which also won the public speaking award, and St Michael's Primary School, Kaleen, which won the teamwork award. Divisions are based on the level of experience schools have with Wakakirri. Schools in Division 2 have more experience than those in Division 1.



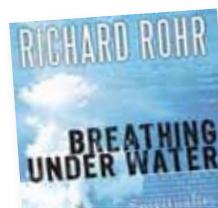
ABOVE: Five St Thomas the Apostle lady bugs in their production of Bee Aware, Sonia Emanuel, Bailey Lifschutz, Tahllea Burgoyne, Madeline Barbic and Sarah Kirk.



LEFT: Holy Family Primary students with their production The Kits are Flying.

FAR LEFT: From St Matthew's, Page, (back) Mackinley Brown and Raell Monteiro, (front) Eliana Moreno and Miai Ishiyama, in their entry Colour Blind.

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