



### Flowers are like fashion trends

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Water floods across the landscape cutting the road between West Wyalong and Weethalle.

# Looking to the future

## Archbishop's far-reaching decisions, proposals

Archbishop Mark Coleridge, in response to input from Catholics during and after last year's assembly, has made a number of decisions and put forward other proposals for consultation aimed at action to build the future of the Church in the Archdiocese.

He has presented 11 decisions and seven proposals regarding the future.

"My hope is that these decisions can be implemented in a fairly short space of time and that consideration of the proposals by the consultative bodies will also be prompt," he said.

About 420 Catholics from across the Archdiocese last November took part in the assembly which had the theme, The Changing Face of Sunday.

His decisions are:

1. Parishes will explore ways of contacting in their homes the many who are either far from Christian

- faith or who have ceased attending Church, by use of social media, letter-box drops (especially at Christmas and Easter), or door knocking.
2. Ways will be explored to support clergy in the ministry of preaching and enhancing the quality of preaching.
3. The Archbishop's Youth Council will be established to ensure voices of young people are heard in the process of planning.
4. An Archdiocesan Youth Leaders Forum will be held every two years, with the first on 29-30 July.
5. A series of Youth Leaders Network breakfasts will be held to provide networking, formation and consultation opportunities for current and potential youth leaders.
6. The Archdiocese will continue to promote the newsletter "Your Family, Your Faith" as an evangelis-

- ing initiative to bridge the gap between parishes and schools; and an interactive website will be established.
7. With the help of the Catholic Education Office, the Archdiocesan financial administrator will prepare hard copy and online information on the level of government and parish funding for Catholic systemic schools.
8. The Archdiocesan financial administrator will present a public annual statement of Archdiocesan finances and propose a template for reporting on annual parish income and expenditure.
9. The Archdiocesan financial administrator will continue to develop an education strategy to encourage parishioners to move from cash contributions to first and second collections at Mass to direct debit.

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## Flood appeal: money starts to flow in

Donations have begun to arrive for the Archdiocesan flood relief appeal to help western NSW people stricken by last month's historic downpours.

More than \$6000 had been given as Catholic Voice went to press, with many thousands of dollars more pledged by parishes and individuals.

Donations may be made electronically to the Archdiocesan Flood Appeal at BSB: 062786, account number 000025626. Tax deductibility is available, and tax receipts may be arranged if donors send their details to the Catholic Development Fund. If collections are taken in parishes, the CDF should be notified. The CDF may be contacted at telephone 6201 9870, e-mail [cdf@cg.catholic.org.au](mailto:cdf@cg.catholic.org.au).

Funds will be distributed with the help of local branches of the St Vincent de Paul Society.

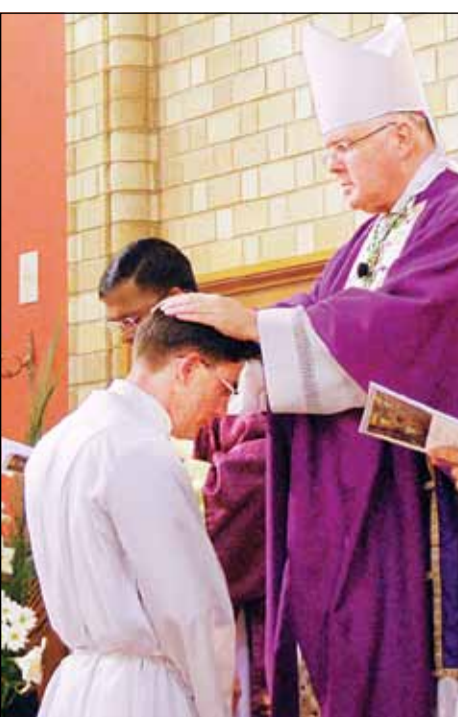
In centres such as Ungarie alone, 74 homes were badly damaged by water, West Wyalong Mission parish priest Fr Mick MacAndrew said.

The domino effect of the floods would be felt by farmers and townspeople in the western districts for many months and longer, he said.

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Mel Wiencke talks to Cecily and her faithful companion Hunter at one of the venues where meals were prepared by parishioners of St Mary's, West Wyalong.



## 'Beautiful' ordination ceremony

Queanbeyan seminarian Luke Verrell has been ordained to the diaconate at St Christopher's Cathedral.

Born in Newcastle, Deacon Verrell moved with his family from South Australia to Queanbeyan in 1996 and attended St Edmund's College.

He said many of his family and friends had never been to an ordination and were surprised at how beautiful the ceremony was.

"For me, it was important they were there and that they gave me their support and prayers because I am called to preach Christ in season and out of season, and it won't always be easy," Deacon Verrell said.

In his homily, Archbishop Mark Coleridge spoke of the "self-sacrificing love" in the life of Deacon Verrell.

"This is a love which, once it becomes vocation as it has in Luke's life, is total in its claim," Archbishop Coleridge said.

"It comes like a tsunami from the depths of God, claiming everything – even the body, which is the meaning of the celibacy to which Luke commits himself tonight.

"It is this love which sweeps the one ordained into the depths of the Paschal Mystery – which is why this moment, as we enter the last days of Lent and look to Easter, is a splendid time for an ordination."

Deacon Verrell will work in South Tuggeranong parish.

LEFT: Archbishop Mark Coleridge lays hands on Luke Verrell.

## From near and far

BEGA couple John and Donna Ransom are taking their family on a long-awaited overseas holiday. But it's not quite your conventional vacation. They see the trip as a time of spiritual renewal, so it will include visits to Paray le Monial in France, a centre of devotion to the Sacred Heart, over Easter, Taize, Assisi and Rome.

"We are also visiting larger ecumenical communities in the UK at Scargill House and Lee Abbey," Mr Ransom said. "While in Scotland we plan on spending time at the Iona Christian community." Readers can follow their journey at 12weekholiday.blogspot.com/

ABOVE: John and Donna Ransom with children Ben, 14, and Emma, 4.



MORE than 300 family and friends gathered for a weekend of celebrations

with Mr Barney Heffernan, of Candelo, when he turned 90 last month. Many nephews and nieces and their families travelled from Cairns, Brisbane, Sydney, Newcastle, Wollongong, Melbourne, Canberra and many other places as well as the Bega area. One of eight, his only surviving sibling, Nora Hickson, was unable to attend due to ill health. His first cousin, Fr Paul Bateman, celebrated Mass for the gathering. Apart from two short stints in Sydney, Mr Heffernan has been a dairy farmer all his life. His first job was as a farm hand at his uncle's dairy. He bought land and started his own dairy in 1961.

MASS will be celebrated this month for the first time in seven years at St Fiacre's Church, Limerick, to mark its centenary.

Crookwell parish priest Fr Peter Murphy will celebrate Mass at 11am on Sunday, 29 April.

It was built with encouragement and direction from then Crookwell parish priest Fr Martin Vaughn and with hard work, donations and fund raising from the Limerick community.

It served as a place of worship until the late 1970s when it fell into disuse. In 1989, local people were given permission to repair the church to use as a worship and meeting place. In recent years, the Catholic community of Limerick has dwindled and Mass is no longer celebrated there.



## Looking to the future

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10. The Archdiocesan financial administrator will arrange for a comprehensive property audit in the Archdiocese and the development of a plan for the property portfolio for which the Archdiocesan Trustees are responsible.

11. An assembly will be an annual feature of Archdiocesan life. This year's assembly will be held on 2-3 November with the theme of the Year of Grace – "Starting Afresh from Christ", contemplating his face and listening to his voice.

Archbishop Coleridge's proposals are:

1. The Archdiocesan agency CatholicLIFE will be reconfigured into two parts – planning and programs. The Archbishop's Office of Evangelization and Planning will be established, with Mr Shawn van der Linden as its head, accountable directly to Archbishop Coleridge and dealing with larger questions of policy, including developing new ways of using information and communications technology for the sake of mission.

2. A Commission for Faith Formation will be established with responsibility for those elements of Catholic education which lie beyond the scope of schools, especially parishes, families, the Confraternity for Christian Doctrine and post-school formation (universities in particular).

3. Each parish or group of parishes (eg, missions) will have a liturgy committee to foster the liturgical life of the community or communities, taking as its charter the General Instruction of the Roman Missal and, in particular, Archbishop Coleridge's 2008 Pentecost Letter, "Preparing the

Feast" and also drawing on the work of the Archdiocesan Liturgical Commission.

To ensure a coordinated approach to the provision of Sunday Masses, the Archdiocesan Deans will be asked to consult with parish priests about the following proposals and table a response at the July meeting of the Council of Priests:

4. There will be no more than two Masses each Sunday in parishes other than those which are larger (and have the services of two or more priests) and those which have a number of communities to serve.

5. In any month on a Sunday, no parish or community is to have fewer celebrations of Mass than Liturgies of the Word with Holy Communion.

6. Where the number of those attending Sunday Mass is less than 15 adults, provision of Mass and Services of the Word with Holy Communion will cease.

7. Sunday evening Mass will be retained where possible, at least on a coordinated regional basis.

Archbishop Coleridge said the decisions concerned issues which could take effect immediately or in the near future. The proposals were more complex and he wanted to take advice from the Episcopal Council, the Council of Priests and the Archdiocesan Pastoral Council before he made a decision.

For a summary of the final report of the assembly, or to see the full 27-page report, go to www.cgassembly.org.au. Full details of Archbishop Coleridge's decisions and proposals are provided, as well as an executive summary of the report.

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## what do you know?

A quiz testing your knowledge of what is in this month's Catholic Voice.

1. Who is the Archdiocese's newest secondary school named after?
2. Where will it be built?
3. Who is Frank Brassil?
4. Which Canberra college celebrates its 50th birthday this year?
5. Caritas Lenten visitor Br Blazio comes from which African nation?
6. What was the theme of last November's Archdiocesan Assembly?

Answers bottom Page 4.



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# 'Thank God there was no loss of lives'

"People here are very distressed, but they are saying thank God there was no loss of lives." Member of the West Wyalong mission team Sr Frances McAleer had this reaction after visiting families at Ungarie hit by last month's NSW floods.

"A lot of people lost their homes, which was very sad," she said.

"A new café that had just opened on Saturday was flooded on the Sunday. I went into a couple of homes that had been flooded and it was awful, the smell was terrible.

"At the moment people are picking up and getting their houses back into order."

St Vincent de Paul Society member Mr Ray Scott, of West Wyalong, said people affected by the floods at Ungarie had been evacuated to the town.

"West Wyalong wasn't flooded, so the people in trouble at Ungarie came here and we looked after them for a night and a day," he said.

"About 30 people stayed in the local basketball stadium here for shelter. After that the

government agencies took over and put them in motels.

"We gave them food, shelter, blankets and bedding while they were here; Vinnies worked in conjunction with the Salvos."

Mr Scott said many people could not go back immediately to Ungarie because of problems with sewage.

"In the stadium that day, it was pretty stressful to have all the families in the one room as they had just all gone through the same thing," he said.

"That's why we gave them separate accommodation as quickly as we could. The people there were very grateful. They said they knew the floods were coming for three or four days and knew they couldn't do anything about it, just wait and watch the water rise slowly."

Speaking shortly after the floodwaters came through, West Wyalong mission parish priest Fr Mick MacAndrew said there were many distressing stories of loss in the district.

At Barmedman, one farmer had lost 1200 sheep, another at Marsden near West Wyalong had lost 600.



Brandon, Abbey and Maddie Wiencke from the West Wyalong youth group help prepare a meal for evacuees from Ungarie.

Describing the scene, he said: "The clean-up has begun; we spent yesterday at Ungarie where 74 homes have been badly damaged.

"The main task is to allow the electricians to make it safe to access properties and then to remove rotting food from fridges and freezers - power was cut for three days to the affected areas.

"Then the heartbreaking task of ripping up carpets - the silt and effluent from the broken sewers have rendered them useless - the other rubbish that was precious possessions and the debris which floated in during the peak of the flows.

"We are using pure, undiluted disinfectant supplied by the local council to prevent the outbreak of disease, cleaning the

inside of fridges, stoves, cupboards, all the way up the walls to the flood levels.

"It's not just the immediate problem of flooding.

"The domino effect will be felt in the districts for months and longer. It will take insurance assessors another month to come.

"Farmers have lost sheep; others won't be able to start sowing because of the water.

"There are problems in the towns, too. At Barellan houses have had their slabs lifted by the water and cracked. One great grandmother was flooded out for the second time in 16 months."

Temora mission parish priest Fr Simon Falk said there was a significant amount of flooding into homes and yards at Barellan. A hotel and shops in the lower part of Ardlethan were flooded, and the town was cut off by two creeks with Mass being cancelled on one weekend.

The St Vincent de Paul had been active in Temora at the local services club which was being used as an evacuation centre, as well as at its local centre distributing monetary assistance and clothing.

## Come to historic Galong Monastery

### Pilgrimage to Galong Annual Archdiocesan Event

*Sunday May 6*

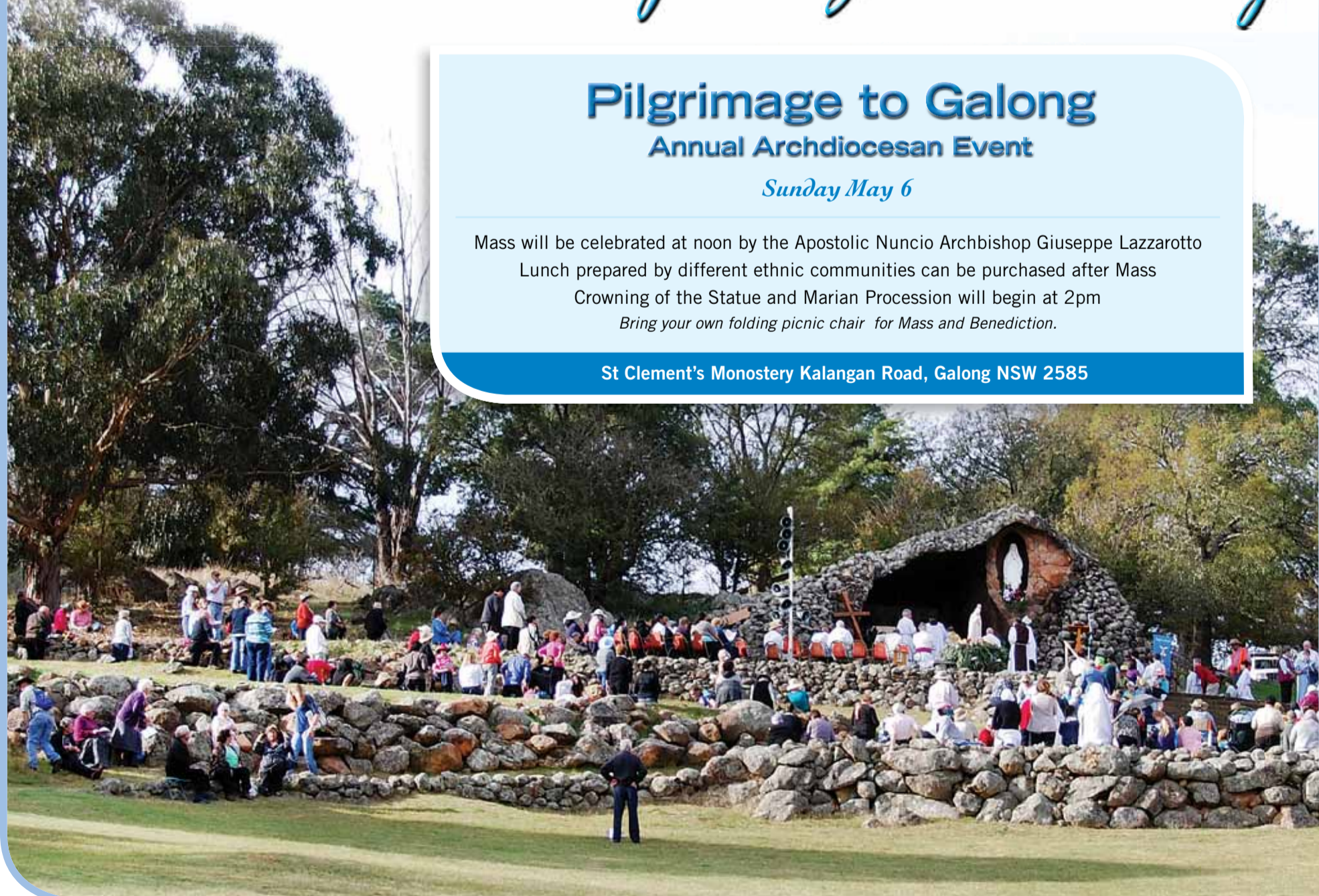
Mass will be celebrated at noon by the Apostolic Nuncio Archbishop Giuseppe Lazzarotto

Lunch prepared by different ethnic communities can be purchased after Mass

Crowning of the Statue and Marian Procession will begin at 2pm

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St Clement's Monastery Kalangan Road, Galong NSW 2585



# Easter is where it all began



see other threshold moments where a new burst of Gospel-energy has opened up vast horizons and possibilities hitherto unimagined. These have often come in the wake of collapse or even catastrophe.

As a response to the chaos that came with the collapse of the Roman Empire, St Benedict goes into his cave at Subiaco, and that cave becomes the womb of a new civilisation born of the ruins. Benedict's monasticism will make medieval Europe possible. Benedict himself looks back to the towering figure of St Antony of Egypt, father of Christian monasticism, who goes into the desert and there brings to birth a new way of being both Christian and human, indeed a new civilisation.

In the medieval period, we see another new surge of Gospel-energy when friars like the Franciscans and Dominicans appear walking the roads of the world rather than staying in monasteries.

These wandering charismatic preachers look back to Jesus and his disciples travelling the roads of Palestine, and they too bring to birth a new civilisation made possible by the Good News of Easter.

Beyond the trauma of the Reformation which sundered Western Christianity, we see another of these threshold moments when groups of clerics like the Jesuits become the prime mover of the Counter-Reformation, with men like St Francis Xavier going to ends of the earth to bring people to the Risen Lord.

Just when the Catholic Church seemed down for the count, we have

a new burst of Gospel-energy when that seemed impossible.

The same is true after the devastations of the French Revolution. Then, too, the Church in France seemed down for the count. But in such a situation of seeming hopelessness, you have figures like St Marcellin Champagnat appearing against the odds.

You also find many new missionary congregations appearing, groups like the Marist Fathers and the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart well known in this part of the world. It was that great burst of Gospel-energy which led to the evangelisation of the Pacific. At the time, they said you could leave a French missionary on a Pacific island, come back in 30 years, and everyone on the island would be Catholic and speaking French. This was more than a kind of imperialism; it was a new evangelisation.

The Second Vatican Council called for a new burst of Gospel-energy in the wake of the devastation caused by the two-part apocalypse we know as World Wars I and II, the great emblems of which were Auschwitz and Hiroshima. There, death seemed to have the last word in the most horrific way.

But for the Council, Easter was the only answer. The Council Fathers didn't use the phrase "new evangelisation", but it's what they were talking about, as John Paul II, himself a Council Father, knew very well. So, too, Benedict XVI, who was not a Council Father but a theological expert helping the Fathers do their work.

After World Wars I and II, nothing could be the same. Certainly the Church couldn't just put up a sign saying "Business As Usual". There was a need for a new burst of Gospel-energy, another threshold moment with an evangelisation which, in the words of John Paul II, would be new in "ardour, method and expression".

We needed new fire in the belly (or heart, if you prefer), new strategies, new structures. That's what is coming to birth slowly and painfully in the Church at this time; and the Synod of Bishops later this year will serve as a kind of midwife in the process.

In the Archdiocese, we are caught up mightily in the process. I have said that we need to adapt our strategies, structures and services to the changing demography of this time and place.

But we also need to adapt them for the sake of mission, for the sake of a new evangelisation, a new surge of Gospel-energy which alone will solve our chronic problems both internally and externally.

That must be the focus of all our planning, now and in the future. What we are called to do takes its place within the long history I have sketched here. But the roots of it all go back to the beginning – when the disciples encountered the Risen Jesus whom they had seen die on the Cross.

That same encounter is the key for us now. Easter is where it all began and it's where it will all end.

*Mark Coleridge*

## APRIL DIARY

### Archbishop Mark Coleridge

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- 5 Passion play, Mass, Cootamundra
- 12 Catholic Secondary Principals Aust conference
- 19 Sisters of St Joseph jubilee Mass, Goulburn
- 20 Ordination to the priesthood, Deacon Joshy Thekkinedath
- 25 Anzac Day national ceremony

- 27 Confirmation Latin Rite, Garran
- 29 World Day of Prayer for Vocations
- 30 Media congress, Sydney

### Bishop Pat Power

- 1 Palm Sunday
- 2 Chrism Mass
- 5-7 Holy Week ceremonies, Nimmitabel
- 8 Easter Sunday, Adaminaby
- 19 Jubilees, Sisters of St Joseph, Goulburn
- 20 Ordination to the priesthood, Deacon Joshy Thekkinedath

## Aussie flavour to labyrinth

St Matthew's Parish, Page, has built a seven-circuit labyrinth in the area between the church and the primary school. It has a rugged Australian feel as it is built from pavers and crushed granite with eucalypts close by.

Labyrinths became popular in medieval times when walking them was symbolic of a pilgrimage to Jerusalem. Labyrinths are becoming common in religious houses, schools, hospitals and churches.

A labyrinth is not a maze. It has only one path winding into the centre and returning to the entrance by the same path. The decision to build a labyrinth at St Matthew's has had a long



gestation. It flowed from a request, made in a meeting in 2006, for more prayer in the parish. At the 2010 parish assembly a proposal to go ahead was endorsed by parishioners.

## WHAT DO YOU KNOW?

1. Pope John Paul II. 2. Gungahlin. 3. New president of St Vincent de Paul Society in the Archdiocese. 4. Daramalan. 5. Zimbabwe. 6. The Changing Face of Sunday.

# New college set to open next year

Canberra's new Catholic secondary school, John Paul College, will open at Gungahlin from the beginning of the next school year.

John Paul College will offer Year 7 from 2013 and will cater for up to 1200 students across all secondary school levels by 2018.

Stage one will open in a specially designed facility at Mother Teresa School Harrison next year.

The permanent school will now be built on a 10-hectare site neighbouring Holy Spirit Primary School in Nicholls. The school has been relocated from Throsby to avoid delays as the Commonwealth Government has not yet resolved environmental issues with the original site.

Next year the school will open with up to 210 students, director of education Mrs Moira Najdecki said. "We expect enrolments to grow to 420 when the building of the new college is completed for the beginning of the 2014 school year," she said.

The enrolment period for the first intake will begin on Monday, 7 May, and continue until Friday, 25 May.

Mrs Najdecki said that nationwide advertising for the foundation principal of the college had begun with an announcement of the appointment expected in late April.

A community information evening will be held at 7pm on 11 April at Mother Teresa School, Harrison, encouraged to attend.

# Campus ministry a faith builder

A new partnership between Australian Catholic University and the Archdiocesan Office for Youth will encourage students to deepen their faith and develop networks at university and after they graduate.

For three years, ACU will fund the office to deliver campus ministry.

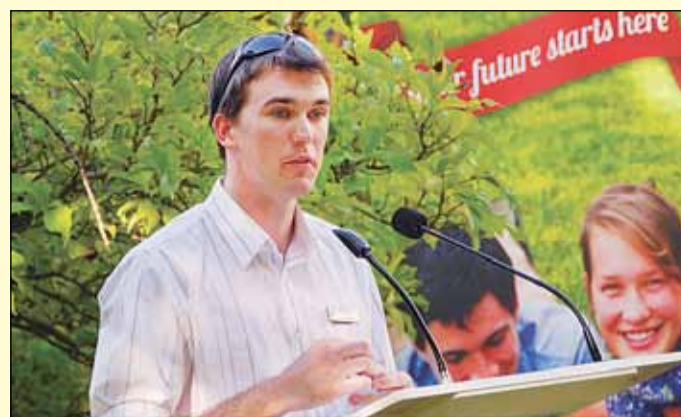
The partnership began as a pilot in 2010 after the office was looking for more ways it could connect with the university and reach out to young people on a broader platform.

At the launch of the partnership, archdiocesan youth and young adults coordinator Ms Daniela Kesina spoke about the need for the university to have a genuine connection to the Church.

"By engaging in campus ministry together, we give students the opportunity to engage in faith issues and transition through faith stages, from high school, university and entering into careers and family life," Ms Kesina said.

"Through this model, both the university and the office for youth and young adults are given the opportunity to expand their sphere of influence to the overall benefit of young people growing in their faith."

ACU graduate Mr Geoff Ryan said having a youth ministry had helped strengthen his relationship with the Church and connect with other Catholics.



ACU graduate Geoff Ryan speaks at the launch.

"When I started university there wasn't much happening and I felt quite isolated being a Catholic and not really having anyone to go to or talk to," Mr Ryan said.

"Now that we have this collaborative partnership, it has made a huge difference because of the connections we have access to. We meet with other Catholic universities and have their support. "Ministry on campus is a good way to celebrate together as Catholics. It's a place to learn and discover together, whether it be through talks with priests or even just going to the office and having a chat.

"It's fantastic we can discover our faith and have a link to the wider community. Now that I've finished university I've actually got events to go to such as Guinness and God, where we can stay active members of the Church."

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# Dara marks half a century of growth

Daramalan College in Dickson this year celebrates 50 years of providing Catholic school education in Canberra. There will be many events and celebrations during the year. The first will be a 50th jubilee reunion cocktail party to be held at the college for current and ex-staff on Friday, 13 April.

For more information and registration for the event, contact the college, telephone 6245

6300 or email jubilee@daramalan.act.edu.au. A reunion dinner for former students and an open day will be held on the weekend of 20-21 October. More information on this event is available at [www.daramalan.act.edu.au](http://www.daramalan.act.edu.au).

Daramalan started in 1962 with 246 boys and has grown to become Canberra's largest single campus secondary school with more than 1460 boys and girls from years 7 to 12.

# Multi-cultural flavour for Pentecost feast

Most churches in Queanbeyan will get together on Pentecost Sunday to celebrate faith and multiculturalism.

Queanbeyan assistant priest Fr Loorthusamy "Samy" Irudeyasamy (right) has spent the past three months working with the churches to organise the event on 27 May.

It is intended the day will feature hymns, music and prayer as well as multicultural activities such as traditional dancing and singing and children's activities such as face painting.

Fr Samy, who hopes about 1000 people will attend, wanted to give the feast a multicultural focus after he saw a flyer on a Pentecost Sunday multi-language event held in Queanbeyan more than 10 years ago.

"I've had parishioners come up to me saying it would be a good idea to include multicultural themes, so that was also part of the inspiration," Fr Samy said.



"This is the first time we have done something like this; an event with both a multicultural and ecumenical focus that brings together the different churches, including, hopefully, Greek Orthodox, Macedonian Orthodox and many others."

"Queanbeyan is a very multicultural society, so we thought Pentecost would be the appropriate time to celebrate as a multicultural community."

Fr Samy encourages ethnic groups to wear their traditional dress on the day.

"The theme for the feast is 'we are one in spirit'," he said.

# Great beauty in a sacred place

The spectacular chapel window for the presbytery at Young is now in place. The presbytery, designed by parish priest Fr Richard Thompson, included a prayer space or chapel.

"The chapel window was more difficult to complete because it required a particular and rare expertise," Fr Thompson said.

"Eventually Dianne Berkrey from Cootamundra, a well known local lead light artist, took up the challenge with real vigor." Twelve months almost to the day after accepting the commission she returned to the chapel to see her work in place.



"Dianne took what was once in my head, then on paper and gave it life," Fr Thompson said. "She used her own spirit of creativity to bring great beauty into an already sacred space."

ABOVE: Artist Dianne Berkrey and Fr Richard Thompson with the new window."



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# New Vinnies team faces challenges of poverty cycle

Vinnies' new archdiocesan president Mr Frank Brassil and chief executive officer Mr Paul Trezise received some wise advice as they took office last month, "never lose sight of the people you serve."

They came from outgoing chief executive officer Mr Bob Wilson, who has stepped down after more than 20 years in the position.

Mr Brassil succeeds Mr Evan Brett as president of the society's Canberra/ Goulburn Central Council.

Both men say nurturing the reputation of the St Vincent de Paul society will be a main focus of their new roles.

"The society has an excellent reputation in the community and this is something we have to look after very carefully," Mr Brassil said.

"I think we both have a strong understanding of the values and ethos of the society, and developing and enhancing that is absolutely critical."

Both Mr Brassil and Mr Trezise have a long history of involvement with the society; each spanning over 30 years.

A member since 1976, Mr Brassil was a conference presi-

dent and a regional president in Belconnen. For the past four years he has been vice-president for conferences.

He has a background in geo-physics and moved to Canberra from Sydney in 1975.

Mr Trezise was a volunteer for the society in the 1980s, when he "really came to appreciate the work Vinnies did."

He originally worked in Melbourne as a spatial scientist before moving to Canberra in 1982.

Since then he has worked in management and leadership roles in government agencies.

The challenges both men see in their new roles include the need to develop membership, provide training support for members and address the complexity of poverty.

"You get people in poverty for reasons of relationship failure, for mental illness, for lack of life skills, and often you have multiple intersecting aspects of all these drivers," Mr Brassil said.

"We need to make sure our members are well-skilled in what is needed to support these people. The other challenge is to grow and develop our funding base.



New archdiocesan president Frank Brassil (left) and chief executive officer Paul Trezise in one of the St Vincent de Paul stores.

"We've seen success in the past with such things as our CEO sleep-out and the door-knock appeal, but we have a challenge meeting all the expenses and demands, so continuing to improve and diversify our funding is very important."

Mr Brassil's focus as president will be to "continue to improve the operational functions of the society as its predecessors have done, but also to put a particular emphasis on strengthening and reinvigorat-

ing our core conference activity right across the Archdiocese".

He believes starting at the same time as Mr Trezise provides an opportunity to introduce change in a coherent way and sends a clear message that the society is continuing to adapt and change and rejuvenate.

Mr Trezise says he is looking forward to a successful partnership.

"In terms of change it is quite helpful to have two people coming in at the same time, because it allows us to establish our own

particular working relationship without any previous working history," Mr Trezise said.

"For us, we see ourselves as building on the legacy that Bob and Evan set out, and to be faithful to the society's ethos.

"The society has come such a long way over the years, from being a quiet-achiever organisation to becoming much more prominent in the community. We really just want to work on sustaining that and continuing the good work."

## Where to find happiness College launches science centre

The secret to happiness, according to American priest Fr Robert Barron, is "to love what Jesus loved and despise what he despised."

More than 100 people gathered to hear Fr Barron speak about the meaning of happiness at the first Guinness and God event for the year.

Fr Barron listed the four things people commonly believe are the

source of joy – wealth, pleasure, power and honour. "These four things we think will make us happy actually make us radiate unhappiness," Fr Barron said.

"They are not meant to satisfy the deepest longing of your heart. They may give you temporary happiness, but this wears off, and you become addicted.

"The only power that will satisfy is the power of the living God, and if you are not addicted to those material things, you are free to worship God."

Fr Barron believes the key to happiness is to be "single hearted."

"Chasing wealth, pleasure, power and honour can cause us to compete against one another and will lead to conflict, while worshipping God radiates peace," he said.



Fr Robert Barron ... "be single hearted".

"If you are single hearted and love what Jesus loved, despise what he despised, and you will find joy.

"What can make you happy is giving to people what you've received as a gift from God."

Fr Barron, who hails from Chicago, was in Canberra as part of a 13-day national tour where he spoke to young people, churches and theological faculties.

He lectures extensively in the United States and abroad and has published numerous books, essays and DVD programs. He reaches out through new media, where his YouTube videos have been seen more than three million times. His latest DVD is a 10-part television series called Catholicism. Go to: [www.catholicismseries.com/](http://www.catholicismseries.com/)

Trinity Catholic College in Goulburn has launched its centre for excellence in science.

The centre was developed in conjunction with Australian Catholic University, Australian National University and

University of Canberra in response to a national trend of falling student participation in senior secondary science courses.

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No account of Canberra's 100-year history would be complete without acknowledgement of the many post-World War II European migrants who began a new life in the developing national capital.

Giuseppe Cataldo is an outstanding example of a "New Australian" whose hard work and decency helped shape his much-loved adopted city.

But it wasn't easy, especially in the beginning. There must have been times when Giuseppe Cataldo felt like the fictional Nino Culotta in *They're a Weird Mob*. Part of the attraction to Canberra on Giuseppe's part was that it was the capital of Australia.

Giuseppe had served in the police force in Rome and, while not expecting to find "La Bella Roma" in Canberra, he was shocked to find the Bush Capital more akin to a large country town when he arrived in 1957.

Not that Giuseppe was averse to country life. He was born in Chiusano San Domenico in southern Italy and enjoyed living and working on the family farm. But his sense of adventure got him thinking about emigrating. No hasty decisions were made.

After serving 2 ½ years in the police force, he returned to the farm, married his beloved Ida in 1952 and rejoiced in the birth of two sons, Emilio and Angelo.

The time seemed right in 1957 when he set off for Australia to prepare for Ida and the boys to follow.

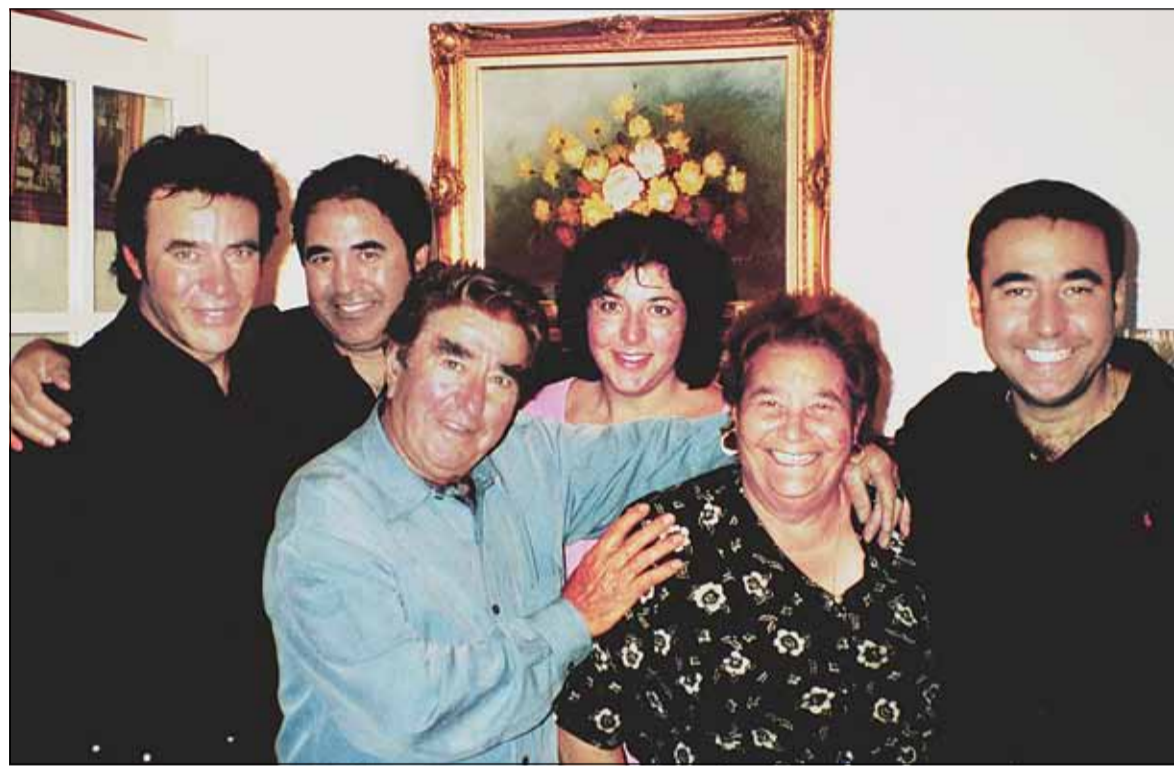
By then he had begun to hone his skills as a hairdresser, but it was as a carpenter that he was allowed to migrate to Australia.

He arrived with just a suitcase in hand. Son Emilio describes his beginnings in Canberra: "Dad spent his first night camped beneath a make-shift tent at the upper Cotter Dam.

"His first night fright was mistaking a wombat for some type of wild hairy pig. At smoko time his entrepreneurial skills came into play.

"The labourer would turn a dynamite box upside down to

# Hairdresser who helped shape his adopted home



ABOVE: The Cataldo family (from left): Emilio, Angelo, Giuseppe, Anna, Ida and Aldo.



LEFT: Giuseppe Cataldo ... left a thriving hairdressing salon.

those years – missing his family (to whom he wrote twice a week no matter how tired he was), working hard at his day job, doing house-calls after hours on his push bike all over Canberra cutting hair and attending night school learning English.

But from Emilio's account it was all worthwhile. "In March, 1961, when Dad felt he had saved enough and was certain of Australia as his home, he sent for his family and had a house in Yarralumla waiting for us.

"What a wonderful place to start for Mum with friendly Australian families around and a large community of Italians where they forged long and lasting friendships."

Ida and Giuseppe were blessed with another son, Aldo, in 1963 and daughter, Anna, the joy of their life in 1966.

In 1965, the Cataldo family hairdressing business, catering

for both men and women, began in Marcus Clarke Street in Civic.

Giuseppe was determined to give it a distinctive continental character and with his warm and engaging personality he built up a wonderful rapport with his clients.

As the children got older they grew into the business. Emilio and Angelo began by taking turns in sweeping-up the salon and went on to become national champions in their profession as hairdressers.

Aldo used his accountancy skills supporting the business and Anna not only worked in the salon but taught hairdressing at a tertiary level.

In 1984, another salon was opened in Northbourne Avenue, eventually subsuming the Marcus Clarke Street operation.

Giuseppe Cataldo's eminent skills in his profession, his great love of his work, his personal interest in his clients, his goodness and fairness to his staff and his simple love of life guaranteed success.

Among his clients were four of Canberra's Archbishops, Eris O'Brien, Thomas Cahill, Edward Clancy and Francis Carroll.

All of them had a great fondness for their trusted barber, enjoying his wit and wisdom and gaining some valuable practice in the Italian language.

The same could be said of the politicians, lawyers, members of the police force and a whole cross-section of Canberra's population who were among his appreciative clients.

In the late 1990s, Giuseppe Cataldo gradually eased into retirement, enjoying the family home in Forrest with Ida and the company of children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren until his death in December, 2010.

He left not only a thriving hairdressing salon but a proud legacy for Canberra to celebrate as part of its 100th birthday.

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# Women have 'many special gifts' to offer Church

Inspirational women have had a strong presence in Donella Johnston's life – starting from the year she was born.

"My birth year 1970 was a big year for women in society and the Church, as this was the year two females were made doctors of the church – Catherine of Siena and Teresa of Avila," Ms Johnston said.

"Catherine is my second name and my mother's name, so I feel there is a bit of a connection there too."

It's fitting, then, that Ms Johnston now holds the position of director for the Office for the Participation of Women and is executive secretary to the Bishops' Commission for Church Ministry in the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference. The Office for the Participation of Women was designed by Australia's bishops more than 10 years ago to foster the participation of women in the Church.

Ms Johnston often draws inspiration from women, both in life and in her new role.

"I like to read a lot about the lives of the women saints, who were so inspirational, as are the women around me, like my mother, my aunties, my grandmothers or women I work with," she said.

"I also look to young women – I truly admire the things they are doing today. Whenever I see a gathering of heads of state or any big event, I look for other women. Ever since I can remember I've counted how many there are and I've noticed over the years there have been more and more women represented and it's really encouraging."

Ms Johnston was born in Young and grew up in the small town of Quandialla in south west New South Wales.

She moved to Canberra when she was 19 to study a degree in Asian studies at the Australian National University,



Donella Johnston ... "we understand what it's like to be poor or the outcasts".

and also studied Japanese linguistics in Japan for a year, which she described as "a fantastic experience".

After completing a graduate diploma in secondary education, Ms Johnston taught Japanese at Merici College and religious education and humani-

ties at St Francis Xavier College. She also worked at the Catholic Education Office for two years.

She "loved working in education," but when she noticed the position of director of the Office for the Participation of Women was being advertised, she knew she had to apply.

An integral part of the job is recognising the different gifts that women can offer the Church.

"Women often work in a different style to men – we consult in a collaborative style that helps build relationships," she said.

"There are many special gifts that women can offer the Church. Pope John Paul II called it the 'feminine genius,' because women are good at listening, which is a good touchstone for healing."

"Historically we've been the underdog, so we understand what it's like to be poor or the outcasts, and they were the people Jesus was particularly interested in."

"For so long women have struggled to be heard, to be paid equally and just to have basic human rights, and Jesus stood up for that in the gospels. That historical experience we have makes us very open to the poor, the oppressed and the needy."

These days, Ms Johnston believes the role of women in the Church is changing rapidly.

"I think it's reflecting secular society that women are becoming more active in leadership and that's reflected in women's roles in the Church as well," she said.

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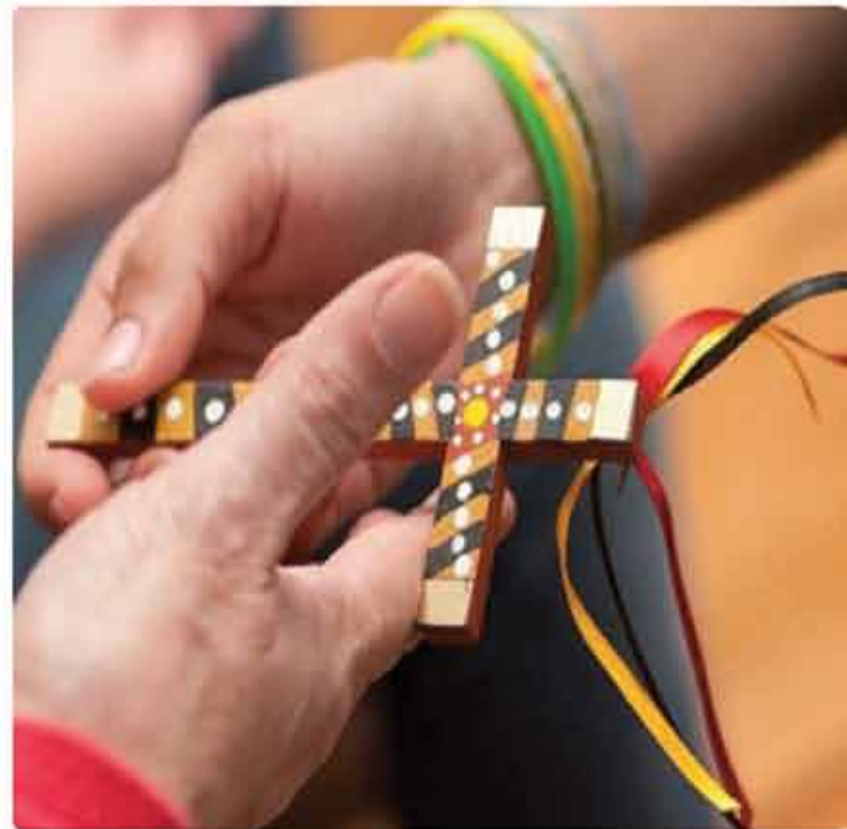
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SFX aims to provide opportunities for success for all students.

Students are supported and challenged through a strong academic program, a diverse range of electives and strong pastoral care.

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Senior students take their leadership role seriously.

Through mentoring, the College House structure and a myriad of other ways they

assist younger students at the College.

Much of the leadership occurs through the modelling that occurs each and every day at the College.

SFX has strong links with the local community and students are encouraged to play weekend sport with local clubs.

## SFX has strong links with the local community

Students also have the opportunity to participate in a range of sports against other schools and colleges.

Initiatives at the College in 2012 include:

- The soon-to-be-completed Student Services Hub. The hub is adjacent to the Resource centre and it will provide bet-

ter links between learning, recreation and academic and pastoral support for students.

- The accelerated reading program for Year 7.

- A focus on curriculum differentiation in Years 7 to 10.

- Further development of the middle managers – the year and studies coordinators

- The opening of the SFX component of the Canberra Region Pathways Trade Training Centre. The SFX facility will focus on construction pathways.

- Further development of Studywiz - learning management platform that is accessible to students, teachers and parents.

- A review of behaviour management policies and procedures at the College.

- The roll out of laptops to all Year 9 students – this will mean that students in Years 9 to 11 will have their own laptops.



College captains Chloe Kelly and Nick Mahony.

- A new College website at [www.sfx.act.edu.au](http://www.sfx.act.edu.au)

The statement of strategic intent at SFX is “living the truth, leading with courage and learning for life”. The aim is to develop students who are positive contributors to society who see the glass as more than half full.



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The College's NAPLAN results show that students who enrol in Year 7 at MacKillop achieve remarkable progress by the time they are in Year 9 – the kind of progress that continues into their senior years (and we've got the Year 12 results to prove it, too). Students do well at MacKillop!

### Maybe it's the safe and dynamic community:

MacKillop boasts a Pastoral Care program that has been held in high regard by teachers, students, and parents alike. It promotes an open school that is welcoming, respectful of differences, enthusiastic about different talents, and where students can speak openly about their concerns and where they can expect to be helped. There's an energy at MacKillop that is fun, safe, and truly irresistible!

### It's the opportunities for each and every student:

Each student at MacKillop has the opportunity to become anybody they want to be – it's our job to ensure we give them the best platform for that.

At MacKillop, each student gets a laptop for the duration of their stay at the College, which, in combination with online programs like StudyWiz, is allowing each student to achieve their potential.

With the impressive new Trade Training Centre, the state-of-the-art Information Resource Centre, and brand new science laboratories (set for completion this year), future and current students have more opportunities than ever before.



Opportunities: The 1:1 laptop program.

### It's co-education, the way of the future:

Boys and girls learn together at MacKillop, promoting a mutual respect for gender difference, cohesive intellectual energy, and a learning community that best reflects the society our students belong to and are being prepared to one-day lead.

The comprehensive and contemporary curriculum offered by the College is aimed at developing each student's ability to embrace and manage change, to think critically, and to communicate with integrity, clarity, and imagination, which, in the 21st century, will be paramount to a successful life.

Co-education is normal, healthy, and how life-long learning occurs. Why would you not have it in the critical secondary school years?

### It's the achievement:

If you want academic achievement, MacKillop is the place to be. If you want to achieve your sporting goals, MacKillop is the place to be. If you want to set yourself up to begin a trade or join the workforce, MacKillop is the place to be. Students come to MacKillop with many different talents and dreams, which MacKillop's teachers seek to nurture and encourage. MacKillop's achievements in cultural, sporting, and academic life serve as a source of pride to the student body and the wider community.

### Maybe it's because we're Catholic:

At MacKillop, we're faithful to the Gospels, attentive to the example of Jesus Christ, and challenged by the life and work of St Mary MacKillop. We endeavour to be just, loving, faithful, inclusive of all, and joyful in each other's company. MacKillop is a Catholic school for all!



Vocational Pathways: PM Julia Gillard opens the new Trade Training Centre.

### It's because the students love their school (and the feeling's mutual, really):

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At Marist we aim to provide a balanced curriculum which aims to develop the all-round qualities of our boys.

Marist students are characterised as possessing "a strong mind and a gentle heart" and we urge our students to be caring, loyal and considerate of others.

Our boys, particularly in the senior years, are expected to be involved in one of the outreach or **community service** activities sponsored by the school.

**Pastoral Care** is a prime focus of the College. Each boy is known as a unique and accepted member of the Marist family. We provide an environment where boys are encouraged to develop as a person. The "Big Brother, Little Brother" program builds strong relationships between the junior and senior school students.

Marist has an extensive **outdoor-education program**, culminating in the Outward Bound experience undertaken in Year Ten.

We are also highly involved in team **sports** such as cricket, basketball, rugby union, football, Australian Football and hockey as well as cross country, athletics, swimming, snow sports and judo.

There is a selection of indoor **clubs** that include table tennis, debating, computing club, science club, writers' club, and creative and **performing arts** are central to our formal and informal curriculum. The range of courses, which students may take in the various years, is extensive and details can be found at [www.maristc.act.edu.au](http://www.maristc.act.edu.au)

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## DARAMALAN COLLEGE 1962 - 2012

- 1962 Daramalan opens with 240 boys enrolled
- 1962 Fr John McMahon is the foundation Headmaster
- 1963 The first Art Expo starts and is still a feature in 2012
- 1964 Enrolments double to 477
- 1964 Fr John McCowage becomes Headmaster
- 1966 The school library opens with 600 books
- 1967 School fees are \$26 per Term
- 1967 The first Form Six graduates with Mark Cunliffe as first School Captain
- 1968 Enrolments move up to 930 students
- 1970 The first school band is formed
- 1970 A committee of parents agree that "students could smoke at school except during classes"
- 1971 Fr Jim Littleton is appointed Headmaster and is still part of the Daramalan MSC community in 2012
- 1972 The first Charity Walk (Kilothon) raises over \$10,000
- 1973 Student Tony Naar represents Australia in Volleyball
- 1975 Fr Harold Baker arrives at Daramalan and is still part of the College MSC Community.
- 1977 Co-education commences with 27 girls enrolled in Years 11
- 1978 The first Debutante Ball is held
- 1980 Students Stephen Conroy (now Senator Conroy) and Fulvio di Prinzio represent Australia in Volleyball
- 1980 Margaret Power becomes the first female School Captain
- 1981 Teacher Jean Reid retires after 20 years of service
- 1982 Student Phillip Jankowski wins a car and colour copier after winning Channel 7's "Class of '82" Quiz show.
- 1983 Fr Bob Irwin appointed as Headmaster
- 1985 Daramalan was the largest MSC school in the world
- 1986 Fire engulfs the Administration Wing on 7 July
- 1989 Fr Denis Uhr is appointed Principal
- 1989 The Deb Ball is the first event held at the new Canberra Convention Centre
- 1989 Students Cassandra Carey and Anthony Wilson represent Australia in skiing
- 1991 The Sports Centre opens at the College
- 1992 Smoking is finally banned at the College
- 1993 The girls' basketball team was the Champion School of Australia in Basketball
- 1994 Jeremy Kirk becomes Daramalan's first Rhodes scholar
- 1995 Teacher Pat Smith retires after 23 years
- 1996 The first girls are enrolled in Year 7
- 1996 The Primary School is closed after 34 years
- 1998 Mr Frank Fulton is appointed as Daramalan's first lay Principal
- 2001 The Kilothon (Charity Walk) raises a record breaking \$35,524
- 2002 Br James Maher composes and writes the school song
- 2002 Principal Frank Fulton sadly passes away in October and is replaced by Mr David Garratt
- 2004 Student Nick Farrelly is Daramalan's second Rhodes scholar
- 2006 Student Lauren Boden represents Australia in the Commonwealth Games in the 400m hurdles
- 2007 Teacher Michael Castrission wins over \$100,000 on Channel 9's "Great Temptation"
- 2008 Principal David Garratt retires after 34 years and Ms Rita Daniels is appointed as the College's first female Principal
- 2008 The new Garratt Hospitality Wing opens
- 2012 Daramalan celebrates 50 years



**Fifty years ago the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart (MSCs) opened a school for boys in the growing suburb of Dickson.** Today, Daramalan College is a large co-educational school close to the centre of the city that continues to provide high quality Catholic secondary education to young people in Canberra and the surrounding region. The college has changed in many ways over the past fifty years but it has always retained the key elements that make it an excellent Catholic school.



Teacher Mrs Jean Reid and student - 1970s

The size of the college means we are able to offer students an extensive range of courses and we have well-equipped specialist rooms for those subjects that require them such as Dance, Drama, Photography, IT and Hospitality.

Other activities such as Debating, Community Service and the St Vincent de Paul conference highlight the opportunities our students have to participate in learning experiences beyond the classroom which are invaluable for their future as contributors to the broader community.



Senior girls in the Littleton Wing - 1980s

In 2012 the college is celebrating its Jubilee year. We are marking this year by holding events for current and past students and their families as well as staff. It is a time to celebrate and to give thanks for the many thousands of people who have contributed to the Daramalan story so far. Daramalan College warmly welcomes all families who want their sons and daughters to be part of a vibrant and welcoming school community as we enter the next fifty years.



Community Service Morsehead Home

**We invite you to visit us on our Open Day on Thursday 3 May between 5.00 and 7.00pm. For further information, visit our website [www.daramalan.act.edu.au](http://www.daramalan.act.edu.au)**



Wood technology 2012

One of the hallmarks of Daramalan is the quality of the Pastoral Care provided to students. In addition to the new Pastoral Care program that is being offered in 2012, students are given a wide range of opportunities to learn more about themselves, their relationships with others and their personal faith journey through the retreats, Reflection Days, liturgical events and camps that are part of the Daramalan experience.

Opening Mass 2012



Each student has a Pastoral Care Advisor who gets to know them well and is available to support and advise them and their parents as they move through the college.

Sport has always been an important part of Daramalan

A significant commitment has been made over the years to keeping the college's facilities maintained at a high standard. New facilities are being constructed now for Woodwork, Fashion and Graphics and after this project is completed later in 2012, work will begin on a Trade Training Centre with specialist spaces for Metal Technology and Automotive Technology. The college offers six Vocational courses to students in Years 11-12 in addition to a broad academic program that meets the diverse needs of students across Years 7-12.



Preparation in the Hospitality Wing



Music 2011

The extensive Co-Curricular program is one of the college's strengths. We offer a large range of sports at club level as well as competing in inter-school competitions. The Performing Arts area is a dynamic part of the college with our bands, the choir, drama productions and dance performances all achieving at very high standards and providing students with wonderful experiences.

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## IMPORTANT ENROLMENT DATES FOR 2013

- **Open Evening - 5.00pm - 7.00pm Thursday 3 May 2012**
- **Year 7 2013 Information Session - 7.00pm - 8.00pm Thursday 3 May 2012**
- **2013 Enrolments commence - Monday 7 May 2012**
- **Year 11 2013 Information Evening - 7.30pm Tuesday 22 May 2012**

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- Boys need to have a sense of place and community at school. St Edmund's College is a Catholic school in the Edmund Rice tradition and has been educating boys for 58 years. It has an enduring commitment to ensure that membership of the College community continues indefinitely

## A school specifically designed for boys

for former staff, students and their families.

- The relevance of what they are learning is particularly important to boys. The College curriculum continually evolves to reflect changing academic and vocational opportunities.
- Boys need a sense of empowerment and engagement at school with many opportunities for success. The College offers an extensive choice of subjects, a wide variety of co-curricular options, both sporting and cultural, and the opportunity to engage with the community through social justice programs.

- Boys do well in the arts and performing arts at single gender schools where they are less likely to feel different from the other participants.

- Sport is a valuable way for your son to get life-skills that he may not get through other avenues. The College offers a diverse range of both sporting and cultural co-curricular activities that encourage each

student's personal development. The boys learn teamwork: the art of winning and losing gracefully; to understand that everything improves through practice, and how to work towards personal goals.

- Boys must keep connected with nature. St Edmund's College owns a beachside property The Pines at Tuross Head, NSW. The Pines is used as an off-campus field studies centre, for retreats, community-building experiences, father-son camps, and sporting camps. All boys annually experience time at The Pines.

St Edmund's College boasts an impressive range of facilities.

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Students also enjoy the continuity of friendships,



St Edmund's College Leaders 2012 from left: Timothy Friel, Academic Captain, Peter Fullagar, College Principal, Nathan French, College Captain and Sam Pearson, College Vice Captain.

teaching staff and location as they move through their school years. Boys thrive in this environment.

St Edmund's College is a Catholic school in the Edmund Rice Tradition. As a Catholic school it contributes to the development of young men through quality Catholic education in partnership with staff, parents, families and the wider community.

The worth and liberation of the individual, enhanced by personal formation in light of the Gospel and Christian values, are essential elements of the Religious Education and Social Justice programs.

The College's purpose is to embrace the actions and teaching of Jesus to educate and form young men of diverse needs to strive for their best, to be compassionate and of service to others.

The staff of St Edmund's College are well attuned to the needs of boys, academic, spiritual and developmental, and seek always to nurture the very best in each of them.

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### A faith community

From Years 7 to 12 students are motivated and encouraged to develop to their full potential within the context of the Catholic tradition. St Clare's provides opportunities and experiences designed to foster the spirituality of every girl. Youth ministry is expanding at the College and supports parish connections.



### An academic program that is full and rewarding

St Clare's College offers a full and rewarding academic program as well as a number of vocational courses in Years 11 and 12 including Australian School-based Apprenticeships and training programs. Complementary academic pursuits including the ANU College pathway, debating, eisteddfods, Chorale, band opportunities, drama and the arts are all part of the supportive and challenging learning environment.



### Co-curricular sport

The co-curricular sports program offers a wide range of opportunities to participate in traditional sport options as well as diverse sports including dragon boating, snow sports and outdoor pursuits such as the Duke of Edinburgh Award and World Challenge Programs.



### Pastoral care and social justice

Pastoral Care programs assist the transition to High School for Year 7 and to College life for Year 11 students, as well as covering a range of programs to meet the developmental needs of adolescents. The opportunity to become involved in leadership and outreach is open to all students. The College takes pride in its strong support of charities in the wider community.



### Excellent facilities and resources

The College provides excellent facilities for learning and teaching. A Trade Training Centre with a commercial kitchen and Flexible Learning Centre will be completed by the end of 2012.

## 2013 ENROLMENT INFORMATION EVENINGS

**YEAR 7, 2013**

**Thursday 3 May, 6.00 - 7.30 pm**

**YEAR 11, 2013**

**Tuesday 22 May, 7.30 - 8.30 pm**

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## OPEN DAY

**Wednesday 9th May**  
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### Information Evenings

***Year 7 Students for 2013***

**Tuesday 15th May**  
**6.00 – 7.15pm**  
Information Displays and Tours from 5.00pm

***Year 11 Students for 2013***

**Thursday 17th May**  
**4.00 – 7.00pm**  
Formal presentation beginning at 6.00pm  
Careers Expo from 4.00pm

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- Active and high-profile social justice groups provide outreach to the community. Merici is particularly proud of its partnership with Black Mountain School and Karinya House.

#### A RICH AND VARIED CURRICULUM

- Diverse and rigorous academic programs offer a broad range of opportunities including an extensive Foreign Languages program, a rich choice of elective subjects and, for students in Years 10-12, a variety of vocational subjects leading to nationally recognised certification.

- Merici is highly focused on its framework for powerful learning, incorporating individualised brain-based learning and developing in students a responsibility for active learning.
- The College supports students with needs and extends capable students with its challenge program, La Sfida.
- All students are taught to be technology-savvy. Students in Years 7-9 are offered an optional Laptop Program which has been operating successfully for almost 20 years, and students in Years 11 and 12 are issued with a high quality laptop for the duration of their senior studies.
- A very strong student led focus on sustainability and healthy eating is aligned with curriculum. The Canteen is run by the staff and students, uses fresh, local produce, no packaging and integrates into the vocational Hospitality and Business curriculum. A kitchen garden and greenhouse, sustainability electives and a co-curricular group all contribute to the College's Health Promotion Program.

#### AN EXTENSIVE CO-CURRICULAR PROGRAM

- Merici offers a wide co-curricular program which encourages students to develop their interests in diverse sporting, cultural and academic arenas.
- It includes:
  - An award-winning band program, string ensemble and choir.
  - A broad weekend sport program and a thriving Duke of Edinburgh Scheme.
  - Diverse interest groups including Debating, Literary clubs, Anime and Chess Clubs.

#### EXCELLENT FACILITIES AND RESOURCES

- Continual upgrading of facilities provides innovative and stimulating learning spaces throughout the College.
- In 2011, completion of the new Trade Training Centre (commercial kitchen and restaurant), several Flexible Learning Spaces, a Technical Support Centre and a Vocational Education and Careers' Centre further enhance the opportunities offered to the students.

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# New sisters for MGLs

Many gathered to celebrate the profession of final vows of two Missionaries of God's Love sisters Rachel Fleurant (right) and Rosie Drum.



erty in south-west NSW. She will continue in her role as youth minister in the Castle Hill parish in Sydney. She took part in youth ministries after she left school and served as a lay missionary for a year. This was when she discovered that her deepest desire was to draw other young people into a relationship with God and the Church.

Sr Rachel, who grew up in Marayong, Sydney, will minister from the MGL Melbourne house. Before entering the sisters she completed a Bachelor of Commerce (Marketing) and worked in the corporate business world.

As is the custom for the MGLs, the women proclaimed their lifetime vows of chastity, poverty and obedience kneeling in front of the St Damiano Cross. This image spoke to St Francis of Assisi, calling him to rebuild the Church which was in ruins. Both women joined the MGL sisters in the same year and spent eight years in formation.

Sr Rosie, who is one of nine children, grew up on a large prop-

# Death sentence gave life

Facing death for most of his life has given Nicholas Tonti-Filippini an advantage over others – he has never taken a minute for granted.

Thirty five years ago, Prof Tonti-Filippini, who is the associate dean and head of bioethics at the John Paul II institute for Marriage and Family in Melbourne, was diagnosed with a rheumatoid auto-immune disease that causes renal failure.

At the time, he was given five years to live.

The diagnosis meant one thing to Prof Tonti-Filippini – to just do the things he loved. Since he didn't expect to be around for mortgages or retirement plans, there was freedom to take on things that he may not have considered before.

"I didn't worry about getting myself into a position where I had to earn a decent income, that pressure just went," he said.

"So I didn't have to study because it could get me into a good career; I could just study the things that interested me like biology and sociology.

"But I'm still here now, and thankfully I have actually created a career out of what I studied in my teaching.

"I have got used to going through life expecting that I won't live very long, and I still

don't have any answer as I don't know how long I'll live."

Prof Tonti-Filippini has been on dialysis for the past 20 years. Over the years he has developed advanced heart disease, and now has a vision disability which means he uses dictation software for most of his output.

This didn't stop him from writing a series of books on bioethics, however. About Bioethics are based on Prof Tonti-Filippini's teachings and personal experiences, written using the dictation software.

He visited Canberra to promote the second volume in the series, Caring for People Who are Sick or Dying.

"This book looks at the care of people who are sick and dying and the decisions to be made. It's also about the issue of coping with chronic illness," he said.

"I've had several near-death experiences, so it's something I know a lot about."

Although it may seem like a depressing topic, the dominant theme in the book is love, Prof Tonti-Filippini insists.

"It's looking at how we love others and how we love ourselves as we go through the dying process, and that the process is really a part of relinquishing everyday concerns to focus on things that are really much more important," he said.

# Historian has the gen on the Irish

If you have Irish descendants, there's a good chance Fr Brian Maher knows their stories.

Fr Maher has spent most of his life collecting the stories of more than 400 families of predominantly Irish Catholic descent who lived in southern NSW and the ACT.

The collection includes personal letters, photographs, family histories and other information that is not available elsewhere.

He has donated the archive to the Heraldry and Genealogy Society of Canberra so it may be accessible to future generations.

"I'm getting old and have no family left to give the collections to, so I thought they would interest people in the local community," Fr Maher said.

Fr Maher's interest in genealogy began when he was a schoolboy at Galong.



Fr Brian Maher hands over part of his collection to Heraldry and Genealogy Society of Canberra president Rosemary McKenzie.

"I used to assist the parish priest with funerals at the Galong monastery," he said.

"It was a Catholic cemetery so there were many Irish people, with headstones that said things like 'native of County Limerick', so I got interested in their stories and why they came to Australia."

Father Maher was awarded an OAM in 2009 for service to the Canberra region through historical organisations and to the Catholic Church.

He is the author of several books on the history of Catholic communities in

the Archdiocese.

His book on the foundation of the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn, Planting the Celtic Cross, is considered a classic guide and reference to the early missionaries and present-day parishes.

# 1400 make this carnival a winner

Teams from St Josephs, O'Connor, and Good Shepherd, Amaroo, shared the honours at the 13th annual Canberra Catholic primary school soccer carnival at the University of Canberra.

Each school provided three winning teams on a carnival day with almost 1400 players in 117 teams across 18 fields.

Every Catholic primary school in Canberra was represented at the carnival along with teams from Moruya, Yass, Cooma, Murrumburrah and Goulburn.

Most families of St Matthew's Primary School, Page, were involved in helping stage the carnival.

The carnival is hosted by a different school each year with Holy Trinity, Curtin, to host next year.



Luca Florez, of St Matthew's Anaconda's, in action.

# to Nicholas' work ...

"When somebody is dying, they have so much to teach the people around them."

"They start to focus on things that really matter and they let go of the day to day things that occupy people most of the time, which are not really important."

"Death actually deepens relationships people become much more focused on their love for each other and expressing that love in a way that really matters."

"People will also encounter God in each other so that they are experiencing what it is to love and to love God, and that relationship is very important."

Raised in Victoria to a Catholic family, Prof Tonti-Filippini was educated at St Vincent's College in Bendigo, Monash University and the University of Melbourne.



Prof Tonti-Filippini ... "I have got used to going through life expecting that I won't live very long."

He lived in Canberra for two years in 1990, working at the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, before returning to Melbourne.

He has served on numerous government committees including the Australian Health Ethics Committee. In 1982, he became Australia's first hospital ethicist at St Vincent's Hospital, where he was director of bioethics.

In 2009, he was appointed a papal knight by Pope Benedict XVI for his work in bioethics and

for the Catholic Church. He is married to general practitioner Dr Mary Walsh, and they have four children. The next volume in About Bioethics will focus on organ donation, which Prof Tonti-Filippini hopes will better educate people about the process of donation.



Merici College students Tayah Mott, Brittany Nagas and Courtney Cragg talk to Br Blazio Manobo.

## Caritas offers hope in land of poverty

He has seen first-hand the devastating effects of extreme poverty in his country, but Br Blazio Manobo believes church aid agency Caritas Australia has offered hope and helped save lives in Zimbabwe.

Br Blazio, who is the coordinator of Caritas programs in Zimbabwe and vicar general of the Brothers of St Paul, visited Australia to help promote Project Compassion. In Canberra, he visited Merici College, Daramalan College and Holy Rosary Parish, Watson.

Since he was appointed coordinator of Caritas for the Gweru diocese in 2007, he has implemented 18 Caritas programs.

"Zimbabwe has a population of 15 million, however close to three million Zimbabweans have left the country since 2000 due to the deteriorating social, economic and political environment," Br Blazio said.

"The programs have a developmental focus which allows people to be self-sustained, hygienic, educated, and have access to clean water and food. These have a long-term focus because before this program there were no developmental programs, only short-term projects. Another issue is HIV and AIDS, so we want to make sure every young person has access to information about their reproductive health. We have trainers that will expand this knowledge to prevent HIV and AIDS and prevent disease outbreaks."

He also hopes money from Project Compassion will help pay for food and school fees for some of Zimbabwe's three million orphans.

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Cath Voice

# Women have 'many gifts'

● From Page 9.

"I'm seeing many women working as pastoral associates, or working in partnership with parish priests, and that's an important role."

For Ms Johnston, making sure these changes continue is about "ensuring a better balance of men and women in leadership roles, and really affirming the quality of women."

"For example, at the moment we are working on sponsoring young women around Australia to study about leadership, and learn about then Catholic faith," she said.

"It's about making sure that women's voices are heard and it's about equity, not just in the Church but anywhere. I think if you have women in leadership then you've got a better chance of women's experiences being heard and the needs of women being responded to."

"I guess my goal for this year will be to get a sense of what's happening in the wider Australian community, reaching out to women everywhere."

In her spare time, she enjoys Christian meditation, yoga, bushwalking and spending time with her family. Reading is one of her greatest loves.

"Writers like Germaine Greer really influenced me as a young woman and drove my interest in women's issues," she said.

"I've also been getting into the writings of Hildegard von Bingen. I love the story of St Francis of Assisi and his friendship with St Clare; it was a beautiful partnership that really influenced me as well."

Ms Johnston believes the future of the Church is a positive one. "Although there is some anxiety about change, people should remember with change comes opportunity, and that can be a wonderful thing if it's embraced with the heart of Christ," she said.



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**Aranda:** Holy Thursday 7pm, Good Friday Stations of the Cross 11am, liturgy 3pm, Easter vigil 7pm, Sunday 9am.

**Ardlethan:** Easter vigil 7pm.

**Barellan:** Holy Thursday 7pm, Good Friday liturgy Arian Park 3pm, Sunday 8.30am.

**Batemans Bay:** Holy Thursday 7.30pm, Good Friday 3pm, Easter vigil 7.30pm, Sunday 9am.

**Bega:** Holy Thursday 7pm, Good Friday Bomboka 11am, Candelo 11am, Bega 3pm, Tathra 5pm, Easter vigil Bega 7pm, Sunday Tathra 7.45am, Candelo 9.15am, Bomboka 9am.

**Binalong:** Good Friday Stations of the Cross 10am, Sunday 9.30am.

**Boorowa:** Holy Thursday 7pm, Good Friday Stations of the Cross 10am, liturgy 3pm, Easter vigil 6pm, Sunday 8am.

**Braidwood:** Holy Thursday 7pm, Good Friday Stations of the Cross 10am, liturgy 3pm, Sunday 10am.

**Bungendore:** Holy Thursday 7.30pm, Good Friday Stations of the Cross 10am, liturgy 3pm, Easter vigil 6.30pm, Sunday 8.30am.

**Campbell:** Holy Thursday 7.30pm, Good Friday Stations of the Cross 10am liturgy 3pm, Easter vigil 6pm, Sunday 10am.

**Central Canberra:** Holy Thursday Dickson 6.30pm, Good Friday Stations of the Cross Braddon 11am, liturgy Dickson 3pm, Easter vigil Dickson 7pm, Sunday Braddon 8am, Dickson 9.30am.

**Cathedral:** Holy Thursday 7.30pm, Good Friday Stations of the Cross Yarralumla 11am, ACCC 11am, liturgy cathedral 3pm, Easter vigil 7.30pm, Sunday cathedral 8am, 11am and 5.30pm, Yarralumla 9.30am.

**Charnwood:** Holy Thursday 7.30pm, Good Friday liturgy 3pm, Stations of the Cross 7.30pm, Easter vigil 7.30pm, Sunday 10am only.

**Cobargo:** Holy Thursday Bermagui 5.30pm, Good Friday liturgy Bermagui 3pm, Easter vigil Cobargo 6pm, Sunday Bermagui 7.30am.

**Cooma:** Holy Thursday Bombala 6pm, Cooma 6.30pm, Nimmitabel 7pm, Good Friday Stations of the Cross Endeavour Hill Reserve 7am, Cooma 10am, Delegate noon, Nimmitabel noon, liturgy Cooma 3pm, Bombala 3pm, Nimmitabel 3pm, Adaminaby ecumenical 3pm, Easter vigil Cooma 6pm, Bombala 6pm, Nimmitabel 7pm, Sunday Adaminaby 8am, Cooma 10am, Delegate 11am.

**Cootamundra:** Holy Thursday 7pm, Good Friday Stations of the Cross noon, liturgy 3pm, Easter vigil 7pm, Sunday Stockinbingal 8am, Cootamundra 9.30am.

**Crookwell:** Holy Thursday 7pm, Good Friday liturgy 3pm, Easter vigil 7pm, Sunday Crookwell 9am, Binda 10.30am.

**Evatt:** Holy Thursday 7.30pm, Good Friday Stations of the Cross Hall 11am, liturgy Evatt 3pm, Easter vigil Evatt 7pm, Sunday Hall 8am, Evatt 10am.



Year 9 students of Sacred Heart School, Cootamundra, will present the re-enactment of the Lord's Passion for the 26th year this Easter. It will be presented at 10am on Holy Thursday in Sacred Heart Church. The re-enactment will be incorporated into the liturgy at 3pm on Good Friday.

**Galong:** Holy Thursday 7pm, Good Friday 3pm, Easter vigil 7.30pm, Sunday 9am.

**Goulburn:** Holy Thursday St Peter and Paul's 7pm, Good Friday Stations of the Cross Trinity College 10.30am, liturgy St Peter and Paul's 3pm, Easter vigil St Peter and Paul's 7pm, Sunday Our Lady of Fatima 7am, Marulan 8am, St Peter and Paul's 10am.

**Grenfell:** Holy Thursday 7pm, Good Friday Stations of the Cross 10am, liturgy 3pm, Easter vigil 7.30pm, Sunday Grenfell 8am, Quandialla 10am.

**Gundagai:** Holy Thursday 6pm, Good Friday Stations of the Cross 10am, liturgy 3pm, Easter vigil 6pm, Sunday Gundagai 8am, Jugiong 10am.

**Gungahlin:** Holy Thursday 7pm, Good Friday Stations of the Cross 11am, liturgy 3pm, Easter vigil 7pm, Sunday 8am and 9.30am, no 5.30pm Mass.

**Jindabyne:** Holy Thursday Jindabyne 7pm, Good Friday liturgy Berridale 11am, Jindabyne 3pm, Easter vigil Thredbo 5pm, Jindabyne 8pm, Sunday Perisher Valley 8.30am, Jindabyne 8.30am 10.30am, Berridale 10.30am.

**Harden:** Holy Thursday 7pm, Good Friday ecumenical Stations of the Cross 9.30am, liturgy 3pm, Sunday 9.30am.

**Kaleen:** Holy Thursday 7.30pm, Good Friday Stations of the Cross outside 10am, liturgy 3pm, Easter vigil 7.30pm, Sunday 9am and 5.30pm.

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# Our lives in hands of loving power

A friend of mine tells this story: As a young boy in the 1950s he was struck down with pneumonia. His family lived in a small town that had neither a hospital nor a doctor. His father had a job that had taken him away from the family for that week. His mother was home alone with no phone and no car.

Frightened and completely without resources, she came to his sickbed, knelt beside it, pinned a medal of St Therese of Lisieux to his pyjamas, and prayed to St Therese in words to this effect: "I'm trusting you to make my child better. I'm going to remain kneeling here until his fever breaks."

Both my friend and his mother eventually fell asleep, he in his sickbed and she kneeling beside it. When they woke, his fever had broken.

My friend shares this story, not to claim some kind of miracle took place (though who is to judge?).

He tells it to make different point, namely, how his mother, in a situation of fragility and helplessness, dropped to her knees and turned to God as if by natural instinct and how, today, that

kind of a response is no longer our own natural instinct.

Very few of us today, faced with this kind of situation, would do what his mother did.

Why not? Because our personalities have changed. Charles Taylor, in an outstanding book, *A Secular Age*, traces out how, as our world has grown more secular, we have moved more and more from being porous personalities to becoming buffered personalities.

We have a porous personality when our everyday consciousness stands in anxiety and fear before threats that can come to us from nature or elsewhere (illnesses, death, epidemics, storms, droughts, earthquakes, lightning strikes, wars, evil spirits from other worlds, curses from malevolent persons, ill chance, threats of all kinds) for which our main and often only defence is power from the other world (God, angels, saints, dead ancestors, benign spirits, fairies, genies).

Our personalities are porous when they are made fragile by threats that only powers beyond us can ultimately appease. All human resources within us and around us are seen as inadequate and helpless in securing our lives.

## Ron Rolheiser

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Part of that belief too is that the natural world itself is far from only natural. Instead it is an enchanted world within which, beneath the surface, lurk spirits of all kinds, good and bad; and thus coping with life means not just dealing with the physical things of our world but also with spirits, good and bad, who, hidden inside and behind things, interfere with life and can bless or curse us.

I remember as a child sprinkling myself with holy water for safety during lightning storms. I had a porous personality.

A buffered personality, on the other hand, is one within which everyday consciousness lives inside of what Taylor calls "a self-sufficient humanism".

Self-sufficient humanism believes that we are essentially adequate to handle the darkness and the threats within life and that there are no ghosts and spirits, good or bad, lurking beneath the surface of things.

There is only what we see and that's all - and that's also enough.

We don't need help from another world. In self-sufficient humanism you don't sprinkle yourself with holy water during lightning storms; you stand securely behind a safe window and enjoy the free fireworks.

And that lack of fear is not necessarily a bad thing. It's an illusion of course, but, even so, God doesn't want us to live dominated by fear.

The word "Gospel", after all, means "good news", not threat. Jesus came into this world to rid us of false fear.

But, with that being said, the belief that we are self-sufficient is still a dangerous illusion and a crippling immaturity.

In the end, we are not safe from lightning and disease, no matter how safe our windows or good our doctors.

To think of ourselves as self-sufficient is naïve, an illusion, a

living under a pall-of-enchantment. We are not in control.

Moreover, there is an immaturity in the belief that we are so much more advanced and freer than were our grandparents who were afraid of lightning and pinned religious medals on sick children.

Their fear inspired an important virtue. That virtue may have been conscriptive, but it was real. What was that virtue?

Robert Bellah once looked at how community and religion tend to thrive inside of immigrant communities and challenged us, post-immigrants, to become "inner-immigrants". That's also true here.

We need to get in touch with our "inner porous self", namely, our deep down fragility, helplessness, insubstantiality and lack of self-sufficiency. And the purpose of that is not to instill fear, but gratitude.

It is only when we realise that we are not in control, and that our lives and our safety are in the hands of a great and loving power beyond us, that we will bend our knees in gratitude, both when we are joyous and when we are afraid.

## why I grow what I grow

# Flowers, they're like fashion trends

**A column in which well known and not so well known people with green thumbs tell us just how they do it. This month we speak to Page townhouse resident Janet Moyle.**

Gardens have a way of raising people's spirits, St Matthew's Page parishioner and gardening enthusiast Janet Moyle believes.

"When you're down and you look at a beautiful garden, I believe it can just lift your mood," Mrs Moyle said.

Her cottage-style garden in front of her Page townhouse certainly has the ability to do just that; even on a rainy day. The colourful garden features more than 20 different types of flowers and plants, which Mrs Moyle spends about three or four hours a week maintaining. "I like to have something in bloom each season," she said.

"Even though it's a colder climate than other places, you can still grow a lot in Canberra."

Mrs Moyle's garden attracts many admirers. "The front garden is good because it's not as isolated; it's right near the footpath so passers-by can look in and have a chat. They'll often walk by and say 'the garden is looking lovely,' and that type of thing," she said. "I'm happy to provide a bit of pleasure for people - it's a contribution."

Mrs Moyle has loved gardening since she can remember - "there's a photo of me when I was young with my father in our garden in Victoria where I grew up, and I've got a fork and burrow in my hands," she said.

Mrs Moyle moved to Canberra in 1974 with husband Kevin. Before retiring in 1997, she worked as a primary school teacher. She is also a long-time regular monthly contributor to the Catholic Voice book review page.

She is currently a member of the Belconnen Garden Club, which has about 120 members who meet once a month and regularly go on field trips to see other gardens.

"I find it helps to be around like-minded people," she said. "We don't know everything, but we each know some things, so collectively we work really well together."

"I've also learnt a bit from Floriade as well as gardening magazines and books. I love experimenting with palettes - last season I did a theme of blue and yellow with 180 bulbs, blue irises, daffodils, and blue and yellow pansies. It was very popular with people walking by."

Mrs Moyle likens flowers to fashion trends - "the colours go in and out of season, and they have to complement each other," she said.

Her favourite flowers? "In the summer it's dahlias, as they repeat and



Never mind the weather ...Janet Moyle in her Page garden.

repeat and you can get so many different shapes," she said. "In spring I like the orchids; I get very excited about them. You've got to look after them a bit but they repay you for it. Winter is a quiet time, but the camellias and jonquils come out then."

Mrs Moyle tells anyone considering gardening to "go for it", but says to consider your space first. "Smaller areas are harder to maintain than big-

ger spaces because you need to have a lot of plants to make it worthwhile," she said. "With a larger space, you can break it up more, and do what you do when decorating homes; having a room within a room with separate dining and living areas, that sort of thing."

"With my garden I have the mind frame if something is meant to flower and it doesn't, I get rid of it. I'm pretty ruthless like that."

# Not many Oscars up for grabs on Mars

**John Carter. Starring Taylor Kitsch, Lynn Collins, Ciaran Hinds, Dominic West, Mark Strong, James Purefoy; Voices of Willem Dafoe, Thomas Haden Church, Samantha Morton. Directed by Andrew Stanton. 132 minutes. M (Science fiction violence). Reviewer: Fr Peter Malone MSC\*.**

Andrew Stanton won Oscars for his animation classics, *Finding Nemo* and *Wall-E*. He won't be up for many awards for *John Carter*.

The film has good intentions and an even bigger budget and is in 3D. However, while one would like it to be better, it is rather cumbersome in its storytelling. A pity, because many audiences will enjoy it, but could have enjoyed it more.

It is very much in the Star Wars tradition with its alien planet, its strange special effects

characters and creatures, an action hero, and a lively princess, plenty of flying machines and battles.

The film is based on Edgar Rice Burroughs' story, *A Princess on Mars*, one of many stories he wrote (while not writing his *Tarzan* stories) about imaginary life on Mars.

It opens in the Star Wars' vein with futuristic-looking cities, space ship style planes for wars between rival cities, and the introduction of a power-hungry ruler (Dominic West) and the Therms, the elusive rulers of the universe, malicious beings who control power, set up rulers and then watch how populations clash and destroy themselves and their planets.

Then we are in New York City, 1881, rainy and dingy, while John Carter eludes a pursuer. Soon we are at his country



Dejah Thoris (Lynn Collins) and John Carter (Taylor Kitsch) in *John Carter*.

estate discovering his uncle is dead and reading a manuscript he bequeathed him. This manuscript sends Edgar and us back to 1868 and the American west where former confederate caval-ryman, John Carter, is not pop-

ular with northerners as he searches for gold.

Escaping from Apaches, he finds a cave, a dying man and a medallion by which, when a formula is spoken, he is whisked to Mars.

The adventures on Mars involve his discovery by a community of creatures, The Tharks, his meeting the princess and helping her escape to home where she is to be married off to the power hungry ruler to save her city. Before she can be saved, John Carter has to endure a fight with giant white apes in the arena, defeat the usurping leader and rouse the Tharks to rescue the princess and her city.

So, plenty of adventure, plenty of effects and stunts, a solid British supporting cast.

Taylor Kitsch, looking a bit Heath Ledgerish is the American hero who comes in and, with some help, still shows how American heroes can save the day, even on Mars.

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**The Rum Diary. Starring Johnny Depp, Aaron Eckhart, Michael Rispoli, Amber Heard, Richard Jenkins, Giovanni Ribisi, Amaury Nolasco. Directed by Bruce Robinson. 120 minutes. M. (Drug use, sex scenes, coarse language and violence).**

A memorable, idiosyncratic film which gives interesting insight into the Caribbean island of Puerto Rico in the late '50s, and the early career of Hunter S Thompson, American journalist and author and one of the hippie generation's most loved and revolutionary figures. Johnny Depp plays Paul Kemp, a journalist suffering writer's block in flight from New York.

**Buck. Documentary featuring Buck Brannaman. Directed by Cindy Meehl. 89 minutes. PG (Mild coarse language, themes and violence).**

A most amiable documentary, all the more surprising because of the early hard life of its central character, Buck Brannaman, one of the inspirations for *The Horse Whisperer*. A very pleasing and hopeful portrait of a genial man.

**Headhunters. Norwegian with English subtitles. Starring Aksel Hennie, Nicolaj Coster-Waldau. Directed by Morten Tyldum. 100 minutes. MA 15+ (Strong violence and sex scenes).**

From a novel by Jo Nesbo whose crime stories are becoming more prominent on bookshop shelves. This film might encourage more interest. The storytelling is direct, leaving the complica-

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tions and twists until the end. Well-plotted, written and acted, a satisfying thriller of its kind.

**50/50. Starring Joseph Gordon Leavitt, Seth Rogen, Anna Kendrick, Bryce Dallas Howard. Directed by Jonathan Levine. 100 minutes. MA 15+ (Strong coarse language, sexual references and drug use).**

The makers and marketers had a lot of trouble finding just the right title for this film – and for audience acceptability. It is 50% (perhaps a bit more) about terminal illness and 50% (perhaps a little less) raucous comedy. Working titles included *Live with it* and *I'm living with cancer*. *50/50* has a lot of things going for it, especially a young person facing up to the possibility of dying without having lived a great deal of life.

**Contraband. Starring Mark Wahlberg, Kate Beckinsale, Ben Foster, Giovanni Ribisi, David O'Hara, Diego Luna, J.K. Simmons. Directed by Baltasar Kormakur. 110 minutes. MA 15+ (Strong coarse language and violence).**

The story is gritty. The characters are gritty and not easy to sympathise with. Most of them have had difficult lives, and where we catch up with them life is certainly not any easier. A dark kind of action show.

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# A re-introduction to the Apostles' Creed

**Deeper Than Words: Living the Apostles' Creed.** By Br David Steindl-Rast. Image Books. \$16.95. Reviewer: Janet Moyle.

Since the beginning of Advent, when the new translation of the Eucharistic Liturgy became mandatory, congregations have been re-introduced to the Apostles' Creed. We always said this, of course, when reciting the Rosary. Now it is very common to say this Creed at Mass.

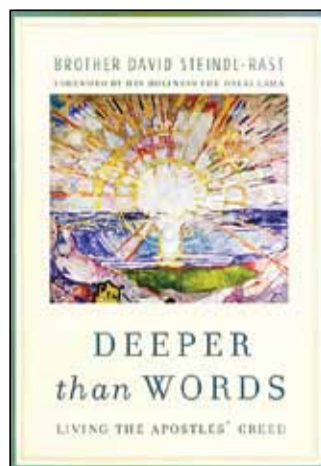
The Apostles' Creed is more spare than the later Nicene Creed. Br David, a Benedictine monk, has re-examined, line by line, the words with which the

early followers of Jesus summarised their faith.

This in itself is useful and insightful for practising Christians. However, he has a unique perspective. He is known for his pioneering work in inter-faith dialogue and for his promotion of the spiritual practice of gratefulness.

In an extraordinary and authentic manner, he manages to make this early Christian prayer available to all people of goodwill.

It is stated that, "The words of the Apostles' Creed are Christian, but its heart is a universal and timeless guide to the fullness of life." The Dalai



Lama agrees because he has written the foreword.

Br David takes the Credal statements, one by one, and

asks three decisive questions. What does this really mean? How do you know? Why is this so important?

In doing so he draws on his knowledge of history, scripture, theology, inter-faith practice and spirituality to supply original and satisfying insights.

Take, for example, "He descended into hell". Ever wondered about that statement?

Br David tells us that here we are confronted with a mythical reference.

The image of hell as the realm of death was familiar to Jews and Greeks of the first century. Br David points out that a

more accurate translation of the Latin descendit ad infernos would be "he descended into the realm of death". In other words, it is another expression of the truth that Jesus died.

Throughout his book Br David emphasises how important it is for us to be aware of the mythic and poetic images behind the words.

This can only deepen our faith and lead to a greater reverence for the Creed that expresses it.

Deeper Than Words is a gift to theological students and to all who are committed to the spiritual life.

## How to deal with those 'dinosaurs' A doorway to prayer

**Dancing with Dinosaurs. A Spirituality for the 21st Century.** By Mark P Hederman. Columbia Press. PB, 100 pages, \$17.95. Reviewer: Margaret Ryan.

Have you ever considered the Church as a "dinosaur", which this author understands as a highly intelligent, active, powerful lizard?

Hederman believes that humans have a reptilian connection.

The first two chapters describe the characteristics of dinosaurs and explore the possible similarities between dinosaurs and human beings.

The third section of the book examines the proposition that over its 2000-year history (selectively covered), the Church has become a dinosaur.

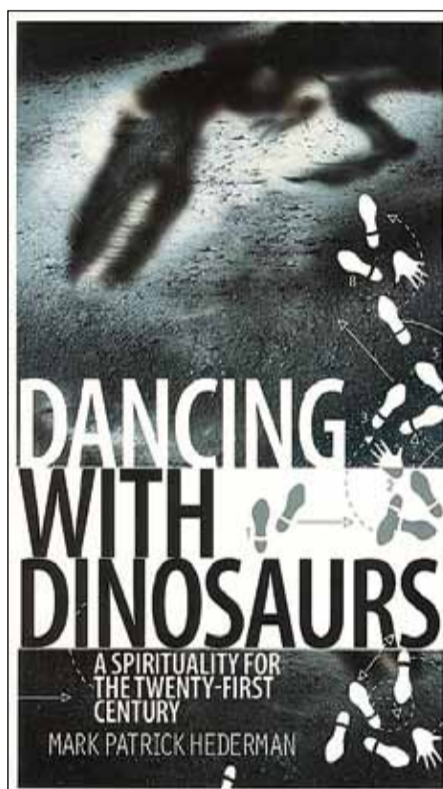
He is particularly concerned with the centralising, non-collegial, ecclesial power of the papacy, and its tendency to ignore or suppress the sensus fidelium.

As a solution, he suggests humble dialogue between opposing "parties", particularly that of the "Petrine Church" (with its focus on faith, dogma and the institution's historical accretions) and the "Johannine Church" (with a focus on Christ's vision, mysticism and pastoral issues).

Chapter 4 suggests that most human beings have turned God into a dinosaur, because we misconceive our God, failing to understand God's incredible love, compassion and vulnerability.

The final chapter focuses on prayer. It is prayer alone that allows us to "dance with the dinosaurs": to be open to engage with "dinosaurs" without suffering personal damage.

Prayer invites us to be open to the whole mystery of Christ, to become a new creation through the Holy Spirit, who leads us towards and into the divine.

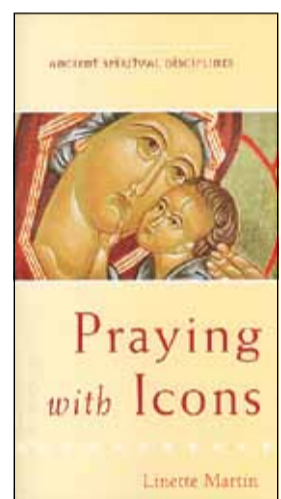


**Praying with Icons, Ancient Spiritual Disciplines.** By Linette Martin. Paraclete Press, Pack of 5, \$37.95. Reviewer: Sue Orchison.

A renewed interest in icons is developing as more people search for aids to enrich their prayer time. Icons are seen as a doorway to prayer that will deepen a person's relationship with God.

This little book is an easy read, while being a useful and informative tool in the search. It will help you understand what makes an icon, explains the history of icons and points to some familiar icons; it also reveals some of the symbols within the image, colour, shapes and letters.

The author introduces simple ways of incorporating icons into your prayer life and guides for getting started.



## Delightful look at the cosmic Christ

**The Hand of God. Thoughts and Images Reflecting the Spirit of the Universe.** M Reagan (Ed). Templeton Press, revised edition. PB, 160 pages, \$25.95. Reviewer: Margaret Ryan.

Have you ever been entranced by the night sky? At age five, I wanted to be an astronomer,

so I admit to a bias! This is a collection of brilliant colour plates with reflections and comments by writers, astronomers, astronauts, poets, physicists, playwrights, philosophers, theologians, psalmists and cosmologists.

Sharon Begley's introductory essay traces the history of modern telescopic advances and the relationship between science and faith.

The photos of stars, star clusters and galaxies, nebulae, suns, galactic cores, supernova, planets, gaseous and dust clouds stir the mind and heart, the imagination and senses of mystery and spiritual awe. These, and the brief written extracts from a multitude of writers, provide impetus for prayer and/or research. Most of the hundred or so photos are sourced from NASA, the Hubble Space Telescope, and American and European observatories.

Reagan offers a vision of an ancient, swirling, dancing universe, parts of which are dying or birthing: a capacious cosmos of turbulent grandeur.

Some of the photos point readers towards the edge of the expanding universe, giving us cause to pause and open ourselves to the stunning wonders of creation and providing another glimpse of the extraordinary and ineffable Creator of them all. We can appreciate God/Christ more deeply as "Alpha and Omega" and revisit the concept of the cosmic Christ. A truly delightful book.

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**PRAYER to the Blessed Virgin Mary.** O most beautiful flower of Mt Carmel, fruitful vine, Splendour of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. O Star of the Sea, help me and show me here thou art my Mother. O Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen

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

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## CONGREGATIONAL BUSINESS MANAGER

**The Sisters of Saint Joseph of Goulburn wish to appoint a full time Business Manager to be based at their Administration Centre in Goulburn.**

The Business Manager is responsible to the Congregational Leader for the overall management of the assets of the Congregation, and the administration and finance functions of the Congregation.

The Business Manager is the senior member of the Administration staff and must be able to demonstrate strong management skills relating to staff and office organisation.

An ability to work within an MYOB format, Excel and Word, or a willingness to undergo necessary training, is essential.

### Experience and Qualifications:

Appropriate qualifications are necessary at a tertiary level. Membership of CPA, ICAA or NIA is desirable.

Ideally the Business Manager will have experience at a senior management level in a religious, commercial, or community service organisation.

### Remuneration:

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It is essential that the successful applicant develop a clear understanding of, and commitment to, the mission, ethos and culture of the Sisters of St Joseph.

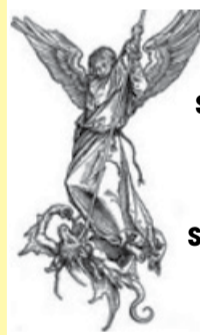
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Further information can be requested by emailing [rsj@tpg.com.au](mailto:rsj@tpg.com.au)

Applications should be sent to:

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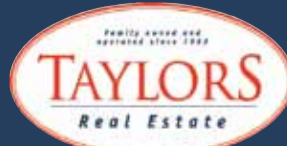
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**AMICUS** - Support & friendship/ social group for widowed, separated or divorced Catholics regular activities on second and fourth weekends. New members welcome. Inquiries: Len, telephone 6299 6606; Pat 6292 1631, Brian 6291 7402.

**ANNUAL MARIAN PROCESSION, GALONG** - Pilgrimage to St Clement's Monastery, Sunday, 6 May. Bookings from Queanbeyan and Canberra, Judy and Joe Mewburn, telephone 6254 6202.

**CENTERING PRAYER WORKSHOP** - 10am-3pm, Saturday, 14 April, Marian Hall, St Matthew's parish, Page. Trappist monk Fr Thomas Keating presents via DVD "An Invitation from God", shows spiritual seeker who visits Fr Keating at his abbey to reconcile her own spiritual approach to life with the theological understanding of Christianity. Inquiries: Sr Lorraine Cupitt RSM, telephone 6262 8974, e-mail: lorraine.pottershouse@virginbroadband.com.au. Donation \$10. Bring lunch.

**FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY** - Sunday, 15 April, St Clement's Monastery, Galong. 2pm exposition of Blessed Sacrament, 2.15pm Confession, 2.40pm Divine Mercy chaplet, 2.55pm veneration of Divine Mercy image and blessing of personal Divine Mercy icons, 3pm Mass. Afternoon tea, bring a plate. Inquiries: Gus or Ellen, telephone 6385 5225.

**HEALING WEEKEND** - 20-22 April, St Benedict's Eucharistic Centre, Narrabundah, with New Zealand Marist Fr John Rea. Begins 5.30pm Friday healing Mass; 10.30am-4.30pm Saturday healing seminar and Mass; 7pm Sunday charismatic healing Mass. Inquiries/ registration: Mary, telephone 0403 395 953 or e-mail marypidcock@gmail.com, Bronnie, telephone 0432 257 622, parish office, telephone 6295 7879.

**HOLY SPIRIT SECULAR FRANCISCAN FRATERNITY** - Meets every third Friday of month, 7.30pm, St John Vianney's, Waramanga. Secular Franciscans try to fol-

low Christ in the footsteps of St Francis. Inquiries: Frank Farrell, telephone 6258 7645 or 0400 793 260.

**LEADERSHIP FOR WOMEN** - Madeleine Sophie Barat Program sponsored by religious of the Sacred Heart, organised by women for women, focusing on social awareness, spirituality and leadership. Live-in weekend retreats, 6-8 July, 2-4 November, The Gathering Place, 4 Bancroft Street, Dickson. Applications: Sr Betty McMahon, telephone 6257 9027, e-mail betty.kp@bigpond.com.

**MEDITATION ON JESUS** - In style of Fr Gilbert Carlo, meets Thursdays 7.30pm, St Thomas the Apostle, Kambah. Inquiries: Trish Jarzynski, telephone 6231 8468.

**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.

**RCIA TALK** - Archbishop Mark Coleridge will speak on Discipleship according to the Gospel of St Mark, 7.30pm, Tuesday, 8 May, Rheinberger Centre, Yarralumla. Open to all who have been involved in RCIA journey in recent years. Inquiries: Sr Mary Corkeron, telephone 0427 473 290.

**REFLECTION DAYS** - Batehaven to the Bush retreat, run by Sisters of St Joseph of Goulburn. 10am-3pm, 30 May, 29 August, 7 November, Southern Cross Village, 129 Victoria St, Temora, facilitator Sr Carmel Drew RSJ. Donation. Bookings: Sr Mary Murphy, PO Box 45 Ardlethan, NSW 2665, telephone 6978 2585.

**SERRA CLUB OF CANBERRA** - Rosary and Mass at Holy Trinity Church, Curtin, 6.10pm, Thursday, 12 April, followed by dinner at The Southern Cross Club, Woden. Inquiries: John Malycha, telephone 6251 2912.

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## Leader, teacher and woman of wisdom

Sr M Celsus RSJ (right) died peacefully on 27 February at the SCC Tenison Apartments in St Joseph's Convent, Goulburn, aged 96.

Ellen O'Grady was the daughter of Charles and Frances (nee Edwards) and the fifth child in a family of 10. She is survived by her sisters Mary McCotter and Marjorie (Bobbie) Beecher. Her father was in charge of installing electricity lines through the Murrumbidgee Irrigation Area to Griffith.

Educated at both Yanco State and Catholic schools, Sr M Celsus attended St Joseph's Boarding School, Goulburn, for her secondary years. She entered the Sisters of St Joseph on the feast of St Joseph, 19 March, 1934.

A much loved member of the congregation, she is especially remembered for her leadership qualities, teaching prowess, sharp and wise intellect, her love of people, stories and life.

In late 1981, she was elected congregational leader and was at the forefront of the celebration of the centenary of the sisters arrival in Goulburn in 1882. Since the mid-1990s, she lived at O'Connor convent in the ACT before coming to Goulburn, where she had spent almost 30 years in teaching and leadership roles.

Other appointments were at Temora, Coolamon, Ardlethan, Narrandera, Taralga, Lyneham ACT, Leeton, Culcairn, Batlow and Tumbarumba.

Sr M Celsus had a great love for the congregation and its sisters and was a woman of hope and joy. She was committed to reading the signs of the times, navigating significant changes and keeping the sisters relevant in their response to contemporary challenges.

Sr M Celsus will be remembered for her deep faith and generous sharing of her many gifts, her love of teaching - primary, secondary and tertiary students, and piano, - her adaptability, sense of fun and enjoyment of life. She loved her family, kept in touch with ex-students and friends, and was an attentive correspondent, always interested in current events, sport and the activities of the local church.

Sr M Celsus was a significant woman in the history of the Sisters of St Joseph in Goulburn.

The Mass of Christian burial was celebrated in Our Lady of Dolours Chapel, North Goulburn, by Archbishop Mark Coleridge, assisted by Fr Henry Byrne, Fr Phil Harding, Fr Peter Ryan CSSR, Fr Peter Murphy and Fr Laurie Bent. She was buried at St Patrick's Cemetery, Kenmore.



## MISSION TALK



Easter, like Christmas is a time when the international presence of Christianity is very visible. It is a presence that has Catholic communities reaching out to people in over 200 countries.

As we celebrate the gift of Christ's resurrection, our baptism also enlists us into Jesus' ongoing mission to others, to respond in different ways.

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On 30 March, Archbishop Mark Coleridge hosted a gathering with Fr Timothy Leane SVD, the international head of the Propagation of the Faith society within Catholic Mission along with Mr Martin Teulan, the National Director of Catholic Mission in Australia. Fr Tim, originally from Ireland, spent 25 years serving in Ecuador, including 9 years as national director.

Both spoke of the ongoing importance, effectiveness and impact of Catholic Mission's work across many struggling communities and countries: of projects that provide amenities, materials and the means to reach people and address essential needs including health, security and spiritual growth.

God bless,  
**Deacon Joe Blackwell**

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Tel: 6163 4321.

## Doorknock target topped

The St Vincent de Paul Society doorknock appeal has exceeded its target of \$300,000 this year. Chief executive officer Mr Paul Trezise said support from the community had been outstanding. "We're still counting donations, so we'll definitely be over target which is very exciting," he said. Money raised through the appeal will go towards a range of services provided by Vinnies, including the home visitation service, emergency accommodation and the young carers program.

## CWL members elected

Three members of Catholic Women's League were elected to executive positions at the annual meeting of the ACT Unit of Australian Church Women held at the Baptist Church. O'Connor branch president Judith-Ann Sjustedt was re-elected honorary secretary and archdiocesan president Angela Devlin was re-elected minute secretary. She has the added responsibility of social justice convenor. Central region president Marie Gallagher was appointed delegate to the Australian Churches Council for another year.

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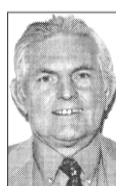
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The children in year two were learning all about adding and subtracting when Catholic Voice visited St Monica's, Evatt.

Students formed groups to work on different activities which helped improve their numeracy skills.

They had also been busy making some artworks to share with Catholic Voice readers.

ABOVE: Ms Justine Henshaw with students from her year two class who are learning about subtraction.



**ARTISTIC:**  
These artworks were made by Michael Marin (far left), Imogen Rabjohns-Goyne (left), Jaiken Bell (above right) and Rachel Cummings (below right).



LEFT: Angus Chiswell and Jaiken Bell test out the school's laptops for their math exercise.



LEFT: Rachel Cummings and Dominic Walsh work together to count the numbers.



ABOVE: Coby White and Arian Marcantonio think they have the answer to their activity.



ABOVE: Charlotte Flynn and Alison Fraser are busy with their online activity.