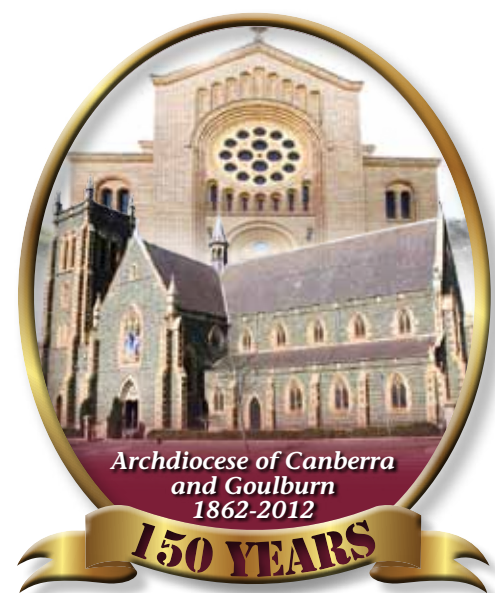


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Galong's sacred space

St Clement's pays tribute to our past

Historic artefacts significant to the early development of country NSW in the 1830s are among the features of a newly opened museum at St Clement's Monastery, Galong.

An Abiding Presence: Galong's Land and People is the theme of an exhibition opened by Irish Ambassador Mr Noel White in the museum, which is housed in the oratory of Galong House.

The certificate of freedom of Irish convict Ned Ryan, and the wallet holding it, are among the most precious exhibits.

Archdiocesan Administrator Mgr John Woods described St Clement's as "sacred ground, sacred to me personally in the midst of change", and sacred to many other people, too.

In many ways, the history of the monastery at Galong reflected "the unfolding history of the Australian church".

"Galong is a place synonymous with rest and renewal, a place of fellowship, a place of reflection."

Redemptorist provincial and former superior at St Clement's Fr Pat Corbett said the exhibition was "both a remembrance and a celebration of those who have shaped this particular heritage site from the time of the indigenous inhabitants to the present day".

It is 99 years since the Redemptorists gained title to the Galong property, a bequest of the will of John Nagle Ryan, son of Galong's founder Irish convict, squatter and "king" of "Galong Castle" Edward "Ned" Ryan.

St Clement's retreat centre manager and one of four historians who set up the exhibition Mrs Cheryl Mongan, said it was not only an Irish exhibition but also referred to those who had had a presence on the land and had been sustained by the land at Galong from the Aboriginal people, to the Ryans to the Redemptorists. In addition to Mrs Mongan, St Clement's historians Dr Richard Reid, Dr Jeff Brownrigg and Dr Geoffrey Burkhardt worked on the exhibition.



Major benefactors of the project are Urs and Francesca Schwarzenbach, of Garangula, who provided funding for the museum, which was designed, built and set up by volunteers. Funding also came from proceeds of the annual Irish-Australian event, Shamrock in the Bush.

Ron and Maria Natoli, of Sydney, and their sons contributed hundreds of hours of labour to organise materials and to build, transport and install a range of custom-made fittings.

Features of the exhibition include a wood and mother-of-pearl crucifix and an engraved walking stick belonging to the Ryans, indigenous stone tools, the field kit Fr John Kennedy used as a World War 2 chaplain, and other items, including rare books from the Redemptorist period.

The museum will be open one Sunday a month and by appointment.



TOP: Archdiocesan Administrator Mgr John Woods (left) with Redemptorist provincial Fr Pat Corbett inside the museum.

ABOVE: Redemptorist superior Fr Leo Coffey welcomes guests in the historic surrounds of St Clement's.

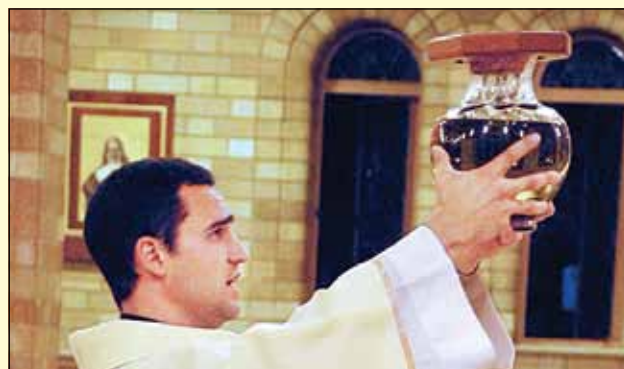
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Paul's path to priesthood

South Tuggeranong parishioner and former Marist College student Paul Nulley (pictured right) is on the last leg of studies for the priesthood. This year, we are travelling the last stretch of the journey to priesthood with him. He writes:

It was a real shot in the arm to return to the diocese for Holy Week and a week's break after a very short first term. Of course the first stop over was home, which is always a very grounding experience; within 10 minutes of arriving I was outside on the jack hammer helping dad with his latest project, the patio. It quickly became clear that I had lost form; the blisters stayed with me for all of Holy Week.

The primary reason for returning to the diocese was to attend the chrism Mass, where the oils are blessed, the chrism is consecrated and the priests renew their promises. I have always found the chrism Mass a very moving ceremony and it's a wonderful opportunity to see the presbyterate gathered, as well to meet those religious priests and



others who might be working in the diocese. However, this year's ceremony seemed to have extra significance as I carried in the oil of chrism that will be used to anoint my hands when I am ordained a priest.

For the Easter Triduum I went out to my old stomping ground, Cootamundra; it was wonderful to see so many familiar faces and to return as a deacon. I was very moved by the passion play that Sacred Heart School reverently put on and I felt anchored in Christ as I exercised my ministry for the first time during these most sacred days. Of particular joy was Easter Sunday when I was asked to do my first baptism.

Second term started in a similar way to the first: on the way back to Melbourne I stopped over in Wagga Wagga for Fr Brad Rafter's priestly ordination.

A few of the Melbourne boys had travelled down and so we were able to come back together. Again, I listened very carefully to the words of consecration, which helped re-focus my attention for the term ahead, perhaps my last full term in Melbourne. It was also wonderful to see many of the Wagga seminarians again; we always enjoy the opportunity to catch up.

The footy surely is one of the more exciting aspects of living in Melbourne and each year I have been a member of the mighty Bombers. Some might be quick to judge me here, but as a wise Catholic principal in our archdiocese (Michael Lee) once observed, "Bombers, like Catholics, are people of hope."

There will be tough times ahead, but seeing the boys being brought together during recent adversity is surely a good lesson for us as well.

And, as their motto this year is "whatever it takes", may we too be able to say with St Paul at the end of our days, "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith" (2 Tim 4:7).

READERS Jeanette and John Wilson have this thoughtful meditation on the beatitudes to offer:

Blessed are those who can laugh at what they see in the mirror; they will be forever amused.

Blessed are those who can tell a mountain from a molehill; they will avoid much trouble.

Blessed are those who know when to be quiet and to listen; they will learn many new things.

Blessed are those smart enough not to take self seriously; they will be appreciated by others.

Blessed are those who heed the call of others without feeling indispensable; they will spread great amounts of joy.

Blessed are those who take small things seriously and large things peacefully; they will go a long way in life.

Happy are those who can admire a smile and forget a frown; they will always win.

Happy are those who keep smiling when cut off mid-sentence or when contradicted, or when toes are trodden on from time to time; the gospel message is heading to your heart.

Blessed are those who can recognise the Lord in everyone they encounter each day; they have the true light and great wisdom.

THE archdiocesan women's commission has three new members, Anna Vincent, Sabina Van Rooy and Noreen Dick. They join current members Lorraine Barker, Maureen Babler, Margaret Ryan, Mgr John Woods, Elizabeth Hamman and Judy Netting. The commission has planned a presentation on Varieties of Islam with Fr John Parsons at the Rheinberger Centre, Yarralumla, at 7.30pm on Monday, 6 May, and in Young on Monday, 13 May. Two groups responded to the commission's invitation for parishes to celebrate local women as part of the archdiocesan 150th celebrations, Corpus Christi parish, South Tuggeranong, and the ex-CWL.

MEMORIES from former St Bede's, Red Hill, student Kate Edwards, on the website set up to mark the school's 50th anniversary:

- The Good Samaritan sisters who taught us. They had names such as Sr Euphemia and Sr Philomena (both of whom had a love for the feather duster – and not for cleaning).

- Liturgical dancing. This involved wearing pastel-coloured polyester over leotards and dancing to hits such as "Kumbaya My Lord," whilst occasionally being whacked on the back of the knees with the

From near and far



feather duster if we got our moves wrong or ended up in a fit of hysterical giggles (which happened often).

Kate now has children in year 1 and 2 at St Bede's.

THE February issue of Catholic Voice featured Redemptorist Brother and water diviner Clem Holz (above), who was called in to exercise his gift at Canberra's National Arboretum.

Founder of Watermin Drillers Max Jones read the story and wrote in:

"I first met Br Clem in the early 1960s when Watermin was asked to construct a water bore for the monastery at Galong. Br Clem is a delightful gentleman and has a remarkable

record of locating groundwater. We have recommended his services to landholders far and wide across NSW." Max's company has sunk thousands of water bores in the Archdiocese over five decades.

IF you had to name a job in charity fundraising that carried the heaviest burden of expectation, the role of mobilising the St Vincent de Paul Doorknock Appeal workforce would have to be among the contenders. Mario Sallecchia, the Vinnies conference volunteer who has taken the appeal to new heights, has stepped down after three years, leaving big shoes for Vinnies CEO Paul Trezise to fill. "We would really like to acknowledge Mario's incredibly hard work," Mr Trezise said.

AT 85, Ron Gaha delightfully recalls the night at Manuka Oval, 50 years ago, when he and his "crowd" of nearly 100 booed, jeered and cheered Jesus in a memorable performance of the Iona Passion Play.

The play, performed to a full house, was a triumph for Mr Gaha, who had drawn the "crowd" from his fellow parishioners at Sefton in Sydney to support the main cast of professional actors. Not only that, but he had been responsible for

recruiting the producer, Peter Summerton from the North Sydney Independent Theatre, who had worked under Mr Gaha as an industrial chemist. "In our first performance (with the Iona cast from Queensland), we were just a crowd making noise. After Peter came along, we were doing much more precise moves on the stage."

By the time Mr Gaha hopped on a bus carrying the "crowd" to Canberra, they had their moves down pat and the Manuka performance was their "very best".

Mr Gaha, who had by that stage assumed the role of Barabas in which "I got to be tossed off the stage every night", was one of the privileged "minor principals" to meet then prime minister Robert Menzies and governor-general Lord De L'Isle, who were in the audience. Unfortunately, Mr Gaha has no photographic evidence of his big theatrical moment, since it was culled when he and his wife moved from Bermagui to an aged-care facility in Eden.

DEACON Mick O'Donnell says he is getting plenty of feedback from people who read last month's story on his new novel. It is available for sale at Paperchain in Manuka, and the Australian War Memorial bookshop in person or on line.

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'Killer concrete' is cold comfort for these CEOs

Being a boss who doesn't mind getting his hands dirty, or even his nose frozen, Keith Cantlie is not fazed at the thought of roughing it with his peers for one icy Canberra night, as a participant in the annual Vinnies CEO Sleepout.

As the head of Cantlie, a recruitment services company which has worked closely with the St Vincent de Paul Society, including producing a DVD on its services, he has put himself at the front line of charity work numerous times.

"Getting out there has given me an understanding of what people are going through, and how you can really help people," he said.

Among other things, Mr Cantlie has visited shelters and ridden with the night patrol van. He also toughed out the sleepout last year and has his game plan for 2013 worked out.

"I can see a bit of grass over there," he said, pointing to a small plot of turf under a tree outside the ACT Legislative Assembly in Civic Square. "I will be going for that spot, because there's no way you want to be on the concrete – it's a killer."

The sleepout, held in the grassy "comfort" of the Australian National Gallery's sculpture garden last year,



Keep off the concrete ... Keith Cantlie claims the little bit of grass he hopes will see him through the Vinnies CEO Sleepout.

has been moved to what Vinnies CEO Paul Trezise called a "very realistic venue" in Civic Square, which features expanses of that "killer" concrete.

In launching the sleepout, Mr Trezise said Vinnies was hoping to make more than \$500,000 to help homeless people in the ACT, which now has the second-highest rate of homelessness in Australia. "It is an ambitious target but one I think we can meet with the help of our gener-

ous CEOs and the community's support," he said.

Mr Cantlie, who has been involved in establishing John Paul College Gungahlin, said the sleepout was a good way to "connect with other CEOs and build your team experience". It was a lesson in "how we can engage other people in ways of helping the community". And, he added, it is not so bad if you remind yourself that it is just one night. "Other people do it every night."

Doorknock hits tough times, too

It was always going to be tough for the St Vincent de Paul Society to better the "spectacular" \$360,000 its annual "doorknock" appeal pulled in last year.

But the society could not hide its disappointment when February's takings fell short by about \$40,000.

While stressing that the result was still strong, CEO Paul Trezise said the society would conduct a "significant analysis of the figures" to work out where changes were needed to maintain one of its pivotal fundraising activities.

He had no doubt the community's willingness to give was still strong.

It was more a matter of keeping it simple and recruiting from a wider pool of volunteers to cover the collection areas, given the society's members, who make up the bulk of collectors, were ageing.

Another problem was the growth of unit developments that blocked access to collectors.

But Mr Trezise still sees a strong future for the appeal. "Some people think doorknocking is an old-fashioned way of doing things. But, because it is about face-to-face contact, it's still a great way to raise funds and awareness."

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Alone and frustrated

By Archdiocesan Administrator Mgr John Woods

In 1993 I was robbed. On arrival from Australia via Los Angeles at New York's Newark Airport, my passport, airline tickets, traveller's cheques, accommodation vouchers and some cash were taken as I went to collect my luggage.

I was alone, tired, angry, frustrated at being duped and somewhat afraid. I was at the mercy of others and to that extent anxious, not the least because I was due to fly on to Rochester where I was to meet the late Fr Phil Buckley who was flying in later that day from London after a sabbatical in Wales.

After speaking with the police, airline officials and having notified my travel insurer via my travel agent, I caught a bus downtown to the Australian Embassy and made arrangements to replace my passport.

The receptionist knew Bishop Pat from her youth. The fellow who interviewed me and managed to secure me a new passport in a couple of hours was a parishioner from Kambah parish. At the time I was assigned to the adjacent Waramanga parish but was not in the mood for small talk. Returning to the airport in the afternoon I found that my luggage had been misplaced in storage.

Nearly an hour later I made my way to the departure lounge of the flight to Rochester which Phil would be on and I had transferred to. He was as surprised to



see me as I was relieved to see him. Our holiday in Canada and the US thereafter went off very well.

Reflecting recently on those hours until I knew that things would work out, I could identify with the asylum seeker. I was far from home, alone and without necessary ID or means of support. My feelings of insecurity

are the continual lot of those who desperately seek to call Australia home.

As a young priest in Queanbeyan in 1980, I well recall the timidity and gratefulness of Vietnamese refugees being settled in premises fitted out by local parishioners. In the 1990s, I recall a similar program of parishioners supporting South American refugees in Tuggeranong.

Today I am aware of the work of CatholicCare in Canberra to provide accommodation and support for young African men transitioning into the community. Advocacy must always be supported by the witness of a practical commitment.

In 1952, Pope Pius XII spoke of what Fr Maurizio Pettina CS, director of the Australian Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office, has called "two seemingly conflicting rights: the right to seek asylum and the right of nations to manage migration flows across their borders". Fr Pettina went on to comment that "it is not the protection of borders per se but the protection of community which in turn serves human dignity".

Christmas spirit helps region

Christmas celebrations last year were again accompanied by generous support from people of the Archdiocese for those in need.

Archdiocesan Administrator Mgr John Woods has expressed his appreciation and gratitude to parishes for supporting the Administrator's Christmas Appeal which raised more than \$65,916 for projects across the Asia-Pacific region.

The Timor Leste endeavours of Fr Mick Burke and parishioners of Yass and Gunning received \$25,000 towards the construction of a church, clinic and convent for an Oecussi village of 7000 people.

Communities on Kiribati will receive \$10,000 for disaster risk education, water

and sanitation projects while \$11,916 will enable repairs to two churches at Mabiri and Gagan in the Bougainville Diocese of PNG.

A high school for the most underprivileged in Jharkhand, India, received \$9000 towards the furnishing of classrooms, provision of computers and a contribution towards the construction of a staffroom.

Director of the Archdiocesan Mission and Development Office Deacon Joe Blackwell said the Archdiocese continued to support the National Council of Churches' Act for Peace project in the region with \$10,000 given to their Christmas Bowl Appeal.

briefs

POPE Francis has appointed Fr Antoine Tarabay, OLM, as Bishop of the Diocese of St Maroun in Australia. Rector of St Charbel's monastery, church and college in Punchbowl, Fr Tarabay, was born in Northern Lebanon in 1967 and ordained a priest in 1993. He will take over from Bishop Ad Abikaram as leader of the Maronite Church in Australia.

THE Ecumenical Cantata Choir, which has members from more than 10 Christian communities, will present "Saints Alive", a sung story of Pentecost's transformation of the apostles. On Pentecost Sunday, 19 May, the cantata will be part of the 9.30am

service at Weston Creek Uniting Church and will be presented as a concert at St Jude's school hall, Holder, at 7pm.

IF you are trawling through your local Vinnies shop for discarded treasures and stumble across an autographed item from a sports star, you may be on a winner. Vinnies shops are harbouring more than 90 items signed and donated by sportspeople, including players from the ACT Brumbies and Canberra Raiders, as part of the national Vinnies Signed Finds campaign. Go to www.signedfinds.com.au

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This sense of identification with human need in Christ was referred to by Pope John Paul II as “solidarity”. To be human is to be in community. In 2011, Pope Benedict spoke of the solidarity which should underpin the response of Christians to the plight of refugees:

“Welcoming refugees and giving them hospitality is for everyone an imperative gesture of human solidarity, so that they may not feel isolated because of intolerance and disinterest.”

Australia is a signatory to the UN Convention affording people the right to seek asylum in the face of a founded fear of persecution in the country of their nationality or that of their former residence.

Some 200,000 new migrants are accepted into Australia each year; some coming to settle, others being allowed to stay. Just 20,000 places (recently increased from 13,000) are for refugees and humanitarian arrivals, the latter usually sponsored by family in Australia.

“Irregular Maritime Arrivals” or so-called boat people are included in the 20,000 intake and are often accused of being queue jumpers, though 93 per cent of boat people in the last four years have been found to be genuine refugees.

Yet, the 60,000 people in Australia, usually tourists, who have overstayed their temporary visas receive scant public attention. They have not presented to have their status checked.

Concern in recent years about the increases in boat arrivals and the deaths arising from sunken boats, saw the government adopt recommendations from the Houston Report to punish boat arrivals and to deter others.

The policy has not worked; the boats keep coming and the innocent suffer anew as a result of reprehensible legislation, punitive detention and the “no-advantage” ruling.

As we presumed to take Australia from the indigenous peoples under the

understanding of “terra nullius”, so we now presume to excise territory from our “Migration Zone”; in effect enshrining the fiction of “terra nullius” in law again.

And yet, we are a culture which is graced by migration. Indeed, this is the title of a publication released by the Australian Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office which speaks of the significant contribution that migrants, including refugees, have made to this great Southland of the Holy Spirit.

Not for a moment do I purport to have the answer to the complexity of issues surrounding the plight of asylum seekers.

And yet, I sense that we too readily politicise an issue which needs an ethical response which would challenge all of us.

As we move to the conclusion of the Year of Grace, perhaps we might contemplate the face of Christ anew in the next TV image of a boat person.

Likewise, with the homeless; Christ is in need.

Again, I do not have the answer, but I will be joining the St Vincent de Paul CEO sleep-out on the night of Thursday, 20 June. If you would like to support me go to <https://www.ceosleepout.org.au/donate/online-donation/>

The celebration of Pentecost, which this year concludes the Year of Grace, invites us to be renewed in the power of the one who is the advocate for us.

Jesus promised that he would not leave us orphans but for many it does not feel like it. There is much to reflect on and respond to in Christ if the dignity of all is to be affirmed.

Finally, I would like to add my congratulations to editor Geoff Orchison and journalist Fiona van der Plaats, along with all past staff of Catholic Voice who have ensured the publication of our award-winning archdiocesan newspaper over a milestone 25 years. Thank you and well done.

letters to the editor

Who will uphold basic morality?

In “Religious rights should be poll issue” (Catholic Voice April), Mrs Kennedy illustrates very clearly where Christianity is heading. Human rights are being overridden in many so-called democratic countries.

It is blindingly obvious that in Australia we are well into a neo-pagan era. Mrs Kennedy and I have been fortunate to have lived through a Christian era prior to the 1960s.

Here in the ACT we have the Human Rights Act 2004 that is a travesty of the most basic human right, the right to life. Section 9 of the Act – the Right to Life – states that everyone has the right to life and “no person may be arbitrarily deprived of life”.

However, the sub-clause states that this applies to “a person after birth” (my emphasis). By definition a person is a human being, and a human being is a person. Before my mother knew she was pregnant with me, I was then who I am now, a human being, alas now much older.

I bring this up now for I have become aware some Catholics are ignorant of this fatal flaw in the Act, and are una-

ware abortions are performed on the 1st floor of our ACT Health Building in the centre of Civic.

I sent an email on 27 February to all MLAs that included in great clarity, imagery of the progress of a human being from conception to birth. I have received only two acknowledgements. This image may be viewed by searching Alexander Tsiaras, a Nobel Prize winner, and opening “Conception to birth”.

No matter how much spin our MLAs or the legal eagles want to put on it, this shows that the unborn of a woman is undeniably a human being. It debunks the mantra of the pro-choice lobby that “it is my body – it is my choice”, therefore it’s disposable.

Before the next assembly elections we Catholics and other committed Christians must work to have members who will uphold basic morality without fear or favour or the constraints of party political dogma. The time for vacillation has past. Next on the agenda is of course voluntary (?) euthanasia and same-sex marriage.

Philip Robinson, Holt.

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Archbishop Francis Carroll described it as "the fall of the wall of the Black and Brown divide". The former Goulburn congregational leader Sr Kerrie Cusack said it was "a return to what it was in the beginning for us". Universally, it is known as the "fusion".

However it is phrased, the merger of the Goulburn Josephites with the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart, approved by the Vatican late last year, has been sealed with a celebratory stamp – on the feast of St Joseph, of course.

"St Joseph's day has always been a very special day for us, and now it is even more so," Sr Kerrie said after a Mass to celebrate the union of the two congregations at Our Lady of Fatima church in Goulburn.

In his homily, Archbishop Carroll talked about the historic division of the Josephites into two "streams" and how they eventually wound their way back into "one flowing river".

"I'm sure that deep in the Josephite psyche there always lay the seed of restored unity," he said.

Sr Kerrie later endorsed that view. "The sisters are very united and calm about it all. It is something we have wanted for a long time, it's been a real yearning for our sisters."

The Goulburn Josephites, numbering just over 50 before, are now part of a congregation of more than 750, spread across seven countries. "We are now part of an interna-



Happy reunion ... the Josephites congregate for a "fusion Mass" on St Joseph's Day.

tional group of sisters, which opens up more opportunities for us," Sr Kerrie said.

Their regional leader will be Sr Mary Quinlan, who is based in Sydney, while Sr

Kerrie will remain in Goulburn. The transfer of administrative duties and details to Sydney would take "a good 12 months".

Jesuits to help out at Yarralumla parish

The Yarralumla Jesuit Community has taken sacramental responsibility for St Peter Chanel's, Yarralumla, although the church will still be administered by the St Christopher's Cathedral parish.

Archdiocesan Administrator Mgr John Woods announced after a meeting of the Archdiocese's consultors that the Jesuits' offer to handle the sacramental side of things was "gratefully accepted".

Mgr Woods also announced that Fr Michael Lim had been appointed as administrator of Bega parish.

Fr James Antony, CMI, has committed to another four years with the Archdiocese and will be administrator at Pambula.

Fr Joseph Punnakunnel, MS, will be the assistant priest at Gungahlin, while Fr Sijo Jose, MS, will be the assistant

at Goulburn and Mission (Taralga and Braidwood).

Fr Paletasala Leafu Leota (Fr Pale), from Victoria, has been named as chaplain of the Archdiocese's Samoan community as well as assistant priest at Page and at other parishes if needed.

In other movements, Fr Jaison Paul, CMI, who has been a part-time chaplain at Signadou and helped at South Tuggeranong Parish, is returning to India after completing his doctoral studies at ANU.

Fr Bony Abraham, MGL, will assume a part-time chaplaincy role at Signadou.

Deacon Luke Verrell has been appointed to St Bernard's, Batemans Bay, which will also host Trenton Van Reesch, a seminarian at the North American College in Rome, during his six-week pastoral placement from late June.

Truth council members named

Archbishop Mark Coleridge, the former archbishop of Canberra and Goulburn and now the Archbishop of Brisbane, is one of 13 members appointed to the council that will represent the Catholic Church during the royal commission into institutional responses to child sexual abuse. Chief executive officer of the Truth Justice and Healing Council

Frances Sullivan said the combined expertise of the members covered child sexual abuse, paedophilia, trauma, mental illness, suicide and public policy. Prof Greg Craven, vice-chancellor of Australian Catholic University, is also on the council, which is chaired by Justice Barry O'Keefe, a former chief judge of the NSW Supreme Court.

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"This is a great opportunity for us to honour our past whilst showcasing the fantastic facilities, wonderful talents of our students and teachers and the family friendly community of St Bede's" said Principal Doug Hodgson.

Originally established in 1963 by the Good Samaritan Sisters, St Bede's has developed into a dynamic and vibrant learning community where academic achievement and teaching is of the highest quality.

"Our NAPLAN results reflect the quality of teaching and learning taking place in

the school, said Doug. "We have continued to implement the Australian Curriculum and have enhanced it by embracing iPad technology across the school, whilst retaining the strong focus on pastoral care that continues to deliver strong results."

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Breaking the silence on cruelty to women

'Why is this happening and nobody is talking about it?'

By Fiona van der Plaats

If the youngest of Lulu Mitshabu's six girls complain about doing it tough, she barely needs to open her mouth, since her oldest daughter usually gets in before her.

"She says to them, 'You have no idea' because she is the most affected of all of them. She remembers us running," she said.

Ms Mitshabu had two young children when she fled the Democratic Republic of Congo nearly 25 years ago.

Her husband, Jeff, had been arrested because of his association with the human rights organisation they both worked for.

Knowing she would be next, she did as they had planned and ran with her children for Zambia with nothing but the clothes they were wearing.

She could not even tell her family. It would be seven years before she could let them know she was alive without putting them at risk.

Holed up in a refugee camp, having dodged bullets to cross the border, she expected not to see her husband again.

He later turned up at the camp hospital, having been beaten nearly to death and handed back to his organisation only because they pleaded to allow him to "die in peace".

The joy of their reunion was overshadowed by the cloud of imminent deportation back to the DRC.

Tapping into their strong faith, the couple sought out a Catholic church.



Promise to God ... Lulu Mitshabu has been true to her word of doing everything she can to help the women of the Congo, from which she escaped.

It turned out to be Anglican but it was a fortunate mistake.

They found themselves sitting next to the Australian high commissioner to Zambia, who listened to their story and smoothed their way to Australia.

"It really was a miracle," said Ms Mitshabu, who has since made it her life's goal to help the women of the DRC.

"God answered my prayer. I made a promise to Him. I said, 'God, if you take us out of here and keep my children safe, I will do everything I can to help these women.'"

She learnt English, completed studies in international development and found her avenue as a program coordinator for Caritas.

Now working with the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference in Canberra, she also continues her work with Caritas, focusing for the moment on the DRC.

She speaks eloquently and emotively to audiences of all ages about the horrifying conditions faced by DRC women, thousands of whom are victims of the sexual violence that is routinely wielded as a weapon of war.

Although the brutal Mobutu regime she left behind has ended, Ms Mitshabu was galled to see, when she returned on Caritas visits, that things seemed to have worsened for women.

Growing up in the DRC, she was aware that women were downtrodden.

One of two girls among six siblings, "everything was expected of me but I was not given as much as the boys. My dad worked in the department of education. He tried his best to give me the opportunity to study but my brothers had to come first."

She was also given an early taste of the punishments women faced for

breaching stifling laws, when she was arrested, at the age of 12, for wearing jeans. She was released after four hours, but not before her father paid for her freedom.

But she has since encountered cruelty and violence she could only have imagined back then. Rebel forces intent on forcefully acquiring mineral-rich lands for powerful mining companies, use sexual violence to drive families away from their homes.

Victims of rape are banished in shame by their husbands, who also inevitably leave because of the humiliation of it all.

"Because rape is taboo, these things weren't getting reported. I was thinking, 'Why is this happening and nobody is talking about it?'" Ms Mitshabu said.

Through Caritas, she is working to help the women of the Congo speak up. The idea is to break the silence and thus neutralise the power of rape as a weapon. "Slowly, we can see some men are becoming more involved," she said.

"They are learning now that it is not women 'asking for it', but it is the fault of the perpetrators ... some women we have been able, with mediation, to get back with their families."

She said Caritas was helping girls to learn skills which they can use to make a contribution to society. "It's so good to see even little changes happening and know you are making a difference," she said.

Meanwhile, Ms Mitshabu continues to drum up awareness of and support for her work in the only way she knows how - with passion and commitment.

"I talk with people, not to people," she said. "It's not artificial, it's real. My life has not been very easy, and I know how it feels to be the most vulnerable in society, and I use that experience when I speak. Sometimes words can mean nothing, but I try to make mine mean something."

Softening the pain of 'tough love'

When Fr Dom Murphy speaks about the Catholic Church's views on IVF, his expressive face shows the pain of "tough love".

He knows the battle some people face to conceive a child can create much angst around the subject. "I've seen that longing for a child - so much pain," he said. You want to be sensitive in the way you talk about it."

But even when "speaking the truth through love", as he puts it, the answer for Catholics wanting to know if IVF is ever acceptable to the Church still boils down to, "I'm afraid not."

Fr Murphy, a Dominican prior and Australian Catholic University chaplain in Melbourne, is apologetic about it, not because he does not support the Church's view, but because he knows how much the answer can hurt.

Visiting Canberra to present a Guinness & God talk on what the Church says about IVF, he was conscious of broaching the topic in a way



Speaking the truth through love ... Fr Dom Murphy conveys the Church's teachings on IVF firmly but compassionately.

that was "compassionate but informative".

Given the choice of talking about his vocation or on a specific issue, Fr Murphy chose IVF because it has been "an area of deep interest" for him since his days as a student nurse at Melbourne's St Vincent's hospital, "which had an excellent bioethics centre", in the early 1980s.

"I think there is a lack of understanding of the teachings. Some people might think

this is just the Church saying 'no' again, but this was a chance to unpack it and think about what we are saying," he said.

The question we should be asking ourselves, and which he borrowed from the bioethicist Dr Brigid McKenna, was "should we be making babies without making love?"

"It comes back to that notion of life being a gift that you are given," he said, although the Church saw no harm in using techniques to enhance fertility that still "preserved that unity of life giving and love making".

He said that although the Church could see the good in trying to produce children, "who are such a blessing", the techniques used were often not good. Some of the problems with IVF were the potential for "collateral damage that could be seen as using someone as a means to an end", and the "commodification of children that is inherent in this technique".

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The Junior School accepts students from Year 4 to Year 6, with an enrolment of approximately 300. Our main enrolment intake in the Junior School is in Years 4 and 6. Upon finishing Year 6, the boys move seamlessly into the Senior School where they thrive in an atmosphere that is familiar and accepting.

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Everyone is invited to come and see St Michael's on either of our open days, Wednesday, 8 May, or Tuesday, 14 May, when you will be able to meet many teachers, students and parents. Please join a guided tour of our wonderful school at the following times, 10am, 2pm and 5.30pm.

Please feel free to contact the Acting Principal, Ms Val Ciuffetelli for further information, on 6241 4022 or office.stmichaelsps@cg.catholic.edu.au or visit the school website: www.stmichaelsps.act.edu.au



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These assemblies teach us many things such how to treat each other and how to care for our world.

Good Shepherd is a school that caters for every child's needs, and lives out its motto; to be together the heart of God.

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**OPEN DAY: Tuesday
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Living the truth, leading with courage and learning for life is the motto that runs deeply through the culture at St Francis Xavier College.

The College is fostering growth in the future leaders of

the community and creating ways for students to participate in outreach programs and community service.

Principal Mr Angus Tulley says that "our vision is to develop young people who are prepared to give back to their community".

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Wednesday 15 May

5.30pm Course Advice

6.30pm Information Session



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At St Thomas Aquinas we appreciate and value the uniqueness of all members of our school community and respect and value the different cultures and backgrounds of all.

We work in partnership with parents, caregivers and the parish community. We celebrate the joy of discovery and the excitement of learning and accept the challenge to continue to develop spiritually and professionally.

The parish school of St Thomas Aquinas is situated in Lhotsky Street, Charnwood. Our school serves the community of West Belconnen which includes Charnwood, Dunlop, Macgregor, West Macgregor, Flynn, Fraser, Holt and Latham. A bus also travels daily from Murrumbateman.

The current enrolment is 241 kindergarten to year 6 children and 58 children enrolled in our ELC/ preschool.

As a parish school we have strong links to our parish led by parish priest Fr Neville Drinkwater, and assisted by pastoral assistant Sr Colleen Howe.

The school parish community has a strong parents & friends association and a vibrant school board.



Within our school we enjoy leadership from our senior children through our buddy classes, student representative council, reading tutors for children in younger classes, Mini Vinnies, Mini Joeys and the year 6 leadership teams. Our children are involved in soccer, cricket, hockey, AFL, rugby league, rugby union, softball and chess.

The parents and friends committee and school board are major contributors to St Thomas Aquinas.

The Regional Early Learning Centre Preschool at St Thomas Aquinas West Belconnen caters for families within the parishes of the West Belconnen area including Evatt, Florey and Page.

We provide an after school care service run by OSH Club. This service caters for primary school age children from kindergarten to year 6 and is available Monday to Friday from 3.15 to 6pm during term time.

If you wish to be part of our welcoming, supportive and active community please contact the principal, Mr. Cameron Johns, on 6258 4077 and make a time to visit.

St Thomas Aquinas West Belconnen



OPEN DAYS

Monday, May 6: 1.45pm-6.00pm
Thursday, May 16: 11.45am-1.15pm
Tuesday, May 21: 9.15am-11.15am

Guided tours of the school, Regional Early Learning Centre and OSH Club will be available.

Information Night for the School Monday, May 6: 6.30pm-7.30pm
Information Night for the Early Learning Centre serving Catholic schools located in West Belconnen, Florey, Page and Evatt, Monday, May 13: 6.30pm-7.30pm in the ELC

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Morning & Twilight Tour 14 May 9:30 am & 5:30 pm



ABOVE: Was I right? ... Dylan Madden has a turn on the "maths bus".



ABOVE: Lending a hand ... parent Mrs Sarah Rowan helps her son Eiden and Jack Glover.



ABOVE: Every block counts ... Lachlan Campbell waits for the next question.



ABOVE: Model of perfection ... Stephanie Doohan with a clay creation.

Numbers have never been so much fun as all around the school counting games were going on. If it wasn't the "maths bus", it was Greedy Pig, or calculating with blocks or dice. It was all very timely, since the liturgy that morning had celebrated the Catholic Schools Week theme of Every Child Counts.



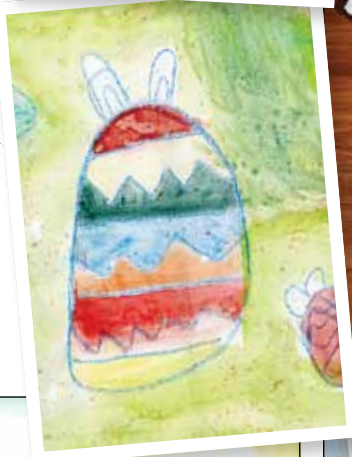
ABOVE: What's the magic number? ... Jessica McCoy and Hugh Squire-Wilson play Greedy Pig.

RIGHT: Here's the magic number ... Eliza Butt dices with maths.

LEFT: The answer is 3 ... Amber McKay gets it right.

BELOW LEFT: Pick me ... Katie Rose-O'Conner and Harrison Hadley have the answers.

BELOW RIGHT: Down to business ... Maddison Foley and Oliver Minehan aren't floored by numbers.



These artworks are by:
CLOCKWISE FROM ABOVE:
Oscar Phillis (Year 1); George Daly (Year 1/2); Tully Potts (Year 3); Thomasina Knight (Year 2).



Parish joins in as a city celebrates

Mary Queen of Apostles parish Goulburn chose to draw attention to the Catholic schools strike of 16 July, 1962, in a float for the street parade to mark the city's 150th anniversary.

A small bright yellow truck of 1960s vintage was decorated with six large reproductions of the front pages of the local Evening Post as well as two from the Sydney Daily Mirror.

The front page headlines included, "Historic Goulburn Move", "School Switch for more than 600", "Move to keep Catholic Schools Shut", "R. C. Pupils cause chaos".

Those appearing on the float were clothed in the habits of the Sisters of St Joseph, Sisters of Mercy and Christian Brothers of the time. Others were depicted in the then Catholic school and college uniforms.

One of the main features of Goulburn's celebrations was a street parade with about 150 separate entries.

They included people walking in period costumes, horses and horse-drawn sulkies and carriages, vintage cars and many decorated floats depicting significant local historical events.

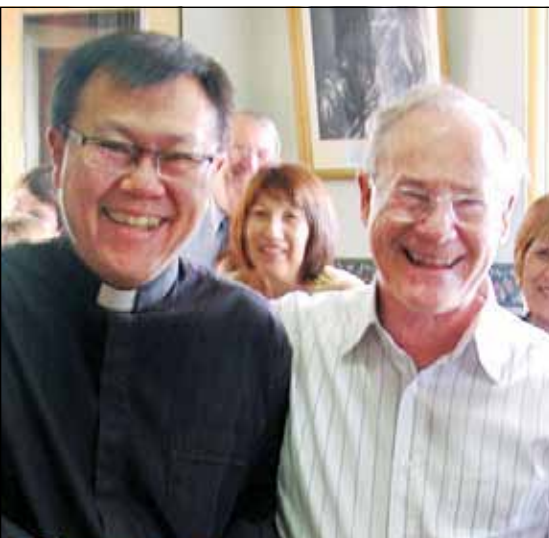
By letters patent containing thousands of words, Queen Victoria on 14 March, 1863, proclaimed Goulburn as a city and that the church called St Saviour's be the cathedral church and see of Mesac Thomas, (Anglican) Bishop of Goulburn and his successors.

Goulburn has the distinction of being the first inland city proclaimed in Australia, and the last city in the world to be declared by royal letters patent.



The Mary Queen of Apostles parish float harking back to the days of the Goulburn school strike in the 1960s.

Fr Michael farewelled



Fr Michael Lim was farewelled by parishioners of Mary Queen of Apostles, Goulburn, as he left to take up the position of administrator at Bega.

Parish priest Fr Dermid McDermott, who presented a gift (above) on behalf of parishioners, said the day before had been the second anniversary of Fr Lim's ordination to the priesthood. He had been in the parish for only a short period less than that. Fr Lim would be a wonderful gift to Bega.

Fr Lim said he had found the faith of a great number of parishioners to be inspiring.

Colourful gathering

Catholic deacons from around Australia and New Zealand can add tiptoeing through the tulips to their itinerary if they are planning to attend this year's National Association of Deacons biennial conference.

St Thomas the Apostle parish in Kambah will host the conference from 19 to 22 September, with Canberra's Floriade in full bloom minutes up the road.

The theme of the conference, which will be opened by Australian War Memorial director Dr Brendan Nelson, is "Go and make disciples of all the nations" (Matthew 28:19).

Guest speakers will include Deacon Bill Ditewig, director of Diaconal Faith Formation for the Monterey diocese in the US, and Rev Dr Elio Capra from the Catholic Theological College in Melbourne.

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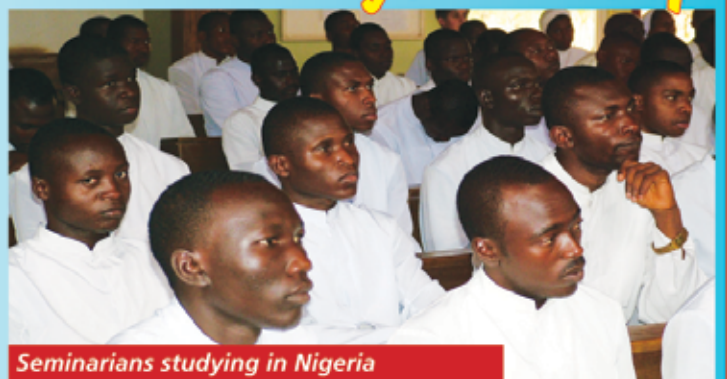
Each year ACN assists with the training of over 14,000 seminarians worldwide. The African continent, for instance, unlike many Western countries, is witnessing a lively flow of new vocations in the seminaries.

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Seminarians studying in Nigeria



The centre piece of the Year of Faith rosary, designed by the Vatican rosary makers, is inspired by the Gospel passage about Thomas "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed" John 20:29, as interpreted by the famous artist "Caravaggio" (1571 –1610). The crucifix represents the Evangelists through whom the Faith has been transmitted. The Rosary Beads reflect the Vatican colours, symbolizing Faith preserved through the Holy Father.



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By Kath Woolf, of Euthanasia?
NO! (ACT) Inc

The push to legalise euthanasia is relentless throughout Australia, not least in the ACT. Euthanasia is falsely described as “giving people choice”, providing “death with dignity”, “taking control of dying”. The most bewildering slogan is “the right to die”.

It is not a right we need to claim; we shall all die! The ethical question is the way in which we die. Suicide is legal in Australia, but a personal and social tragedy nonetheless. “Voluntary euthanasia” is simply assisted suicide.

There are new pro-euthanasia groups in addition to the older organisations like Exit International and the Voluntary Euthanasia Society. A Canberra think tank, Australia21, has recently taken up the debate on euthanasia. A pro-euthanasia organisation Dying with Dignity ACT, is busy producing pro-euthanasia materials and lobbying ministers in the ACT Assembly and the ACT Human Rights Commissioner.

The first instance of legalised euthanasia in a western country was the Northern Territory's Rights of the Terminally Ill Act 1995 (ROTI Act). Its chief architect was Dr Philip Nitschke. Seven applicants for death by injection were all accepted and four died before the Federal Parliament repealed the ROTI Act by passing the Euthanasia Laws Act 1996 introduced by Kevin Andrews. This removed from the ACT and the NT the power to legalise euthanasia.

Beginning in 2007, former Greens leader Senator Brown introduced bills seeking to reverse this situation. The Victorian Greens Senator Di Natale continues Brown's work, introducing the Restoring Territory Rights (Voluntary Euthanasia Legislation) Amendment Bill 2012 designed to return the euthanasia power to the territories.

Legalising euthanasia anywhere in Australia would put immense pressure on all our parliaments. Nitschke marked the ACT as especially likely to legalise euthanasia because of the dependence of ACT Labor governments on Greens Party support. Moreover, the ACT ALP branch platform 2008-09 includes approval of euthanasia, though allowing a conscience vote.

Nitschke admitted that fatigue, frailty and depression contributed more to the suffering of patients he killed than any pain arising from their condition. He advocates assisted death for anyone who wants it, including “troubled teens”, and that euthanasia drugs should be available “in the supermarket so that those old enough to understand death

Compassion answer to combat ‘hidden toll’

could obtain death peacefully at the time of their choosing”.

Australian governments have taken strong action to combat suicide, establishing in 2004 the New National Advisory Council on Suicide Prevention. In 2005 amendments to the Commonwealth Criminal Code Act 1995 made it an offence to use the telephone or internet to counsel or incite a person to commit or attempt to commit suicide.

In 2006, the Council of Australian Governments committed to a National Action Plan on Mental Health 2006 – 2011 which included suicide prevention. The ACT Government is a party to this agreement.

In 2010, a Senate committee lamented the “hidden toll” suicide and attempted suicide impose on families and the community. Particularly tragic is the high rate among young people, persons in rural areas, men, and indigenous populations. Males account for three quarters of the 22,526 suicide deaths registered in Australia between 2001 and 2010; suicide is the leading cause of death for males aged 15-44.

In 2010, Prime Minister Gillard announced a \$274 million Mental Health: Taking Action to Tackle Suicide package, agreeing with state, territory and local governments to reduce the suicide rate by the year 2020.

Legalising euthanasia would see “specialist” outlets develop where the “business” would not be expert diagnosis of patients' health nor referral to palliative care facilities, but delivery of death.

The compassionate response to a person contemplating suicide is assistance with their problems and, in the case of serious or terminal illness, the adequate provision of palliative care services.

Pope Francis's Prayer for the XII Station of the Cross in the Coliseum on Good Friday was that the hearts of persons who defend euthanasia be opened that they might know Christ and “work for the building of the civilisation of life and love”.

Eddies hungry to help



Yes, chefs ... Students and staff of St Edmund's hospitality department with Yellow Van director David Burnet (centre).

While it might not be a loaves-and-fishes miracle, hospitality students from St Edmund's College in Canberra are performing food conversions of their own in the name of feeding the hungry.

The school's hospitality department has struck up a partnership with the Yellow Van food rescue service in which it takes raw food and turns it into prepared dishes for the service to deliver to charities, refuges and shelters.

Acting head of the department Dean Parkes said one of the first deliveries to St Edmund's – of apples, rhubarb, tomatoes, onions and stewing beef – was redistributed as ready-to-eat apple and rhubarb strudel, tomato pasta sauce, and a French onion and beef broth.

“And this week they're coming in to pick up a whole lot of soups and fish pies.”

The partnership was formed after Mr Parkes approached Yellow Van director David Burnet at Floriade last year to discuss

the possibility of St Edmund's getting involved with the service. He learnt then that Mr Burnet's son Mikey was a student at the school.

Mikey, who was not in the hospitality program, is now the liaison officer between the van and the school.

“He gives us an idea of what we will be getting each week,” Mr Parkes said.

The school provides basic ingredients, such as flour and sugar, which he said was not a burden on the program's resources.

Some funds came from activities such as the coffee club that students from the barista course ran for the staff.

The biggest outlay had been on a labelling machine to ensure all dishes were dated and ingredients listed according to health guidelines.

Mr Parkes said the arrangement made sense for both parties.

Yellow Van often received donations of food that needed preparing, “and we have the hands to do it”.

Tiny steps that make difference

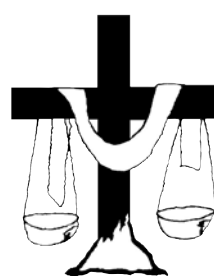
By chairman of the Archdiocese's Catholic Social Justice Commission Mike Cassidy

In this Year of Faith the Lenten season has been and gone for another year. We did our bit for Project Compassion. Some of us may have taken the Lenten fasting practices to heart. We paused, we reflected.

One such reflection in a parish bulletin drew on Fr Gerald Kelly's missive on fasting. There were three reasons cited for fasting. The one that really hit home was “to stand in solidarity with those who have no option about poverty. The prophet Isaiah speaks of a fast that breaks the bonds of injustice.”

Injustice? But what can I do? There is only me and the famines of the world, the displaced, the homeless, the refugees, it's all too much!

Justice




Matters



Just what can I do to further social justice in this unjust world? We can feel overwhelmed by all the bad news stories that fill our media and think that we, personally, can do nothing. If we think that, then we are wrong.

Social justice often consists of tiny steps. Millions and millions of tiny steps that can, and do, add up to something much bigger. Instead of buying that second or third coffee each day, put the money aside. One coffee given up each day could average between \$15-20 a work week; times that by four weeks and think about becoming a Hopegiver with Caritas, or choose one of Caritas's global gifts on a regular basis. I may not be able to personally deliver aid programs that fight injustice but I can certainly aid those who can and do.

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Seventh heaven...

From the bible to casinos, seven is often considered to be a magical, perfect, and lucky number. Jesus told us to forgive those who hurt us 70 times seven times. Clearly he meant that to mean infinity. Genesis speaks of the seven days of creation, scripture speaks of seven archangels, and the Book of Revelation speaks of the seven seals of revelation. The bible is saturated with the number seven. It would take several pages just to list the references.

What is true for the Christian bible is paralleled elsewhere: There are seven lucky gods of good fortune in Japanese mythology, and the Buddhists believe that Buddha walked seven steps at his birth.

In Judaism, there are seven days of mourning, the weekly Torah is divided into seven special sections, there are seven blessings recited at a Jewish wedding, the Jewish bride and groom are feted for seven days, and there are seven primary emotions attributed to God. In the Islamic tradition, there are seven heavens and seven earths,

seven fires in hell, seven doors to heaven and seven doors to hell.

And then there are these facts connected to the number seven: There are seven continents in the world, seven colours to the rainbow, seven days in a week, seven basic musical notes, seven stars in the Big Dipper, and seven celestial bodies visible to the naked eye. Seven is the calling code for telephones in Russia.

In North America, major-league baseball, basketball, and hockey all decide their final championships through a seven-game series, and seven is the jersey number chosen by many elite athletes. Casinos, too, like the number seven. Lining up a row of sevens is the route to many a jackpot.

Jesus, Judaism, Islam, Buddhism, nature, the measurement of our weeks, Russian telephone codes, major league sports and casinos - now that's an audience! It's no accident that there are lots of lists of "sevens":

For example: we have all kinds of theological and church-lists of seven:

Ron Rolheiser

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



Christian theology speaks of the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit: Wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety and fear of the Lord. Of seven deadly sins: Pride, envy, wrath, sloth (acedia), greed, gluttony and lust; and of seven corresponding heavenly virtues: Humility, kindness, patience, diligence, charity, temperance and chastity.

It also speaks of the seven last statements of Jesus: "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do"; "Truly I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise"; "Father, into your hands, I commend my spirit"; "Woman, this is your son ... This is your mother"; "My God, my God, why have you forsake me?"; "I thirst"; "It is finished".

Mohandas Gandhi spoke of seven social sins: Politics without principle, wealth without work, commerce without morality, pleasure without con-

science, education without character, science without humanity and worship without sacrifice.

To this, Catholics have added seven themes of Catholic social teaching: The life and dignity of the human person; the call to family, community and participation; rights and responsibilities; the option for the poor and vulnerable; the dignity of work and the rights of workers; solidarity; and care for God's creation.

Catholics have seven sacraments: Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, Reconciliation, healing of the sick, holy orders and matrimony.

Seven corporal works of mercy: Feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, shelter the homeless, visit the sick, visit the imprisoned and bury the dead. And seven spiritual works of mercy: Instruct the ignorant, counsel the doubtful, admonish sinners, bear wrongs patiently, forgive offences willingly, comfort the afflicted and pray for the living and the dead.

Moreover, Catholics venerate the seven sorrows of Mary: The prophecy of Simeon, the flight into Egypt, the loss of the child Jesus in the temple, meeting Jesus on the way of Calvary, Jesus dying on the cross, receiving the body of Jesus in her

arms and placing the body of Jesus into the tomb.

And of course, not least, we have the famous seven wonders of the world, though now there are arguments as to what precisely constitutes that list.

Some argue for the original list, the seven wonders of the ancient world, others propose the seven wonders of the modern world, some speak of the seven wonders of the contemporary world, and still others affirm that the real wonders of this world are constructed by nature and they list instead the seven natural wonders of this world.

So what's the true list? What, in fact, constitutes the seven wonders of the world?

Recently this story appeared on the internet: A teacher asked her students to name the seven wonders of the world. A number of students, with the help, no doubt, of electronic gadgets, quickly produced the various lists. One young girl, however, without any electronic research, produced her own list. The seven wonders of the world, she submitted, are seeing, feeling, tasting, smelling, touching, breathing and loving.

That list, I believe, trumps all other lists and includes all the sacraments.

Heart sings to heart



Driving force ... participants in the Coota Muster join in the fun.

The theme, based on the host parish's motto, might have been "Heart speaks to heart", but it could just as easily have been "Heart sings to heart" when more than 130 young people from the western deanery gathered at Sacred Heart parish for the Coota Muster.

The Cootamundra event was the third youth muster to be held in the deanery, following on from popular gatherings in Temora and Young.

Music and singing were features of the night.

The Coota Muster, organised by archdiocesan school/parish youth ministry coordinator Liam Mackay and members of the Sacred Heart parish and school, attracted participants from Young, Grenfell, Temora, Harden, Yass, Boorowa, Jugiong and Canberra.

A steak, sausage, sandwich and salad dinner fuelled three hours of music, games, drama, witness and prayer. Towards the end of the evening, Cootamundra parish priest Fr Kevin



Barry-Cotter led a torchlight procession from St Columba's Hall to the church, where 45 minutes of prayer, reflection and Reconciliation by candlelight, wound up in yet another burst of music.

According to Fr Barry-Cotter, the young people said they had an "awesome" night and were looking forward to the deanery's next muster, planned for later this year.

● The first South Coast youth rally is scheduled to be held at Merimbula from 6pm on 24 May.



Bishop Pat Power with Crookwell parish priest Fr Peter Murphy (far left), Fr Brian Maher, and altar servers Sam and Grace Abbey.

More than 300 pioneer descendants, dozens of their relatives and friends travelled from as far afield as South Australia, Victoria and Queensland to attend Mass and lunch at St Mary's, Grabben Gullen, marking the 150th anniversary of the opening of the "church among the trees"

The church, one of the oldest still in use in the Archdiocese, was overflowing as Bishop Pat Power, Crookwell parish priest Fr Peter Murphy and archdiocesan historian Fr Brian Maher concelebrated Mass.

Bishop Power told of the days when these three priests were class mates in the seminary training for the priesthood and how appropriate it was that they were together to mark the occasion.

Tents and marquees set up around the church carried the overflow of the congregation as well as displays of historic photos of the 1963 centenary celebrations and weddings at the church in the past 50

Big day for the 'church among the trees'

years. There were also displays of historic documents going back to the mainly Irish pioneers of the district.

Sales were brisk for memorabilia of the day and a booklet "Hidden in the Bush", produced by Fr Maher. It gives an overview of the history of St Mary's and pioneer families of the village community and Catholic faith in the district.

Descendants and relatives visited the nearby historic Wheeo cemetery, last resting place for a number of their ancestors. Some of the less familiar pioneer names that travelled to the celebrations included members of the Breen, Stapleton, Millane, Frost and Ryan families.

SHORTS

Rust and Bone. Starring Marion Cotillard, Matthias Schoenaerts, Corinne Masiero, and Armand Verdure. Directed by Jacques Audiard. 122 minutes. Hopscotch. MA 15+ (Strong sex scenes, violence and nudity)

This French, subtitled film is based loosely on short stories. The term "bone" is an oblique reference to the 27 bones in a boxer's hand. Extraordinary film in almost every sense of the word, and one which is provocative, moving and very confronting.

Hyde Park on Hudson. Starring Bill Murray, Laura Linney, Olivia Williams, Olivia Colman, Samuel West, Elizabeth Marvel, Elizabeth Wilson. Directed by Roger Michell. Icon. 94 minutes. M (Infrequent coarse language and nudity).

On the one hand, it is a pity that this film comes in the wake of *The King's Speech*. It doesn't have the wide scope and human story of that film. On the other hand, the advantage is that many audiences may well want to see it because of their interest in the characters of George VI and Queen Elizabeth. Their visit to President Franklin D Roosevelt before the war is the centrepiece of the drama and is well explored. But the film is principally about Roosevelt and his personality, politics and relationships.

The Host. Starring Saoirse Ronan, Diane Kruger, William Hurt. Directed by Andrew Niccol. Hoyts/Studio Canal. 125 minutes. M (Science fiction themes and violence).

Interesting science-fiction film, one with more thinking than action. Serious-minded, with some humour, but comes down on the side of human fragility and freedom rather than a passive heaven on earth. Young actress Saoirse Ronan has the difficult task (which she makes credible) of playing Melanie, a strong young woman among a remnant of humans who have not been taken over by aliens.



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A performance to remember

Performance/ A Late Quartet. Starring Philip Seymour Hoffman, Catherine Keener, and Christopher Walken. Directed by Yaron Zilberman. 105 minutes. Hopscotch. M (sex scenes and coarse language). Reviewer: Fr Peter Malone MSC*

Recently, there have been several films for older audiences, quality films like *Amour*, *Best Exotic Marigold Hotel* and, with themes of music, *Quartet* and *A Song for Marion*.

Three have been British, one American. *Performance* is the American film, originally called *A Late Quartet*, but changed because of the release of the British film, *Quartet*.

The setting is New York City. Four members of the Fugue string quartet have been playing together for 25 years.

The leader, Peter (Christopher Walken), is diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease. (Some interesting scenes with interview and exercise with his doctor as well as explanations of how to deal and to cope with Parkinson's.) Peter's wife has died a year earlier.

He takes the news with great dignity, continuing his classes, a key scene being a lesson where he explains to his young students how he had met Pablo Cassals when young and, nervously, played for him, ashamed that it was his worst performance.

He tells the group that he was praised by Cassals for his playing, and thought him hypocritical, just being nice to him.

He goes on to say that he met Cassals later in his life and asked the master whether he remembered his performances for him.

Cassals mentioned how he noticed variations of fingering and holding his bow from the usual playing and complemented him on his originality.

That was what he had seen and praised. It is a moving story, nicely told.



Violist Juliette Gelbart (Catherine Keener) in a scene from *Performance*.

Walken gives one of his most sympathetic performances, playing his role straight, a good and decent man, with a great love of music who has devoted himself for many decades to performance, especially in tribute to Beethoven's opus 131, the *Fugue*. Movements are played throughout the film, and explanations given as to the nature of the composition, and the reason for its being played straight through, very difficult for the players as well as their instruments.

The other members of the main cast are exemplary in their performances. We have come to expect a great deal from Philip Seymour Hoffman, showing great versatility in many different roles. Here he plays second violin and has come to a crisis, wishing to alternate with the first violin, played by Ukrainian-born actor, Mark Ivanir. Robert (Hoffman), is married to the other violinist in the quartet, Juliet, and they have a daughter, Alexandra, who also plays the violin, takes lessons from Peter as well as from Mark.

Part of the drama in the film is Alexandra's resentment towards her mother for being absent as she grew up, and having to travel around the world. She is closer to her father. Alexandra resents the perfectionism demanded by

Daniel (Ivanir), in his lessons. However, he breaks through his normal reserve and begins an affair with the responsive Alexandra. This, of course, creates a crisis for her parents.

Playing Robert gives Philip Seymour Hoffman a great opportunity to show a seemingly submissive man, finally breaking out, and, in a moment of exasperation, betraying his wife who cannot understand what he has done and rejects him. In very dramatic and moving scenes he tries to explain what has motivated him, trying to assert himself.

Beethoven's music is really the background for the film rather than a subject in itself. The thrust of the film is the drama between the different members of the quartet as well as a portrait of a man who accepts oncoming Parkinson's disease, trying to play for as long as he can, then withdrawing in great dignity. Real-life cello player, Nina Lee plays herself, coming as the new cello player in the quartet.

While three of the characters are around the age of 50, Walken's character is 70, which means that there is a great appeal in the drama and the music for middle aged and older audiences.

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

A hilarious tale for the (Ice) Ages

The Croods. Voiced by Nicolas Cage, Ryan Reynolds, Emma Stone, Catherine Keener, Clark Duke, Cloris Leachman. Directed by Kirk De Mico, Chris Sanders. 98 minutes. Paramount. PG (mild themes). Reviewer: Fr Peter Malone MSC*.

What an entertaining film!

Anyone with half a funnybone should find the film amusing – and, with a complete funnybone, hilarious.

In one sense, it is a variation on the *Ice Ages* stories. However, it stands on its own as a story of cave-men and cavewomen and the survival of a family called *The Croods*. After the introduction to the family and their rules for safety, hiding in a dark cave until

they venture out for food, relying on and ruled by fear, there is a marvellously active sequence where they all try to find and take an egg for breakfast.

It is extraordinarily fast-paced, engaging and funny. Once we are on our way, it keeps getting better.

The voiceover narrative comes from Eep (Emma Stone). She is a rebellious red-headed teenager who is curious (something the rules forbid) and willing to take risks (also forbidden). In fact, Grug, the archetypal caveman, relying on brawns but no brain, repeats his favourite word again and again, No! He is voiced by Nicolas Cage, full of bluster, one of Cage's best performances. Mother is Catherine Keener and

Cloris Leachman revels in her role as Gran, Grug's obstreperous mother-in-law. There is a largish dumb son, Thunk, and a baby with a ferocious mouth and teeth, Sandy.

With cave people, there is lots of cave behaviour, plenty of slapstick that would make the *Three Stooges* envious. Woe betide all those prehistoric animals and birds that get in the way! Come to think of it, woe betide the family when they get in the animals' and birds' way.

One night Eep sees a light and ventures out only to find an agreeable boy, Guy and his comically sweet pet, Belt. Guy has fire. Family crisis. Worse when Guy warns them that the end of the world as they know it is about to happen.

What follows is an entertaining journey to avoid all the cataclysms (and there are plenty), the family gradually accepting Guy's ideas and leadership, leaving Grug frustrated and angry. But, no unexpected spoiling here, the family survives the crisis, Eep is in love, and Grug is not only heroic, he produces a few ideas!

The screenplay is very witty, amusing comparisons between the stone age and the present – and two wonderful jokes about stone age methods of taking pictures. And it has plenty of ideas about nature, survival – and the meaning of life.

To be seen again!

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

Heroes with everything to give

Not Less Than Everything: Catholic Writers on Heroes of Conscience from Joan of Arc to Oscar Romero. Edited by Catherine Wolff, HarperOne, 2013, 339 pages, \$19.99. Reviewer: Janet Moyle.

I wish I could remember who it was who said that no one of us possesses the truth and beauty of God in its entirety, but that each of us reflects one small facet of God's brilliance.

Each of us is required to keep that facet polished and in working order.

At the risk of over-working the metaphor it is alarming, and surely detrimental to the divine plan, when parts of that multi-faceted diamond are shut-down or obliterated.

It is a truism to repeat that we live in challenging times.

Many are disaffected with the Church and are yearning for leadership. This is not unique to our generation.

Throughout history there have been those official and unofficial saints who have come up against the prevailing authorities while remaining faithful to principles and to the community.

They were unflinching in their mission despite opposition, silencing and even death.

Catherine Wolff asks what caused them to respond this way and what can they teach us?

For her it is the tension between discipleship and the primacy of conscience that is the major issue.

Wolff has engaged 26 contemporary writers and theologians to contribute to this splendid book.

Each has written an essay on a hero of conscience whose experience has touched them. This compilation introduces a variety of lively, faithful and faith-filled people from different eras.

The range of subjects is extraordinary. Some are well-known as in our own Mother Mary MacKillop.

Mary Magdalene, the Apostle to the Apostles, is there with the poet Gerard Manley Hopkins, the painter Caravaggio, Hildegard of Bingen and the ascetic Bede Griffiths.

The visionary theologians Edward Schillebeeckx and Bernard Haring appear, recalling for us, with wistful retrospect, the hopes and the joys of Vatican II 50 years ago.

Others are known personally to their writers whose stories intertwine with those of their subjects.

Humility and openness are characteristic of the biographers.

Wisely the index contains information about both the writers and their heroes.

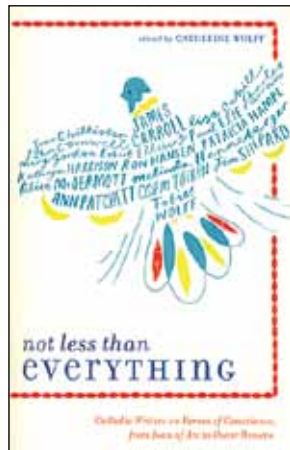
I felt the full gamut of emotions when reading these well-informed essays.

I was alternatively reflective, confronted, angry, amazed and inspired.

We all know people of courage and fortitude today who hold the lantern high for those who stumble through the darkness.

They, too, give not less than everything.

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A brilliant teacher to help us keep going

Why Bother Praying? by Richard Leonard SJ. Paulist Press, 2013, 160 pages, \$19.95. Reviewer: Janet Moyle.

Australian Jesuit Richard Leonard, he of the elegant prose and consummate communication skills, has done it again.

As a follow-up to his hugely popular *Where the Hell Is God?* he now addresses the question, why bother praying?

Leonard says he never thought he would write a book on prayer. But there was such an overwhelming reaction to *Where the Hell Is God?* and, in particular, to the chapter on prayer, that he began to think more broadly about prayer, its styles and forms and "about creating a space within which we can encounter the love of God".

He explores the context in which we pray and acknowledges it has never been harder than it is today.

He believes that some prayer is better than no prayer and, most usefully I thought, says if it helps do it; if it doesn't don't.

Here he is speaking of particular styles of prayer. Some people like more structure and more texts and ritual than others do.

He also says that praying the Bible and celebrating the sacraments especially the Eucharist are essential experiences of prayer because they bring God's presence to us in concrete terms, here and now.

Leonard's focus is on why, not how, we pray. He carefully builds his case, laying out the arguments for and against belief and of the characteristics of personal and social prayer. He asks to whom are we praying, and reveals three categories for the images of God. At various stages in our lives one image will appeal more than another.

Names matter, he says, particularly those in the words of hymns which stay with us.

He analyses Christian prayer which has five distinct qualities, praise and thanksgiving, lamentation, affirming our trust in God, singing of our salvation and waiting upon the presence of

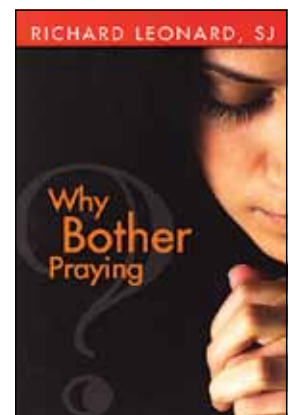
God. This chapter alone is worth the price of the book.

He talks about different schools of prayer; public prayer; gives a warm portrait of Mary in the tradition and now; with a focal chapter on Jesus. If we are praying to Jesus, he says, our relationships are transformed.

Finally, he claims, our lives may be the only Bible some people read. We pray to keep on mission with Christ in the world. The Church and the world need prayerful people more than ever before.

There are many gems and points to ponder in this book. Richard Leonard is steeped in modern biblical scholarship, in theological and pastoral insights and in personal humility.

He is a brilliant teacher who imbues readers with confidence to keep on going in creating a space for God to love us. What a gift!



Benedict's guide to deeper faith

I Believe In One God: The Creed Explained by Benedict XVI. St Paul's, 2012, 159 pages, \$14.95. Reviewer: Janet Moyle.

To mark the universal Year of Faith in the Church, this compilation of homilies, catechesis and speeches from Pope Benedict has been released. In it he aims to lead Christians in deepening their knowledge, fostering their conversion and prayer life.

As always, the retired pope is the consummate teacher. He expands on the doctrine of the Trinity with clarity

and substance. The Father is the creator of heaven and earth; Jesus Christ the revelation of God's love, the "Logos", the Word; the Holy Spirit is the Lord, the giver of life.

Benedict's exposition is clear and meditative. He speaks of the foundation and mission of the Church with Mary, the mother of God at its centre. He revisits certain themes when explaining the significance of wine, bread, oil and water as sacramental signs. In one of his previous books, *Jesus of Nazareth* (2007), he treated these images from St

John's Gospel. They re-occur here in simplified form.

The book is concluded by a talk on eternal life. He links this with remarks on the efficacy of the sacrament of Reconciliation and a plea for its regular use by Christians.

The speeches were given on various occasions to different audiences during Benedict's pontificate. These are listed at the back.

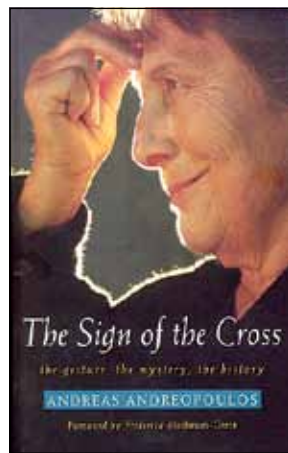
A useful addition to the libraries of teachers of the faith and all who want to deepen it.

A powerful gesture

The Sign of the Cross. The gesture, the mystery, the history by Andreas Andreopoulos. Paraclete Press, pb 2010, 152 pages, \$27.95. Reviewer: Margaret Ryan.

When you make the sign of the cross, what are you thinking and expressing? The author provides many possibilities.

Chapter one is partly personal, focussing on experiencing the sign of the cross, particularly in an Orthodox environment. Subsequent chapters examine the history of the gesture, its power as religious sign and symbol, external and internal, its evocative prayerfulness and spirituality, and a perspective on the cross as a cosmic and healing connector. Andreopoulos is a senior lecturer in Orthodox Christianity at the University of Winchester, UK. His seriously approached text reveals detailed research into a long practised Christian gesture and prayer, and would be interesting to scholars, some liturgists and perhaps those keen to discover more about Eastern Christianity, though the author hopes it could be appreciated by a wider audience.



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Country meets city

Gumboot throwing, whip cracking and horseshoe quoits gave students from Holy Trinity, Curtin, a quintessential taste of the country when they journeyed out for a day of fun and activity with Trinity School, Murrumburrah.

The country students even dressed for the occasion, kitting themselves out in checked shirts, jeans and boots.

Other activities, as part of the annual exchange to celebrate Catholic Schools Week, included horse racing, a display of miniature horses and heifer grooming.

The city students were treated to a sausage sizzle before heading home, and thanked their hosts with a gift of sporting equipment redeemed from supermarket vouchers.

ABOVE: Boots and all ... Isabelle Shea, Andrew Woods and Molly Lawless prepare to toss it all in.

Welcome to the faith



Barrellan parish accepted two new Catholics into its fold, when Graham Linsell and Sheryl Conlan (pictured with candles) made their commitment to the faith after a year of preparation, discussion and reflection. The two candidates were supported by their sponsors, Jim Brody and Bernadette Bandy, and parish leader Sr Ann Steenbergen, RSJ. They celebrated their commitment at a supper in the parish centre after the Easter Vigil with their families, parish friends and parish priest Fr Simon Falk.

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An abiding presence...



The official opening of the exhibition An Abiding Presence: Galong's Land and People at St Clement's Monastery.

ABOVE FAR LEFT: Ned Ryan's precious certificate of freedom - tradition has it that Ned carried the evidence that he was a free man on his person. ABOVE LEFT: Ambassador of Ireland Mr Noel White cuts the ribbon to open the museum.

LEFT: St Clement's retreat centre manager and historian Mrs Cheryl Mongan welcomes guests. ABOVE: Musical interlude with an Irish flavour by band Hoddle.



Learning to deal with the grief of loss

Jennifer Collins attended her first bereavement and loss seminar two years after separating from her husband and father of their six young children.

She attended another one two years later, "when my situation was changing and I was getting more assertive".

She found those gatherings useful in different ways, but she could not have known how much more relevant they would become to her life in later years.

When her sister died in 1992, Ms Collins encountered a different type of grief to the type she struggled with after her husband left.

A couple of years later, she started "a beautiful, solid relationship" with her sister's husband, Ken, that lasted 15 ½ years – until Ken died of a heart attack at 74.

"That was a far more devastating, gut-wrenching grief than I had experienced," she said.

Then, in March last year, her son Paul, now 40, suffered a stroke, caused by a brain tumour.

He has since had tumours removed from his brain and his groin and is receiving radiation for another on his brain.



Used to saying goodbye ... Jennifer Collins has found different uses for grief seminars over the years.

Meanwhile, in December, another son, Mark, was killed in a single-car accident, aged 39.

Ms Collins is almost philosophical about Mark's death. "He was one of those full-on kids. When he got to 18, I was amazed, I was even more amazed when he made it to 21. I felt like I had been saying goodbye to him all his life."

After all of that, Ms Collins, 66, has turned once again to bereavement counselling.

This time, though, it is not for her.

"This is about how I can be there in a more knowledgeable way for the other – for Paul's wife and daughter (aged 2) and Mark's wife," she said.

She attended an Understanding Change, Loss and Grief seminar, run by the Good Grief organisation in partnership with CatholicLIFE, and found it useful for

"bringing to the forefront of your mind things you might instinctively know, and bringing it all together".

CatholicLIFE training development coordinator Phil Letki, who presented one of two seminars in Canberra, said the seminars were a natural extension of programs run in schools for children.

"You would have children saying, 'This would be good for Mum or Dad,'" she said.

The seminars, more of which are planned for later in the year, were an introduction to understanding different types of grief and grieving, and led into small-group sessions in which people could explore their own grief in depth. For more information on these seminars and small-group meetings, contact CatholicLIFE, telephone 6163 4300.

Father finds time to be a doctor, two

While he has now earned the triple honorific "Fr Dr", Fr John Armstrong doesn't think he will bother updating his letterhead.

"I think I'll just stick with Fr," he said, of the title he has carried for more than 20 years.

The parish priest of Corpus Christi, South Tuggeranong, was awarded his second doctorate, this time in practical ministry, at Australian Catholic University's 50th anniversary graduation ceremony.

Fr Armstrong completed his first doctorate, in demography, with the Australian National University in 2001.

The latest took six years of juggling his many vocational commitments. "You have to be very disciplined," he said.

Evenings, days off and periods where his workload was a little less hectic, such as school holidays, were all put to good use. Most of the course work was done online and he stayed in touch with his lecturers over the phone.

Fr Armstrong chose to take a shot at a second doctorate as part of his ongoing professional development. "When that course came along, I thought, 'Why not?'," he said.

And the subject matter made it less daunting than it might have been. "It gave me the opportunity to reflect on what I was doing in my daily ministry," he said.

But, as much as he has enjoyed studying, Fr Armstrong is not planning to add any more letters to his title anytime soon. "I think that might do now," he said.



Double Dr ... Fr John Armstrong with his latest doctorate certificate, from ACU.