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## Doug socks it to 'em...

When Doug Hodgson walks out of the St Bede's Primary School gates in Red Hill for the last time as a principal, "on December 20 at 3.30", the appropriate salute might be red socks at half-mast on the flagpole.

The 200 children of St Bede's, not to the mention their parents and the staff, will miss many things about their principal of seven years, his commanding presence and whacky sense of humour among them, but the red socks are bound to be high on the list.

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RIGHT: Socks and all ... St Bede's principal Doug Hodgson, in his last year of school, with granddaughter Mia Wright, in her first.



## Galong's colourful spectacle - back page



# Disability 'change of lifetime'

The Archdiocese's chief welfare agency, CatholicCare, is preparing itself for an influx of demand from people with disabilities when the National Disability Insurance Scheme comes into effect next year.

The ACT will be a launch site for the federal scheme, which is a centralised system of allocating funding to people living with permanent intellectual, physical or psychosocial disabilities based on their assessed needs and actual costs.

By mid-2016, up to 5000 Canberrans are expected to have transferred to the scheme, which will be rolled out from July next year.

Lisa Higginson, the woman charged with sailing CatholicCare, a key not-for-profit provider of disability services, into the uncharted waters of the scheme says this new approach to funding is "one of the most exciting changes we will see in our lifetime".

Under the scheme, people will be able to apply for pools of money to meet both their immediate and lifetime needs, which could be any or a combination of things from health care and counselling to mobility aids and modified housing. Once those needs are assessed, they will be able to choose which services and providers they use.

Ms Higginson, who will head the Canberra and Goulburn



More choice ...  
Lisa Higginson.

office's newly created NDIS division, said that under this "client-driven model", service providers such as CatholicCare would have to ensure they were "accountable and transparent" in what they offered potential users of services.

"What it will mean is clients, their families and their carers will have more choice and control," she said.

"So rather than us saying, 'This is what we've got and what you will get', the people themselves will be able to say, 'This is what I need and when I need it' – and that is what they will get," she said.

She said CatholicCare, which offers services such as supported accommodation, respite care, counselling, mental health care and various forms of social support, was determined to show its commitment to what "is seen as such an important milestone in the funding of these (disability) resources.

"It's important that we put the resources into making sure we're ready to go and that all our systems are in place," she said.

She expects that demand for disability support could leap as people who may not have had money for services in the past receive allocations under the NDIS.

Ms Higginson's new role will be all about "implementation and engagement.

"I'll be looking at how our whole agency will work within this framework in the future," she said.

This includes changes to the way the financial and business side of things are managed.



## Paul's path to priesthood

We travel with South Tuggeranong parishioner and former Marist College student Paul Nulley (pictured far right) on the last leg of his journey to priesthood. He writes:

This last month has been a time of fun but also mundane study. One of the most enjoyable days was Anzac Day. Mgr Glynn Murphy from the Military Ordinariate led a service at the college in the morning and then spoke about military chaplaincy. I think it was quite helpful for some of the men from overseas to better understand Anzac Day and for all of us to hear the contribution that chaplains are able to make in the Australian Defence Force. The formal lunch was followed by a basketball competition. It was the first time that the seminary teams were divided along ethnic lines: Cebu Eagles, Kerala Tigers, Saigon Buffalos, Melbourne Sharks and Victoria Pelicans. I played for both Victorian teams and was the highest point scorer for the Australians, which meant we lost. The evening concluded with a relaxed evening involving two-up and a few other games.



Although a great day, I had forfeited my ticket to the legendary Anzac Day match where the mighty Bombers triumphed over the 'Pies' the day before I was strongly encouraged by my synthesis supervisor to make the synthesis the priority. Not a lot of work got done on Anzac Day needless to say.

So that weekend I sent my apologies to a friend who was making her final profession, to a men's shed where I was meant to be giving a talk and to a person I was going to pay a pastoral visit to. Although the synthesis is moving slower than I had hoped and anticipated, it is getting there. I am confident I shall have it completed by the end of July.

In some ways it's an unusual existence being a deacon in the seminary because I feel more like a seminarian than a deacon. I certainly understand the

diaconate as a time to model myself completely on Christ the servant, which I sometimes find difficult as studies seem so consuming. However, the parish is always a privileged moment to exercise the ministry in a more practical way. It is a very grounding experience.

I love being able to listen to people and, albeit in a limited way, share in their joys, sorrows and daily struggles and then to pray for them. There is also always something different happening in the parish: over the last few weeks the children have been making their first Communion; I have been asked to help prepare the children for Confirmation; and there is a parish mission going on.

On the seminary front we are getting ready to celebrate the 90th anniversary of the college, which we will do on the feast of Corpus Christi. The deacons are coordinating the events. We will begin with praise and worship on Friday night, which will lead into the 40 hours of adoration, an open day on Saturday and a meal for the alumni and priests of Victoria and Tasmania on Sunday. We are also making a video, historical journal and learning a motet which has been written for the occasion. All in all, it seems to have been a very ordinary month, although the reality that this chapter of my life is coming to an end continues to become ever clearer.

## From near and far

THIS crowd gathered for the opening of the Piney Range Catholic church in 1896 by coadjutor Bishop of Goulburn John Gallagher, accompanied by Grenfell parish priest Fr John Lane. Many people came from all parts of the district, including a strong contingent from Bimbi.

The church was built on Pine-dale, a property owned by Mr Thomas Cleary. Bishop Gallagher stayed with the Cleary family over the weekend and instructed those to be confirmed. Confirmation then took place at the opening of the church on Sunday. A collection was taken up towards liquidating the debt on the church. The church was closed and sold by a later Grenfell parish priest Fr John Brohan in the late 1960s.



LEANNE Brewer will bring nearly 20 years' experience in the insurance industry to her new role as Canberra branch manager for Catholic Church Insurance. Ms Brewer, a Canberran who takes over from Tony Cassar, worked for CGU Insurance in Canberra. NSW/ACT regional manager John Apter said Ms Brewer's appointment "marks a new era for our Canberra branch".



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# A 'small-town girl' is the pride of the Lions

Is a bunch of organic grapes really worth \$9.99 a kilo? Molly Campbell passionately believes it is, and, if you have some minutes to spare, the Year 12 student from Lumen Christi College in Pambula can tell you all the reasons why.

Having argued this point as part of a five-minute talk on farmers as an "endangered species" at least five times on the way to becoming the national Lions Club Youth of the Year, Molly has the subject down pat. Part of a sixth-generation farming family from Mila, outside Bombala, where her father Keith is a sheep breeder, she has no trouble delivering the message with feeling.

Then again, she is passionate about many things. That is why the Youth of the Year quest judges were so impressed – as well as with her general knowledge and ability to expound for two minutes without notice on subjects such as intergenerational welfare and the Gonski education agenda.

The passion is obvious when she talks about her involvement in surf lifesaving, both as a beach patroller and as part of the Special Nippers program for children with disabilities. It is also there when she men-

tions her love of music, especially playing clarinet and piano with the Sapphire Coast Concert and Big Band, and of horse riding and fundraising for charity.

Molly plans to carry that commitment into the future, as she hopes to become a barrister and use her voice to advocate for people with disabilities.

With at least one teacher from Lumen Christi and a band of supporters from the local Lions Club in tow, Molly talked her way around the state through four levels of the quest before she made it to the national final in Canberra. At each step, she took part in a one-hour interview and delivered both her five-minute prepared speech and two impromptu responses to current affairs topics.

The current affairs element was no problem, given her mother, Sophie Longden, is an ABC radio journalist, and "the news is on in our house all the time".

Molly's approach was to be honest and maintain a sense of humour. "Basically, I would say that I'm a 17-year-old small-town girl, so I can't change the world but I can give you my perspective."



Passion aplenty ... Molly Campbell says honesty and humour were the secrets to winning the national Lions Club Youth of the Year.



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# Archdiocese posts surplus for 2012

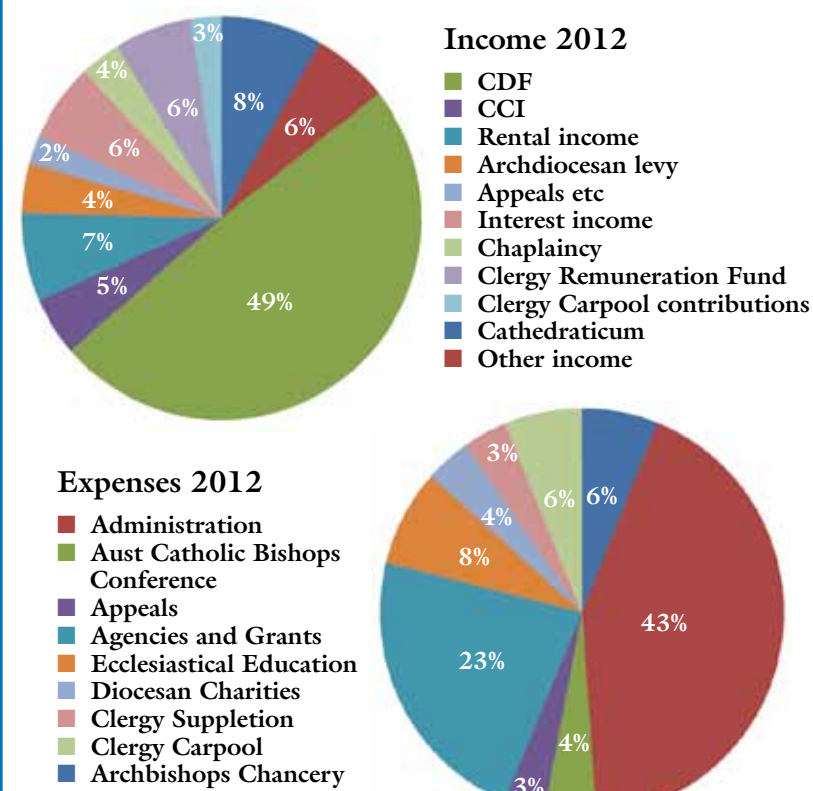
By Archdiocesan financial administrator Helen Delahunty

The financial results for the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn for the calendar year 2012 have been finalised and audited. The result for the year is a surplus of \$122,000 following on from a surplus last year of just over \$97,000.

The auditors, Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu, have given the Archdiocese an unqualified management letter. As part of the audit process this year, in addition to the essential checking on all parts of the business, we concentrated on the payroll process. The Archdiocese has a payroll of 126, plus the stipends of 43 priests. We have changed the process of paying staff considerably over the past 12 months to ensure all areas of the payroll are secure.

The budgeting process for the Archdiocese and the various agencies and grants is more and more crucial each year. There is pressure to be able to deliver more services while still having a very limited income source. The CDF contributes over 49% of our income, and that percentage has risen from 45% in 2011.

Because of the static income, there have been no increases in expenses. This year will be an even harder year in terms of budgeting because of extra expenses especially in relation to the Church's response to the Royal Commission.



## letter to the editor

# Justice needed for all refugees

I am responding to the article by Mgr John Woods (CV, May) on "boat people".

Our refugee intake (20,000 per annum) was almost equalled in number last year by "boat people" arrivals (17,000). Thus refugees who have enough money to journey to Indonesia, wait around for months until they can get on a boat, then pay the fare, rumoured to be many thousands of dollars, are taking up almost all of our refugee intake places. If you are among the millions of penniless refugees waiting in camps in Asia and Africa, as far as our "boat people" advocates are concerned, you will remain in refugee camps until you die. That is unjust; it is not a fair go!

Pope Benedict XVI wrote in his encyclical God is Love: "The just ordering of society and the State is a central responsibility of politics." Thus both of our major

political parties are grappling with the issue of justice for all refugees. Charity is not their responsibility.

There is always an element of forgiveness in real charity, in this case forgiveness for pushing aside other helpless refugees. As G K Chesterton wrote, charity to the deserving poor is not charity at all, but justice.

It would be good if Mgr Woods used his influence at the SVDP sleep-out to have the CEOs negotiate with government to establish a peace corps, young and old, to go to Manus Island alongside the Red Cross and the Salvation Army, to live with the refugees while they "serve their time", teaching them skills as needed and culture, so that they can eventually participate in our society in the knowledge that we Christians have forgiven them and accept them. That would be charity.

John L Smith, Farrer.

# As it was and is

By Archdiocesan Administrator Mgr John Woods

Autumn leaves were a colourful reminder of change. Now frosts and clear days herald another winter. As in nature, so too our personal journeys are marked by change. Birthdays, graduations, wedding anniversaries, house and career moves are some of the many markers of change. The Church's liturgical year is also marked by change. Following the celebration of Pentecost, which this year concluded Australia's Year of Grace, we are in so-called Ordinary Time; a time to reflect on and engage with our life in Christ and the mission of the Church.

Reflection on change underpins Canberra's celebration of its centenary, as it does our Archdiocese's celebration of its 150th jubilee. Those two events converged for me in the ongoing hearing by the ACT Administrative Appeals Tribunal of the Archdiocese's appeal against the heritage listing of St Patrick's, Braddon. The issue is the historical and associative significance of the building at the corner of Donaldson and Cooyong streets, Braddon. The hearing caused me to reflect on the significance of Mgr Patrick Haydon in the development of Canberra.

Appointed in 1928, Haydon was to be Canberra's first and only parish priest. As the former assistant priest (1912) and later parish priest of Queanbeyan (1918), Haydon's pastoral ministry had included the Limestone Plains or what is now Canberra. During World War I he had preached in German at the Molonglo (Fyshwick) internment camp.

In Queanbeyan, Haydon saw to the construction of the Queanbeyan parish hall (1922, since sold) and St Benedict's Convent (1927, since sold). In Canberra his vision and leadership saw to the construction of St Christopher's Convent and School, Forrest (1928, now used by the Catholic Education Office), the Canberra presbytery, Commonwealth Avenue (1931, now Archbishop's House), the St Patrick's Church-School, Braddon (1935; refurbished as a church in 1983), St Christopher's Church, Forrest (1939, later pro Cathedral and then Cathedral after extensions in 1973), and the St Therese's Church, Causeway (1948, since demolished).

Haydon had the rare ability to engage with all manner of people, reflective of his awareness of the God-given dignity of every person. He was the confidant of four prime ministers (Lyons, Scullin, Forde and Chifley) and admired by all his co-religionists.

Little wonder that following his sudden death at age 59 in 1949, his funeral was the then largest Canberra had witnessed. Haydon Drive, Bruce, adjacent to Calvary Hospital is named after him, consistent with his desire for a Catholic hospital in Canberra. Both St Edmund's and Marist colleges have a house named Haydon. The Archdiocese chose to name the Haydon Centre (1962) at the rear of the Cathedral in his honour.

When Haydon came to Canberra the population was about 7000. In the open space surrounding their presbytery on Commonwealth Avenue, Haydon and his fellow clergy were known to have a hit of cricket or swing at a golf ball towards what is now Regatta Point.

I was reminded of how Canberra has continued to change when visiting Barbara van der Linden's Faces of Canberra exhibition at the M16 Artspace, Griffith. As with Haydon, so too in every decade there are individuals that we continue to admire.

I think of the recently deceased Christine (Chris) Moloney, the wife of Michael Moloney. Michael was my 5th class teacher at St Edmund's and I was an altar server at Michael and Chris's wedding in St Christopher's. As a younger



priest I did some work with them on marriage preparation and marriage enrichment programs. I told Michael that Chris had that unerring ability to be always upbeat. Like Haydon, Chris had a committed faith and affirmed the goodness of all. The day of her funeral, St Bede's School, Red Hill, celebrated its 50th anniversary. Many fond memories were shared at both gatherings. We need to pause and realise how blessed we are, right here, right now by those who have moved on.

Canadian Fr Ron Rolheiser OMI has reflected on the Ascension of Jesus: *Eventually we all reach a point where what is best for everyone is that we go away so that we can give our spirit. The gift that our lives are can only be fully received after we ascend.*

While we draw inspiration of those who have gone ahead of us in faith, we face different challenges. A royal commission into child sexual abuse, the challenge of asylum seekers, the full implications of proposed education funding reforms, proposals for same-sex marriage, calls for drug law reform, renewed attempts to introduce euthanasia and to extend the period for abortion are just some of the issues before us, to say nothing of a decline in religious and priestly vocations and a decline in the numbers in the pews and the associated marginalisation of religion. And whatever about our nation's budget deficit at the end of the financial year, it fades in comparison to that of many other countries, and we can forget that Haydon and his contemporaries grew the local church challenged by the Great Depression and World War II.

On the other hand, the "surge of hope" with the election of Pope Francis, the ongoing call for a "New Evangelisation" to revitalise faith commitment, the growth of the church in the first world, the potential for renewal through the RCIA and parish sacramental programs and other parish based initiatives, World Youth Day, the huge outreach of the church across Australia through education, health and welfare initiatives, the call of all to holiness, the fight for justice arising from a faith commitment, the ease of travel reflected in the changing face of people in the pews and on the sanctuary, are among some of the many blessings of our day.

The constant we share with Mgr Haydon, Chris Moloney and those who have gone ahead of us in faith is the abiding presence of God. It was to that awareness that the Year of Grace called us. Our response in Christ to the issues of our day must not be platitudinous but founded on the sacred scriptures, church teaching and a deep down prayerful attentiveness to the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, present also in the signs of the times. New challenges offer us new possibilities to be good news.

I offer the "winter" words of another renowned Australian who some years ago spoke in the church that Haydon built:

Dear God,

*Let us prepare for winter. The sun has turned away from us and the nest of summer hangs down broken in a tree. Life slips through our fingers and, as darkness gathers, our hands grow cold. It is time to go inside. It is time for reflection and resonance. It is time for contemplation. Let us go inside (Michael Leunig).*

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# 2013 International Nurses and Midwives Week at Calvary

*The importance of the human value of compassion*



Anna with patient



Doreen



Jennifer

**T**he legacy of Venerable Mary Potter, the founder of the Sisters of the Little Company of Mary, lives on in Calvary Hospital Nurses and Midwives

The Calvary Health Care ACT Director of Mission, Martin Smith, believes a highlight of the recent celebration of Calvary 2013 International Nurses and Midwives Week was the recognition that the original Mission of Venerable Mary Potter and the Sisters of the Little Company of Mary is still strongly and passionately represented in Calvary's Nurses and Midwives.

"I think there are a number of things about Calvary's Nurses and Midwives, and staff in other Calvary facilities, that would make Mother Mary Potter very happy. Importantly, our nurses and midwives recognise that the presence of compassion is central to high quality patient centred care."

"Another feature of our nurses and midwives that would please Mary is the knowledge and skills set possessed by contemporary nurses and midwives. One of Mary Potter's wishes was that her Sisters 'be professional as nurses'. Mother Mary and the early Sisters saw the need for professional training of nurses and midwives and acted quickly to establish nurse training facilities. Mary appointed Sister Phillip to be the first teaching Sister, and she set about training other sisters in good nursing. Soon Schools of Nursing were established by the Sisters."

"While equipment and their facilities were limited, the commencement of formal training enabled the Sisters to consistently provide care that conformed to the best available clinical practice of the time that emphasised compassion."

"For many patients in those early years there was no ready cure available, so the work of the Sisters was to clinically and compassionately support and assist people in their homes and in hospital with dignity, respect and love. A special concern of Mother Mary was to support and care for patients at the end of life as Mary did to her son Jesus on Calvary, demonstrating a strong maternal love. We now know this work as Palliative Care, and it is worth noting that palliative and end of life care remain central to the Mission of the Sisters of the Little Company of Mary's services around the world."

"During May there were a number of activities across the community to recognise Nurses and Midwives, and at Calvary we held a number of celebrations to show our appreciation of our Nursing and Midwifery staff. A highlight of the week was the reinforcing of that Calvary difference of competent but compassionate care offered to all who come in contact with our services. The



Calvary Hospital Intensive Care Unit

stories below of three Calvary clinical staff illustrate their commitment to providing this compassionate care to their patients today.

Doreen Azmothe-Kinsella EN came to Australia from England to become a nurse after a previous career in the disability sector. She works in the Aged Care and Rehabilitation Services Unit at Calvary Hospital.

"My patients are the most wonderful and beautiful people. When they come into our care it is usually after a major health episode has unexpectedly turned their life upside down and taken away some of their living skills, such as mobility, manual dexterity, speech, swallowing and socialisation."

"With older people this creates all the uncertainty associated with reduced independence, suitability of their home or residence, and disconnection from established social networks. You can see them wondering 'what will my life be like, will I be a burden, can I ever be fully or reasonably independent?'"

"We don't spend a lot of time answering those questions, instead we collaborate with the Medical Teams and the wonderful Calvary Allied Health Team including physios, occupational therapists and speech pathologists, nutritionists, pharmacists and social workers and psychologists and in a reasonably short time our patients see progress."

At the other end of life's spectrum in the Calvary Hospital Maternity Unit Jennifer Grimstad RM is on hand when a baby arrives and has first contact with her or his mother and family.

"People who have children talk about the birth of their child or children being the most unforgettable moment of their life. And I get to share that moment with them – it is a wonderful privilege of my job."

"Every birth is different, every mum is different, and every little baby is unique. When a baby arrives without complications or any problems it is wonderful, I am really just there to support mum and see them settle happily."

"But like all midwives I also get a great deal of satisfaction from being more

actively involved through either assisting with the actual birth or helping mum and baby settle down together after a more difficult birth. In these instances our clinical skills might be put to the test, but equally valuable is a close and trusting connection between mum and the midwifery team."

Anna Dambrosi RN is a nurse in Calvary Hospital's Emergency Department. In the ED it is not just every day that is different, every minute throws up another unplanned challenge for the nursing, medical and support staff teams.

It can be busy with an average of 150 people presenting to the Calvary ED each day, but Anna believes it is vital that every patient she treats receives reassurance and comfort as well as excellent clinical care.

"Every injury or illness leads to people feeling uncertain and vulnerable. Add to that an ED environment that is familiar to us but alien to most people, and it becomes critical that we attend to the emotional concerns of a patient as well as their clinical needs."

"Sometimes it only takes a moment to recognise a patient's frailty or uncertainty and to provide the reassurance they need, other patients and their partner or family need more time and attention. Without that reassurance people feel care is being done to them not with them."

"I love the clinical dimension of my job, but at the end of many shifts you reflect on your patients and are reminded that the emotional support and comfort we provide was essential to the commencement of their treatment and recovery."

Martin Smith noted that "as Calvary Hospital Health Care ACT and health and hospital services around the world celebrated International Midwives Day, International Nurses Day and International Nurses and Midwives Week, it warrants reflection that Anna, Jennifer and Doreen highlight the importance of the human value of compassion as central and critical to high quality care just as Venerable Mary Potter did as she lead by example more than a hundred years ago."



## Prize for poets

Australian poets are being encouraged to enter an inaugural literature prize offered by Australian Catholic University. The \$7000 ACU Prize for Literature aims to support writers and to continue the tradition of the Catholic Church as a key patron of the arts. This year the prize will be awarded to the poet who best conveys everyday immanence. Closing date is 30 June. Inquiries [aculiterature@acu.edu.au](mailto:aculiterature@acu.edu.au).

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# Cursillo world comes to us

The Cursillo movement's World Encounter in Brisbane later this year will be something of a homecoming for Margie Doyle, who made her Cursillo in that city 32 years ago.

Although she has been in Canberra for 26 years, the president of the Archdiocese's Cursillo movement stays in touch with some of the people who attended her first Cursillo.

After all, friendship is what the movement is all about.

Mrs Doyle will be part of the Archdiocese's representation of about 10 at the first World Encounter to be held in Australia by the world body of Cursillos in Christianity, at St Leo's University College in Brisbane from 20 to 24 November.

Another Canberran, Mrs Merran Martin, a member of the movement's national secretariat, will be Australia's nominated international representative at the encounter, which is expected to attract more than 200 delegates from the 63 countries in which Cursillo is active.

The occasion will also mark 50 years since the Catholic Cursillo movement was established in Australia.

Cursillo, which was started by Catholics in Spain in the 1940s and has since spread around the world and to other denominations, is a three-day retreat which aims to deepen participants' spiritual awareness and strengthen their relationship with themselves, God and other people.

"From the very beginning Cursillo has affirmed and confirmed my faith and belief ... it is nurturing and there is a great sense of community. There is a deep bond which is very much Christ-centred," said Mrs Doyle.

Her husband Paul, who died three years ago, was also a Cursillista. "It was something we very much shared together and it greatly enriched our marriage," she said.



ABOVE: Friendship ... members of the archdiocesan Cursillo secretariat and Cursillistas from the western deanery who gathered for a reflection day in Young.



LEFT: Faith affirming ... president of the archdiocesan Cursillo movement Margie Doyle.

While Cursillos are for both sexes – usually held separately – Mrs Doyle said they were particularly "empowering" for women.

"Though I have heard both men and women say it has changed their lives."

An archdiocesan women's Cursillo will be held at the St Clement's monastery at Galong from the evening of 4 July to the afternoon of 7 July. For information, contact Mrs Doyle, telephone 0418 974 213.



Cutting-edge science ... Ashly Vu will be the ACT delegate at National Youth Science Week in Pretoria.

## Science shaping Ashly's future

Proponents of the idea that girls are just not that into science would do well to talk to Ashly Vu, year 12 student and girl captain at St Francis Xavier College in Florey.

Ashly will be an Australian representative, and the only one from the ACT, at the prestigious National Youth Science Week in Pretoria, South Africa, in late June.

To get there, she was selected from 2000 applicants to fill one of 432 places at the 12-day National Youth Science Forum in Perth early this year.

To win international representation, Ashly demonstrated exactly

what the organisers were looking for – exceptional levels of interest, capacity and potential in fields of science, and also strong interpersonal, teamwork, inquiry, communication and potential leadership skills.

"I could not have dreamed of being an ambassador for Australian science in a country such as South Africa," Ashly said.

"In the next couple of years I will be making some career-shaping decisions, so to have the chance to experience cutting-edge science at an international level is a fantastic springboard into the future."

Although she will have the chance to see science in its many forms in action on a global scale in Pretoria, her particular interest lies in neuroscience "and basically anything related to medical science".

"I did the Australian Brain Bee Challenge and did quite well, so I was really inspired by that," she said.

Before she goes, Ashly will need to raise \$8000 to cover the cost of the trip to Pretoria.

Any offers of help are welcome and can be directed to Ashly Vu, telephone 0421 101 987 or email [ashvu95@gmail.com](mailto:ashvu95@gmail.com), or Catherine Morgan, telephone 6258 1055 or email [catherine.morgan@sfx.act.edu.au](mailto:catherine.morgan@sfx.act.edu.au).

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# School head likes to sock it to his young charges

By Fiona van der Plaats

When Doug Hodgson walks out of the St Bede's Primary School gates in Red Hill for the last time as a principal, "on December 20 at 3.30", the appropriate salute might be red socks at half-mast on the flagpole.

The 200 children of St Bede's, not to the mention their parents and the staff, will miss many things about their principal of seven years, his commanding presence and whacky sense of humour among them, but the red socks are bound to be high on the list.

"The kids all know about my red socks; they come and pull my trousers up to check that I'm wearing them," Mr Hodgson said, waving his red ankles around to entertain a passing parade of students and the granddaughter perched on his knee.

Granddaughter Mia, who started in kinder at St Bede's

this year, is one of the reasons he has pushed his tenure in the Catholic school system out to 35 years.

Although only 60, Mr Hodgson had planned to retire before this but he could not resist the chance to be at the helm when the oldest of his five grandchildren started at his school.

Nor did he want to miss out on the fun of helping "the best school in the world" celebrate its 50th anniversary.

He also felt a duty to see St Bede's through one more registration year.

"I wanted to give myself time to do something completely outside education.

You know, I've basically been in school since I was four years old, so I'm ready for something new," he said.

He plans to spend about three days a week helping his son-in-law load trucks as part of a pick-up/ clean-up business



Ready for something new... St Bede's principal Doug Hodgson in his last year of school, with granddaughter Mia Wright, in her first.

and the rest of the time fishing and hanging out with his grandchildren.

"I love the idea of being able to do a job in a few hours and know it's finished. In the job I'm doing now, things can drag on for weeks or months," he said.

Mr Hodgson, who has taught in 13 schools in both England and Australia, started in the Canberra system in 1978, after migrating from the Lake District of England.

He had met his future wife Barbara, who coincidentally

lived about 50km away in Blackpool, on a bus in Australia in 1975. They were engaged after three weeks, took six months to travel home via Asia, and decided to move back to Australia, where they settled and have since had three children, all living in Canberra.

His first gig as a teacher was in an all-Aboriginal classroom of 30 in Townsville. "It was quite an experience. I had never heard of or seen an Aborigine before," he said.

In 1978, Paul Butts, principal of the then Padua High

School in Canberra, interviewed both of the Hodgsons for the same job, and gave it to Mr Hodgson.

"I have changed a lot since then. I started off loud ... now I'm much more calm and compassionate. I believe in putting the onus back on the kids to be responsible for the way they behave," he said.

Mr Hodgson has been a principal for 16 years, starting at St Vincent's in Aranda, then going to St Joseph's in O'Connor, Sts Peter and Paul in Garran and now St Bede's.

"The one regret I have about being principal is you move away from the classroom, away from the children," he admitted.

In fact, he tried to step back into an assistant principal role when he moved to St Bede's in the mid-2000s so he could spend more time teaching. But, after only a couple of months in the job, he found himself back in the driving seat when the principal, Carol Thompson, fell ill.

Sadly, she died not long after and Mr Hodgson felt compelled to put his hand up for the job. Not that he is sorry he did. He likes fun and laughter to be a part of everyone's day.

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## 'Little comfort' for Newstart recipients

The Federal Budget provided very little comfort for the 800,000 Australians on income support, Catholic Social Services Australia said.

It welcomed the "modest increase" to the income-free threshold of \$19 a week for Newstart recipients.

Executive director Paul O'Callaghan said the large majority of unemployed Australians would be unable to take advantage of this initiative. "Given the acute financial stress experienced by

households dependent on the Newstart Allowance, this is hardly a fair go," he said.

Caritas Australia criticised the Federal Government's decision not to follow through on its commitment to increase foreign aid saying it represents a \$2 billion cut in aid over the next four years. "They've delayed this bipartisan agreement twice now, which means that Australia is continuing to break international commitments," Caritas CEO Jack de Groot said.

## Care expands to regions

A four-year plan to expand its social welfare services in regional areas came to a head for CatholicCare when it officially opened its flagship outpost in Moruya.

The organisation, which previously had small service-delivery points in Moruya, Bega, West Wyalong and Cowra, has now opened seven sites that have been strategically positioned in areas where government has established local services.

Moruya, which offers relationship and pre-marriage counselling, as well as bulk-billed psychology services, is the biggest of the regional centres. The others are in Young, Goulburn, Yass, Queanbeyan, Cooma and Bega. The sites in West Wyalong and Cowra, which were primarily offices for the Reconnect youth program, have been closed.

CatholicCare CEO Neil Harrigan said the expansion was a response to increasing government attention on rural issues.

His agency had identified that many people who used its social support services came from outside of Canberra, where most of his 250 staff

are based, "and this was our opportunity to put a spotlight on them".

CatholicCare director of family and regional services Juleen Schiefelbein, who has overseen the expansion, said opening offices was part of a strategic plan to raise CatholicCare's profile throughout the Archdiocese. It also opened up opportunities to partner with parishes and other agencies, such as the St Vincent de Paul Society and Marymead, that were already working in the community.

"One of the things we looked at was consortium arrangements," Ms Schiefelbein said, citing the example of the Moruya office, which Alzheimer's Australia shares as a centre for its local dementia advisory service. The St Vincent de Paul Society uses the office's main-street window to promote its local services.

She said that, between them, the new centres would focus on the biggest areas of demand, including therapeutic counselling, family relationship support and youth services.

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# Sex abuse challenge to catechists

The Royal Commission into child sexual assault will pose a challenge to the way catechists talk to children in state schools.

Chief executive officer of the Church's Truth Justice and Healing Council Mr Francis Sullivan gave this warning to catechists from NSW and the ACT.

He was speaking at the annual Catholic Conference of Religious Educators in State Schools in Canberra.

Mr Sullivan said the history of sexual abuse in the

Church was shameful and confronting.

"Catechists and others are now struggling with this painful legacy," he said.

“Finding appropriate ways to discuss the past will help formative minds come to terms with this history.”

“Admitting the failures will help reclaim credibility. Making decisive change and reaching out to those who have been damaged will rekindle trust.

“At its best the Catholic Church promotes the dignity of individuals and the com-

mon good of society with the pursuit of truth and goodness as its touchstones. There is no better witness to this than the teaching profession and its ministry in schools.

“In addressing the tragedy of child sexual abuse we must be humble in our public responses and act justly with victims.

“It is also important to explain our history and to outline the professional changes that have come about over the past 20 years.”

More than 20 catechist directors, who oversee about

5000 volunteer scripture teachers in public schools across NSW and the ACT attended the conference.

The Truth Justice and Healing Council was established by the Church to help it respond to the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse.

Its role is to oversee the Church's engagement with the commission, to develop policies to protect young people and to ensure the Church responds to future complaints appropriately with justice, putting the needs of victims first.



# Avoid stereotyping of Muslims – call

It was when a member of his congregation at a previous parish approached Fr John Parsons one Sunday after Mass and asked, “Do Muslims believe in God?” that he realised he needed to share his knowledge of a religion that attracts a certain amount of “paranoia”.

Fr Parsons, Pambula parish administrator until June, does not claim to be an expert on Islam but, having lived and worked among Muslims in Lebanon for months at a time in the past few years, he feels an obligation to share what he has learnt.

His message to a large audience at the Rheinberger Centre in Yarralumla, during a presentation organised by the archdiocesan Commission for Women, was to consider Islam “in the context of Christianity and Judaism and under-

stand they all came out of the Abrahamic faith”.

Outlining the history of Islam, he described its founder, Muhammad, as an illiterate man who “was simply out to convert the pagans in Mecca” by building his own version of a faith based on word-of-mouth stories from the Christians and Jews.

“We’re happy to say that Christianity builds on Judaism, whereas we are not happy to say – and perhaps we should be – that Islam is also from God.

“Muhammad says he is simply recalling what was said before (by Christians and Jews),” Fr Parsons said.

Given these shared roots, and bearing in mind the vast varieties of Christians and Jews, both good and bad, he says we should avoid stereotyp-



ing Muslims. “Making generalisations about Islam is as dangerous as making generalisations about Christianity.

"We can't pin them down any more than we can pin ourselves down."

# Rug up, Paul's coming to sign you up



While warming up his thermals for his second Vinnies CEO Sleepout, Paul Trezise has been watching the steadily growing list of participants with interest.

Not only is the St Vincent de Paul Society CEO eager to see the number of rugged-up bosses in Civic Square on the night of 20 June exceed the 150 who bunked down in the National Gallery sculpture garden last year, but he is hoping for a healthy representation from Catholic bodies.

If there is not, it won't be from a lack of effort. "I was a little disappointed at the number of Catholic organisations involved last year," he said, so he and his Vinnies colleagues have been chasing them up this year.



One of their early recruits was Archdiocesan Administrator Mgr John Woods, along with a small team of directors from the social welfare agency CatholicCare and representatives from Catholic Super, Catholic Financial

## Services and the John James Memorial Foundation.

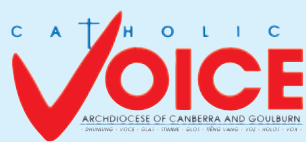
Mr Trezise is particularly keen to sign up some heads of Catholic high schools. "We had a little band of primary school principals last year, which was great. But we didn't have any second-

any school principals, so we'll see if we can get any this year," he said.

Meanwhile, Mr Trezise has been working his networks of family, friends, colleagues and clients, as well as his parish, his big band and junior tennis coaching in an attempt to top his personal effort of \$11,000 in sponsorship for the sleepout last year.

“A bit of competition is good,” he said of CEOs’ individual fundraising for the sleepout, which raises money to break the cycle of homelessness in the ACT, where it is a growing problem.

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# One of our success stories

**By Francis Carroll, Archbishop of Canberra and Goulburn 1983-2006**

I believe that Catholic Voice has been one of the success stories of the Archdiocese.

Many years before, as Bishop in Wagga Wagga I had initiated a diocesan monthly paper, Together.

After coming to Canberra and Goulburn I missed this kind of pastoral communication. There had been some precedents in the Archdiocese with the simple publication The Cathedral Chimes being circulated a number of years earlier. In 1988, the Archdiocese had a monthly supplement in Sydney's Catholic Weekly, called the Voice.

It seemed necessary to find a better way to foster communications within the Archdiocese. Personally I wished to have a way of writing directly to the people of the Archdiocese and this was possible in my monthly column. But there was much more involved.

A widely distributed publication would facilitate two way communication and build a stronger sense of belonging to the local Church in the people of the Archdiocese; belonging encourages participation and invites co-responsibility. Continuing education of Catholics was particularly necessary as the renewal initiated by the Second Vatican Council was still unfolding. In a scattered and very diverse archdiocese, information and local news could be shared.

At the time there was an added urgency for this kind of communication and education. We were preparing for the Archdiocesan Synod, the first of its kind in Australia since the Second Vatican Council and there was need to keep people informed and, more importantly, to facilitate consultation of as many parishioners and groups as possible.

Several newsletters helped in this regard and were, in a way, trailblazers for a newspaper.

Once established, I believe that Catholic Voice played a big part in bringing about a fruitful synod and then in its dissemination and implementation. It was to play a similar role in the second synod some 15 years later.

A small group, a kind of think-tank, came together to discuss possibilities. After considerable debate and research it was decided to go ahead with a diocesan newspaper, call it Catholic Voice, establish a board of management, and engage a professional editor.

It was also decided to distribute the paper free of charge and recover the costs by attracting advertisers.

We all realised that this was a risky enterprise but experience had shown that to charge even a small amount would limit what we planned to be a very wide distribution through all parishes and Catholic schools.

This was rather revolutionary at the time but it turned out to be successful and set the pattern for a number of other dioceses to follow a similar path.

Ray Frawley was appointed our first editor. Sadly, some years after he and his family returned to Ballarat, he died at a relatively young age.

We were fortunate indeed to have his expertise, good humour and unbounded energy to lay the foundations of a successful enterprise.

He not only produced the monthly editions but he and his family along with a band of volunteers saw that it was distributed throughout the length and breadth of the Archdiocese. There were some difficult times but the original hopes for the paper were realised and perhaps surpassed.

Later on, Geoff Orchison succeeded Ray as editor and his longevity in the position speak volumes for his massive contribution. But that's another story.

I am grateful for all who have played a part in any way in the launching and continuing flourishing of Catholic Voice. May it continue and become even more effective in future years.

# As much needed today as ever

**By president Australasian Religious Press Association Errol Pike**

On behalf of the Australasian Religious Press Association (ARPA), I most warmly congratulate Catholic Voice on its 25th anniversary.

This is a major achievement at a time when, sadly, a few Christian publications are closing or reducing their output. That you are continuing and more so, continuing to flourish, is a great credit to the editor and staff of Catholic Voice and the Archdiocese.

Clearly, you are very successfully meeting a need within the Archdiocese as evidenced by your 21,000 issues per publication and innumerable hits on the digital copy of the publication.

What you regularly produce for your readers – news, information, discussion, debate from and within a Christian perspective – is as important and as needed today as it has ever been.

Catholic Voice is held in high regard by your colleagues in both the Australasian Catholic Press Association (ACPA) and the wider ecumenical association, ARPA.

At ARPA we are grateful that ecumenism is a focus of Catholic Voice as it is in a number of Catholic publications both in Australia and New Zealand. I have to note with regret that you put many non-Catholic publications very much in the shade in this regard.

May I personally congratulate the editor, Geoff Orchison, who for many years has been regarded as an elder statesman within the Christian press throughout Australasia.

Geoff has always been willing to share his extensive knowledge and expertise among fellow editors and journalists; his reputation has its basis in the consistently high standard of the monthly issue of Catholic Voice, where his leadership, high work output and professionalism are obvious to all. Many awards won by Catholic Voice over the years, having been judged by peers in both ARPA and ACPA, confirm this.

ARPA is proud to have Catholic Voice among its membership.

We give thanks to God for its excellent achievements thus far and pray you will continue to be the mainstay of information-sharing among the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn for many years to come.



ABOVE: Managing director of the Queanbeyan Publishing Company at the time Jim Woods checks out the first issue hot off the press.



ABOVE: The front page from the ground-breaking synod which Catholic Voice helped to prepare for.

LEFT: First chair of the Catholic Voice board Helena Lister with consultants Loui Seselja, Nguyen Van Tuyet, Michael Prevedello and Patrick Sullivan.

BELOW: Founding editor Ray Frawley.



LEFT: Current editor Geoff Orchison shows the Gutenberg Award for excellence in the ecumenical religious press to Archbishop Francis Carroll and Anglican Bishop of Canberra and Goulburn George Browning. At the time, in 1999, Catholic Voice produced the monthly Anglican News for the Anglican Diocese.



# '88 when it all began

1988, Bob Hawke was Prime Minister, Australia's bicentenary celebrations were in full swing, the ACT had not yet been given self-government, the Queen visited to open new Parliament House, Home and Away was launched, and World Expo transformed Brisbane.

It also marked the birth of Catholic Voice, an initiative of then Archbishop of Canberra and Goulburn Francis Carroll, a pioneer of the concept of free, wide distribution diocesan newspapers.

In his first Francis Our Bishop column, which he wrote each month, sometimes from other parts of the world, until his retirement, Archbishop Carroll said: "I believe the paper will be a valuable source of information and an effective means of communication. Especially in this time of preparation for our diocesan synod it will be an instrument of the positive dialogue we are trying to develop within our local Church. While keeping us in touch with the wider Church, I have great hopes that it will deepen and strengthen the identity and unity of the Archdiocese."

The first issue highlighted calls by Archbishop Carroll for solidarity with the poor. The St Vincent de Paul Society at the time was seeking \$1 million to help finance family centres at Belconnen and Tuggeranong and a depot at Mitchell.

It noted that demand for the society's services in Tuggeranong, which had a population of 60,000, was very heavy.

Both Archbishop Carroll and then director of Catholic Education Mr Peter Moore expressed their concern over government funding for schools.

Later in 1988, people from many parts of the Archdiocese and beyond gathered for a week of celebrations to mark the blessing and laying of the foundation stone of St Augustine's, Yass, by Bishop Polding in 1838.

The beginning of the second year of publication marked the introduction of the current masthead, which features the word voice in nine languages, an Aboriginal dialect, Croatian, German, Italian, Latin, Polish, Spanish, Ukrainian and Vietnamese.

In his column that month, Archbishop Carroll said: "Every family needs to share its news, both good and bad. With so much happening in the Archdiocese in the past 12 months it has been quite providential to have had our own paper to fill that need in the family of our Church."

I know many share my view that we were especially blessed the day Ray Frawley applied for the position of editor. With a minimum of fuss, Ray has done a remarkable job."

Catholic Voice was well and truly on its long journey as a partner in the life of the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn.

# Invaluable support to Catholic education

**By director of Catholic Education Moira Najdecki**

This year we celebrate Canberra's centenary. In this young city, a century is a long time.

Catholic Voice has been part of Canberra for a quarter of the life of the nation's capital so it is fitting that we recognise and celebrate this significant milestone.

Among the innumerable stories that have been published over the last 25 years, articles about Catholic schools in the Archdiocese have always been a regular feature.

Clippings and photos have been collected and proudly framed by hundreds of students and teachers when they have seen themselves in print after a story in Catholic Voice.

Thanks to the wonderful insight of Archbishop Francis Carroll 25 years ago in establishing an archdiocesan newspaper, Catholic Voice has been invaluable in the role of supporting Catholic education.

Long before we had access to technology, Catholic Voice was an important means whereby our more remote schools could keep in touch with one other through the stories and events, people and places and significant happenings reported in its pages.

Catholic Voice has helped to keep the Archdiocese connected and informed and for this I offer my appreciation and congratulations on behalf of the Catholic education community. We look forward to the next 25 years of quality reporting and interesting reading.

# A voice to strengthen the people

**By president of Australasian Catholic Press Association Annie Carrett**

Despite the crisis in print media today, the Catholic newspaper still has a vital role to play in Church communications. For many Catholics, the diocesan newspaper may be the only Catholic reading material that comes into their homes.

Pope Benedict XVI said that a primary task of the Catholic newspaper is to "give a voice" that reflects Catholic thinking on all ethical and social questions. It is this voice, too often missing in our secular press, that continues to strengthen our faith communities - informing them about their faith; forming them in their faith; and inspiring them to live their faith. For 25 years, Catholic Voice has been that voice for the people of the Canberra-Goulburn Archdiocese.

With wonderful leadership from editor Geoff Orchison, this award-winning newspaper has grown and diversified as the surrounding media landscape has changed dramatically.

With this vitality, Catholic Voice continues to be a key evangelisation tool for its people and beyond. On behalf of the Australasian Catholic Press Association and its members throughout Australia and the Pacific, we congratulate Catholic Voice on this wonderful milestone.



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ABOVE: Sounds alive ... Mr Blake Maxworthy with Zac Downey and Alyssa Tanner.

ABOVE RIGHT: On the move ... Anna Dowling and Bronte Mewton in Year 5.

BELOW: Ready to learn ... Kadence Hardy and Brydee Clark on the kinder classroom floor.



ABOVE: Creating with computers ... Annabelle Hudson and Ashleigh Brown in year 6.

BELOW: Shaping up ... Zac Wark in year 6.



For the St Mary's year 5 children, there was no sitting around and idly reciting language sounds. Why should their mouths do all the work? They got up and acted them out to a chant. In the library, year 6 did Japanese with iPads and origami, while kinder showed off their maths skills on the interactive whiteboard.



ABOVE: Happy chaps ... Edward Maloney and Clancy Douglas in kinder.



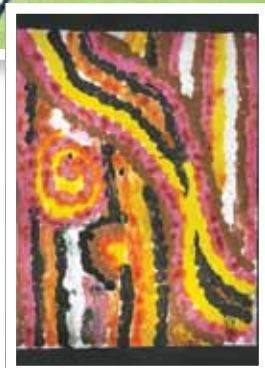
LEFT: Reaching new heights ... Olivia Gibson in kinder.



ABOVE: All ears ... Isabelle Mesa pays rapt attention in kinder.



The budding artists who presented these works are:  
CLOCKWISE FROM ABOVE ... Hayley Cafe (year 1); Georgia Cafe (year 3); Isabel Nott (kinder); Matt Noakes (year 4).









As the cold weather sets in, the kitchens of some of the Archdiocese's schools have been filling with the aromas of warming soups and comfort food. Here, three schools' food technology and hospitality students generously share their favourite "winter warmers".

## Cheese and basil sausage rolls

From St Edmund's College, Griffith

What boy doesn't love a sausage roll? The St Edmund's students were not sure about the olives to start off with, though.

"Some said they thought olives were 'disgusting', but I told them they were more like a seasoning," said hospitality department head Paula Moeller.

"They all seem to love the sausage rolls, anyway." Even year 9 student William Scheckenbach, who usually prefers to cook pizza, seemed impressed.

Food science teacher Therese Kitney said much of the food the students made would be packaged up for delivery to HOME in Queanbeyan and other shelters via the Yellow Van food recovery service.

### Recipe

450g minced beef  
200g sausage mince  
1/3 cup grated mozzarella cheese  
1/3 cup grated parmesan cheese  
1/3 cup fresh basil, finely chopped  
1/3 cup stuffed green olives, sliced  
1/4 cup tomato paste  
1 cup breadcrumbs  
4 sheets puff pastry  
1 egg

In a large bowl, combine minces until well mixed. Add cheeses, basil, olives, tomato paste and breadcrumbs and

mix thoroughly until smooth. Cut each sheet of pastry into three rectangles. Place 1/3 cup mince mixture in a line through the centre of each rectangle. Brush edges of pastry with some beaten egg then roll over to enclose. Score the top of each roll with a sharp knife and brush with some egg. Cut each roll diagonally into four pieces. Place pieces seam-down on oven trays and bake in a hot oven for 20 minutes.

## Double potato soup

From St Clare's College, Griffith

When St Clare's food technology co-ordinator Di Harris asked her students what winter food meant to them, their



ABOVE: Stirring the pot ... Daramalan's Emily Harrop warms up some lentil and pearl barley soup.



## Winter tempters to warm the heart

response was: soups and stews, and eating comfort food in front of a warm fire on a Sunday night.

The girls' double potato soup is a jazzed-up version of comfort food. "It looks really unusual, with the bright orange and white side-by-side in the plate when the two soups are poured in at the same time," said Ms Harris.

She said the soup, which was on the menu for the students' first evening restaurant service for parents and staff in the college's new hospitality facility, was a "good, substantial dish full of vitamins, minerals and healthy carbohydrates".



### Recipe

White potato soup  
30g butter  
2 large potatoes, chopped  
1 medium onion, sliced  
1 bay leaf  
1 1/2 cups water  
1/2 large chicken stock cube, crumbled  
1/4 cup cream  
2 tablespoons chopped fresh chives

Sweet potato soup  
30g butter  
1kg orange sweet potato, chopped  
1 3/4 cups water  
1/2 large chicken stock cube  
2 tablespoons cream

For the white potato soup, melt the butter in a medium saucepan, add potatoes, onion and bay leaf, cover, cook over medium heat for about two minutes or until onion is soft. Stir in water, stock cube and cream. Bring to the boil, reduce heat, cover, simmer for about 10 minutes or until potatoes are soft. Remove bay leaf and blend or process mixture in several batches until smooth. Stir in chives.

LEFT: Get them while they're hot ... St Edmund's year 9 hospitality student William Scheckenbach with a fresh batch of cheese and basil sausage rolls.

For the sweet potato soup, melt butter in a medium saucepan, add sweet potato, cover, cook over medium heat for about five minutes. Stir in water, stock cube and cream, bring to boil, reduce heat, cover, simmer for about 10 minutes or until sweet potato is soft. Blend or process mixture in several batches until smooth.

Place both soups in separate jugs and pour simultaneously into serving bowls. To create a marble effect, pull a skewer through the soup

## Lentil and pearl barley soup

From Daramalan College, Dickson

Janette Kline's food technology students at Daramalan were assigned the task of building a "delicious and nutritious" dish around a staple ingredient from a developing country.

Year 10 student Emily Harrop said the most challenging part for many of the students was working without meat. "We learnt that meat wasn't their main food and that made it a bit hard, but we managed to find a way," she said.

This hearty, spicy (but not too hot) soup came out of the "food equity task". To make it vegetarian, Ms Kline suggests replacing the chicken stock with vegetable stock.

### Recipe

1 tablespoon vegetable oil  
1 brown onion, finely chopped  
1/4 cup korma curry paste (see below)  
1 litre salt-reduced vegetable stock  
100ml chicken stock  
300g can diced tomatoes  
2/3 cup red lentils  
1/4 cup pearl barley  
1/2 cup coriander leaves  
Korma curry paste  
2 cloves garlic, chopped  
Pinch or small piece of ginger  
1/2 teaspoon cayenne pepper  
1/2 teaspoon garam masala  
1/2 teaspoon tomato puree  
1/2 teaspoon rock salt  
2 red chillies, chopped  
2 teaspoons cumin seeds  
1 teaspoon coriander seeds


For curry paste, smash all ingredients together in a mortar and pestle, then sear the paste in a dry frying pan.

For soup, heat oil in a saucepan over medium heat. Add onion and cook for three to four minutes or until softened. Add curry paste and stir to combine. Stir in vegetable and chicken stock, tomatoes, lentils, and barley. Cover and reduce heat to low. Simmer for 20 to 25 minutes or until barley is tender.



Serve topped with coriander, with bread on the side.



ABOVE: Double, double, boil and bubble ... St Clare's students, from left, Gabriela Rajic, Kate Nolan-Young and Olivia Schmit with their double potato soup.



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# Guidelines for the long haul

Twenty-five years ago, I wrote a column entitled, Guidelines for the Long Haul. Revisiting it recently, I was encouraged that my principles haven't swayed during the past quarter-century, only taken on more nuance. I still recommend those same commandments, nostalgically revisited, somewhat redacted, but fully re-endorsed:

1) Be grateful... never look a gift universe in the mouth.

Resist pessimism and false guilt. To be a saint is to be warmed by gratitude, nothing less. The highest compliment you can give a gift-giver is to thoroughly enjoy the gift. You owe it to your Creator to appreciate things, to be as happy as you can. Life is meant to be more than a test. Add this to your daily prayer: Give us today our daily bread, and help us to enjoy it without guilt.

2) Don't be naive about God... God will settle for not less than everything.

God doesn't want part of your life, God wants it all. Distrust all talk about the consolation of religion. Faith puts a rope around you and takes you to where you'd rather not

go. Accept that virtue will give you a constant reminder of what you've missed out on. Take this Daniel Berrigan counsel to the bank: "Before you get serious about Jesus, consider carefully how good you're going to look on wood!"

3) Walk forward when possible... or at least try to get one foot in front of the next.

See what you see, it's enough to walk by. Expect long periods of confusion. Let ordinary life be enough for you. It doesn't have to be interesting all the time. Take consolation in the fact that Jesus cried, saints sinned, Peter betrayed. Be as morally stubborn as a mule; the only thing that shatters dreams is compromise. Start over often. Nobody is old in God's eyes; nothing is too late in terms of conversion. Know that there are two kinds of darkness you can enter: the fearful darkness of paranoia, which brings sadness, and the foetal darkness of conversion, which brings life.

4) Pray... that God will hang on to you.

Distrust popularity polls. Trust prayer. Prayer grounds you in something deeper. Be

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willing to die a little to be with God since God died to be with you. Let your heart become the place where the tears of God and the tears of God's children merge into the tears of hope.

6) Accept what you are... and fear not, you are inadequate.

Accept the human condition. Only God is whole. If you're weak, alone, without confidence, and without answers, say so; then listen. Accept the torture of a life of inadequate self-expression. There are many kinds of martyrdom. Recognize your own brand. If you die for a good reason, it's something you can live with!

7) Don't mummify... let go, so as not to be pushed.

Accept daily deaths. Don't seize life as a possession. Possessiveness kills enjoyment, kills

God's laughter fills the emptiness of our tombs. Keep in mind that it's easy to be heavy; hard to be light. Laughter is a direct insult to the realism, dignity and austerity of hell. Don't confuse sneering with laughter. Laugh with people, not at them. Laugh and give yourself over to silliness; craziness helps too, as does a good night's sleep.

9) Stay within the family... you're on a group outing.

Don't journey alone. Resist the temptation to be spiritual, but not religious. Be "born again", regularly into community. Accept that there are strings attached. The journey includes family, church, country and the whole human race. Don't be seduced by the lure of absolute freedom. Freedom and meaning lie in obedience to community: community humbles, deflates the ego, puts you into purgatory and eventually into heaven.

10) Don't be afraid to go soft... redemption lies in tears.

All of Jesus' teaching can be put into one word: Surrender.

If you will not have a softening of the heart you will eventually have a softening of the brain.

Hardness pulls downward. Softness rises. A bird can soar because a bird is soft. A stone sinks because it's hard. Fragility is force. Sensitivity defines soul. Tenderness defines love. Tears are salt water, the water of our origins.

## There are only two potential tragedies in life: Not to love and not to tell those you love that you love them.

5) Love... if a life is large enough for love it's large enough.

Create a space for love in your life. Consciously cultivate it. Know that nothing can be loved too much.

Things can only be loved in the wrong way. Say to those you love: "You, at least, shall not die."

Know there are only two potential tragedies in life: Not to love and not to tell those you love that you love them.

relationships and eventually kills you. Let go gracefully. Name your deaths, claim your births, mourn your losses, let the old ascend, and receive the spirit for the life you're actually living. Banish restless daydreams; they torture you. Keep in mind that it's difficult to distinguish a moment of dying from a moment of birth.

8) Refuse to take things seriously... call yourself a fool regularly.

# Superannuation: is it super for everyone? Women who shaped a parish

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

Superannuation has become a central element of the economic and social environment in Australia. How does it rate in terms of Catholic social teaching? This is the first of two articles that look at this question.

Over the past 30 years, superannuation in Australia has grown dramatically. What was once confined

to a privileged few is now available to most of the population. Superannuation funds have more than a trillion dollars under management. Tax concessions to encourage superannuation cost roughly the same amount each year as the entire system of age pensions. People at most levels of income can now expect to retire with an income above the age pension. These developments clearly have major implications for the distribution of income and wealth. The spread of superannuation has been of direct benefit to many people



on low incomes, and it can be argued that its indirect effects on the economy have also benefited them. To that extent it is "a preferential option for the poor", in line with a principle which lies at the heart of Catholic social teaching.

There is, however, more to it. Who benefits from the tax concessions? How might the revenue lost otherwise have been used? In fact, the concessions have mostly assisted

people on middle and high incomes, and the enormous costs involved have made other urgent priorities (including tax cuts for the wider population) less affordable. In plain language, those who have benefited least have been those with the lowest incomes.

Does superannuation assist the government's budget by reducing pensions? Yes it does, but the savings are nowhere near the revenue cost of the superannuation concessions. The next article will look at the impact of these concessions.

## Head loves to sock it to his young charges

• From Page 7.

With the help of long-time office manager Linda Wells – "she's a barometer for everything that's happening at this school" – he has entrenched himself in the community.

"I still get some of the younger parents calling me Mr Hodgson. I'm not comfortable with that. I don't want to be seen as that kind of authoritarian figure," he said.

Mr Hodgson is keen to make the most of St Bede's 50th year, featuring a celebration Mass with five priests and 10 ex-principals, a formal assembly and a "big birthday bash".

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He has been a key figure in the celebrations. "As always in a school, the principal has a finger in every pie." And he is cheekily holding out for some rugby league tickets from one of the school's parents, Raiders coach David Furner, before he goes.

Then, all too soon, it will be time to say goodbye. "I am finishing on a real high, and I'm already having regrets about leaving," he said.

"But even though my heart says stay, my head says go and do something else because you'll regret it in 10 years' time if you don't."

Hope and hard work emerged as key themes when 16 women "who have shaped the rich fabric" of Corpus Christi in Gowrie shared their stories during an evening to celebrate women in the parish.

Celebrating Women in Corpus Christi was organised by Lorraine Barker, Maureen Babler and Margaret Ryan in response to the archdiocesan Commission for Women's invitation to parishes to honour the role of women in their faith community during the Archdiocese's 150th year.

The evening of "guided conversation" was set against the backdrop of the amalgamation of the St Francis of Assisi and Holy Family parishes into Corpus Christi parish in recent years.

"Everyone present was moved by the sincerity and depth in the amazing stories of faith journeys, of perseverance, of prayer and worship, and of just plain hard work," Ms Barker said.

Anne Gowen opened the evening with a display of her liturgical art, including candles and the designs on the glass doors of the church extension.

Stories were told of the struggles involved in setting up the St Francis of Assisi and Holy Family parishes, and how these shared experiences enabled them to successfully merge into the largest parish in the Archdiocese.

Mary Ivec spoke about her work with refugees and migrant



Shared experiences ... speakers Pat Murray and Sr Jo Doyle at the Celebrating Women in Corpus Christi evening.

families since the 1980s, and later with Aboriginal and socially isolated non-Aboriginal families.

Sr Jo Doyle outlined the background of the Sisters of Mercy and other religious groups who had pioneered the parish. Sunshine McDonald talked about the Kairos prison ministry program she is leading this year.

Mary Sant spoke about cancer support and Mary O'Kane about retraining as a hospital pastoral carer in retirement. Diana Archer shared her experiences on the emotional rollercoaster of caring for someone with a disability, and Christine Wright talked about raising a young family and baptismal preparation.

"The evening confirmed that indeed we have a remarkable history and we have truly wonderful women who have contributed historically and in contemporary ways to the Parish," Ms Barker said.



## SHORTS

**The Big Wedding.** Starring: Robert De Niro, Diane Keaton, Susan Sarandon, Ben Barnes, Katherine Heigl, Amanda Seyfried, Robin Williams, and Patricia Rae. Directed by Justin Zackham. 89 minutes. Roadshow. MA15+. Restricted. (Strong coarse language and sexual references).

An American comedy of a long-divorced couple, Don Griffin (Robert De Niro) and his ex-wife, Ellie (Diane Keaton), who come together to fake a continuing marriage, to provide a smooth celebration of the wedding of their adopted son. Things go terribly wrong. With its cheap swipes at the Catholic Church, and making fun of others, this movie could be popular with young people for all the wrong reasons.

**Adventures in Zambezia.** Voiced by Jeremy Suarez, Abigail Breslin, Leonard Nimoy, Samuel L. Jackson, Jeff Goldblum, Richard E. Grant, Jenifer Lewis. Directed by Wayne Thornley. 105 minutes. Universal Sony. G.

An animated adventure from South Africa for families and younger children. Not as elaborate in animation, characters and backgrounds as contemporary American big-budget productions, but effective nonetheless.

**Escape from Planet Earth.** Voiced by Brendan Frazer, Rob Corrdry, Willam Shatner, Jessica Alba, Sarah Jessica Parker, Jane Lynch, Ricky Gervais. Directed by Cal Brunker. PG (Mild animated violence).

With blue-coloured aliens, who live in the friendly planet, Baab (Bob), there seems to be some relationship with the Smurf movies. A reminder that the film is for littlies.

**Haute Cuisine. (Les Saveurs Du Palais).** Starring Catherine Frot, Jean d'Ormesson and Arthur Dupont. Directed by Christian Vincent. 95 minutes. Transmission Films. M (Coarse language).

Not just for food-fanatics. An unpretentious comedy-drama that exposes one to quality cooking of the highest kind by an indomitable woman.

**Miffy the Movie.** Animated cartoon. Directed by Hans Perk. 68 minutes Paramount. G.

An English-spoken animated movie, produced in The Netherlands, about a small, female rabbit. There are relatively few movies that are unequivocally child-friendly and this is one of them. An experience well worth having for parents and children, looking to share a simple, story-book adventure.

**Tabu.** Teresa Madruga, Laura Soveral, Ana Moreira, Carlotto Cotta, Henrique Espirito Santo, Ivo Muller, Isabel Cardoso, Manuel Mesquita. Directed by Miguel Gomes. 118 minutes. Palace Films. MA 15+. Restricted. (Strong sex scene and nudity).

In stunning black-and-white, it uses its images to create a hypnotically poetic effect, which captures moodily the tragic romance between a couple in Colonial Africa.



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# A reminder to celebrate life

**Song for Marion.** Starring: Terence Stamp, Vanessa Redgrave, Gemma Arterton, and Christopher Eccleston. Directed by Paul Andrew Williams. 94 minutes. Hopscotch. PG (Mild themes and coarse language). Reviewer: Peter W Sheehan\*.

This British production is something of a cross between *The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel* (2012), and *Quartet* (2012) in non-operatic mode, and shares some of the simple pleasures of *Brassed Off* (1996).

A terminally-ill woman, Marion Harris (Vanessa Redgrave), has been married for a long time in a loving relationship to a grumpy husband, Arthur (Terence Stamp).

She is a member of a senior citizens' local rock-and-pop choir and continues to participate in the group despite her illness.

The group unconventionally sings pop, and is an enormous source of joy and comfort to Marion. In order to offer her solace, the cheery director of the choir, Elizabeth (Gemma Arterton), comes to the home of Marion and Arthur, with some of the group to sing for them. Marion is delighted. Arthur is livid and not at all welcoming.

Despite serious misgivings, Arthur agrees to take his wife's place in the choir, which is amateur, sings off-key, and often doesn't select the kind of material that suits them.

But Arthur knows that the choir has offered great pleasure to Marion. It has given her independence and joy, and, with her passing, Arthur must learn what it is that gave Marion that pleasure, and what that now means to him.

Arthur's involvement in the choir leads him on a journey of self-discovery and redemption that prepares him for life after Marion. First, he has to cope with having to sing songs he doesn't like, and then he has to reach out to choir members around him, who offer him sympathy he thinks he doesn't want. His journey of discovery leads him out of misery and bitterness, which needs to happen for him to



Marion (Vanessa Redgrave) in a scene from "Song For Marion".

cope. To make things extra hard for Arthur, he is alienated from his son, James (Christopher Eccleston), and his relationship to James worsened as Marion's sickness took its toll.

Marion is ebullient, generous, and outgoing, and Arthur is gruff, awkward, and has great difficulty in showing his feelings. He finds it very difficult to take his wife's place, and he risks humiliation in front of the other members of the singing group, and especially after Marion has gone. But they know he was devoted to Marion, and she to him, and Arthur has their respect.

This is a movie that shamelessly tears at the heart strings. The movie ends with a heart-wrenching on-stage solo by Arthur, who has become a fully committed member of his past wife's choir. He sings to his audience in a choir-competition, giving meaning to the film's title, to celebrate Marion's devotion to him and to the group she loved.

Terence Stamp and Vanessa Redgrave are seasoned performers.

They occupy their roles with sensitivity and tenderness and despite the movie's sentimental and predictable plot, they quickly get the viewer emotionally on side.

Their acting carries the day, but there is also an effective performance by Eccleston, who is Arthur's conflicted son.

This is a movie made to put grey power on cinema seats. It doesn't have the sophistication, or the finesse, of *Best Exotic Marigold Hotel*, or *Quartet*, but it communicates the message powerfully and simply that every stage of life should be celebrated, and that ageing is a time of life that can create its own rich rewards.

A handkerchief is needed on this film, for it conveys the message tenderly that love and devotion can exist in the face of losing the person you love the most.

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

## Nostalgic glance back to surfing '70s

**Drift.** Starring Sam Worthington, Myles Pollard, Xavier Samuel and Robyn Malcolm. Directed by Morgan O'Neill & Ben Nott. 113 minutes. Hopscotch. M (Drug use, coarse language, mature themes, violence and sexual references). Reviewer: Fr Peter Malone MSC\*.

Drift is a West Australian film, made in Western Australia, around the Margaret River region. It should do no damage to the West Australian tourism authority and its advertising!

It will be entertaining for those who enjoy surfing and surfing films. It will be especially entertaining for those who were teenagers and young adults in the 1970s, a chance for reminiscing, looking at the clothing styles of the time, listening to the music, remembering the language, some ideals and some hopes and, of course, disappointments.

The film begins strikingly in black and white, a mother taking the car keys from her drunken husband's pocket, putting her two sons and the luggage into the car and driving through the different landscapes of Australia to Margaret River. It then makes the transition to colour, as the boys see the surf, the beaches, the cliffs and want to settle there.

The main part of the film takes place when they grow up. Myles Pollard plays the older son, Andrew, good at surfing, but who injures his ankle on his arrival and has to be rescued by his younger brother, Jimmy. Andrew is the responsible son, working at the local mill, Jimmy is care-

free, and the local surfing champion. Jimmy is played by Xavier Samuel (a more exuberant role than usual). The mother is hardworking, sewing for a living. She is played effectively by Robyn Malcolm.

The boys encounter a couple from Hawaii. JB is Australian (Sam Worthington) but an itinerant, going from surf to surf, thinking Indonesia has the ideal surf - and bringing back drugs from Indonesia. He has been entrusted with a young Hawaiian girl, Lani (Leslie Ann Brandt), to whom both boys are attracted.

There is a moment when Andrew is offered a better job at the mill but he declines and then decides to set up his own company, making surfboards with the help of a boyhood friend, Gus (Aaron Glenane). The mother will make the wet suits. They have some moments of success but cannot compete with the bigger companies. Some complications come with the local bikies and with drug dealing, as Gus becomes addicted.

In order to pay off some debt, Andrew decides to go into the regional surfing competition, clashing with Jimmy who goes off by himself up the coast. After some initial success, Andrew loses but Jimmy comes back to take his place, with some daring riding of the waves and daring photography by JB. The ending is not quite as predictable as we might expect.

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

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# What Mary means to us

**What Mary means to Christians. An Ancient Tradition Explained by P M J Stravinskias. Paulist 2012, paperback, 102 pages, \$14.95. Reviewer: Margaret Ryan.**

Have you heard people say that Catholics worship the Mother of God? What is her role in Catholic spirituality? Did you know that the Koran has more references to Mary than does the New Testament?

Fr Stravinskias is a theologian, Catholic apologist, author, editor and publisher. He directs the US Catholic Education Foundation. His aim in this book is not to "rouse readers' sensibilities to the heights of Marian devotion", but to raise awareness and appreciation of the role of Mary in salvation history.

In a short, clear and readable book, he does just that. He follows the events of Mary's life, showing her as model and guide, one who co-operated with God, listening and reflecting, revealing faith, humility and obedience.

From the Immaculate Conception to the Assumption (part 1), Stravinskias examines close to 30 incidents/ events or traditions pertaining to Mary, including the possibility that she lived in the Temple until puberty, that Joseph was an older man with children.

While recalling the scriptural events, the author explains the links between the Marian feasts and the liturgical readings selected to celebrate them.

Each of the sections is accompanied by a shortish commentary from John Henry Cardinal Newman (a Marian apologist before becoming Catholic), who thought deeply and tenderly about the Mother of God.

In part 2, the author reflects on Mary in Catholic devotion, and outlines some titles (eg, the Seven Sorrows) ascribed to Mary, as well as her appearances, prayers and flowers.

The book is a helpful one for Christians and could also be a valuable ecumenical resource.



# The earthly trevails of a saint's mum

**Flora MacKillop: A Truly Blessed Mother, by Bernadette O'Sullivan, RSJ. St Pauls, 2012, 174 pages, \$24.95. Reviewer: Fiona van der Plaats**

That Flora MacKillop, mother of St Mary of the Cross, considered herself "truly blessed" says something in itself about a woman who endured more than her fair share of poverty and sorrow during her 70 years.

Her life was a battle by any standards. First came the upheaval of leaving her father behind in Scotland to move with her mother and two brothers to southern Australia, only to lose her older brother to the ocean on the way.

Then there was the loving but improvident husband, Alexander MacKillop, who spent many years away before dying early. But not before he fathered her eight children, who, between dying young, devoting their lives to God and failing to reproduce, brought her as much worry as joy.

And let's not forget the crippling debts – not just the family's, but those

of eldest daughter Mary's fledgling order of nuns – that plagued her life.

In fact, the angst caused by those debts fills a surprising number of pages in Sr Bernadette O'Sullivan's biography Flora MacKillop: A Truly Blessed Mother.

You could almost expect the mother of a saint-in-the-making would be above such things as financial rancour. But the reality is Flora bore the brunt of Alexander's incautious ventures and Mary's single-minded determination to help others regardless of the cost.

The book is candid about the suffering Mary, almost naively, caused her mother. While the bond between mother and daughter proved too strong to break, it was certainly stretched by such things as Mary taking her vows early, despite the financial stress she knew this would cause.

She also engaged in a tug-of-war with Flora over recruiting her sisters to God, and broke her mother's heart when she failed to make contact for

months on end, believing her then mentor Fr Julian Tenison Woods

when he said this was "God's will".

Sr Bernadette, a St Joseph of the Sacred Heart sister who works in Nimmitabel, relies on the letters sent between family members and other key figures to tell the story of a woman of unshakeable faith who was nevertheless prepared to take the hard line – even if others believed it against God's will – to protect her family.

Much of the story is built, you would assume by necessity, around Mary's movements. But, despite the early references to her as "St Mary of the Cross", Sr Bernadette avoids the trap of canonising her as a daughter. Instead, she becomes "Mary", a loving and well-intentioned, but far from perfect, daughter.



# Road-tested homilies that stimulate

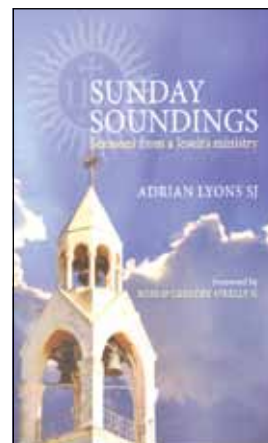
**Sunday Soundings: Sermons from a Jesuit's ministry by Adrian Lyons. Mosaic Press, 2013, 224 pages, \$29.95. Reviewer: Janet Moyle.**

I'm not sure how I view collections like these. My belief is that homilies gain their immediacy and relevance by being preached for these people, at this time and in this place.

Traditionally we have listened to homilies not read the text later. The term "sermon" usually refers to an explanation about church teaching. A homily is a reflection on the scriptures.

Adrian Lyons' book is a collection of homilies he has given over 10 years, so they have been "road-tested" and he has had feedback on their effectiveness.

It means that they do not cover all



the readings from the three-year liturgical cycle.

His homilies are carefully crafted and he stimulates the religious imagination.

He gives the scriptural references for each occasion and employs engaging anecdotes to link these to the everyday. Each offering is quite brief.

His major focus is how would Jesus illuminate this scripture passage?

What advice would he give about the dilemmas that concern us? In answering these questions he largely succeeds.

This is a book to pick up and browse through as a gentle aid to prayer.

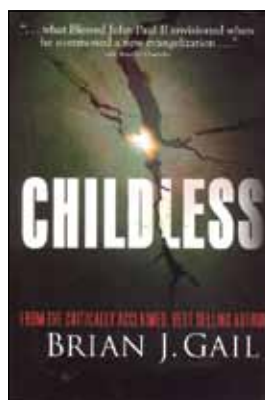
# A real page-turner

**Childless. By Brian J Gail. Emmaus Road Publishing, 370 pages, \$29.95. Reviewer: Janet Moyle.**

This is the third book in Brian J Gail's fictional "American Tragedy in Trilogy" and the first one I have encountered. The former two are called Fatherless and Motherless. Together they span a period of 40 years in the future and that future is very bleak. Evil abounds and society is on the verge of collapse.

The central figure is Fr John Sweeney who continues to encourage his diminishing flock. They struggle to cope with the great apostasy which threatens religion's very survival and so navigate their way to the Church's New Springtime.

Gail is a committed Catholic, entrepreneur and CEO. He has written a real page-turner where he exposes the carefully-planned milestones of the Life Sciences Revolution. Quite breathless in its scope and imagination, really. It is written in this same manner, breathlessly, with plenty of solid facts, direct speech and panoramic descriptive passages.



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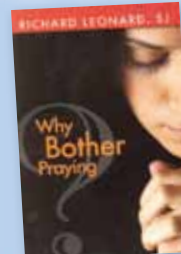
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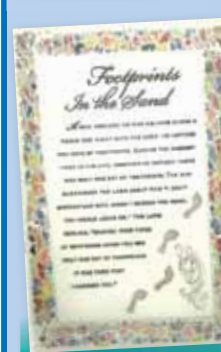
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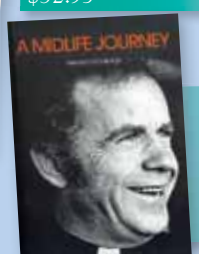
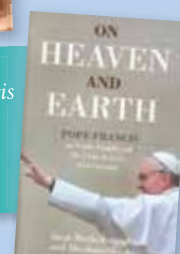


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# Coming Events



**ADORATION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT** - St Benedict's, Narrabundah, Monday 8am-10pm, Tuesday noon-10pm, Wednesday and Thursday 1pm-10pm and Friday 7am-Saturday 8am.

**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, Enid 6296 5592.

**BATEHAVEN AND BEYOND** - Retreat in daily life. Jesus says: "Come aside and rest a while". 14 July-4 August, St Joseph's House of Spirituality, 12 David Ave, Batehaven, gathering 7.30pm on first and last evenings, cost donation. RSVP 28 June, Sr Carmel Drew, telephone 4472 7063.

**BOMBALA REUNION** - St Joseph's 125th school reunion, 5-7 October. Past pupils, sisters, teachers, priests and friends invited. Inquiries: Daryl White, telephone 6458 3334, Cath Farrell 6458 7213, John Beddingfield 6458 3779.

**CHURCH ANNIVERSARY** - St Andrew's Catholic Church, Nimmitabel, 150th anniversary of laying of the foundation stone, Mass, noon, Sunday, 14 July, followed by lunch. Inquiries: Telephone 6454 6246 or email bly-

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**HEALING MASS** - 5.30pm, Friday, 14 June, St Benedict's, Narrabundah. Focus on the father relationship. Come along and pray for fathers both living and dead.

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

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## Generous sister renowned for her cooking skill

Josephite Sr M Gemma (Joan) Bush, who spent almost all her religious life in Goulburn and was renowned for her culinary skills, has died. She was 86 and in the 56th year of her religious profession.

The daughter of Geoffrey Llewellyn Bush and Vera Jean (nee Dorsett), she was the third child with her twin brother, Jack, (deceased) in a family of nine.

Her sisters, Pat Allport, Valerie Kates, Barbara Smith and brother Don predeceased her. Remaining siblings are Mary, Betty Edlington, Deanna Brown and Ken Bush.

Born at Uralla in the New England region of NSW where her dad was a station hand, Sr Gemma lived at Rimbalda, Ben-

demeer, north of Tamworth, until the death of her father when she was 12.

Her mother moved with the children to Junee, where her sister Daphne and husband Rex Gray, helped to rear the younger children. Sr Gemma's mother died four years later.

Before entering the convent in 1955, Joan was housekeeper for priests in Junee and Albury for five years.

As a Sister of St Joseph, she continued her thoughtful hospitality to the priests at North Goulburn



with hot evening meals on Saturdays, as well as tasty cakes and biscuits.

She was professed in 1958 and spent all her religious life in Goulburn except for some time in Leeton in 1972. In her management of a large

kitchen, and cooking for the sisters and hundreds of boarders, she was a talented cook, renowned for her cake decorating and culinary skills.

She worked hard, rose early, lived a generous hidden life, spoke kindly of all and was well loved by her family, the sisters, boarders and the staff who cared for her in

SCC Tenison and at Goulburn Masonic Village.

In her youth and working years, she was active, energetic and agile, a keen tennis player, bushwalker, fossicker of gemstones and member of the local lapidary club. She received many awards and prizes for her cake decorating and gemstone exhibits in the Canberra Show and elsewhere.

The Mass of Christian Burial for Sr M Gemma was celebrated in Our Lady of Dolours Chapel, North Goulburn. Chief celebrant was Fr Henry Byrne, who was assisted by Fr Kevin Brannelly and Fr Laurie Bent. She was buried in St Patrick's cemetery, Kenmore.

## Communion celebration at Jugiong

Billy Ward, Beatrix Hyles, Tazmin Makeham, Emily Lenehan, Eliza Butt and Leah Fitzgerald (pictured right) celebrated First Communion at St John the Evangelist Church, Jugiong.

The children joined with their family and friends for a celebration with Gundagai parish priest Fr Bernie Hennessy, who celebrated Mass.

The Butt family singers along with parishioners, the first communicants and family members all



took part in the Mass to make it a special occasion.

Jugiong has been accustomed to the 10am timeslot for Sunday Mass, but will switch to 8am Mass from 23 June on the second and fourth Sundays.

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# Mary, pray for us

A colourful liturgical dance by young members of the Vietnamese community ended with the message, "Mary, pray for us". The prayer was symbolic of the theme of the annual archdiocesan event, the Marian pilgrimage to St Clement's Redemptorist monastery at Galong, organised by the ethnic communities. Hundreds made the walk from the crowning of Mary's statue at the monastery to the grotto. The rosary was said in English, Croatian, Vietnamese, German, Filipino and Italian.

At the grotto, speaker Fr Ken Barker MGL told of how it was a special place for him. As a young man, he had been opened up to a new movement of the Holy Spirit in his personal life and wanted to ask Jesus a question. "Lord, how can I come to know your mother more?"

"I didn't seem to have a place for her in my heart," he said. Jesus took him to the foot of the cross and he heard Jesus' words afresh to his mother "behold your son", and then "behold your mother". "I felt deeply entrusted into the arms of the Blessed Virgin Mary," he said.



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: The finale of a liturgical dance by the Vietnamese Catholic community's eucharistic children's movement; Amaris Bailey, of the Anglo-Indian community, crowns the statue of Mary; the procession leaves for the grotto; Mary is carried in procession by members of the Vietnamese community; young members of the children's movement; seminarians from the Missionaries of God's Love lead the procession.