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## Special Mass to honour new saints

The canonisation of two former popes will be celebrated this month in Canberra with Mass in St Christopher's Cathedral on Sunday, 27 April.

Archbishop Christopher Prowse will celebrate Mass in the cathedral at 2pm to mark the canonisation of Blessed Pope John XXIII and Blessed Pope John Paul II on the feast of the Divine Mercy.

A large congregation is expected with many members of the Polish and Italian communities likely to attend.

Divine Mercy Sunday was a special day for Blessed John Paul II, who established the feast in 2000.

In his monthly column (see page 2), Archbishop Prowse says: "Surely we could state unambiguously that both our two new saints were Catholic evangelisers filled with joy... Let us learn from them. Let us read their writings and learn from their saintly example."



Then and now ... Br Matt McKeon lights the St Edmund's candle with the college's youngest student Daniel Jeffery to open its 60th anniversary Mass.

# Eddies light shines on

Hundreds of St Edmund's past and present staff, students and their families squeezed into St Christopher's Cathedral in Manuka 60 years to the day since the Christian Brothers marched 330 students down Canberra Avenue to the cathedral to mark the opening of the college.

The college had intended to fill the Bradman Stand of Manuka Oval, over the road from the cathedral, with up to 3000 members of its then and now but nature rained on that parade.

So the cathedral it was then, and some smart shuffling of people and procedures meant the celebration Mass went ahead as planned, albeit in more cramped quarters.

Archbishop Christopher Prowse celebrated the Mass with the help of Eddies old boys Vicar General Mgr John Woods, Bishop Pat Power and newly ordained Fr Luke Verrell.

The Mass began with the Christian Brothers' Canberra leader and St Edmund's spiritual director Br Matt McKeon lighting the college candle with the school's youngest student Daniel Jeffery. It finished with the 2014 year 12 cohort presenting a ringing rendition, complete with emphatic stamping, of the college song from the sanctuary steps.

Archbishop Prowse sang the praises of the Christian Brothers who have run the school for 60 years in the name and spirit of Blessed Edmund Rice, and up to 20 of whom were in the congregation.

Educated by the Christian Brothers himself, he said he also owed "a tremendous amount" to the brothers for the kindness they showed his father's battling family. "I don't think I would be here as a bishop unless I went to a Christian Brothers school," he said.

Archbishop Prowse borrowed from the gospel reading in urging the St Edmund's students to season the world around them with "salt and light".

College presentations followed the Mass, during which school captain Jack Gibson spoke about the pride the college took in being the oldest operating Catholic school in Canberra.

Just as the bricks and mortar of the college were 60 years old, so too were the connections its tally of more than 10,000 students had made within and beyond the community.

"Our openness and honesty has always been remarked upon," he said.

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Flying the flag ... St Edmund's house flags are trooped into St Christopher's Cathedral at the start of the college's 60th anniversary Mass.





# New saints filled with Easter joy

To observe him silently meditating just in front of me in such a situation will always remain for me an inspiration. In retrospect, he seemed at times to be in some kind of agony or suffering. He occasionally groaned. He seemed to be so close to the crucified Christ in prayer. He seemed to be interceding for the entire world. Yet after Mass, in greeting us all individually, there was a real sense of Easter joy radiating from his very presence. I felt I met him on the "inside" that morning.

So now we have these two great Popes to pray to in the communion of all the saints. Our "family" is growing!

They are both apostles of DIVINE MERCY. Let us learn from them. Let us read their writings and learn from their saintly example. In doing so, we will encounter afresh the Easter joy of our Risen Lord Jesus.

Happy Easter everyone!

**Archbishop Christopher Prowse**

(All are welcome to our Divine Mercy Mass – celebrating the canonisation of Blessed John XXIII and Blessed John Paul II at 2pm on Sunday, 27 April, at St Christopher's Cathedral.)

Soon, on Divine Mercy Sunday (27 April), Pope Francis will canonise Blessed John XXIII (1881-1963) and Blessed John Paul II (1920-2005).

In his recent Apostolic Exhortation, *Evangelii Gaudium* (The Joy of the Gospel), Pope Francis states clearly that he wishes "to encourage the Christian faithful to embark upon a new chapter of evangelisation marked by (this) joy" (n1).

Surely we could state unambiguously that both our two new saints were Catholic evangelisers filled with joy.

The opening words of the address of John XXIII at the beginning of the Second Vatican Council (11 October

1962) were "Mother Church rejoices". Emblematic of his entire Pontificate (1958-1963), these words denote a leadership that was always positive, joyful and central on the "care of souls".

"Good Pope John" was a pastor in every aspect and encouraged the Vatican Council Fathers to be likewise pastoral and positive in their pronouncements about the Church in the modern world.

Pope John Paul II's long pontificate (1978-2005) will be forever remembered for so many reasons – his huge literary legacy, his many pilgrimages overseas, his forgiveness of his would-be assassin, his fathering of the Church

into the new millennium and so on. Even so, this penetrating comment about himself ought to guide our thoughts: "They try to understand me from outside. But I can only be understood from inside."

Some say John Paul II personally met more people than any other person in history. This could well be true. I, too, met him personally briefly on a number of occasions whilst studying in Rome. He made himself so accessible.

On one occasion I participated in a Mass in his private chapel. Along with about 40 others we prayed in silence with him for about 20 minutes before the Mass. I will never forget it.

## Archbishop's diary

### APRIL

- 3 Mass St Patrick's, Braddon 12.30pm
- 4 AustArc meeting, Melbourne
- 6 Mass, Cathedral 11am
- 8 College leaders BBQ, Archbishops House
- 9 Visit St Francis Xavier College
- 10 Serra Club Mass, dinner
- 11 Mass, Cathedral 12.15pm
- 12 Mass, St Jude's Holder; dinner Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre
- 13 Palm Sunday Mass, Cathedral 11am
- 14 Chrism Mass, Cathedral 7.30pm
- 15 Second Rite Reconciliation, Cathedral 7pm
- 18 Good Friday
- 20 Easter Sunday
- 25 Anzac Day ceremony, Australian War Memorial
- 26 Mass Blackfriars Parish, Watson 6pm
- 27 Mass Sacred Heart parish Pearce 10am, installation Fr Richard Thompson parish priest; Divine Mercy and canonisation Mass Cathedral 2pm
- 29 Blessing, opening John Paul College
- 30 Blessing maternity unit refurbishment, Calvary John James Hospital; Polish Mass 5.30pm, Society of Christ, Narrabundah

## around the catholic world

### New HQ for Vinnies



CANBERRA: Vinnies, which boasts a history of more than 100 years in the Archdiocese, has moved to a new headquarters in Canberra.

Archbishop Christopher Prowse officially opened and blessed the St Vincent de Paul Society's new Canberra-Goulburn offices in Denison Street, Deakin.

Archdiocesan president Mr Frank Brassil said the society had 3000 members and volunteers in the Archdiocese, as well as 24 Vinnies centres, 13 special works and 50 conferences. It was helping tens of thousands of people in need, and this role was its main concern.

The move to new offices offered better physical accessibility to people, brought together headquarters teams previously working in separate buildings, and provided better facilities for meetings and for the call centre.

ABOVE: Blessings...

Archbishop Christopher Prowse with Aboriginal elder Auntie Janet Phillips and Frank Brassil.

### Cardinal to Rome

SYDNEY: Auxiliary Bishop of Sydney Peter Comensoli has been appointed to look after the day-to-day running of the Sydney Archdiocese following the appointment of Cardinal George Pell as Prefect for the Economy of the Holy See. Cardinal Pell's appointment came at the end of a meeting he attended with the C8 group of cardinals who were specifically appointed by Pope Francis to reform the Curia.

### Do you cry?

VATICAN CITY (VIS): Pope Francis has shared with the clergy some questions that helped him when a priest comes to him for advice. "Do you cry? How many of us cry when faced with the suffering of a child, the destruction of a family, before the many people who cannot find their path? The tears of a priest ... Do you cry, or is this a clergy that has lost its tears? Do you cry for your people? Do you battle with the Lord for your people, like Abraham fought?"

### Pope opens gardens

VATICAN CITY (VIS): The gardens of the Pontifical Villas of Castel Gandolfo have been opened to the public by Pope Francis. It is now possible in the morning from Monday to Saturday to visit the Barberini Garden, with its beautiful natural landscapes and archaeological remains: the paths of roses, aromatic herbs, and lilies, the square of holly oaks, and the Belvedere Garden, from where there is a panoramic view over Latium, out to the coast. Bookings may be made on the Vatican Museums website.

## VOCATIONS DISCERNMENT DINNER

*A vocations discernment dinner will be held at Archbishop's house on Friday 30 May.*

The evening will begin with prayer at 6pm, followed by an informal dinner with Archbishop Christopher. Any men or women in Year 11 or older who would like to learn more about and discuss a call to the priesthood or religious life are invited to attend.

RSVP by 26 May to Vocations Director  
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# Crisis hostel to close as funding changes

The St Vincent de Paul Society says the decision to close its crisis accommodation hostel in Goulburn was difficult but necessary in changing times.

Operations at the 39-bed Kennedy House will be wound down over coming months as Vinnies moves to a different model of assistance, focusing on prevention and outreach support rather than end-of-cycle crisis services.

The society's smaller facility at St Anthony's will also be affected by the change in approach.

The society's Canberra/Goulburn chief executive officer, Paul Trezise, said Vinnies had already instigated the new model in Canberra and a change in government policy had merely kicked this process along in Goulburn.

Under the NSW government's new Going Home Staying Home strategy, Kennedy House would inevitably lose its state funding, Mr Trezise said.

"One choice for us was to press on regardless and try to find that extra 25 per cent of funding on our own, which didn't make sense."

Instead, the society will tender as part of a consortium for funding to provide homelessness services in Goulburn, Queanbeyan, Bega and Cooma under the state government's new strategy. The results of this should be known in May.

Meanwhile, the society will help its clients make what it acknowledges will be a difficult transition.

"We believe we'll need to find accommodation for about 20 people by July," Mr Trezise said. The lease on the Kennedy House site runs to the end of September, which will also provide a "buffer".

He said the society would still need some emergency accommodation since "there will always be people who fall into crisis". But these would be smaller facilities.

Mr Trezise said staff from Kennedy House and St Anthony's would be reassigned within the society's network where possible, but much would also depend on the tender result.

As part of its prevention approach, Vinnies is planning to use its "on the ground" conference network to help detect early signs of homelessness, such as tenancy issues, and then bring its experts into play.

Mr Trezise said the traditional model of housing groups of people with problems in one hostel was "not ideal".

He also hoped that funding for outreach programs would take the pressure off Goulburn, where the crisis facilities have been concentrated, and spread the assistance more widely to other rural centres in the Archdiocese.

## So inspiring...

Placing an 11-tonne copper shingle spire on the top of St Peter and Paul's Old Cathedral in Goulburn was never going to be a doddle.

But, according to restoration committee member Brian Watchirs, the installation that marked the end of the second stage of the long-term project could not have gone more smoothly.

A 200-tonne crane was trucked into town to lift the spire, which had been constructed on the front lawn of the presbytery.

About 100 people looked on from the ground, and many more from the hills around the town, as the structure was carefully manoeuvred into place.

"We had to put a couple of beams through the dormer windows of the church to lift it," Mr Watchirs said. "But it went up well."

After half a day's preparation, the lift itself was all over in about half an hour. The townsfolk were then left to marvel at their new spire, which was due to shine in all its glory amid 40-tonnes of new sandstone once the scaffolding



Top that ... the new spire is lifted on to the tower of the Old Cathedral in Goulburn.

was removed a few weeks later. "Everyone is happy to see part of our original design up there," Mr Watchirs said.

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ABOVE: Originals ... St Edmund's College founding students (from left) Harrie Quince, John Belcher and Barry McCormack.

ABOVE RIGHT: Badges of honour ... Eddies old boy Tim McNamara with year 12 students Lewis Bozzato (left) and Jamie Kotz.



# Blazer still a beautiful fit for many

By Fiona van der Plaats

"See, still my youthful self," Tim McNamara declared as he showed off the "beautiful fit" of the blue-and-white striped blazer from his years at St Edmund's in the early 1960s.

Proudly sporting the jacket at a gathering to celebrate 60 years of St Edmund's College, he compared notes with two current year 12 students, Lewis Bozzato and Jamie Kotz.

As it turned out, the boys were in Haydon House, just as Mr McNamara was during his six years at the school. "When I was here, Haydon House won everything – cricket, swimming, debating, everything," he said.

Mr McNamara was one of the old boys to join the 60th anniversary celebrations, giving his blazer an airing as he has done for various milestones over the years.

He remembers his years at St Edmund's fondly. "I once heard Br (Bob) Wallace say that parents enrolled their students at St Edmund's because it was a happy place ... Do you think I would have kept a jacket like this if I wasn't happy here?"

Also among the old boys at the gathering after the celebration Mass were 1954 "originals" John Belcher, Harrie Quince and Barry McCormack.

Mr Belcher was moved to the new college from St Christopher's school. He was there a year before scoring a job with the immigration department, for which he worked for 46-½ years, at just 15.

"It was all very new but very basic when we started," he said. "Two of us went to Canberra Grammar to run in a mile race that year. We had no one to tell us what to do and how to do it – we just had to work it out for ourselves."

None of the three were wearing college blazers 60 years later, however. "What family could afford a blazer in 1954?" Mr Belcher said.

# Students make a song and dance about disaster

The melody of the hymn This is the Day (that the Lord Has Made) might have the same joyfulness whenever Martina Kuibae sings it with her 40 year 2 students, but the lyrics sometimes take on a whole new meaning.

The children, from Bishop Epalle Catholic School in West Honiara in Solomon Islands, dance and clap along to the popular tune while singing about rising flood waters and running to higher ground.

It is one of a number of familiar songs whose words have been adapted as a tool for teaching children in natural disaster-prone areas of the South Pacific what to do in the event of emergencies such as cyclones, earthquakes, tsunamis or floods.

Ms Kuibae, Caritas' Lenten visitor and guest speaker at the launch of its 2014 Project Compassion campaign in Canberra, is one of the teachers trained to write and teach the songs as part of Caritas Australia's disaster risk management program in the region.

She said the children then sing the songs at home and in their communities, spreading life-saving messages in a fun and memorable way.

She has seen the children following instructions, not panicking and responding positively during a tsunami emergency, showing how effective the program has been.



Singing for their lives ... Martina Kuibae teaches her class songs about what to do during emergencies in Solomon Islands. Photo by Richard Wainwright.

"The students realise they are living in a dangerous place and that disaster can happen at any time, more likely when they are at school, so it is good for them to know what to do," she said.

However, "nursery rhymes are only part of what we (Caritas) do".

The Catholic aid agency had also helped the school with rebuilding its early childhood education centre and with shoring up a fresh water supply, which meant the school could now stay open in times of water shortages.

Archbishop Christopher Prowse launched Project Compassion, which raises more than \$330,000 for in the Archdiocese and \$11m in Australia, at a pancake breakfast to mark Shrove Tuesday. Minister and Consul General with the Philippines Embassy Nina Cainglet provided an update on her country's recovery after Typhoon Haiyan and thanked Australia and Caritas for their aid.

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# ACU's scheme reconnects with rural kids to a degree

As it does with many school leavers in rural areas, life nearly got in the way of Hayden Robinson's further studies.

After finishing year 12 at Young High School two years ago, he took a gap year while considering career options, which ranged from health care to cooking or the automotive industry.

Meanwhile, he took up a job with Southern Cross aged care in Young and, given the cost and travel involved in tertiary study, it would have been easy to shelve the idea altogether.

It remained in the back of Mr Robinson's mind, however, and when he saw an advertisement in the local newspaper seeking candidates for Australian Catholic University's Education Reconnect program, he jumped at the chance to start a nursing degree.

The program offers two HECS-free units of study in business, nursing and paramedicine, or education to people in the Archdiocese's rural areas who, for whatever reason, have missed the chance to go to university.

The idea is to allow prospective students, from 18 to 34, to test drive a tertiary degree with no obligation to continue if it is not for them.

The program was the brainchild of Dr Peter Webster, principal of Hennessy Catholic College, Young.

"In the Young area, for instance, only about 10 to 15 per cent of people have an undergraduate degree," he said.



**Test drive ...** Hayden Robinson, from Young, has continued his nursing studies at ACU.

Many took time off after school and ended up working or having families and missing the university bus.

"There was a real need out there ... and ACU ran with the concept of bringing uni to the rural areas."

Education Reconnect students sign up for two first-year units, which they complete online and at local schools, including Hennessy College, Trinity Catholic College Goulburn, Carroll College Broulee, Lumen Christi Pambula and Queanbeyan High School.

They also do a couple of weekends at ACU in Canberra. All course materials are provided and the only cost is a \$250 administration fee.

"It's been a big success," Dr Webster said. "We can see it's helping to change the culture of our community, which is seeing (university) as a real option for rural kids."

Mr Robinson, who is now commuting from Young to continue his studies at ACU, said the program "lets you know what you are going to be in for without locking you in". For information on Education Reconnect, contact Frances Moore at ACU on [Frances.Moore@acu.edu.au](mailto:Frances.Moore@acu.edu.au).

## Anzac Day to remember

Merici College student Mercedes Bowers this year will mark Anzac Day in a way she'll never forget, when she joins the throng at Anzac Cove in Gallipoli as part of a 13-day study tour she won in the ACT Chief Minister's Anzac Spirit Prize.

Mercedes (pictured with Chief Minister Katy Gallagher) won the award with a short story called *Private John Doe*, written in response to an Atatürk quote engraved on the Anzac Cove memorial.



Mercedes, was one of two winners in the competition, which was open to year 9 and 10 students. Merici assistant principal Dr Ann Cleary will accompany her on the tour.

## Well done, priests tell Pope

Australia's clergy have congratulated Pope Francis on the first anniversary of his election.

The executive of the National Council of Priests of Australia, which represents the bulk of the presbyterate in Australia, said the Pope "has displayed a deep sense of humility by shunning the former trappings of the old imperial style of the Papal Office. Through his example he has encouraged bishops and priests throughout the world to engage with their people, to be pastors who have on them the 'smell of the sheep'".



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# It's people who matter most to Goulburn's

By Fiona van der Plaats

Among the 100 or so onlookers as a spire was finally mounted on the top of St Peter and Paul's Old Cathedral in Goulburn in late February was a key figure in the early stages of reviving the historic building.

Fr Laurie Blake is loath to draw attention to his role in the "prequel" to the current redevelopment, and he is the first to point out that a spire was well down on his list of priorities for the building.

But he will admit to "getting it going" with much-needed maintenance when he was parish priest of Goulburn in the 1980s and '90s.

Fr Blake, who retired from parish ministry at the end of last year, spent nearly half of his 49 years as a priest in Goulburn.

Although he never pushed to go to Goulburn, it was an apt posting for a born-and-bred local boy whose calling to the priesthood was fuelled by a youth spent "hanging around" the then cathedral.

One of six children in a Catholic family ("my father converted"), he lived just two blocks away, served on the altar and ran errands for the presbytery.

"The cathedral was the centre of the diocese then and the bishop lived there," Fr Blake, 76, said.

"I was part of the stable, I suppose. There were some marvellous fellows around and I was very interested in all the ceremonies that happened there."

When he went off to the seminary in Springwood at 17, "everyone else told me I was mad".

His careers advisor told him he "didn't have the brains" and should be a carpenter. But, as he has shown in a

number of ways over the years, Fr Blake is nothing if not persistent.

It might have taken him nine years, but he got through his training despite the fact he was thought to be "dumb". "I didn't believe I was, but that's what everyone else told me."

He spent his first four years out of the seminary in Temora, then three in Queanbeyan, four in Cooma and a year in Tumut before surprising himself by expressing an interest in working as a chaplain in the psychiatric hospital in Goulburn.

"I would never have thought I would do a lot of these things," he said of his chaplaincy work at the hospital and with the NSW Police and the Goulburn jail.

"That's one of those things where you think, 'How the heck could I have got myself into a position where I was chaplain of a psychiatric hospital?'"

The workers at the jail, where his father Wal worked for 30 years as a warden, were also surprised to see his son turn up as a chaplain.

But, just as he has always found a lot of satisfaction in ministering to people of his own faith, Fr Blake equally enjoyed ministering in more secular environments as a chaplain.

His philosophy is that "people are people" no matter what they believe, and he considers it a privilege to have been in a position to administer rites to people of little or no faith.

"I say, 'Would you like me to help you with some of my medicine?' Mostly they don't say no."

Fr Blake also took it in his stride when he was made parish priest of Goulburn, "where I was related to half the people and went to school with the other half".

## Educators acclaimed for their excellence

The Catholic Education Office's system recognition awards, presented during Catholic Schools Week, acknowledged the leadership, initiative and commitment of members of the Catholic education community in the Archdiocese.

Among those recognised for outstanding contributions to Catholic education were Goulburn's Trinity Catholic College principal Mary-Jane Carroll-Fajarda and Orla Duggan, a young

religious education coordinator at St Anthony's in Wanniasa. Their stories are told below.

The individual award winners were: Outstanding Contribution to Catholic Education - Mary-Jane Carroll-Fajarda; Brad Gaynor; Leonie Kelly; Julie Harton; Clare Addinell; Luke Donnelly; Patrick Ellis; Kathleen Morwitch; Bernadette Scott; Julian Laffan; Phillip Nielsen; Orla Duggan; Mgr John Woods; Sr Bernadette Mary Walsh.

Recognition of Excellence - Nicola Barkley, Calwell; Kelly Boyton, Evatt; Dominic Braybon, CEO; Philippa Brearley, Florey (SJA); Joanne Chilver, Watson; John Cole, St Mary MacKillop College; Brad Cooney, St Clare's College; Anne Corcoran, Boorowa; Tessa Daffern, Harrison; Kay Daniel, Braidwood; Nina De Rosa, Waramanga; Mary Dietz Mullamphy, Waramanga; Julie Doolan, Murrumburrah; Denise Duck, Evatt; Clare Fletcher, MacKillop;

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## Orla fills her world with love

Like many young children, Orla Duggan wanted to be a teacher or a bus driver when she grew up.

Once she got her driver's licence, she realised how annoying it would be to have stop all the time. "I probably would have just kept going," she said.

So she gave up on the idea of driving a bus for a living and turned to teaching instead. And, for someone who doesn't like to stop, it has turned out to be a good choice.

In only her fifth year of teaching, the 27-year-old has already been entrusted with the responsibility of coordinating the religious education program at St Anthony's Primary in Wanniasa.

No one was more surprised than Miss Duggan herself when she was offered the acting position soon after being interviewed for the job.

"I was feeling proud of myself just for getting that far (to interview stage), so I thought they were just ringing to say thanks but you didn't get the job," she said.

That call had Miss Duggan packing up her gear at St Clare of Assisi, where she taught year 1 for three years and year 4 for a year, and moving to St Anthony's, where she is teaching year 3 on top of her duties as religious education coordinator. "It is my dream job," she said, having focused on religious education while studying primary school teaching at ACU in Watson.



True to herself ... Orla Duggan's teaching philosophy has helped her achieve a lot in a short time.

Her only reservations were about sharing a class with another teacher for the first time. But they were short-lived. "We have the same philosophy and teaching style ... It's very easy working with her."

That philosophy, which has seen her recognised for "notable success as a young Catholic teacher" in this year's Archdiocesan Recognition Awards for Education, is encapsulated in her favourite line from the Goodbye Mr Chips song Fill the World With Love: "To be brave and strong and true, and to fill the world with love my whole life through."

"I live by that, always trying to be true to who I am. And I try to pass that on to the kids I teach too," Miss Duggan said.



# home-grown pastor

He didn't feel the weight of expectation that might come with being a local and, instead, set about trying to "put some oomph and pride back into the heritage and faith" of a parish that was no longer the centre of the diocese, firstly by shoring up the foundations of the old cathedral.

His time at Goulburn is remembered fondly by many, and the Sts Peter and Paul Primary School has named a sports house after him.

That makes Fr Blake chuckle, given "I was not much of a runner or anything like that ... I tell the children I saw the end of every race I was in."

Most recently, Fr Blake was parish priest at Pearce for 10 years before retiring to a unit in Scullin,

in which he has a guest room made up for any fellow priests and other friends who wish to visit.

So far he has enjoyed sitting in the pews at Mass, has found some time to go to the movies and has been spending time on his crossword skills.

And then there are his "F-troop" friends, a small group of priests who meet every couple of months "to have a meal together and talk".

You never stop being a priest, he says. It's just the administrative side you give up, which doesn't worry him in the least. The challenge, however, is "working out a new way of living my spirituality". That's something he hopes to work out over time.



"Working out a new way of living my spirituality" ... Fr Laurie Blake is coming to terms with retirement.

Gemma Francis, Evatt; Helen Garrity, Red Hill; Anne Glover, Murrumburrah; Libby Goodsell, SFX; Catherine Guthrie, Nicholls; Sally Hendrie, St Clare's College; Kathy Kinnane, St Clare's College; Eugene Lehmensich, St Mary MacKillop College.

Anthony Maas, St Clare's College; Angela McDonald, Florey (SJA); Nicky Merriman,

Boorowa; Luke Mooney, Red Hill; Nicole Morton, Young (HCC); Maria Nangle, Waramanga; Rita O'Connor, Young (HCC); Maria O'Donnell, St Mary MacKillop College; Teresa Patterson, Kaleen; Laura Pearce, Merici; Brendon Pye, Harrison; Angela Ryan, Gowrie; Maureen Scott, Bega; Peter Webster, Young (HCC); Karen Western, Holder.

Of all the challenges Trinity College principal Mary-Jane Carroll-Fajarda and her team faced in joining two Catholic school campuses in Goulburn, one of the trickiest was managing young egos.

In 2011, students from the senior school at Marian College were moved over to the St Patrick's campus up the road to form Trinity Catholic College.

They were a strong group of senior leaders and "willing to work with us", Mrs Carroll-Fajarda says, "but they weren't that keen to come back to a junior campus".

That was one aspect of the "cultural merge" that had to be managed alongside the building, repairing and retro-fitting involved in the physical union of the two schools.

On top of that, Mrs Carroll-Fajarda, who had started as principal at St Pat's in 2009, was forced to announce the difficult decision to close down the school's boarding operations.

"That was not a good way to ingratiate yourself with the community at the start," she said.

But the "consolidation", as it is known, proved to be a smoother process than she might have expected when confronted with the daunting prospect of making it all happen soon after starting the principal's job.

## Making a good school great



Optimism ... Mary-Jane Carroll-Fajarda has been recognised for her role in the amalgamation of two Catholic campuses into Trinity College in Goulburn.

The secret to getting through it, she says, was remaining optimistic, "looking for opportunities, being brave and running with them".

She hastens to add, though, that it all came about due to the hard work of many people.

"It was not just one person's success."

Mrs Carroll-Fajarda's leadership role in the process has been acknowledged with an Archdiocesan Recognition Award for Education.

Her mind is now on the future. "The focus now is taking a very good school and making it great."

# GOLD TRAIL

2014

# FESTIVAL

HARDEN-MURRUMBURRAH NSW



26 - 27 April

SATURDAY 26<sup>th</sup>

7.00 pm: @Barnes Building, Murrumburrah

BUSHRANGER'S DINNER

Three course meal & entertainment



SUNDAY 27<sup>th</sup>

10am - 4pm: Showground, Woolrych St, Murrumburrah

COLONIAL FESTIVAL - Entry by donation

- Sights, sounds & atmosphere of the Colonial era
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- Cobb & Co Mail Coach rides, historical displays
- Music & Dancing, prizes for best Colonial outfits
- Gold panning, Colonial games, Billy Cart Derby
- Market Stalls & Food including Colonial fare







# Surely not, Lord?

**You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbour and hate your enemy.'**

**But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you ...**

(Matthew 5: 43)

David was a good Jewish man: faithful to his God; devoted to his family, and deeply connected to his land.

Khalid was a good Palestinian man: faithful to his God; devoted to his family, and deeply connected to his land.

Each year, in early spring, David and Khalid would meet for a chat at a small cafe. It always began with a respectful, silent handshake. Then, after a kindly nod towards the waiter, the pair would sit down.

More silence would follow, usually a couple of minutes, until their coffee and sweet biscuits arrived. Then, without any small talk, off they went – as they had done for 30-odd years:

Said the Jew: "I think it's important we are allowed to state our case."  
Said the Palestinian: "I think it's important we are allowed to state our case."

Said the Jew: "This is rightfully our land."

Said the Palestinian: "This is rightfully our land."

Said the Jew: "We are victims of your aggression."

Said the Palestinian: "We are victims of your aggression."

Said the Jew: "We will fight 'til the bitter end."

Said the Palestinian: "We will fight 'til the bitter end."

Said the Jew: "We are a brutalised and traumatised people."

Said the Palestinian: "We are a brutalised and traumatised people."

Said the Jew: "You hate us."

Said the Palestinian: "You hate us."

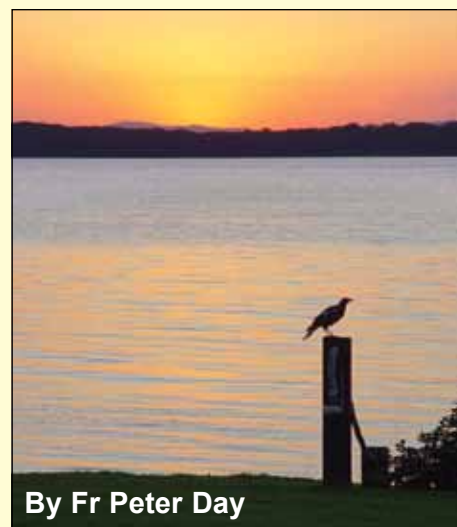
Said the Jew: "There can be no peace 'til you change your ways."

Said the Palestinian: "There can be no peace 'til you change your ways."

Said the Jew: "Mmm, a nice coffee. Give my regards to your family. See you next year."

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## In My Day



By Fr Peter Day

Said the Palestinian: "Mmm, a nice coffee. Give my regards to your family. See you next year."

The never-ending cycle of misery that is the Middle East is a painful reminder to us all of the consequences borne out by pride, hatred, and an inability to forgive. On a much smaller scale, we too can find ourselves living in a state of "war", a war within that corrodes and destroys: a culture of death.

The Easter event, on the other hand, is a glorious reminder of the consequences borne out by humility and forgiveness. It invites us to that place the warmongers and cynics want us to believe does not exist: communion with the One who, while pinned to a wooden cross, said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they are doing": a culture of Life.

This commandment – it was not merely a suggestion or recommendation – to love our enemy is extraordinary ... and unreasonable, and irrational, and, gosh, nigh on impossible. Yet it is the only way to end the "war".

It is Christianity at its purest, saltiest, and most transformative.

And, while one might be a wonderful pray-er, or Mass-goer, or charity worker; none of us can claim to know and love Christ until we are prepared to know and love our enemy.

\* IN MY DAY is a column about modern society, community and the things that arise in our day-to-day world that cause us to reflect on how we live together and interact. Contributions of about 350 words are welcome. Send them to cathcomm@cg.catholic.org.au.

## Help Religious Sisters - the unsung heroines in the Church!

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Each year the Catholic charity Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) supports over 9,000 religious sisters in every corner of the globe. Many religious congregations turn to the charity for help, not least for the formation of their precious new vocations. While many congregations in the Western world have few or no new vocations and even seem to be dying out, in other parts of the world the religious communities are filled with young and smiling faces.

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It is vital that the indispensable work of religious sisters in Christ's Holy Catholic Church and throughout the missions worldwide continues. Religious sisters are the unsung heroines in the Church. ACN is therefore proud to help them in their efforts to make the world a better place, even just a little.

The average grant ACN gives to support a religious sister or novice is \$300 – but whatever you can afford will be enormously appreciated. ACN forwards the donations directly to the religious superiors in charge of the religious communities and congregations.

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Some of the young and vibrant Dominican Sisters from Ho Chi Minh City that ACN supports

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## Secondary closure

The secondary component of Mt Carmel School, Yass, will close at the end of the school year.

Chair of the Archdiocese's Catholic Education Commission Daryl Smeaton said Archbishop Christopher Prowse had accepted a recommendation from the commission.

"It is with deep regret that this decision has been taken due to declining secondary enrolments over a period of time," he said.

"A Catholic education pathway for years 7 to 12 will be offered to all of the current students in years 6 to 10. The CEC will negotiate this pathway with the parents/care givers of the students"

Director of Catholic Education Mrs Moira Najdecki said the Catholic Education Office would work with staff and students to ensure they are cared for. "An opportunity will be provided in the coming months to past and present staff, students and community members to celebrate the great achievements and contribution of the Mt Carmel Secondary School over many years."

## Doorknock boost

Things looked grim for the Vinnies Doorknock Appeal at the end of February, with donations falling \$140,000 shy of the \$340,000 target.

But a call out to those who might have been missed in the February campaign and a round-up of late collections had bolstered the figure to \$305,000 in late March, much to the relief of the St Vincent de Paul Society, which relies on the doorknock to fund many of its programs.

The society's Canberra/Goulburn chief executive officer, Paul Trezise, said that while the amount was short of last year's \$320,000, it was "substantially better than what we were looking at earlier in the piece".

"It's a little disappointing that we didn't meet our target ... but, on the other hand, it's a very worthwhile amount of money that we can directly put towards helping people in need."

Mr Trezise said Vinnies was especially grateful to its volunteers, who worked in difficult conditions, including extreme heat followed by soaking rain, during February.

St Edmund's College, whose students doorknocked in their uniforms and held a barbecue with their local Vinnies conference so they could learn more about the society's work, were a shining example of school involvement, he said.

Internet [www.cg.catholic.org.au](http://www.cg.catholic.org.au)



# Catholic schools enrolling now



## Where to find them:

### ACT

Amaroo	Good Shepherd Primary School
Aranda	St Vincent's Primary School
Braddon	Merici College
Calwell	St Francis of Assisi Primary School
Campbell	St Thomas More's Primary School
Conder	St Clare of Assisi Primary School
Curtin	Holy Trinity Primary School
Dickson	Daramalan College
Evatt	St Monica's Primary School
Florey	St Francis Xavier College
Florey	St John the Apostle Primary School
Garran	Sts Peter and Paul Primary School
Gowrie	Holy Family Primary School
Griffith	St Clare's College
Griffith	St Edmund's College
Harrison	Mother Teresa School
Harrison	John Paul College
Holder	St Jude's Primary School

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Narrabundah  
Nicholls  
O'Connor  
Page  
Pearce  
Pearce  
Red Hill  
Tuggeranong  
Wanniassa  
Waramanga

Watson  
West Belconnen

### New South Wales

Adelong  
Batemans Bay  
Batlow  
Bega  
Bombala  
Boorowa  
  
St Michael's Primary School  
St Thomas the Apostle Primary School  
St Benedict's Primary School  
Holy Spirit Primary School  
St Joseph's Primary School  
St Matthew's Primary School  
Sacred Heart Primary School  
Marist College Canberra  
St Bede's Primary School  
St Mary MacKillop College  
St Anthony's Parish School  
St John Vianney's Primary School  
Rosary Primary School  
St Thomas Aquinas Primary School

Braidwood  
Broulee  
Cooma  
Cootamundra  
Crookwell  
Goulburn

Goulburn  
Goulburn North  
Grenfell  
Gundagai  
Lake Cargelligo

Moruya  
Murrumburrah  
Pambula  
Queanbeyan  
Temora  
Tumut

West Wyalong

Yass  
Young  
Young

St Bede's Primary School  
Carroll College  
St Patrick's Parish School  
Sacred Heart Central School  
St Mary's Primary School  
Sts Peter & Paul Parish Primary School  
Trinity Catholic College  
St Joseph's Primary School  
St Joseph's Primary School  
St Patrick's Primary School  
St Francis Xavier Primary School  
St Mary's Primary School  
Trinity Catholic Primary School  
Lumen Christi Catholic College  
St Gregory's Primary School  
St Anne's Central School  
McAuley Catholic Central School  
St Mary's War Memorial School  
Mt Carmel School  
Hennessy Catholic College  
St Mary's Primary School

# Try "Dara for a Day"

## TRY "DARA FOR A DAY" FOR YEAR 6 STUDENTS



We offer all Year 6 students opportunities in May to visit the college and experience student life at Daramalan. The two dates are below. More information about these days is on our website <[www.daramalan.act.edu.au](http://www.daramalan.act.edu.au)>.

Please note that enrolments for Year 7, 2015 close on Friday 23 May 2014.

## IMPORTANT 2015 ENROLMENT DATES

<b>2 MAY - FRIDAY:</b>	<b>2015 Primary School Pre-Enrolment Orientation Day - Option one</b>
<b>5 MAY - MONDAY:</b>	<b>2015 Enrolments commence</b>
<b>6 MAY - TUESDAY:</b>	<b>2015 Primary School Pre-Enrolment Orientation Day - Option two</b>
<b>19 MAY - MONDAY:</b>	<b>Year 11 2015 Information Evening: 7.30pm</b>
<b>23 MAY - FRIDAY:</b>	<b>Year 7 2015 Enrolments close</b>



For enrolment enquiries please contact our Registrar on (02) 6245 6348  
Email: [enrolments@daramalan.act.edu.au](mailto:enrolments@daramalan.act.edu.au) - Web: [www.daramalan.act.edu.au](http://www.daramalan.act.edu.au)

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*At Marist, we foster a climate that allows boys to pursue their studies with purpose and confidence. Our belief in a safe, encouraging and nurturing environment helps promote their full growth as they transform into young men who are the best they can be and leaders in their futures.*

At Marist we provide a **balanced curriculum** which aims to develop **all-round qualities** in our boys.

We cater for a broad range of academic abilities, including the highly able and those with special needs. Each year Marist boys achieve **impressive results at Year 12 level**.

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

The **Religious Education** programme includes a broad range of **faith formation** opportunities, including service groups, **overseas immersions experiences** and **Youth Ministry** which are central to the Catholic and Marist ethos of our College.

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

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

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

We also provide for team **sports** such as cricket, basketball, rugby union, football, Australian Football, hockey, rowing and snowsports, as well as cross country, athletics, swimming and judo.

**Performing** and creative **arts** are central to our formal and informal curriculum. As well, there is a diversity of co-curricular activities that includes table tennis, debating, computing club, science club and writers' club.

The range of courses which students may take in each year is extensive and details can be found at [www.maristc.act.edu.au](http://www.maristc.act.edu.au)

## ENROLLING NOW



### OPEN DAY

**Sunday 4 May 2014**  
**9.30 am – 12.00 noon**

College facilities will be open for inspection  
Headmaster's Address 10:30 am  
Head of Junior School Address 11:00 am

#### A congregational Catholic school for boys in Years 4 - 12

- A Catholic school in the Marist tradition
- A broad curriculum which addresses the particular needs of boys
- Consistently high academic performance
- A welcoming and inclusive community
  - Outstanding professional staff
- Extensive and diverse co-curricular opportunities

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Senior (Years 7 - 12) - 6298 7200 Junior (Years 4 - 6) - 6298 7271 [www.maristc.act.edu.au](http://www.maristc.act.edu.au)





# MERICI COLLEGE OPEN DAY

Wednesday 7 May  
9.30am–7.00pm

YEAR 7, 2015

INFORMATION EVENING

Tuesday 13 May  
6.00pm–7.15pm

Enrolment forms will be available.

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FOR A DAY!  
TUESDAY 6 MAY

CONTACT US  
TO REGISTER

YEAR 11, 2015

INFORMATION EVENING

Thursday 15 May  
6.00pm–7.15pm

Senior Information Handbooks will be available.

## Merici College: Dedicated to Excellence in Women's Education

Merici is an inclusive Catholic College for young women in Years 7 to 12. Founded in Canberra in 1959, we are a cutting edge, technology-rich school built on a tradition of best practice in girls' education. We achieve consistently excellent results which reflect strong student engagement in learning, innovative classroom practice and academic rigour.

### EMPHASIS ON THE PASTORAL CARE OF EACH STUDENT

- A vertical pastoral care arrangement fosters the personal and spiritual growth of students in partnership with parents and a sense of belonging for every student offering real opportunities for student leadership.
- Active and high-profile social justice groups provide outreach to the community. Merici is particularly proud of its partnership with Black Mountain School.

### A RICH AND VARIED CURRICULUM

- Diverse and rigorous academic programs offer a broad range of opportunities including an extensive Foreign Languages program, a rich choice of elective subjects and, for students in Years 10-12, a variety of vocational subjects leading to nationally recognised certification.
- Merici is highly focused on its framework for powerful learning, incorporating individualised brain-based learning and developing in students a responsibility for active learning.

- The College supports students with needs and extends capable students through a differentiated teaching and learning program.
- All students are taught to be responsible citizens in our Digital Community. We have been operating a laptop program for almost 20 years.
- A very strong student led focus on sustainability and healthy eating is aligned with curriculum. The Canteen is run by the staff and students, uses fresh, local produce, no packaging and integrates into the vocational Hospitality and Business curriculum. A kitchen garden and greenhouse, sustainability electives and a co-curricular group all contribute to the College's Health Promotion Program.

### AN EXTENSIVE CO-CURRICULAR PROGRAM

- Merici offers a wide co-curricular program which encourages students to develop their interests in diverse sporting, cultural and academic arenas.

### It includes:

- An award-winning band program, string ensemble and choir.
- A broad weekend sport program and a thriving Duke of Edinburgh Scheme.
- Diverse interest groups including Debating, Literary clubs, Anime and Chess Clubs.

### EXCELLENT FACILITIES AND RESOURCES

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

***'Merici challenges you to love life,  
have hope, be faithful and  
build futures more wondrous  
than you dare to dream'***

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The Merici College Restaurant will be open. Lunch: 12.30-2pm, Dinner 4.30pm-7pm. Bookings preferred, telephone 6243 4100.





John Paul  
College  
**Gungahlin**

*"Walking in the footsteps of John Paul II in the year of his canonisation."*

## **COME AND SEE US AT JOHN PAUL COLLEGE, GUNGAHLIN**

### **Open Morning**

Thursday 8 May 9.15am - 11.15am

### **Year 7 Information Session**

Thursday 8 May 5.30pm in the College Hall

**Tours from 4.30pm to 5.30pm**

John Paul College is an innovative, co-educational college creating a Catholic P-12 pathway in the Gungahlin region. Accommodating Years 7-9 in 2015 in our new cutting edge facilities in Nicholls:

**We focus on the pastoral well-being and holistic development of each individual student**

- through a unique one-on-one mentoring program which fosters strong partnerships between parents, students and the school.

**We provide a dynamic and rigorous academic curriculum**

- underpinned by an educational philosophy which includes brain-based learning principles and the development of a Growth Mind-Set in each individual

**We have introduced an innovative self-directed learning approach**

- which develops independence, time management and organization skills and enables students to be challenged and individual needs to be met.

**We operate in a Technology-rich learning environment**

- allowing learning anywhere, anytime.

**We have a strong, integrated focus on sustainability and healthy living**

- which includes a canteen run by the school producing only fresh, unprocessed and home cooked dishes.

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## INFORMATION SESSIONS

**5 MAY**

Year 7 Info Night  
6.30pm  
Wanniassa Campus

**9 MAY**

Try MacKillop Day  
(For Year 6 Students)  
Wanniassa Campus

**14 MAY**

Year 11 Info Night  
6pm  
Isabella Campus



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# It's show-time for these students

St Francis Xavier College and the Canberra Theatre Centre have announced the three students who will be taking part in the theatre's first on-site VET training course.

Year 12 students Larissa Caston, Alex Parker and Alexandra Pilicic from SFX will work behind the scenes with the theatre's technical staff across the next two school terms, gaining skills towards a fully accredited Certificate 2 in Entertainment.

The students will work with lighting designers, sound engineers, mechanists and technical staff on real shows at the theatre, learning what it takes to get a show up and running.

It's hoped the students will use these skills to further their technical theatre education after high school.

Student Larissa Caston is excited about the opportunity to work with real theatre professionals.

"It's an amazing opportunity to work in a professional industry rather than working in a school class and to come away with a qualification from it," she says.

"I've done work experience at Canberra Theatre before but this time I'm hoping to refine skills I've already gained at school.

"It's going to be much faster paced than during performanc-



es in school so I'm looking forward to it.

"After school I'm hoping to study audio engineering. I'd love to work in a theatre or use it to work in music recording."

The VET training course is the first of its kind to be offered

at Canberra Theatre and was developed by education staff at the theatre alongside staff at St Francis Xavier.

Director of Canberra Theatre Centre Bruce Carmichael says it's a wonderful opportunity for the theatre to be involved

in helping to educate the next generation of technical staff.

"This is a great way for us to give back to the community and ensure the passion we have for live theatre and entertainment is shared with those in our city. I'm excited to see these students

learning new skills in our venue and we're proud to now be able to offer them this opportunity."

For information about enrolling your child at St Francis Xavier College go to [www.sfx.act.edu.au](http://www.sfx.act.edu.au) or call the College on 6258 1055.

## St. Francis Xavier College

Enrolling Now. Catholic Education. Years 7-12



Open Evening  
Year 7-12 2015

Monday 12 May

5.30pm-7.00pm Tours

7.00pm Information

Information Evening  
Year 11 2015

Wednesday 14 May

5.30pm Course Advice

6.30pm Information

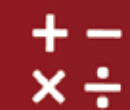
SFX Open Day  
Friday 16 May  
9am-2.30pm

Living the truth

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Learning for life





# MAY 01 OPEN EVENING

4.30 - 7.00PM

THURSDAY

We invite you to experience the exciting range of study options and activities available at St Clare's.

# MAY 06 YEAR 7 INFORMATION EVENING

6.00 - 7.30PM

TUESDAY

The Principal, Staff and Students will outline the features of St Clare's.

# MAY 13 YEAR 11 INFORMATION EVENING

6.00 - 7.30PM

TUESDAY

Find out about the many courses and leadership opportunities available for senior students at St Clare's.

It is no accident that St Clare's College will celebrate 50 years of continuous education to the Canberra community in 2015. The reason for its establishment in the beginning is now further enhanced with contemporary research supporting the many benefits of girls being educated in a girls' only school.

St Clare's has a proud history of success in many fields of endeavour across academic, cultural, sporting and extra-curricular activities. This is due to the support of parents and staff working collaboratively to provide the opportunities for a vibrant and willing student body to participate in the many fields of endeavour available today. St Clare's College is a welcoming school and open to all.

It is interesting to note that research shows girls in a single sex school are often more competitive amongst their peers in their desire to achieve. The environment of a single sex school, especially for girls, promotes opportunities for students to overcome gender bias that may occur through social learning. Girls approach their studies during the compulsory years more positively in a single sex school and will enthusiastically attempt the areas of Maths, Science and Technology at the senior levels where female representation is generally lower in co-educational schools.

The opportunities for leadership are extensive throughout their secondary schooling at St Clare's. The girls have the potential to be considered as a Pastoral Care Captain, be on the Student Representative Council, the captain of one of the twenty six St Clare's sports teams, a House Captain or one of the five senior leadership roles. Girls are role-modelling to girls and the students learn how to be confident, articulate and influential through their involvement in a community of empowered and self-assured young adults.

As a Catholic school, the climate of the College is based on the life and teachings of Jesus and inspired by the example of St Clare. There is an environment of acceptance, forgiveness and reconciliation in the way that people treat each other as well as a sense of hope for the future. Students are provided the opportunity to explore their spirituality and have a better understanding of the role of religion in their lives. The students at St Clare's are also well known in the ACT for their commitment to the less fortunate through raising funds for charities and volunteering for many causes. They are generous and compassionate in their work for the underprivileged.

The students at St Clare's can shine in whatever they choose to undertake. The girls' only environment provides the opportunity to build their confidence without socially imposed barriers to hold them back. The expectations are clearer for them in a College that has students from Year 7 to 12 all growing, learning and working together for their mutual benefit and the benefit of society generally.





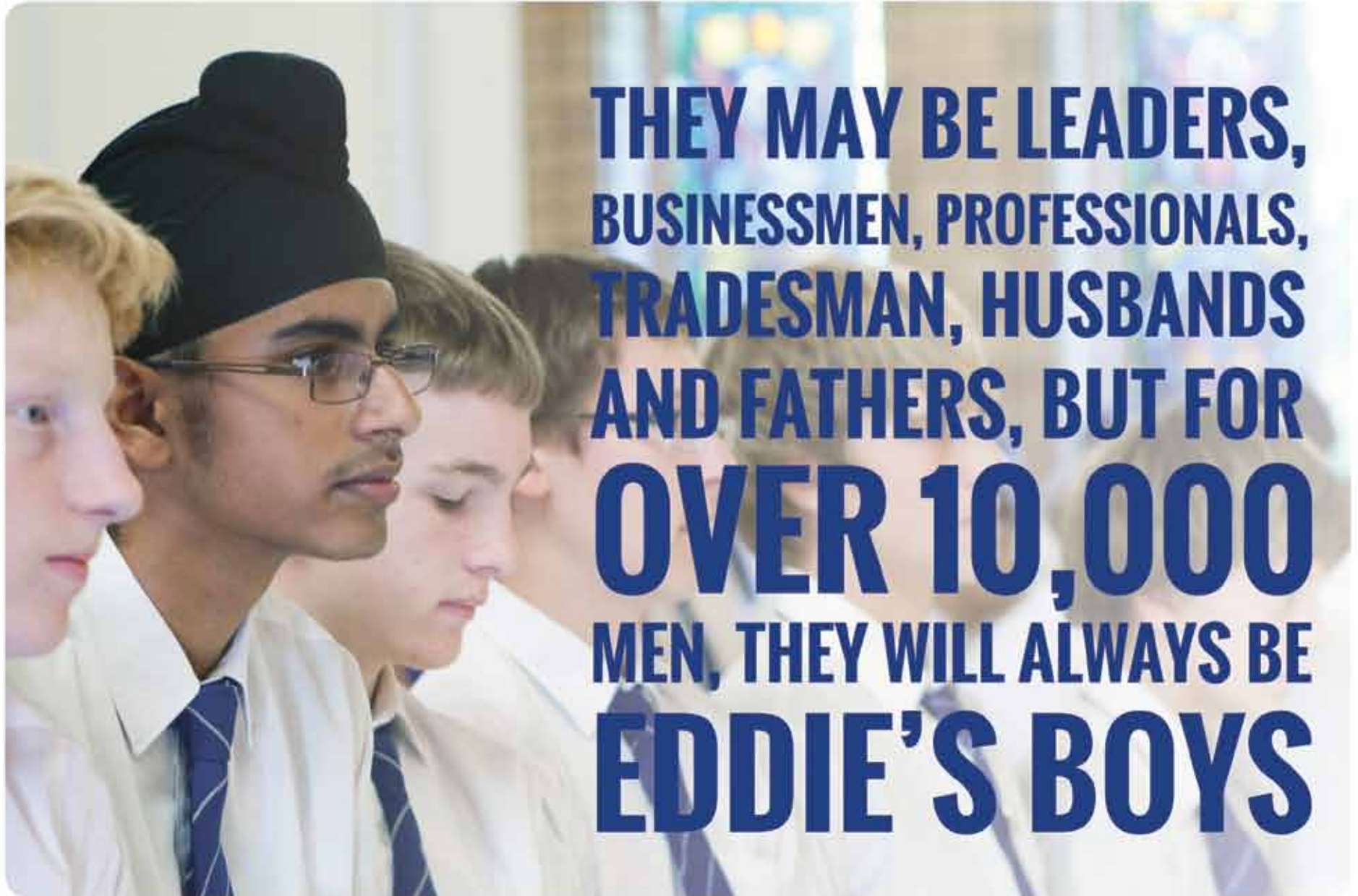


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BUSINESSMEN, PROFESSIONALS,  
TRADESMAN, HUSBANDS  
AND FATHERS, BUT FOR  
OVER 10,000  
MEN, THEY WILL ALWAYS BE  
EDDIE'S BOYS**



**MAY Open Day**  
**10<sup>th</sup>** Saturday, 12 to 3 PM

**15<sup>th</sup>** Year 11 2015 Enrolment Information  
Thursday, 6 PM

**5<sup>th</sup>** Year 4 – 7 2015 Enrolment Information  
Monday, 5:30 PM

**13<sup>th</sup>** Morning & Twilight Tours  
Tuesday, 9:30 AM & 5:30 PM





Keeping the faith ... CatholicLIFE's Shawn van der Linden and CatholicCare's Anne Kirwan sign the "mission engagement" partnership agreement.

## Upholding the Catholic brand

How does a community services organisation uphold its "Catholic brand" when only 40 per cent of its staff, and even fewer of its clients, are Catholic?

That is the challenge archdiocesan agency CatholicCare faces as it goes about its work with society's most disadvantaged people.

CatholicCare senior executive Anne Kirwan said the agency's Catholic mission and culture is its "point of difference" from other similar organisations.

"But we need to increase awareness about our relationship with the Church and the nature of the organisation we work for," she said. "What does it mean to be Catholic and what does this mean in our daily work?"

She said a large proportion of staff members "do not come from our faith base. They need to be able to draw a link between who they work for and their own value set."

To this end, CatholicCare has formed a "mission engagement" partnership with CatholicLIFE, which will run a pilot training program in Catholic Faith and Mission for CatholicCare's senior staff and invited staff from other Catholic bodies. Shane Dwyer, archdiocesan coordinator for faith formation and spirituality, will run a series of 20 seminars during the year.

The first half of the series will look at different aspects of faith and identity, he said. The second half of the series will deal with tricky questions and situations that often confront CatholicCare staff.

## Women aim to keep precious college memories alive

The chains on the entrance gates to what was once Our Lady of Mercy College (OLMC) in Goulburn might have closed a significant chapter in the campus' history, but the women who have for so long kept the memories alive hope the story is not over.

For 90 years, the loyal members of the OLMC Ex-Students Union, led for the past 40 years by Mary Sykes, have kept the flag flying, organising regular reunions, maintaining a strong "old girls" network and supporting the sisters' work in the area.

But, as committee member Sue Burgess says, age, health and changing times have taken their toll and "many felt it was time to celebrate the longevity of the association and wind it down".

So this year's reunion, on 24 and 25 May in Goulburn, is being touted as the union's final hurrah.

The women hope, however, that former students will continue to honour the memory of the college in their own way in

future, even though they no longer have access to the site, which is up for sale.

And there is much to honour, according to many of the women who say they owe a lot to the "firm but fair" Sisters of Mercy who arrived in Goulburn from Westport, Ireland, in 1859 and set up a school for girls that ran for well over a century.

Former student and staff member, Sr Maria Assunta, said she and her three sisters were grateful to the Sisters of Mercy for the educational grounding and faith development they provided at a time when education beyond primary years was rare for poorer families.

Sr Maria, then known as Dympna Roberts and the eldest of 11, attended OLMC in the mid-1950s. "We were bee farmers and we paid our school fees in honey - a 60-pound tin of honey a term for the family."

As she later found out, when she returned to the college in the late 1960s as Sr Maria to



End of a chapter ... OLMC "old girls" Sr Maria Assunta and Sue Burgess outside the locked gates.

work in feeding the boarders, nearly 30kg of honey did not go to waste.

"I will always remember the kindness of the sisters," she said, describing how they would offer the students hot cocoa or Milo after 7am Friday devotions in mid-winter.

Sr Maria went on to train and work in catering and diversional therapy, while her sisters "have all served the community in worthwhile capacities".

Mrs Burgess, whose childhood, like that of many of her fellow students, was not always easy, said the sisters instilled values that have guided her

through her life and been passed on to her own children.

"Apart from the education we received, they gave us compassion and an absolute sense of justice," she said.

If the stories Mrs Burgess and Sr Maria have to share about their time at OLMC are anything to go by, this year's reunion will be especially poignant. The organisers are expecting a turnout of 300 or more over a weekend including benediction, dinner and drinks and Mass at the old cathedral. For information, contact Mrs Burgess on 4821 5219.

## Vietnamese sisters move in Parish seeks to bring liturgy to life



Archbishop Vincent Nguyen van Ban of Banmethuot diocese and sisters from the Mary Queen of Peace congregation travelled from Vietnam for the opening of a community house in the Canberra suburb of Bonner. Archbishop Christopher Prowse blessed the house, which will be home to sisters studying to help them in their work with

the poor, disabled and disadvantaged in Vietnam.

Sr Kim Hoa Ha, who is based in Canberra, led the way in managing and raising funds, with help from Fr John Armstrong.

New home... The two archbishops (back row) and Fr John Armstrong (front row) with the sisters and other guests at the opening.

A Canberra couple will teach about the importance of children's Liturgy of the Word at a workshop in Cowra next month. Deacon Matt Ransom and wife Cathy will tell how to bring the liturgy alive.

Lesley Zickefoose and Sue Rolls, who have created banner works of art for about 15 years at St Mary's

Parish, Young, will present a workshop on making a liturgical banner.

Cowra's St. Raphael's Parish is celebrating its 125 year anniversary by presenting a liturgy workshop on 24 and 25 May.

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## New bishop named

Brisbane priest Fr Michael McCarthy has been appointed Bishop of Rockhampton. He succeeds Bishop Brian Heenan who retired last October. Fr McCarthy, 63, was ordained in 1978. He has been a parish priest, rector of Holy Spirit seminary in Brisbane and Episcopal Vicar for Clergy. President of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference Archbishop Denis Hart said Fr McCarthy had already shown distinctive leadership in the care of clergy and people in Brisbane.

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# Croatian nuns mark 50 years of service

A congregation of Croatian nuns who served in the Archdiocese for more than 15 years have celebrated the 50th anniversary of their arrival in Australia.

The Sisters Adorers of the Blood of Christ served the Croatian community of the Archdiocese and worked in Archbishop's House.

The congregation was founded in 1834 in Acuto, Italy, by St Maria De Mattias, who had a deep devotion to the mystery of the blood of the crucified Christ.

Sisters from the Zagreb province of the congregation came to Melbourne in December 1963 and began their ministry.

The sisters arrived in Canberra on 27 November, 1971. As there was no immediate accommodation for them, they were invited by Archbishop Thomas Cahill to live and work at Archbishop's House. In addition to these duties, they started their ministry to the local Croatian community.

In 1973, with the help of the Archdiocese and many donors from the Croatian community, the sisters bought a house in Cook.

Sr Slavica Turcic said the sisters received great support and spiritual accompaniment from the local Church, and that encouraged them to undertake many different types of service.

They developed the church choir, facilitated spiritual retreats, shared the Adorers'



The sisters after a final profession in 1977 with Archbishop Thomas Cahill, Bishop Aloysius Morgan and Bishop Patrick Dougherty.

spirituality with the laity through prayer groups, opened a child-care centre, established a Croatian welfare centre in cooperation with the laity, taught at St John Vianney's, School, Waramanga, and worked and promoted the Croatian culture.

In 1987, as the pastoral and social ministries among Croatian migrants were dev-

elopng, the sisters had to close the community at Archbishop's House to respond to the needs of the people at that time.

In January 2002 the sisters closed the community in Canberra. The Sisters Adorers marked their jubilee with a thanksgiving Mass in Adelaide celebrated by Archbishop Philip Wilson.

## Parish's welcoming hand to youth

As Queanbeyan parish priest Fr Troy Bobbin points out, "There are many rooms in my father's house."

And that is one of the reasons he has taken on two part-time youth coordinators in the parish.

"We need people to realise that we are a home they can come to and always be welcome, and that going to church is just one way they can come and 'play'," he said.

He is hoping that many of Queanbeyan's large number of children and young adults will be among those enticed to come and play with the encouragement of his new youth workers, Michelle Emmett and Justin Uzabeaga.

Miss Emmett, who has volunteered in religious education with the parish, will be responsible for developing sacramental programs in Queanbeyan and Bungendore.

Originally from Young, she has a double degree in social work and theology and has been involved in youth groups and faith leadership since her own schooldays.

Mr Uzabeaga, a St Edmund's graduate and sports and exercise student at the University of Canberra, will coordinate youth groups from primary to young adult level.

He is no stranger to working with youth groups, having started one in Nowra last year as part of a youth mission team based in Wollongong.

"My thing is that youth groups should be fun and engaging," he said.

Miss Emmett said the two coordinators would work together towards building stronger connections between sacramental programs and youth groups.

"We have spoken to teachers and they are very excited about it ... The parish has wanted this for a while."

A dedicated youth ministry would also help to address the problem of the parish "losing" its secondary students to Catholic colleges in Canberra, she said.

Queanbeyan's youth team members were among 36 youth leaders commissioned by Archbishop Prowse at a Mass at St Christopher's Cathedral during the Off the Beaten Track ministry kick-off weekend in Canberra.

At lunch after the Mass, Archbishop Prowse outlined his vision for youth leaders in the Archdiocese, challenging them to lead with integrity.

About 20 of the youth leaders, including priests, religious sisters, teachers, students and others, discussed awareness of the unseen at a foundation workshop on ethics in youth ministry the day before.



ABOVE: Integrity ... youth leaders gather outside the cathedral.

RIGHT: Come and play ... Justin Uzabeaga and Michelle Emmett are Queanbeyan youth coordinators.



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There are various methods for praying in this way.

From the Desert Fathers, through the author of the Cloud of Unknowing, through Thomas Merton, through John Main, through Thomas Keating, through Laurence Freeman, among others, we have been invited to supplement our other methods of

from other kinds of prayer might best serve us here.

Normal, meditative types of prayer essentially work this way:

You set off to pray, find a quiet place, sit or kneel down, make a conscious act to centre yourself in prayer, focus on an inspiring text or thought, begin to meditate on those words, try to hear what is being said inside you, articulate the challenge or insight that is making itself heard there, and then connect this all to your relationship to God, through gratitude, love, praise, or petition.

In this kind of prayer, your focus is on an inspiring word or insight, the response this creates in you, and your own response to God in the light of that.

But, and this is its shortcoming, the words, images, and feelings in that kind of prayer, for all their goodness, can still act as a

camouflage that protects you from being fully exposed and naked before God, akin to what we can do in a conversation with another person when we can talk about all kinds of things, good things, but avoid talking about what is really at issue.

Contemplative prayer, by way of contrast, is prayer without words or images. It works this way:

You set off to pray, find a quiet place, sit or kneel, and

make a conscious act to simply place yourself before God.

Then you simply stay there, naked and unprotected by any words, images, conversations, rationalisations, or even by any holy feelings about Jesus, his Mother, some saint, some icon, or inspirational idea.

All of these, good as they are, can help you avoid having to be there naked before God.

Contemplative prayer brings you into God's presence without protection, with no possibility of hiding anything.

The silence and absence of prayerful conversation is what leaves you naked and exposed, like a plant sitting in the sun, silently drinking in its rays.

We are meant to face God like this every day of our lives, not just at the moment of our death.

So, each day, we should set aside some time to put ourselves into God's presence without words and without images, where, naked, stripped of everything, silent, exposed, hiding nothing, completely vulnerable, we simply sit, full face, before God's judgment and mercy.

By doing this, we will preempt any traumatic encounter at the time of our death and, more importantly, we will begin, already here and now, to enjoy more fully God's empathic embrace.

## We are meant to face God like this every day, not just at the moment of our death

Why hide from God's judgment? Why delay throwing ourselves into God's mercy and peace?

Searing judgment of our souls is meant to be a daily occurrence, not a single traumatic moment at the end of our lives.

We are meant to bring ourselves, with all our complexities and weaknesses, into God's full light every day. How?

There are many ways to do this, though all of them are predicated on the same thing, namely, on bringing ourselves before God in searing honesty.

In essence, we face the light of God's full judgment every time we pray in real honesty. Genuine prayer brings us into that searing light.

And, in the great prayer traditions, one particular form of prayer, contemplative prayer, is singled out as being most helpful in doing this, that is, prayer without words, without images, the prayer of quiet, centring prayer.

prayer with contemplative prayer; that is, prayer without images, without words, without concentrating on holy thoughts, and without looking for affective, faith-filled feelings in our prayer.

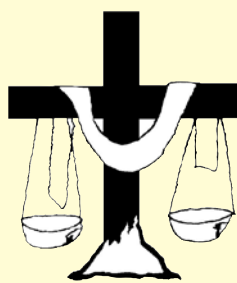
How do we pray in this way? We pray in this way by wordlessly bringing ourselves into God's presence in a way that we hide nothing of ourselves.

Perhaps a description of how this kind of prayer differs

# Can we share our lucky nation?

By P Day, on behalf of the Archdiocese's Social Justice Commission

## Justice



## Matters

The nature of politics these past few years, especially that practised by the two main parties, reminds one of a bitter marriage struggle. So consumed have "mum" and "dad" been by their need to win at all costs, they've forgotten the "children".

This toxic process leaves little room for those who cannot compete. So the children get pushed aside as power and fear leave love and compassion in their wake.

This appears particularly pertinent in regard to those seeking asylum, not to mention those with mental illness and disabilities. Too often their voices are drowned-out by the self-centredness of our political parents.

Such leadership is disappointing because it undermines sensible and reasoned public discourse. We become wedged by emotive opposites: It's left versus right, bleeding hearts versus cold hearts, queue-jumpers versus the desperate, "stop the boats" versus "let them come".

Beneath this canopy of emotion and fear, people tend to become more tribal

and more susceptible to propaganda. Thus, when we are told that our borders and lifestyle are threatened, our natural response is to build a wall to keep the "enemy" out. Before we know it, we find ourselves living in a sort of gated community. Anyone who threatens this way of life, "this tribe of mine", is either refused entry or banished.

Of course, as a nation, we cannot simply say, "Everyone welcome, no matter what." We do need an

orderly migration process. We do have a moral responsibility to bankrupt the people-smuggling trade. We do need to make some tough calls. But we also need to ensure that the response to the "Lazaruses" at our feet is not shaped by silly slogans and small-minded nationalism. And, while some have tried, none of us is in a position to take the moral high ground either.

This is too complex an issue to be hijacked by the self-righteous.

We are mostly a generous nation. We are mostly a fair nation. We are a lucky nation. It behoves us, then, to reflect deeply, and humbly, about our obligations to the "beggars" at our feet. It prompts the question: Can I forgo a little personal comfort in order to comfort someone else?



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# Your guide to all Easter ceremonies

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

**Ardlethan:** Holy Thursday Barellan 7pm, Good Friday Stations of the Cross Ardlethan 10am, ceremonies Ariah Park 3pm, Easter vigil Ardlethan 7pm, Sunday Barellan 8am, Ariah Park 10am.

**Barellan:** Holy Thursday 7pm, Good Friday ecumenical liturgy 2.30pm town centre, Sunday 8am.

**Batemans Bay:** Holy Thursday 7.30pm, Good Friday 3pm, Easter vigil 6pm, Sunday 9am.

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

**Bombala/Delegate:** Easter Sunday Delegate 8am, Bombala 10am

**Boorowa:** Holy Thursday 7.30pm, Good Friday liturgy 3pm, Easter vigil 7.30pm.

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

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

**Campbell:** Holy Thursday 7.30pm, Good Friday ecumenical Stations of the Cross at ACCC 11am, liturgy 3pm, Sunday 5.45am (vigil).

**Central Canberra:** Holy Thursday Dickson 6pm, Good Friday Stations of the Cross Braddon 11am, liturgy Dickson 3pm, Easter vigil Dickson 7pm, Sunday Braddon 8am, Dickson 9.30am.

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

**Charnwood:** Holy Thursday 7.30pm, Good Friday liturgy 3pm, Stations of the Cross 7.30pm, Easter vigil 7.30pm, Sunday 9am.

**Cobargo:** Easter vigil Cobargo 6pm, Sunday Bermagui 7.30am.

**Cooma:** Holy Thursday Cooma 6.30pm, Good Friday Stations of the Cross Cooma 10am, Nimmitabel noon, ecumenical service St John's Anglican Church Adaminaby 3pm, liturgy Cooma 3pm, Easter vigil Cooma 6pm, Nimmitabel 7pm, Sunday Adaminaby 8am, Delegate 8am, Cooma 10am, Bombala 10am.

**Cootamundra:** Holy Thursday 7.30pm, Good Friday Stations of the Cross noon, liturgy and passion play re-enactment 3pm, Easter vigil 7pm, Cootamundra 8am.

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

**Evatt:** Holy Thursday 7pm, Good Friday liturgy 3pm, Easter vigil 7pm, Sunday 10am.

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

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

**Grenfell:** Good Friday liturgy 3pm, Sunday Grenfell 9.30am.

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

**Gundaroo:** Sunday 9am

**Gungahlin:** Holy Thursday 7pm, Good Friday Stations of the Cross 11am, Hall 11am, liturgy 3pm, Easter vigil 7pm, Sunday 8am, 9.30am 5.30pm, Hall 8.30am.

**Harden:** Holy Thursday 5pm, Good Friday ecumenical walk 9.30am, liturgy 3pm, Sunday 10am.

**Kaleen:** Good Friday liturgy 11am, Sunday 8am, 5.30pm.

**Kambah:** Holy Thursday 7.30pm, Good Friday Stations of the Cross 11am, liturgy 3pm, Vietnamese liturgy 7.30pm, Easter vigil 7.30pm, Sunday 8.30am 10am, Vietnamese liturgy 5pm.

**Kippax:** Holy Thursday 7pm, Good Friday Stations of the Cross 10am, litur-

gy 3pm, Easter vigil 7pm, Sunday 8.30am, 10am, no evening Mass.

**Lake Cargelligo:** Holy Thursday 7pm, Good Friday liturgy 3pm, Easter vigil 6pm.

**Michelago:** Easter Vigil 5.30pm

**Moruya:** Holy Thursday 7.30pm, Good Friday Stations of the Cross Sacred Heart Church 9am, liturgy 3pm, Easter vigil 7pm, Sunday 10am, Tuross Head (The Pines) 8am.

**Narooma:** Holy Thursday 5.30pm, Good Friday 3pm, Easter vigil 8pm, Sunday 9.30am.

**Narrabundah:** Holy Thursday 7.30pm, Good Friday Stations of the Cross 10.30am, liturgy 3pm, Easter vigil 7.30pm, Sunday 9am, charismatic 7pm.

**North Woden:** Holy Thursday Curtin 6pm, Good Friday Stations of the Cross Garran 10am, liturgy Curtin 3pm, Easter vigil Curtin 6pm, Sunday Garran 8.30am, Curtin 9.30am and 5.30pm.

**O'Connor:** Holy Thursday 7.30pm, Good Friday Stations of the Cross 11am, liturgy 3pm, Easter vigil 6pm, Sunday 9am.

**Page:** Holy Thursday 7pm, Good Friday Stations of the Cross in the church 11am, liturgy 3pm, Easter vigil 7pm, Sunday 8am and 5.30pm.

**Pambula:** Holy Thursday Pambula 7pm, Good Friday Stations of the Cross Eden, Pambula, Merimbula 11am, liturgy Merimbula 3pm, Easter vigil Eden 7pm, Sunday Pambula 8am, Merimbula 10am.

**Queanbeyan:** Holy Thursday 7.30pm, Good Friday Stations of the Cross St Raphael's 10am, liturgy 3pm, Easter vigil Queanbeyan 6pm, Sunday 9am,

**South Tuggeranong:** Holy Thursday Gowrie 7pm, Good Friday Stations of the Cross St Clare of Assisi School 11am, liturgy Gowrie 3pm, Calwell 3pm, Easter vigil Gowrie 6:30pm, Sunday Gowrie 8am and 10am (no 6pm).

**South Woden (Pearce):** Holy Thursday Pearce 7pm, Good Friday 3pm, Easter vigil 7pm, Sunday 8.30am and 10am.

**Syro-Malabar (Malayalam)** St Peter Chanel, Yarralumla: Holy Thursday 9.30pm, Good Friday Stations of the Cross and liturgy 5.30pm, Easter Saturday 10pm.

**Taralga:** Holy Thursday 7pm, Good Friday liturgy 3pm, Easter vigil 7pm, no Sunday Mass.

**Temora:** Holy Thursday Temora 6pm, Good Friday Stations of the Cross Temora 10am, Barmedman 7.30pm, liturgy Temora 3pm, Easter vigil Temora 6pm, Sunday Barmedman 8am, Temora 10am.

**Traditional Latin Mass, Garran:** Holy Thursday 7pm, Good Friday Stations of the Cross 2pm, liturgy 3pm, Easter vigil 10pm, Sunday 10.30am.

**Tumut:** Holy Thursday 7pm, Good Friday 3pm, Easter vigil 7.30pm, Sunday 6.30am, 10am outdoors, Talbingo 8am.

**Wanniassa:** Holy Thursday 7pm, Good Friday Stations of the Cross 10am, liturgy 3pm, Easter vigil 7pm, Sunday 9am. No Sunday evening Mass.

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

**Weston Creek:** Holy Thursday, Holder 7.30pm; Good Friday Stations of the Cross, Holder 11am; liturgy Waramanga 3pm, Easter vigil, Holder 7.30pm, Sunday, Waramanga 9am.

**West Wyalong Mission:** Holy Thursday Ungarie 5pm, West Wyalong 7pm, Good Friday Rankins Springs 9.30am, Ungarie 12:30pm, West Wyalong 3pm, Burcher 5:30pm; Easter vigil Weethalle 6pm, Sunday Ungarie 8am, West Wyalong 9.30am.

**Yass:** Holy Thursday Yass 7pm, Good Friday Stations of the Cross Gunning 10.30am, ecumenical Stations of the Cross Murrumbateman (All Saints Anglican Church) 10.30am, liturgy Yass 3pm, Easter vigil Yass 6pm, Sunday Gunning 8.30am, Yass 10.15am.

**Young Mission:** Holy Thursday Boorowa and Young 7.30pm, Good Friday liturgy Boorowa, Grenfell and Young 3pm, Easter vigil Boorowa and Young 7.30pm, Sunday Grenfell and Young 9.30am.

## films

**Mr Peabody & Sherman. Voiced by: Ty Burrell, Max Charles, Ariel Winter, Stephen Colbert, Leslie Mann, and Allison Janney. Directed by Rob Minkoff. Twentieth Century Fox. 97 minutes. PG (Mild themes and animated violence). Reviewer: Peter W Sheehan\*.**

This American computer-generated science fiction film is based on segments of the 1960's animated television comedy series, The Rocky and Bullwinkle Show. It depicts the adventures of Mr Peabody (voiced by Ty Burrell), who is a talking dog with an adopted son called Sherman (voiced by Max Charles).

On the first day back at school, Sherman, who is only seven years of age, gets into a fight with a fellow-pupil, Penny Peterson (voiced by Ariel Winter). A cranky school counsellor, Mrs Grunion (Allison Janney), who works for the Bureau of Child Safety and Protection, puts Mr Peabody on notice that Sherman may be taken away from him because of the incident.

## Fun comedy that's timeless

The whole situation is a zany reversal of ordinary expectations. This film is about a caring dog who is father to an adopted boy, and the film explores the values of good parenthood by projecting them from dog to human, and human to dog. It is an intriguing device that works.

Mr Peabody is a dog of unusual achievements. He is a captain of industry, a Nobel Laureate scientist, an Olympic medallist, and a very clever inventor. His most ingenious invention is a time machine, called WABAC, which takes people back to experience events that changed the world. The machine also allows Mr Peabody to interact with people he finds in the past, and it can change what has happened to them.

He invites the Peterson family over to his house to try to mend the quarrel between Sherman and Penny. In the course of the evening, Sherman sneaks away from Penny's parents (voiced by Stephen Colbert and Leslie Mann) to try and impress Penny with his father's time machine. The machine goes back in time to visit a variety of well-known historical figures, such as Leonardo da Vinci, George Washington, Marie Antoinette, Albert Einstein, Mahatma Gandhi,

King Agamemnon, and King Tut. Mr Peabody goes in hot pursuit of the two escapees; with Mr Peabody, Sherman and Penny on board the time machine, WABAC creates a tear in the time dimension of the universe. As a result, the three get caught up in action events that play fast and loose with history.

This is a cartoon comedy that is much more than a film built simply around fantasy action-adventure. The comic sweep into history is inventive. The film's choice of fictional figures in the time machine's return to the past has appeal. Adults will be familiar with figures the film introduces, and there is some witty dialogue that they will enjoy.

The movie fosters curiosity about the past by satirising history and historical figures in a comic way.

Penny and Sherman go for a spin on Leonardo da Vinci's famed flying machine, they get trapped in the Trojan Horse, and everyone puts their mind together to repair the tear in the time continuum. The movie makes effective use of 3D. The quality, sharpness and colour of its animation are excellent, and a talented cast voices its characters well.

The movie is positive in the family values it endorses, and it offers a good opportunity for children to be exposed to history by viewing events that their parents would have learnt about.

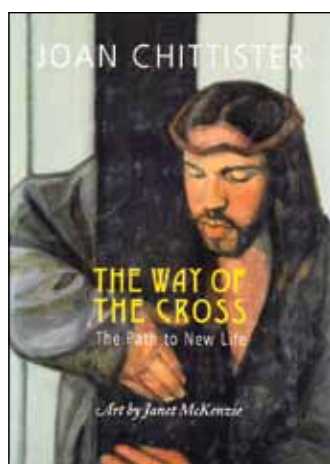


# Ideal meditation for Passion Week

**The Way of the Cross. The Path to New Life** by J Chittister (text) and J McKenzie (art). Orbis Books, 2013, hb, 112 pages, \$34.95. Reviewer: Margaret Ryan.

Each chapter of this marvellous book contains four sections. The Experience: exploration of the significance of Jesus' struggle and failure, fragility and loss, and how these emerge in our lives.

The Call: the spiritual challenge of the moment. Motives and hopes need to be examined honestly; Jesus refused, and we need to refuse, to be less than our spiritual best. There is an invitation to inner growth.



The Model: Jesus is the model of inner strength in any circumstance. We, like him, need to keep firm in our spiritual loyalties, stand up to accusers and betrayers, behave with integrity, despite the cost.

The Rising: we try to follow Jesus, choosing the

best or most life-giving option over the one offering most comfort and security.

I was surprised that Chittister didn't follow the Stations which were reformulated by the Vatican in 1975 and are purely scriptural.

These begin at the Last Supper and end at the Resurrection. However, the Stations in this book follow those available in most churches (with the addition of one on the Resurrection).

Joan Chittister is a Benedictine nun from Erie, Pennsylvania, an author and international speaker.

She directs Benetvision (resource and research centre for contemporary

spirituality), and is past president of the Conference of American Benedictine Prioresses and the Leadership Conference of Women Religious.

Her depth of insights into the traditional Stations, and the application she offers for all our lives, provide challenge and strength for daily living.

Janet McKenzie's stunning illustrations focus on a realistically middle-eastern Jesus, and ignore minor characters.

The book is very prayerful and provides a powerful meditation for Passion Week, or in difficult personal situations.

## God's special gifts just for women

**Wrapped Up: Ten Gifts for Women** by Teresa Tomeo & Cheryl Dickow. Servant Books, 2012, 133 pages, \$21.95. Reviewer: Janet Moyle.

Wrapped up has some connotations, either being hidden or perhaps finished as in "It's a wrap".

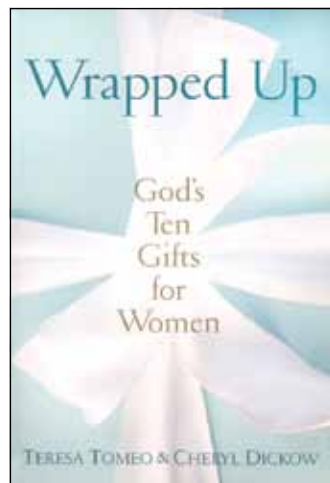
In the latest book by Teresa Tomeo and Cheryl Dickow, however, this wrapping refers to the gifts of God, specifically to women.

Both these women are published authors and broadcasters of programs with EWTN in the US. They have often collaborated.

In this book, they write alternate chapters to focus on their chosen gifts which they neatly link with biblical women and with some contemporary research. Both are passionate and committed to their message which I'll paraphrase thus.

"God is in charge. God loves me for myself. My task is to do his will as well as I can."

Along the way the pair recounts personal experiences to make their points. The "gifts" are not the same as the gifts of the Holy Spirit which are familiar to us. The gifts they list have



been refined in talks and religious programs. Clearly this book is the outcome of these sessions. There is a

mix of pop psychology, mom wisdom, some peculiarly American political engagement as well as some laugh-out-loud humour. For example, I was amused by the observation that much of our prayer of petition involves telling God what to do and later telling God what I'm going to do!

The writers, among the gifts, address suffering, letting go, forgiveness, prioritising and, my favourite, a joyful attitude.

This is a pleasant enough little read if you happen to come across a copy.

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## films

### SHORTS

**Endless Love.** Starring Alex Pettifer, Gabriella Wilde, Bruce Greenwood, Joely Richardson, Rhys Wakefield, Robert Patrick. Directed by Shana Feste. 106 minutes. M (infrequent coarse language).

A new time and a new version of Endless Love, quite different from the novel. Unlike so many films about teenagers emerging from the US, this advocates genuine feelings and wants to foster mutual respect in love and in families.

**Michael Kohlhaas.** Starring Mads Mikkelsen, Delphine Chailot, Melusien Mayance, Swann Arlaud, Bruno Ganz, and Denis Lavant. Directed by Arnaud des Pallieres. Rialto Distribution. 117 minutes. MA 15+ Restricted. (Strong sex scene).

Subtitled, French-German film that tells the story of a horse dealer in the 16th century who takes a desperate situation into his own hands and seeks justice through violence. A quality movie, that is visually interesting, deeply absorbing and morally fascinating.

**Out of the Furnace.** Starring Christian Bale, Woody Harrelson, Casey Affleck, Sam Shepard, Forest Whitaker, Tom Bower, Willem Dafoe. Directed by Scott Cooper. 106 minutes. M (Strong violence, coarse language and drug use).

Many will find this film too grim, its outlook too bleak, its violence too confronting. Film buffs who appreciate well-made films, no matter how depressing their presentation, will recommend other buffs see it. A film to be admired, the dirty mirror, reflecting the downside of 21st-century American society.

**The Monuments Men.** Starring George Clooney, Matt Damon, Bill Murray, John Goodman, and Cate Blanchett. Directed by George Clooney. Twentieth-Century Fox. 118 minutes. M (Violence).

American-German war movie based on a true story about a US special unit formed to search for and retrieve stolen art so that it may be returned to its rightful owners. Characters grapple with the violence of war, while taking time out to express their profound appreciation of fine art.

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**FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY** – Sunday, 27 April, Clement's Monastery, Galong. 2 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, then Confession, Divine Mercy chaplet, 3pm Mass, afternoon tea. Inquiries: Gus or Ellen, telephone 6385 5225.

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## Lunch and more

Archbishop Christopher Prowse's visit to Lake Cargelligo was short but sweet for students of St Francis Xavier Primary School. The Archbishop journeyed out to the Lake as part of his planned visits to all of the Archdiocese's schools and parishes. He and parish priest Fr Mayne Murphy (both pictured with the students) enjoyed lunch at the school.

"The Archbishop was here for only a short time but during that time met many parishioners, met all the staff and spoke to our students," principal Jacinta Elwin said.

"He presented all our students with a small gift, a book of prayers and presented the school leaders with a statue of St Christopher and a couple of books for our library."

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## Stories for boys

Sts Peter and Paul Primary in Garran came up with a novel (pardon the pun) way of encouraging boys to read and write stories, with a Roasting, Boasting & Toasting father and son night. As this picture (above) shows, it was a night of fun competition between the boys, both young and young-at-heart, as they took each other on at cup stacking, a table-tennis ball challenge, pasta threading, balloon-tower building, and spaghetti and marshmallow construction.

## From near and far

"Lucky-door prizes went to some very excited boys, winning signed copies of our author-in-residence Susan Berran's hilarious books," coordinating teacher Andrea De Carvalho said.



## Wombat walk

"Don't worry, it won't be unbearable." That is the assurance from the organisers of the Church-to-Church Charity Walk in Wombat on 6 April.

What is usually a 100m walk from the St Columbanus Catholic church (above) to St Matthew's Anglican church will be transformed, in the geographical equivalent to a loaves-and-fishes conversion, into a 10.4km or 2.8km course – whichever you think you can bear.

The reference to the bear is drawn from St Columbanus' miraculous taming of a bear in the 5th century.

The money raised will be used to help preserve the historic churches. Entry is adults \$25, under-16s \$15 and families \$50, and registration is at St Columbanus church between 9am and 9.45am.

## From the heart

Sabrina DeSouza's dedicated anniversary choir (pictured below), formed from parish choirs to celebrate the Archdiocese's 150th year in song, won hearts and ears during its encore performance in Narooma.

Rosemary Towers wrote in to sing its praises on behalf of those who attended: "The acoustics of Our Lady Star of the Sea church welcomed and warmed the voices as one hymn blended into the next. The harmonies in particular caught attention and made hearts lift."

She went on to say the true gift to the audience "was not just a performance that celebrated 150

years of faith but the joy and inspiration that flows from a choir which sings from the heart".

## Mother knows

The stories of how priests and sisters came to heed their calling are varied and fascinating.

Sr Maria Assunta, a Mercy sister from Goulburn, can pinpoint the moment she felt "a tap on the shoulder" in the late 1950s, and apparently that was a bigger surprise to her than it was to her mother.

At age 19, as Dympna Roberts, the oldest of 11 children, she came home in a "crabby mood" from a day at St John's, where she worked as a nursing aide, to find her mother sweeping while saying the rosary. "I'm praying God will send us a religious vocation," her mother explained. "Well, forget about me and concentrate on the others," was Dympna's huffy response. She became a novice soon after.







ABOVE LEFT: Kinder's Jaidyn Azzopardi-Webb, Indi Sheather, Montana Nocen and Jayden Stark, from St Francis of Assisi, Calwell. LEFT: Maeve Wolf (bottom) and Sophie Edwards take their marks with the rest of the backstroke field at the Calwell carnival.



TOP: Matilda Thomas from St Patrick's in Cooma. ABOVE: Cooma's Molly Janota and Jasmin Statham-Smith (front). LEFT: Darcy Brennan, Molly Baron, Monique Fisher, Jasmine Boxsell, Charlotte Ovenden, Cassie Brennan and Jessy-Ray Shoveller from St Mary's, Batlow.



It has been the season for swimming carnivals around the Archdiocese. Here are some of the students who made a splash in term 1.



ABOVE RIGHT: Age winners in Batlow. RIGHT: Delilha Cross, Lauren Whittaker, Lucy Bowman, Molly Kelly, Zoe Richardson and Xavier Thompson from St Joseph's, Boorowa.



LEFT: Underwater action in the novelty events at the Lumen Christi College carnival in Pambula. ABOVE LEFT: Primary swimmers from Lumen Christi's Gudu House. ABOVE: Riley Williams from Hennessy College in Young. RIGHT: Hennessy's Ellie Rutter.

