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A cause for silent reflection

The stories told by victims to the public hearing in Canberra of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse gave everyone in the Archdiocese and beyond cause for profound and silent reflection.

Speaking at the end of the hearings, Archbishop Christopher Prowse said: "Please God, the royal commission will eventually see us all, in attitudes and structures, move towards a future whereby the evil darkness of child sexual abuse will find no place in the light of our shared humanity."

"Surely the heroes of the last two weeks have been the victims. With immense courage they have placed their incredibly sad stories truthfully before us."

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They are seeking justice for actions by church personnel. These victims deserve our utmost respect and hopes for healing. We pray for them."

The royal commission examined the way in which the Marist Brothers responded to child sexual abuse carried out by two teaching brothers from the early 1960s through to the late 1980s.

It looked into how the Marist Brothers, including schools operated by it, responded to allegations against Br John Chute, also known as Brother Kostka, and former Br Gregory Sutton.

In a letter to parishioners before the hearings opened, Archbishop Prowse said "the scourge of sexual abuse in any form, but especially by Church leaders, is one of the great scandals of our times."

"These criminal acts are a cause of deep shame and humiliation for the Catholic Church. I offer my sincere apology to any victim."

He offered a prayer of the faithful for use in parishes during the hearings.

The prayer said: As the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse conducts hearings in Canberra, we pray for all victims, especially those giving evidence. May the Holy Spirit heal the minds and hearts of victims. May we all work towards a world free from this terrible scourge.

• The Catholic Church's Truth, Justice and Healing Council website is at www.tjhcouncil.org.au

Archdiocese looks to an 'exchange of gifts'

While he was Bishop of Sale, Archbishop Christopher Prowse brokered what he calls an "exchange of gifts" with the Diocese of Otukpo in Nigeria.

Inspired by the presence of Nigerian Sisters of the Nativity in the Sale diocese, he visited the African country in 2010 with a view to formalising a link between two areas that obviously had a lot to share with each other.

What he saw in Nigeria was a young church, established less than 100 years ago, with congregations and potential seminarians bursting through the seams of a limited infrastructure.

The result of that visit was an agreement between Archbishop Prowse and Bishop Michael Ekwoki Apochi, of Otukpo, that two Nigerian priests would take up positions in the Sale diocese in exchange for infrastructure resources.

Of six candidates presented to him, Archbishop Prowse chose the youngest and the most senior – two men with "the most wonderful missionary hearts".

Fr Joseph Abutu, ordained six years ago, is now assistant priest at Cranbourne and Fr Francis Otobo, a priest for more than a dozen years, is administrator of Morwell and Churchill parishes.

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"Wonderful missionary hearts" ... Archbishop Prowse at home with Fr Francis Otobo, Bishop Michael Ekwoki Apochi and Fr Joseph Abutu.



Our Church, both local and universal

Church and its global concerns are our only concerns. As a result, we could say that local parish life is of little concern. This would be wrong. It is both in the local and universal dimensions that the Catholic Church expresses herself.

The Pope really helps both these dimensions to come together in Jesus. We call him our "Holy Father". As a father, he draws all these various dimensions of our shared Catholic life together in Christ, the Good Shepherd.

What a big Catholic family we all belong to! In her local and universal dimensions let us often pray for our beloved Catholic Church. During the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse in Australia, we are acutely aware of the Catholic Church's failings. They shame and humiliate us. They also help us to convert our attitudes and ecclesial structures. Although consisting of frail and fractured humanity in need of the Lord's mercy, we do still call the Church HOLY. This is because Jesus Christ, the Holy One of God, lives and dwells within her.

Archbishop Christopher Prowse

and tertiary levels. These, and so many others, are unified and coordinated under the Bishop's servant leadership.

Recently I have attended various conferences. They demonstrate that Catholics are also a part of a bigger panorama which forms a communion of service under Christ. I attended the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference in Sydney. Here more than 40 Bishops attended. They represent each diocese in Australia and the various eparchies representing Catholic migrants from all around the world. We wrote a letter to His Holiness, Pope Francis, offering our solidarity in prayer and service.

Immediately after Sydney, the Australian bishops joined bishops from Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands, New Zealand and the thousands of Islands of the

South Pacific. Again we sent greetings to the Holy Father. At this conference we listened carefully to the pastoral concerns of Catholic people in the whole of Oceania. There is such a big gap between the pastoral concerns of the more affluent nations and those who are poor nations. In brief, the issues of countries like Australia and New Zealand are largely of the "meaning" of life issues. For the poorer nations, more basic issues dealing with food, shelter, education and health are generally the priorities.

These conferences demonstrate to me that Catholics share their faith life on both the local and the universal levels. We must not think that Catholic life is simply my own parish and the rest is superfluous. At the same time, we must not think either that the universal Catholic

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Health chief changes path

After more than six years as chief executive officer of Catholic Health Australia, Martin Laverty has been appointed to head the Royal Flying Doctor Service of Australia.

"Martin has advanced the Church's mission by improving the financial sustainability of the aged care system, for the benefit of older Australians and aged care providers alike," CHA stewardship board chair Rowena McNally said.

Mr Laverty cited his role in making 2011's national Church apology to those adversely impacted by past adoption practices as the most challenging but important undertaking of his six years.

Eddies' head on the move

CANBERRA: Principal of St Edmund's College Peter Fullagar has been appointed to St Joseph's Nudgee College, Brisbane. He will take up the position at the historic college at the start of the 2015 school year.

Founded in 1891, Nudgee College is a Catholic day and boarding school for boys conducted by Edmund Rice Education Australia. Mr Fullagar is a former college dean at St Joseph's College, Gregory Terrace, and former deputy principal at Iona College. He is an active member of the St Christopher's Cathedral parish.

Celibacy door 'open'

VATICAN CITY (VIS): The door is "always open" on the question of priestly celibacy, Pope Francis told journalists on a flight home from his visit to the Holy Land. "Catholic Church has married priests – Greek Catholics, Coptic Catholics, those of oriental rites," he said. "Celibacy is not a question of dogma, but rather a rule of life that I greatly appreciate, as I believe it is a gift for the Church. But, since it is not a dogma of faith, the door is always open."

New bishop's call to youth

Rockhampton's newly-ordained Bishop Michael McCarthy has invited young people to answer the call to religious life. "We need you to help us folk in the faith," the 10th bishop of Rockhampton told a packed congregation at his episcopal ordination Mass. He was ordained by Brisbane Archbishop Mark Coleridge in a Mass concelebrated by eight Queensland bishops and a large number of priests.

Pope closes the circle

JERUSALEM (CNA/EWTN News): A Jewish Rabbi and historian has lauded Pope Francis' visit to the tomb of an important Jewish personality, describing him as the most accommodating Pope history has seen.

Pope Francis has taken "certainly the most friendly, proactive, accommodating position of any Pope probably in history" toward the Jewish people, Rabbi Ken Spiro said. The fact that the Pope had "gone somewhere such as Herzl's tomb is kind of like closing a circle", he said. Theodore Herzl was a Jewish journalist and writer credited as the father of modern political Zionism.

Ex-judge to head council

CANBERRA: Former judge of the Supreme Court of Western Australia and HIH Royal Commissioner Neville Owen is the new chair of the Catholic Church's Truth Justice and Healing Council.

The council coordinates the Catholic Church's engagement with the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse and is developing the Church's child protection and survivors' assistance reform agenda.

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New secondary model for Yass on cards

Archbishop Christopher Prowse has proposed a new model of year 7 to 12 Catholic secondary education at Yass be considered.

In a letter to parishioners last month, he reaffirmed the current year 7 to 10 component of Mt Carmel School will close at the end of the 2014 school year.

"My office will work in with the school to ensure that current year 6-10 students are offered alternative Catholic education," he said.

"I propose to establish a joint Yass Secondary Catholic School – Catholic Education Office working group to advance discussion on the proposal for a new model of Year 7-12 Catholic secondary school at Yass in the future.

"I believe much progress has been made in advancing towards a possible future Year 7-12 secondary component of Mt Carmel School.

"I thank those talented and passionate members of the steering group for all their work to date. It is a new model for a 'new' Yass community. We need to work together in the coming years to realise this dream prudently."

In a letter to parishioners of St Augustine's parish, Yass, he said:

"It is well over two months now since it was announced that the secondary component of Mt Carmel School will close at the end of the 2014 school year.

"Despite very healthy numbers in the Mt Carmel Primary School, declining enrolments in the adjacent (Years 7-10) secondary component of the school forced

this decision. Alternative Catholic secondary education pathways outside Yass were offered for all students.

"This news shocked many of you in the wonderful Yass community.

"Since this time the whole matter has been vigorously debated. Some of my key staff and myself have participated in many meetings with the secondary component of Mt Carmel School community and friends.

"I have been pleased to observe a growing willingness towards a respectful and informed dialogue on this matter. Nothing is lost if such healthy dialogue grows.

"I wish to thank most sincerely the many who have written to me from the Yass community expressing their heartfelt sentiments of a school deeply loved. I have learnt much from their kind correspondence. Thank you again.

"From all I have received, I have learnt a deeper truth regarding Catholic secondary education in Yass, not at all apparent over two months ago. Namely, there is a deep desire for a Year 7-12 Catholic secondary school in the Yass region, rather than simply a Year 7-10 model operative in Yass since 1993 when the Mercy Sisters left the school. The demographics in the Yass region are growing quite dynamically. There is also a felt displeasure in accessing educational services from Canberra.

"To pursue this strong and deep educational desire for a new model, a talented group was formed as the Yass steering committee. To assist them, I offered a list

of benchmarks which I consider foundational if a Catholic secondary school was to be seriously considered.

"In recent days I have met representatives of the Yass steering committee with my key staff to consider whether these benchmarks can be met.

"Thankfully, much progress has been made on a business plan. But much work still needs to be done.

"Two major areas of concern are evident immediately.

"Firstly, there is the area of the Catholic educational vision presented. The steering committee is looking for an 'independent Catholic school'. What does this mean?

"Independent' – from what? If this means a Catholic school in the Catholic Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn independent (ie, separate) from my Catholic Education Office and my Catholic Education Commission – then such a school is not possible.

"Catholics are a big 'family'! The bishop exercises his educational role by unifying the 14 secondary schools and the 42 primary schools of this Archdiocese under his pastoral care. Most of these schools are closely linked to our parishes. My key offices work with me to achieve this role and ensure our schools are Catholic not simply in name but are given every resource and opportunity to be Catholic in their very 'soul'. It is a ministry of service.

"As a result, I cannot endorse this new model as proposed at present.

"This includes use of the name Mt Carmel College as it implies that it is a Catholic

school. Also, use of school property and uniforms would not be appropriate as it would send out a confusing message.

"Secondly, considerable progress has been made on various financial and administrative matters, including staffing arrangements, enrolment projections and marketing strategies.

"However, more detail is required regarding precise financial arrangements with the NSW State Government, Socio-Economic Status (SES) score, loadings, capital expenditure on facilities, the impact on the existing school of new arrangements, and so on.

"In conclusion, I believe much progress has been made in advancing towards a possible future Year 7-12 secondary component of Mt Carmel School. I thank those talented and passionate members of the steering group for all their work to date. It is a new model for a 'new' Yass community. We need to work together in the coming years to realise this dream prudently.

"What about the present?

"I wish to reaffirm that the current Year 7-10 secondary component of Mt Carmel School will close at the end of the 2014 school year.

"My office will work in with the school to ensure that current Year 6-10 students are offered alternative Catholic education.

"I propose to establish a joint Yass Secondary Catholic School – Catholic Education Office working group to advance discussion on the proposal for a new model of Year 7-12 Catholic Secondary School at Yass in the future."

Retreat offers an overflow of peace

An archdiocesan retreat with the title Overflow will be held at St Clement's Monastery, Galong, next month.

The purpose of the retreat, which will be held on the weekend of 29-31 August, is for participants to get away, unwind and relax amid the monastery's beautiful surroundings.



There will be times of prayer, opportunities for silence and offerings of inspiring talks to allow Jesus to fill

participants to overflowing with his presence and love. Frances Tilly, a pastoral associate in the parishes of Our

Lady of the Way, North Sydney, will guide participants. She is a trained leader in the Ignatian spiritual exercises and a spiritual director.

She also works beyond the parish in retreats and spiritual direction, and as a member of the national Jesuit Province team which presents introduction programs on Ignatian spirituality and mission and the spiritual exercises.

Mgr Kevin Barry-Cotter will be spiritual director for the retreat.

For further information, contact CatholicLIFE, telephone 6163 4300 or email info@catholiclife.org.au.

Be close to refugees says Pope

VATICAN CITY (VIS): – Pope Francis has prayed for refugees, reminding people that Jesus was one.

Speaking about World Day for Refugees, he said the number of people who become refugees was increasing.

"Millions of refugee families from many countries, of every religious faith, live through dramatic and painful events from which it is difficult for them to recover and heal," he said.

"Let us be close to them, sharing their fears and uncertainty for the future, and alleviating their suffering in a concrete way.

"We think that Jesus was a refugee, who had to flee for His life, with St. Joseph and the Virgin. He went to Egypt as a refugee."

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Honour for aged care advocate

One of Australia's leading aged care advocates for more than 20 years Canberran Richard Gray was made a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) in the Queen's Birthday honours.

Mr Gray, who joined Catholic Health Australia in 1996 as director of aged care services, was honoured for significant service to the community through policy direction and reform in the not-for-profit aged care and disability service sectors.

"Richard has been a familiar face around the halls of Parliament House for more than two decades," Catholic Health Australia stewardship board chair Rowena McNally said. "He has been a very effective advocate for Catholic and not-for-profit aged care services under an astonishing 14 Commonwealth aged care ministers.

"Few people in aged care advocacy, if any, boast a résumé that would rival Richard's."

Mr Gray has served on countless advisory and consultative committees, including serving a full term as a board member of the Commonwealth Aged Care Standards and Accreditation Agency. He served for many years on the Commonwealth Aged Care Minister's Aged Care Advisory Committee. Before joining CHA, Mr Gray was the inaugural executive director of what is today Aged and Community Services Australia, establishing its Canberra presence.



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Novena of Masses for the 2014 Feast of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

7th-15th July, 2014

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Monday 7th July-Friday 11th July Masses at 11.00am

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By Fiona van der Plaats

For experienced performers Vivien Arnold and her husband Lindsay Roe, staging a concert or play is not just about the music and drama.

As passionate as they are about both, they have had additional motives for devoting large chunks of the past 30-odd years to compiling, directing and performing choral and theatrical productions through their community-based Kaleidoscope company.

"The first agenda might be to sing and act and have a good time, but our second agenda has always been to raise money for charity," Ms Arnold said.

These days most of the proceeds from the modestly priced ticket sales go to HOME in Queanbeyan.

Then there is a "spiritual" agenda. Sacred choral concerts are the company's stock in trade, reflecting Ms Arnold's background as, among other things, director of choral music at St Christopher's Cathedral in Manuka.

Dramas with spiritual themes, and always a healthy musical component, are also part of the company's repertoire.

"We like to tackle the spiritual aspects of life. I believe that people are essentially spiritual beings and like to look at that side of things," Ms Arnold said.

"As we get older, and with both of us becoming oblates (with the Benedictines at Jamberoo), we've become more aware of our spiritual journeys."

Not that anybody in the company, which rehearses and often performs at the Uniting Church in Queanbeyan, needs to be ageing, Catholic or even a believer in God.

Its inclusive nature is the very reason it is called Kaleidoscope. Ms Arnold, who writes and composes much of the material, describes it as "an ad hoc company of bright people coming together for specific projects".

Although the group has a core of regulars, its make-up can vary between projects.

Occasionally a professional soloist or actor is engaged to headline a performance, but otherwise the casting is an open field.



Inclusive ... Vivien Arnold and Lindsay Roe go through a script with their granddaughter Elska Smith and dog Toby.

Benefits are many as these performers go for a song

There is no age limit, as evident in its recent performances of Arthur Miller's challenging pilgrim play *The Crucible*, featuring an 80-year-old and Ms Arnold and Mr Roe's 10-year-old granddaughter from Melbourne, Elska Smith. And to prove that the group is not governed by convention, Ms Arnold points out that the Christ figure in its next production will be played by an Asian person.

The production, to be staged in November, is Ms Arnold's own "modernised version of a medieval miracle play", called *Job Pilgrim*.

"It's a dramatised oratorio, a big choral work," she said, meaning the group will be on the hunt for more men, both tenors (like Mr Roe) and basses, to swell the sound. The couple would also like to see an injection of

young blood to keep the company ticking. At 69, Ms Arnold says she can see herself directing proceedings for perhaps five more years, but then it will be someone else's turn.

"I'll always love it but I just don't have the oomph and pep that I used to have."

For information about Kaleidoscope, call Ms Arnold on 6166 0187.

Pilot program gets youth tick of approval

A pilot youth program in Yass has provided the makings of a template for other parishes in the Archdiocese to work from.

Archdiocesan youth ministry project officer Joshua Goldsbrough says the development of the St Augustine's Youth Group (SAYG) over the past year has raised and answered many questions about how to establish and maintain a vibrant program for young people in a parish.

Mr Goldsbrough has been working with the Yass group since July last year, after parents approached the Archdiocese for help with formation of their youth activities.

The St Augustine's parish employs him to spend the equivalent of a day a week developing a collaborative approach to youth ministry.

Mr Goldsbrough, and often a volunteer youth leader from the Archdiocese, joins the group every second Saturday, attending Mass before the group of about 20 meets in the parish hall for dinner, discussion, prayer and other activities such as sports or games.



Interesting questions ... Joshua Goldsbrough has been helping Yass parish to develop a vibrant youth program.

He has adapted a Christian youth formation program called Youth Alpha for SAYG's use, running short interactive forums to engage the group members.

The results of a survey late last year led to some tweaking that changed the balance between the social activities and the formation side of the group.

"Some of the older kids thought the activities were a bit too focused

on the younger ones, so this is a good way to get them involved," Mr Goldsbrough said.

"The students come up with some phenomenal questions during the sessions. One of the girls asked how we can know what actually happened in the Garden of Gethsemane, given they all fell asleep.

"That's when I say, 'Hmm, that's an interesting question - let's go and research it.'"

He calls on what he has learnt from his theology studies at Australian Catholic University, adapting the tone of the theory to suit the younger ones.

The pilot program was to run until June but has now been extended until the end of the year. "It took us six months to find our feet and to work out how we wanted it to run, so this gives us a good year to see how it's going."

So far, so good, it seems. "The idea was to put together a solid program, which is what this has become, and then we can use that to help us when we look at what other parishes might want," Mr Goldsbrough said.

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Centre makes the days count for those with illness

Michael Phillips was already addicted to the “warm feeling of helping people” before his volunteer work in palliative care became even more personal.

Speaking at the official opening of the Covenant Care at Holy Trinity day activity centre in Curtin, Mr Phillips, a volunteer at the centre since it opened late last year, said it was a case of “fact being stranger than fiction” when his brother, Peter, became a client.

Peter, who has been diagnosed with brain tumours, is often among the dozen people with life-limiting illness who spend time at the centre on Fridays, taking part in activities, therapies and relaxation while their families and carers enjoy a few hours of respite.

The parish at Holy Trinity Church in North Woden is the first in the Archdiocese to host such a program for Palliative Care ACT, opening its hall to the patients and their carers, building a shed for storage and providing many of the initial volunteers.

Trained volunteers make up most of the staff, along with a professional activ-

ities officer and a registered nurse employed by Southern Cross Care.

The Southern Cross Club provides hot meals every week.

Covenant Care, which has run a similar program out of the Holy Covenant Anglican Church in Jamison on Mondays for more than a year, dubs the weekly sessions at the centre “days with a difference”.

The difference Peter Phillips enjoys most is the change of scenery from his room at the nursing home up the road, but he also values the chance to spend time with people in a similar situation to his.

“I like playing the games here, mainly the bingo,” he said, adding with a sly grin that “I win because I cheat”.

MLA Mary Porter officially opened the centre on behalf of Chief Minister and ACT Health Minister Katy Gallagher, telling the people who use it that it was “an opportunity to put life into your days rather than putting days into your life”.

Archbishop Christopher Prowse, who joined Anglican Bishop Stuart Robinson as a guest speaker at the opening, praised the program for its ecumenical and inter-



ABOVE: Days with a difference ... Covenant Care at Holy Trinity volunteers Lesley Ratcliff and Michael Phillips with client Peter Phillips (centre) at the official opening of the centre.

RIGHT: Dignity ... Oldest client Dorothy Bates cuts the cake at the official opening of the centre.

disciplinary nature, and because it “focuses on a group of people ... at a most fragile time of life”.

He said the dignity of people at the end of their lives “must never be sullied by all the different forces acting on them”.

Another volunteer, Lesley Ratcliff, said it had taken time to find the volunteer work she was suited to after she retired, but she was inspired by the knowledge and generosity of the people she worked with at Covenant Care. “To



provide a happy few hours for such people fills me with happiness and I hope our clients enjoy it as much as I do,” she said.

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What do you call this?

The noodles were sticky and the garlic in the stir fry was burnt. The juliennes of carrot could have been more uniform and the "plating", a pile in a bowl with a straggly sprig of coriander posing as a garnish, left much to be desired.

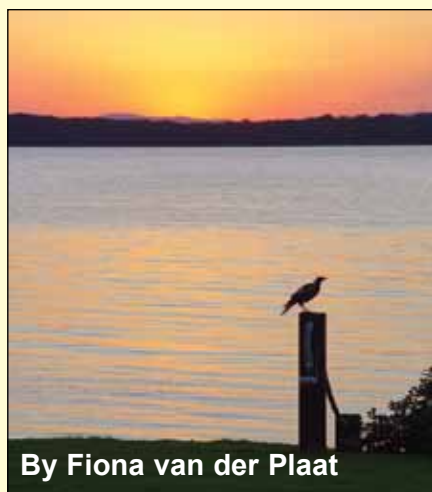
If I was serving up that family dinner on My MasterKitchen Rules, or one of those tear-streaked cooking melodramas, the feedback from the stern-faced judge would be: "There is no love in this dish."

Because that's what cooking is all about, isn't it? If you can't be bothered to sous vide your salmon or temper your chocolate, you obviously have little regard for your dining guests.

As for the "crispy chicken wraps" you made for the kids the other night out of bought chicken nuggets and packet tortillas – well, that must be parental rejection of the highest order.

Never mind that the kids loved them and thought it was the next best thing to a McDonald's outing. You took short cuts, and probably

In My Day



By Fiona van der Plaats

even folded the wraps in random ways, so you obviously don't care about them.

Can they really be serious? What exactly constitutes love in a dish?

I would like to think my family know I still love them, even when dinner is eggs (not the perfectly poached, pearly on the outside, runny in the middle kind, either) on toast.

I've never doubted my husband's love for me if the rice in his signature risotto is a little gluggy

or the steaks are a minute past medium-rare.

And I'm sure my friends would much prefer me to over-brown the lasagne while enjoying a pre-dinner drink with them, rather than hide away in the kitchen deboning squab to go with my foie gras-stuffed dates.

Surely cooking with love is all about the intention, not the execution. There's a wonderful scene in that classic Aussie film The Castle, where the doting Darryl Kerrigan marvels over his wife's basic roast dinner.

"Woo hoo," he says, without a trace of irony. "What do you call this?" "Chicken," says his blushing wife. "And it's got something sprinkled on it?" "Seasoning." "Seasoning! Looks like everybody's kicked a goal."

Now that's love in cooking.

• 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

Archdiocese looks to 'exchange of gifts'

• From Front Page

At Archbishop Prowse's invitation, the two visited the Archdiocese, along with Bishop Apochi, who spent a month with his missionaries in Australia.

They spoke of how warmly they have been accepted in their parishes and about how much they are learning in a very different pastoral environment.

For one, they now have more time to act, rather than react, in their pastoral responsibilities and to build relationships with parishioners.

"Over there, priests are busy by demand," Fr Abutu said. "Here, you are busy by design."

Whereas he was required to "lead from the front" in Nigeria, where there were many new Catholics, his time in Australia has taught him to lead "not by walking in front, but by walking with people".

Fr Otobo said his most valuable lesson centred on "respect for individuals". "You learn how to let people speak out about what is in their hearts."

One thing they are less likely to find in their Australian congregations, according to Bishop Apochi, are men who have converted to Catholicism, bringing with them the multiple wives they were allowed to take under the traditional African religion and customs. Indeed, Fr Otobo's own father had five wives.

Archbishop Prowse said he could see opportunities for similar "exchanges of gifts" in this archdiocese.

"Of course, it needs to happen naturally," he said. "It can't be a one-way thing."

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Cardboard the key to night in the cold

Australian Public Service Commissioner Stephen Sedgwick, a four-time veteran of the Vinnies CEO Sleepout, was happy to share some tips with first-timers Catherine Rey and Cherie Kelly on how to make cardboard their friend.

As the overnight temperature nosedived towards freezing, his advice to the two Catholic school principals at this year's event was to put as much cardboard as possible between them and the ground.

Mrs Kelly, principal of St Bede's in Red Hill, figured she and Mrs Rey, principal of St John Paul College, would be able to put their "teacher creativity" to work on the art of folding their allocated three pieces of cardboard for maximum warmth and shelter.

The women were among 100 business and community leaders who huddled in the courtyard at the National Film and Sound Archive overnight, warmed only by the cardboard, a sleeping bag and one cup of tinned soup with a bread roll.

The sounds of the street, including sirens and traffic, were piped into the venue, providing a realistic backdrop for the participants, many of whom spent the night using social media to drum up more funds for fighting homelessness.



Teacher creativity ... Archdiocesan school principals Cherie Kelly and Catherine Rey warm to the idea of a long, cold night in the open.

The money raised in Canberra was heading towards \$400,000 by the end of the night and donations will continue to be accepted until 31 August.

Both Mrs Kelly and Mrs Rey were inspired to take part by members of their school communities who had thrown their support behind the cause, including Lollypotz director Louise Curtis and St John Paul College school community council chair Keith Cantlie.

Mr Sedgwick admitted experience did not make the sleepout any easier, especially since at nearly 65 "the old bones get a bit cold".

But, even though it was only "play acting", it gave people in positions of privilege a small taste of what homeless people go through.

• Donations can be made at www.ceosleepout.org.au.

Golden years for Campbell parish

Campbell parish timed one of the major celebrations of its golden jubilee year to coincide with the feast of patron saint Thomas More.

The weekend of events included the St Thomas More Forum annual dinner, at which Apostolic Nuncio Archbishop Paul Gallagher spoke on Thomas More: Piety and Politics.

The following day, Bishop Pat Power, a Campbell resident for the past 17 years, celebrated Mass for parishioners, old and new, before they gathered in the school hall to share morning tea and memories.

"As we celebrate 50 years of the parish, I am conscious that the Catholic Church has been present in Campbell somewhat longer than that," Bishop Power said.

"St Anne's Convent was opened in 1957 and St Thomas More's School in 1961. Alan Foskett's history of Campbell shows the suburb's origins going back even further."

Pointing out that "it is people who make a parish community what it really is", he mentioned people who have played an important part in the parish. First among them was Mgr John Hoare, the parish's foundation priest.

"John loved to recount his early days in Campbell when he used to live in what he referred to as a broom cupboard in the school," Bishop Power said.

"John was always a real people's person with a wonderful personal touch. He knew people by name, knew their stories and shared with them in the joys and upheavals of their lives."

Bishop John Aloysius Morgan, known as Bishop Alo, was the first parish priest. "And even though he assumed many other roles within the life of the Church and the defence forces, he always retained a deep affection for Campbell and its people."

Bishop Power also acknowledged the role of military chaplains have played in the life of the parish, the dedication of many long-term parishioners, and the vibrancy of the parish school and the St Thomas More Forum. He ended with words of encouragement from Pope Francis on parishes. "The parish is not an outdated institution; precisely because it possesses great flexibility, it can assume quite different contours depending on the openness and missionary creativity of the pastor and the community."



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As he retires as editor of the Catholic Voice after 20 years, Geoff Orchison reluctantly agreed to break one of his own rules and allow himself to be featured in the paper. He talks to Fiona van der Plaats.

If newspapers weren't in Geoff Orchison's blood, they were definitely in his bones.

One of Australia's longest-serving editors of Catholic publications grew up in the same building in which his father Ken worked as a newspaper production manager in Port Elizabeth, South Africa.

Lying in bed on the third floor, he would feel the rumble of the printer in the basement in the early hours of the morning as it began churning out the two daily newspapers or the Sunday publication Ken oversaw.

"My father used to be able to go to sleep once he heard it going," Mr Orchison said.

By 16, he was reporting for one of the newspapers himself, following his oldest brother Keith into the newsroom. The second of the three brothers, Derrick, resisted the lure of the printing press.

There was little doubt Mr Orchison would end up working with words anyway, given his obsession with reading. "It was a standing joke in my family that I would read the Cornflakes packet if there was nothing else around to read when I sat down to breakfast."

The fact he would end up as the stalwart of a Catholic publication is not surprising, either.

His faith has always been an integral part of his life. His mother Maureen was a practising Catholic and his father later

The face behind the Voice

became one, and he was educated in Catholic schools.

He is not ashamed to admit that his early commitment to the church was driven mainly by camaraderie with his fellow altar servers – his brother, cousin and friends – and an interest in some of the girls who went to Mass. "I became quite religious at that time."

But at the same time the seeds of a lifelong relationship with God were sown. That relationship has underpinned his 20 years of service to the Archdiocese, editing the multi-award-winning Catholic Voice. "It's been the best 20 years of my working life, being able to combine something I have expertise in with something I care deeply about," Mr Orchison said.

Until he moved office a few years ago, a note remained stuck to his computer monitor, reminding him of the mission he set himself from the start: "To tell the

good news to ordinary people in ordinary language."

"I used to talk to God about it all the time because the truth is it's not my newspaper, it's God's," he said.

At the same time, he has been careful not to use the paper as simply a preaching tool.

"One of the reasons this paper is well thought of is because it has never aimed only to preach to people but is there to reflect the joys, and sometimes sufferings, of our people."

Even though the job has afforded him the chance to meet "celebrities", such as Pope Benedict XVI, it is the "ordinary people", including the inspiring students and teachers he has met during his many visits to schools, who have made it worthwhile, he says.

It is also the fact he knows he is writing for non-Catholics too.

Marist students prove they are good sports

Paratriathlon world champion Jonathan Goerlach was giving out the medals, rather than receiving them, when he helped to celebrate the achievements of young people with disabilities through an innovative inclusion program run by Marist College students.

Mr Goerlach, whose sport will make its Paralympic debut in Rio in 2016, presented medals to participants in Engage Sports, a service devised by two Marist students, Paul Carton and Same Jeacle, in 2012.

The program gives children with a disability the chance to play sport while interacting with students in years 7 to 12.

Originally designed for primary and secondary students from Malkara and The Woden School, the program has expanded into the community, with young adults and their carers now taking part in a weekly afternoon of fun.

Jennifer Adams, whose son has participated in Engage Sports for two years,



Good sports ... Corena Harrison, from ACT Boccia, demonstrates the finer points of her sport to Marist students Patrick Rosser, Patrick Hartwell and Brendan Edwards.

said the Marist students had showed "amazing initiative and patience" in taking him from barely being able to roll a ball to running, kicking and throwing.

Older students in the program also receive coaching in seated boccia, a bowls-related sport similar to bocce, by ACT Boccia Association member Corena Harrison.



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"I guess that it is one of the things that has kept me here so long ... Catholic Voice has a real role to play in a community that's not only Catholic.

"These days we probably explain some basics in stories that we mightn't have in the past. There's not so much Catholic jargon, and that makes it more accessible for non-Catholics."

The ability to cater to a local yet diverse readership was a skill Mr Orchison learnt during his years in Port Elizabeth and, after he and his parents moved to Australia in 1972, as a journalist and editor on local papers in Moss Vale, Beaudesert, Grafton and Bundaberg.

He had worked as a sub-editor on the Melbourne Sun, written for trade magazines and the Melbourne Archdiocese's Advocate newspaper, and been a press secretary to a Victorian government minister.

But he and his wife, Sue, who he married in 1978, chose to forgo city wages for smaller communities, including setting up a coffee shop in Mittagong and an art gallery in Beaudesert while he edited the local newspapers.

Never motivated by money, the couple and their three children moved to Canberra so Mr Orchison could take up the job he is astonished to realise he has been doing for 20 years. For five of those, he also served as president and vice-president of the Australasian Catholic Press Association.

At 62, he figures it is time to enjoy more of his life outside work.

He and Sue, an iconographer who also works for the Archdiocese and the Apostolic Nunciature, have a small property outside Murrumburrah, where Mr



Orchison hopes to spend more than just his weekends "digging holes, planting trees and patting the dog". He also has his involvement in both Kambah and Murrumburrah parishes – which has always been important to him both personally and professionally – three grand-

children, his love of cricket and his membership of the St Vincent de Paul Society Kambah conference to keep him busy. The likelihood is he won't have much time to miss the job he will always treasure as "one of those rare jobs where people are invariably happy to see you".

ABOVE: "Best 20 years of my working life" ... Geoff Orchison is hoping to spend more time on his Murrumburrah property with dog Rocco.

Volunteering's fun with a little help from your friends

If a dedicated group of workers with Vinnies' St Joseph the Carpenter youth program is anything to go by, peer-group inspiration, rather than pressure, plays a starring role in signing up young volunteers.

Programs such as St Joe's, which provides respite and recreation for vulnerable children, and Vinnies' St Nicholas (St Nick's) respite for young carers depend on a healthy pool of young volunteers to run their camps, activities and other support.

So, given the number of other things they could be doing with their time, what impels them to spend a lot of it volunteering with programs such as these?

Six members of the St Joe's team all credit friends with influencing their decision to volunteer with the program.

And it seems friends continue to have an influence, since most said the bonds they have formed with their fellow volunteers, and often with the children they support, are among their greatest rewards.

All six of the volunteers, five university students and a medical science graduate, started volunteering in some form as

students at either St Clare's or Marist colleges.

Some, particularly those who were exposed to the Vinnies programs at school, found they were hooked enough to keep up their commitment after graduating.

Kate Barton, for instance, caught the St Joe's bug at St Clare's. "We had a Vinnies group there and I went on my first camp in 2010. I fell in love with it all straight away.

"I remember saying goodbye to everyone at the end of that camp and seeing how sad they were that they had to go. It made you realise that giving them that respite is very important."

The 20-year-old is now a youth representative on the society's board, which takes up even more of her time. But she believes it is worth it.

The progression to St Joe's was not quite as straightforward for Sean Crowley, 22, and Riley Bartholomew, 20, neither of whom were part of the program at school even though they did other volunteer work.

Friends inspired Mr Crowley to sign up with St Joe's while at uni and he believes his volunteer work, including learning



Friends ... St Joe's volunteers (holding ACT Volunteering awards for St Joe's last year and St Nick's this year), from left, Steven Cuzzillo, Nick Weir, Narita Prieto, Sean Crowley, Riley Bartholomew and Kate Barton.

first-aid and leadership skills, has helped him with his career decisions and with his current work in medical science at Calvary John James Hospital.

Mr Bartholomew saw how much enjoyment his friends Steven Cuzzillo, 21, and Nick Weir, 21, found in their work at St Joe's and joined in the fun.

"The camps are a great chance to get away with friends ... And I like seeing the kids grow and become leaders of the group," he said.

Mr Cuzzillo, meanwhile, has joined colleague Narita Prieto, 21, in taking on the job of spreading the volunteering message to schools.

"We're trying to get new volunteers in at a young age, but to get them in for the right reasons – not just for a badge. We want them to be passionate about it and to show them they're not necessarily just doing it for others but can get something out of it for themselves," Mr Cuzzillo said.



Bon appetit ... Carroll College's Eden McKibbin (front) and Kirean Carriage try out their ratatouille.

Gallic, garlic - tastes great

What says winter warmth in French more than a steaming bowl of the traditional family favourite ratatouille? Students of French at Carroll College Broulee let their food do the talking as they immersed themselves in the culinary culture of the country whose language they are studying by cooking up a very Gallic mix of vegetables stewed in tomatoes, served with a crusty bread roll.

The college's French teacher Sonia Jones was happy to share the recipe.

Ratatouille

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1/2 eggplant, diced (keep skin and seeds)
- 2 carrots, peeled and sliced
- 2 zucchinis, sliced
- 1 red capsicum, deseeded and cut in thin slices (not too thin)
- 2 cloves garlic, peeled and chopped
- 1 onion, peeled and chopped
- 2 tablespoons tomato paste
- 1 can of chopped tomatoes
- 1 or 2 bay leaves
- 1 tsp mixed or Italian herbs
- 1 to 1 1/2 cups of cold water
- Salt and pepper
- Pinch of sugar

Method

1. Place the olive oil, onion and carrot in a saucepan on medium heat.
2. Once the onions are transparent, add tomato paste and stir.
3. Add the eggplant and the tomatoes. Stir. Add a pinch of sugar.
4. Add the zucchinis, capsicum, garlic, bay leaves and herbs.
5. Add about 1 cup of water and salt and pepper.
6. Cover and simmer for about 1 hour (or as long as you are able to). You might need to add more water during the cooking. Check that there is enough liquid, otherwise it might burn. The result should not be too runny or too thick.



Language of food ... Carroll College French students (from left) Jessica Glover, Kathryn Hogan and Jessica Campbell prepare vegetables for their ratatouille.

Food for the soul - and the tummy

It's that time of year when many of us hanker for the warmth of the oven and a tummy full of satisfying winter fare. So, appropriately, students studying hospitality and languages from the Archdiocese's Catholic colleges have been busy producing hearty dishes to warm the cockles while learning valuable lessons about the preparation of food, its cultural and environmental impact, and the hospitality industry.

They were happy to share some of their recipes, including pot pies, poached pears, warm quiche and the French favourite ratatouille.



ABOVE: Skills ... Lumen Christi year 11 hospitality student Tahlia Le Strange prepares ingredients for her warm winter quiche and salad (pictured below).

Give quiche a chance

As part of their certificate 2 in commercial cookery, year 11 hospitality students at Lumen Christi Catholic College Pambula have studied the theory of hygiene and safety before learning some basic kitchen skills and about important precision cuts.

Their practical module this term has focused on preparing appetisers and salads, including learning some interesting recipes and catering for several functions.

One of the recipes is this quiche, which teacher Kelly Evans describes as a classic warm winter dish that can be easily adapted to include a variety of ingredients from the fridge



and pantry. It can also be served cold, making it a good lunchbox option.

The students have even made bite-size versions that have been a hit at functions.

Warm winter quiche and salad

- 6 eggs
- 300ml thickened cream
- 100g semi-dried tomatoes, sliced in halves
- 1 onion, finely sliced
- 2 rashers of bacon, diced

- 1 cup grated cheese
- 100g frozen spinach
- 1 fresh tomatoes
- 2 sheets of shortcrust pastry

Method

1. Preheat oven to 180C and layer both sheets of pastry into a quiche dish so they overlap each other. Blind bake the pastry for approximately 10 minutes
2. Fry bacon and onion in a pan until onion is golden and bacon is cooked.
3. In a large mixing bowl place eggs, cream, semi-dried tomatoes, spinach, bacon, and onion, and mix until well combined.
4. Pour quiche mixture into pastry case and top with grated cheese. Layer with fresh slices of tomato and cook for 40 minutes or until golden brown.
5. Serve with garden salad.



Pot pies, pears, perfection

Students at St Francis Xavier College Florey study hospitality to examine "the interaction of the industry with society and the environment as well as its economic value and potential to create future employment".

But, as they say, the proof of the pudding is in the eating, as some of the college's year 11 hospitality students showed when they produced these mouth-watering pot pies and pears.

The recipes were provided by St Francis Xavier's food and fabric coordinator Simone Murphy.

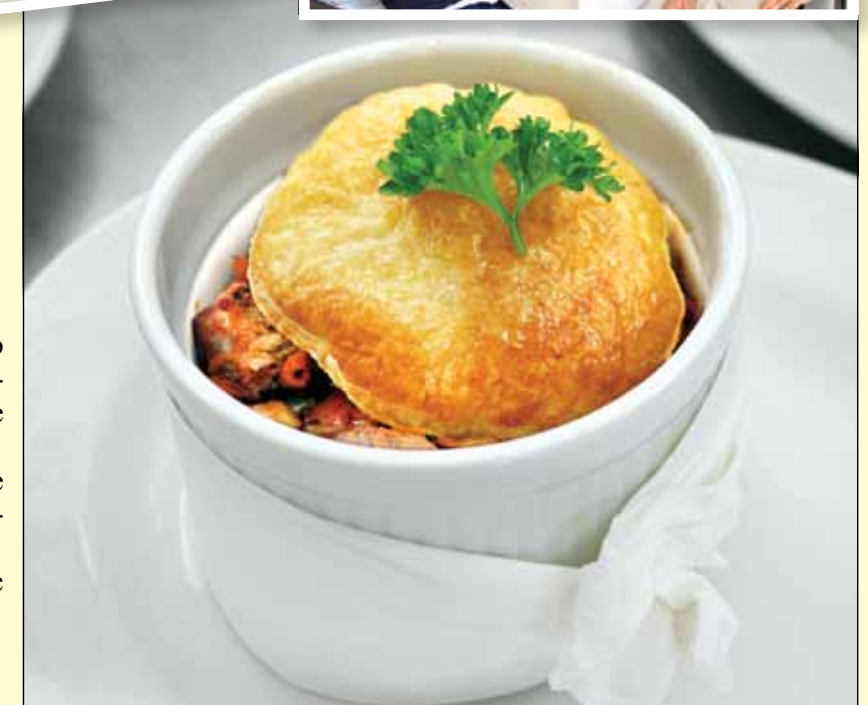
Individual beef pot pies

(Quantities are for an individual pie)

- 100g rump steak
- 1/2 rasher bacon
- 1/4 sheet puff pastry
- 1/4 cup beef stock
- 1/2 carrot, grated
- 1/4 cup finely chopped onion
- 2 finely chopped mushroom
- Crushed garlic to taste
- 1 tablespoon tomato paste
- 1 teaspoon butter or oil
- Pinch of dried Italian herbs or paprika, if desired

Method

1. Preheat oven 190C.
2. Cut steak into small cubes and dice bacon.
3. Saute onion and garlic in butter or oil. Add meat and brown.
4. Add vegetables, tomato paste and stock and stir until combined. Bring to the boil and reduce heat to simmer for 10 minutes.
5. Cool mixture slightly.
6. Place pastry on board and cut a circle the size of the ramekin or dish you are using for the pot pie.
7. Spoon mixture into a heatproof ramekin or dish (do not overfill). Cover with pastry circle and brush with egg wash.
8. Place on baking tray and bake until golden brown, 15-20 minutes.
9. Serve with salad or vegetables.



TOP RIGHT: Puffed with pride ... St Francis Xavier year 11 hospitality students (from left) Amy Mahl, Ashleigh Rodden, Nicole Murtagh, Chelsea Rolls prepare to tuck in to their beef pot pies.

TOP LEFT: Poached pears in spiced brown sugar syrup.

ABOVE: Individual beef pot pie.

Poached pears in spiced brown sugar syrup

- 1 vanilla bean, halved lengthways
- 2 cinnamon sticks
- 1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 2 cups firmly packed brown sugar
- 4 firm packham or beurre bosc pears, peeled (see tip)
- Double cream or ice-cream, to serve

Method

1. Place 4 cups cold water, vanilla, cinnamon, nutmeg and sugar in a saucepan over medium-high heat. Bring to the boil. Reduce heat to medium-low.
2. Add pears. Cook, partially covered and turning occasionally, for 18 to 20 minutes or until just tender. Remove from heat. Allow to cool in syrup, turning occasionally. Using a slotted spoon, transfer pears to a plate.
3. Return syrup to medium-high heat. Bring to the boil and boil for 10 minutes or until liquid is reduced by a third.
4. Serve pears with syrup and cream or ice-cream.

Goulburn finds fair way to help Connor

The people of Goulburn have rallied behind 16-year-old Connor Fitzsimmons, who has spent much of his time in Sydney Children's Hospital and Ronald McDonald House since being diagnosed with an aggressive form of leukaemia late last year.

And the success of a benefit golf day held to raise money for Connor's medical bills and living expenses demonstrated the extent of the community's commitment to helping the teenager.

Connor, who also has Down syndrome, was not able to attend the event at the Goulburn Golf Club but his father Kerry, a long-time parishioner in Goulburn, said his son was aware of the support he was receiving and the family was more than grateful.

The golf day attracted 160 players of all abilities who contributed \$5000 to the cause and were fuelled by the bounties from the barbecue of the Make-a-Wish Foundation's Goulburn branch.

The organisers, Mandy McColl, Bert Leggett, Tony Fry and Sue and Michael Deegan, said they were "blown away" by



the size of the field, the generosity of the long list of prize donors, and the extraordinary largesse demonstrated later in

the evening at an auction that raised a further \$17,000.

The community has raised about \$45,000 for Connor so far.

Clubbing together ... Kerry Fitzsimmons (far left) with the organisers of the golf day for his son Connor, (second from left to right) Tony Fry, Bert Leggett, Mandy McColl, and Sue and Michael Deegan.



Peace ... Vinnies' Ozanam Cottage in Narooma has been a holiday haven for families for more than 14 years.

Little cottage is haven of peace by the coast

In the 14-odd years the Narooma conference of the St Vincent de Paul Society has been lending out Ozanam Cottage for coastal holidays, the word that has appeared most in its guest book is "peace".

"We have a very broad strata of people who use it, a mixture of old and young, families and others," conference member Max Murray said.

"And one of the comments that comes through all the time is 'we have found peace here'."

It's a good sign the house is doing its job as a haven for people who could otherwise not afford a holiday.

The holiday tenants are referred from Vinnies conferences throughout the Archdiocese.

The conferences often arrange food and travel for them as well.

Mr Murray credits Ozanam Cottage to a member, Phil Wall, who also came up with the idea of naming it after St Vincent de Paul Society founder Frederic Ozanam.

The property was donated to the society by the unnamed owners of a collection of units in the Magnolia Park development.

Mr Murray managed the refurbishment of the house. "We pretty much gutted the place ... We ripped out the cupboards and bathroom and set about replacing it all. We also repainted the place."

He estimates that Vinnies spent about \$500 on the refurbishment – "and that's probably an exag-

geration". Most of the costs and materials were covered by local businesses, many of which have continued to help with the maintenance of the cottage.

One of the most significant contributors to the cottage's success has been a neighbour who "quietly helps with the cottage and the families staying".

The neighbour, who prefers not to be named, prepares the place for the arrival of guests, including providing milk and biscuits, mows the lawn and generally ensures the guests are comfortable.

"He even takes the kids fishing," Mr Murray said.

Many of the children who stay in the cottage have never seen the ocean, let alone fished in it.

This is one of the reasons the cottage brings so much joy to both the tenants and the volunteers who keep it running, including cleaning, repairing, washing linen, transporting guests and responding to calls for help.

"There is a lot of satisfaction in the conference about what we are doing," Mr Murray said.

As for the guests, their comments say it all:

"This little cottage is so full of love and joy and it has been a very healing time"; "We are looking forward to picking up the pieces and going on with life now since our stay here was just God's doing"; and "For a stressed-out family, this was truly a godsend."

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Deb helps to keep parishes one step ahead

By Fiona van der Plaats

Deb Foote never steps inside a parish office uninvited. She just happens to be invited a lot.

That is because the former parish secretary knows even more now than she did a couple of years ago, when she began work as the Archdiocese's parish support manager. And that knowledge is eagerly sought by most parish offices.

As one of the parish secretaries who managed to find her way around the PACS (Parish Administration and Communication System) database and software package that was released into the Archdiocese in late 2008, Mrs Foote was originally asked to help others work it out.

The role was formalised when archdiocesan financial administrator Helen Delahunty decided someone was needed "to support parishes on how to use the package fully, transparently and accountably".

"It's certainly been a learning process for me as well," said Mrs Foote, the first point of

contact for parish secretaries, priests and others who need guidance and advice on any of the administrative aspects of running a parish.

To that end, her job has evolved to require expertise in areas such as copyright, employment issues, workplace health and safety, public liability insurance, GST and contract administration, and working with vulnerable people.

Mrs Foote runs training days in the deaneries every year and holds an archdiocesan parish secretary day in September, bringing them together as a community.

She also talks to parish finance councils, sends out periodic newsletters with up-to-date information and pointers and makes a point of visiting as many parishes as she can, including offering full audits on request with the help of Ms Delahunty and archdiocesan finance manager Martin Gibson.

She especially enjoys working with the rural parishes. "We always like them to know they



Learning process ... Deb Foote (left) offers some advice to parish secretary Jacquie Cortese at the Watson parish office.

are not alone, that they don't have to do things on their own and that they are an important part of our diocese."

At the same time, Mrs Foote is aware of never imposing herself on parishes. "I only ever go to a parish on request ... We always respect that the parish priest is the head of the parish and the one with the authority, so we only ever take an advising role."

One of her main roles is to help parishes meet their financial reporting, accounting and administrative obligations to the Archdiocese, while recognising that "each parish is unique and has its own way of working".

Almost by default, she often finds herself in something of a counselling role. "Sometimes, they just want to talk. A lot of parish secretaries in our diocese

work in isolation and sometimes they just need that.

"You might get a call from them about a particular thing they want you to help them with and once you get there you find that what they really need more than anything is to talk – which is a good thing. They know whatever they say is said in confidence."

Students show they can walk the talk

Merici College students showed what it means to "walk the talk" when it comes to building relationships between indigenous and non-indigenous Australians by holding a Reconciliation Week event featuring art, poetry and a symbolic walk.

The college's indigenous students' group, known as the Narragunnawali Mob, led a Walk the Talk ceremony to demonstrate that reconciliation is about action, not just words.

"To walk the talk means that we live out in practical ways our desire to build bridges, to be agents of healing and peace, and to personally take responsibility to be understanding to other cultures," indigenous contact officer Catherine Ransom said.

The ceremony began at the flag poles in the college's Indigenous Garden, where students Kiah Marshall, Shaenice Allen and Angelita Tipungwati proudly presented their Walk the Talk canvas art painting to the school community.

Shaenice went on to give the Welcome to Country in her traditional language.

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ABOVE: Action through art ... Merici students Kiah Marshall, Shaenice Allen and Angelita Tipungwati with their Walk the Talk canvas art painting.

Kiah then joined fellow students Layla Phillips and Zali Marshall in reciting a poem called A Song of Hope, written by Kath Walker.

They then invited students to walk around the school oval with both Aboriginal and Australian symbols to highlight the coming together of all Australians in reconciliation.

At the end of the walk, Narragunnawali students added their hand prints to the canvas painting and other participants received a ribbon bracelet or pin in the Aboriginal colours.

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'Golden gift' ready for new move

By Fiona van der Plaats

Fr Francis Kolencherry has a battered old breviary that he calls his "golden gift" from the Archdiocese.

It was given to him by the then Vicar General Mgr John Hoare when Fr Kolencherry arrived in Canberra 8½ years ago.

It was old when he received it but its value to him has only grown over the years and it will be the first thing he packs when he moves to Melbourne in mid-July to dedicate himself to his role as Vicar General of Syro-Malabar's new Australian Eparchy of St Thomas the Apostle.

That, and strong support from the Australian bishops and people, will be something to hold on to as he steps out into a brave new world. As the right-hand man for the first Eparch, Bishop Bosco Puthur, Fr Kolencherry will be building – literally, in many ways – a diocese from the ground up.

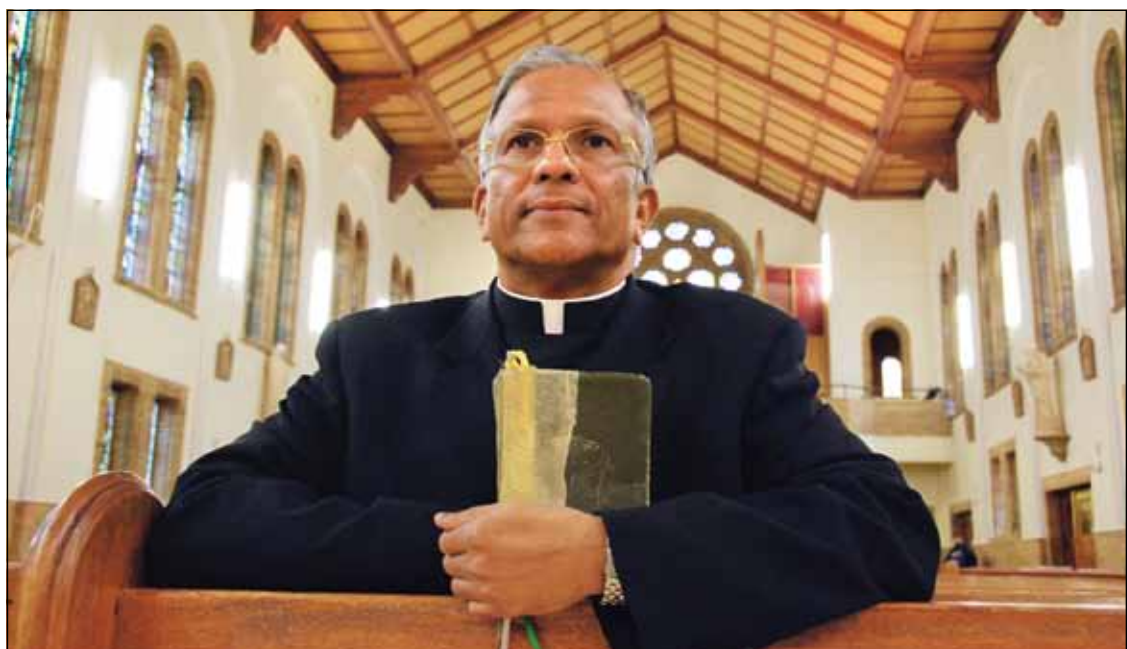
He will move into the eparchy's three-bedroom house on a 6ha block in Mickleham and, starting with a no-balance account, will need to build a cathedral and chancery and to establish the canonical structure.

At first he was daunted. "I thought how will I start from scratch? I didn't even have a chair to sit on."

But he drew inspiration from Mother Teresa, who he had opportunities to work with in India, where he was the director of Catholic charities at diocesan and national level.

She walked out of her comfortable convent with only five rupees and two saris to her name so she could work among the poor. "What she did was trust in providence," Fr Kolencherry said.

His other guiding light is a passage from the Gospel of Matthew: "Set your hearts on his kingdom first, and on God's saving justice, and all these other things will be given you as well."



New mission ... Fr Francis Kolencherry, with his treasured breviary, in St Christopher's Cathedral.

Fr Kolencherry, who turns 60 in late July, will also go into it with confidence gained from rising to the challenge Archbishop Mark Coleridge set him seven years ago, when he appointed him administrator of St Christopher's Cathedral.

At that stage, he had been in Australia for only 18 months, looking after what was a very small Syro-Malabar community in this Archdiocese. The community has now grown from eight to 250 families.

He had spent that time in Goulburn and is grateful for the encouragement he received from parish priest Fr Tony Percy.

He also has a great fondness for former Archbishop Francis Carroll, who won his respect from the start by picking him up from the airport when he arrived in Australia and introducing himself as simply Fr Francis.

It was not until after Fr Varghese Vavolil told him that he realised his chauffeur was the Archbishop.

Archbishop Coleridge, meanwhile, is "like a brother" to him. Fr Kolencherry believes he has repaid the Archbishop's faith in him through the extensive upgrading he has overseen in the cathedral and in his work with the parish, including establishing a strong volunteer base.

He says he has enjoyed a good working relationship with the parish pastoral council and finance committee, and with the parishioners in general.

One of the major successes of his pastoral ministry at St Christopher's, he says, is the thriving youth program, which has grown from "one boy and one girl" in 2008 to a regular group of up to 60 young adults who attend the Thursday night Adoration.

Archbishop Christopher Prowse, with whom Fr Kolencherry has had only a short relationship, has supported and helped him with a smooth relocation.

Having at first been unsure about moving to Australia from his post in mid-town New York (where he moved immediately after the World Trade Centre attacks), because he knew little about it, he is glad he did.

He became a citizen three years ago and will miss the quiet and "healthy nature" of Canberra. He says he will probably move back to his home area of Kerala in India, where his two sisters and brother and their families live, one day but that probably won't be till he retires.

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Our children are never really our own

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Margaret Laurence's novel, *A Jest of God*, tells the story of two sisters:

One of them, Rachel, single still and childless at mid-life, is a gifted, elementary school teacher. The other is a stay-at-home-mother, dedicating herself full-time to caring for her children.

As the years go by and Rachel finds herself still without children of her own, her frustration grows.

She works with children all day, every day, but they are not her children. They come into her classroom, learn from her, pass through her life, but then move on to other classrooms and to a life away from her. She suffers deeply from this transience, this lack of possession. Most everything inside her screams for children of her own, children who will not simply pass through her life.

One day she shares this frustration with her sister, confessing how painful it is to have children pass through your life, a different group

every year, and never have any that are really your own.

Her sister is less than fully sympathetic. She tells Rachel, in effect, that it is no different being a parent. Your children also pass through your life and move on to their own lives, away from you.

Our children are surrounded always by a love, a concern, an anxiety, and an invitation to awaken to love, that far exceeds anything we can offer

They also are never really your children, someone you possess. Children are never really yours, irrespective of whether you are their natural parent, their foster parent, or their teacher. They have their own lives, lives that you do not own. There are some important truths in that: Children are never really our own. They are given us, in

trust, for a time, a short time in fact, during which we are asked to be their parents, their "teachers", their mentors, their pastors, their uncles, their aunts, their guardians, but they are not, in the end, our children. Their lives belong to them, and to God. That's both challenging

and consoling to realise.

The challenge is more obvious: If we accept this then we are less likely to be manipulative as parents, teachers and guardians. We are less likely to see a child as a satellite in our own orbit or as someone whose life must be shaped according to our image and likeness. Rather, if we accept

that they are their own persons, we will be able to offer our love, support and guidance with less strings attached.

The consolation is not as obvious, but is my main point here: If we accept that our children are really not our own, then we will also realise that we are not alone in raising them. How so?

Our children are not ours, they are God's children. In the end, we are only their guardians, all of us. God is the real parent and God's love, care and anxiety for them will always be in excess of our own. You are never a single parent, even if you are doing the parenting alone. God is alongside, loving, caring, cajoling, worrying, trying to instil values, trying to awaken love, worrying about what company they are keeping, concerned about what they are watching on the internet, and spending the same sleepless nights that you are. God's worry exceeds our own.

Moreover, God has the power to touch the heart of a child and break through to a child in a way that you, as a parent, often cannot. Your children can refuse to listen to you, turn their backs on you, reject your values, and walk away from everything you stand for; but there is always still another parent, God, from whom they cannot walk away.

God can reach into places, including hell itself, into which

we cannot reach. God is always there, with a love more patient and solicitousness more fierce than our own. From that we can draw courage and consolation. Our children are surrounded always by a love, a concern, an anxiety, and an invitation to awaken to love, that far exceeds anything we can offer. God is the real parent and has powers we don't have.

This is particularly important and consoling if we have lost a child tragically, to an accident that might have been prevented, to suicide, to drugs or alcohol, or to a set of friends and a lifestyle that ended up killing them and, as a parent or guardian, you are left feeling guilty and second-guessing: Why did I fail so badly in this? How much am I to blame for this failure?

Again, it is helpful to remind ourselves that we were, and are, not the only parents here and when this child died, however tragic the circumstances, he or she was received by hands far gentler than our own, was embraced by an understanding far deeper than our own, and was welcomed into the arms of a parent more loving than we. Our child left our foster care and our inadequacy to provide everything, to live with a mother and a father who can give him or her the protection, guidance and joy that we could never quite fully provide.

A life devoted to faith and family

Cornelius Hendrikus Maria Van Rooy
13 June 1925 - 4 April 2014

Cornelius Hendrikus Maria Van Rooy was born in Batavia (now Jakarta), Indonesia to Willem and Wilhelmina Van Rooy, the second child of three boys including Willem and Theo. His earliest memory was in Aceh, North Sumatra, where his father was posted as a veterinarian by the Dutch government. He lived in Indonesia for his first 21 years, including three as a prisoner of war during the Japanese occupation.

In 1946, he returned to the Netherlands with his parents and brother Wim to start a new life. In 1950, he was admitted to the degree of Masters in Dutch and Indonesian law from the prestigious Leiden University.

He met Maria (Mieke) Antoinette Knaben, his loving and devoted wife of 62 years in 1946, and they married in 1951.

In 2012, Mr Van Rooy wrote: "As there was only little money to get together once a month in Haarlem (where I lived) or in Nijmegen (where Mieke lived), from October to May (Dutch winter) I took the train to visit Mieke in Nijmegen. After June I rode my bike to Nijmegen (120 km east of Leiden, Haarlem) to visit Mieke. Of course, in the summer months from July to August I did it more often."

In 1951, they made Australia their new home. Mr Van Rooy arrived first in June

and was followed by Mieke on 24 November, the day of their marriage. They were married at St Brendan's Catholic Church at Moorooka, Brisbane on a 30C day – a warm welcome for Mieke who had left behind a cold Dutch winter.

Kees and Mieke raised five children all equally proud of their Dutch culture and language Alexander, Wilhelmina, Louise, Sabina and Clare, along with four grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and their families.

As a devoted Catholic, Mr Van Rooy shared his faith with Mieke and obtained strength and family support to help countless others through his work with organisations such as St Vincent de Paul Society and Lifeline.

He began working in Brisbane in July 1951 as a wharf labourer, then as a driveway attendant, because the Australian government did not recognise his university degrees.

They went on to live in Winton, Goondiwindi, Parkes, where the family received their Australian naturalisation, Murwillumbah and Goulburn, where Mr Van Rooy was a senior accountant at the Southern Tablelands County Council. In June 1964, the family moved to Canberra where they have lived ever since.

During Mr Van Rooy's time in Goulburn, he, along with Bill Bolton, Ken Jordan and Brian Keating, was part



dren. Alexander attended Daramalan College while the four girls attended Holy Rosary School and Merici College. Mr Van Rooy with a group of parents and the Dominican sisters organised the painting of the inside and outside of the Watson school. The Van Rooy's continued to have a strong relationship with the Dominican Sisters and Fathers at Holy Rosary Parish Watson until they moved to Calvary Retirement Community in 2007.

Mr Van Rooy worked as the accountant and secretary of the ACT Catholic Education and the Canberra Catholic Schools Building Fund (as it was then known).

During his time as a parishioner at Holy Rosary he became an acolyte in 1981 and continued in this ministry at Calvary Retirement Community until the final months of his life.

When Mr Van Rooy joined the Commonwealth Public Service he worked in the Treasury Office in Barton. He was a member of the National Disaster Organisation (1974) and worked alongside Major-General Alan Stratton after Cyclone Tracey struck Darwin. His family did not see him often during those heady days as he came home only to pick up fresh clothes.

of the historic strike for state aid for Catholic schools.

From 1964 onwards, he was involved with Mieke in supporting the Catholic education of their children.

In 1978, he was asked by the then Director of the Department of Treasury to deliver to the Little Community of Mary Sisters the government cheque for the establishment of Calvary Hospital in Bruce.

He was a founding member of Lifeline Canberra in the late 1960s and spent many weekends in the early days taking part in professional development courses and working with members from other Christian churches to establish the phone service.

In 1980, he joined the St Vincent de Paul Society and over 24 years he went from volunteer to president, with many jobs in between.

In retirement, he and Mieke became involved in the Meals on Wheels program in North Canberra.

He retired from the public service in 1985 and took up studies at the Australian National University specialising in languages and politics.

Rotary was another one of his great interests because of its international humanitarian and social justice outreach. He was a member of Rotary Canberra North for 40 years and just before his death received life membership.

In the presence of Mieke and their five children he passed away peacefully at Calvary Retirement Community Bruce.

A Mass of Thanksgiving was celebrated at St John the Apostle Church, Kippax, with Indonesian priest and friend Fr Alfin Buraralele MSC principal celebrant.

He was welcomed into the church with an Indonesian blessing and Fr Buraralele shared with those present Mr Van Rooy's love of his home country Indonesia and its people.

(An extract from an obituary provided by the family).

All the glamour but no Grace

Grace of Monaco. Starring Nicole Kidman, Tim Roth, Frank Langella, Paz Vega, Andre Penvern, and Roger Ashton-Griffiths. Directed by Olivier Dahan. Hopscotch Films. 103 minutes. PG (Mild themes, sexual reference and infrequent coarse language). Reviewer: Peter W Sheehan*.

This American-French production depicts the life of Grace Kelly, the famous American actress who died in 1982 at the age of 53, following a car crash in France (which the movie chooses not to show).

It focuses on her personal identity struggles, and her marriage problems with Prince Rainier III of Monaco. The film tells its audience well before the cameras start rolling that it is “a fictional account inspired by real events”.

Grace Kelly (played in the movie by Nicole Kidman) was an icon of Hollywood, who at the peak of her professional career and with an Academy Award behind her for *Country Girl* (1954), retired from acting at the age of 26 to marry Prince Rainier III (played in the movie by Tim Roth).

She was a favourite of Alfred Hitchcock (played in the film by Roger Ashton-Griffiths) for whom she made three highly successful movies.

Rainier came to America in late 1955 “to find a wife” and he and Kelly were married in Monaco’s St Nicholas Catholic Cathedral in 1956 where she became Princess Consort of Monaco.

The pomp and ritual of the marriage ceremony soon gave way to friction. America and Hitchcock wanted Kelly back, and she was tempted.

Symptomatic of the growing tension between the couple, Prince Rainier forbade that any publicity about Kelly’s decision get out of control, and, subsequent events when it did, made Kelly deeply unhappy.

Controversy rages over the accuracy of this film, with members of the current Monaco royal family distancing themselves from endorsing it. In their opinion, the movie is glamorised fiction and not genuine biography.



Glamorous... Grace, Princess of Monaco (Nicole Kidman), in a scene from *Grace of Monaco*.

The main thesis of the movie, however, reflects some reality. Grace Kelly longed to return to Hollywood to make more movies, which was not the wish of her husband.

In the film, the conflict between them is played out in the context of a dispute between Prince Rainier and President Charles de Gaulle (Andre Penvern) about the tax laws that existed in France at the time. Rainier wanted to maintain Monaco as a tax haven, and President de Gaulle opposed him.

Kelly turns around the political heart of the French president at a grand ball where she tearfully defends the needs of the people of Monaco.

Paz Vega plays the role of the opera singer, Maria Callas, who befriends Kelly in her final decision to stand by her husband, and support him publicly.

Kidman plays Grace Kelly by pulling out all the stops on glamour, but surprisingly little else.

There is a physical similarity between Kelly and Kidman, but Kidman does not attempt to impersonate Kelly

in detail, as she did so well in her role as Virginia Woolf in *The Hours* (2002).

Her voice is different to Kelly’s, and her mannerisms are not the same. She does not give an impersonation of the depth that Meryl Streep gave us in *The Iron Lady* (2011).

Kidman captures Grace Kelly’s glamour, but we needed to know much more about who she was, than how she looked.

The drama of the conflict between Rainier and Kelly is portrayed superficially by Roth and Kidman, and the film chooses to stay at the edge of their personal conflict.

This film presents Grace Kelly in an idealised way not as she was, but as some would prefer her to be.

Perhaps the legend of Grace Kelly as a glamorous, beautiful, “actress extraordinaire”, who fell in love with a prince and chose to leave Hollywood behind, should be allowed to have some cinema-play.

However, a more probing movie is out there somewhere, yet to be made.

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

Dark drama in the Outback

The Rover. Starring Guy Pearce, Robert Pattinson, Scoot McNairy, David Field. Directed by David Michôd. Roadshow Films. 103 minutes. MA15+ (Strong violence and coarse language). Reviewer: Callum Ryan*.

Director David Michôd has graced this bleak, dystopian Australian road movie with just enough moments of beauty and surprise to make up for the rest of the grim journey.

The film opens “10 years after the collapse”. The nature of the collapse is purposefully ambiguous, but what is left afterwards is a lawless, dog-eat-dog world.

Eric (Guy Pearce) hops out of his Holden sedan to grab some supplies, but his car is stolen by a few bandits including Henry (Scoot McNairy). Eric takes off across the arid landscape to catch the thieves.

Michôd directs at an inconsistent pace, sometimes letting the camera sit on actors for lengthy pauses of inaction, other times

throwing out shocking bursts of gruesome violence with little warning. It’s occasionally effective but can be frustrating.

Pearce is more than capable of maintaining an extended take, and his character’s abandon and rage run deep. He gives a consistent impression of his character’s inner wounds, and the backstory teased out along the runtime is complex.

There is a strong sense of place in the film, and the Outback threatens to engulf the film with its vast, dry expanses, incapable of sustaining life. Michôd’s script takes an unflinching look at human nature. Though not as good as his instant classic debut *Animal Kingdom*, *The Rover* is a sound follow-up. It may be unrelentingly dark and difficult to watch, but there is enough here to warrant its viewing.

• Callum Ryan is an associate of the Australian Catholic Office for Film & Broadcasting.

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Edge of Tomorrow. Starring Tom Cruise, Emily Blunt, Bill Paxton, Brendan Gleeson. Directed by Doug Liman. Warner Brothers. 114 minutes. M (Science fiction violence and infrequent coarse language).

Undeniably epic action and a strong cast make this addition to the time loop genre worthy of its notable predecessors *Groundhog Day* and *Source Code*. Tom Cruise’s star status has not been better used in his recent films than here – he is all mega-watt smiles trying to talk his way out of a predicament. A great blockbuster, boasting heart and lots of action.

The Double. Starring: Jesse Eisenberg and Mia Wasikowska, with Wallace Shawn, Noah Taylor, and James Fox. Directed by Richard Ayoade. Madman Entertainment. 93 minutes. M (Mature themes and coarse language).

A dark British drama based loosely on the 1846 novella *The Double* by Russian author Fyodor Dostoyevsky. It is about a lonely, shy man, Simon James, driven to the edge of madness when he finds that his existence has been usurped by someone else. One day, he is stunned to find that a new employee in the place where he works, James Simon, bears a striking resemblance, although they have very different personalities. The newcomer takes credit for his work and seduces his romantic interest. At the final showdown, it is uncertain who is the winner in the bitter battle of idiosyncrasy - Simon James, or James Simon.

The Face of Love. Starring Annette Bening, Ed Harris, Robin Williams, Jessie Weixler and Amy Brenneman. Directed by Arie Posin. Rialto Films. 92 minutes. M (Mature themes).

American romantic drama about a grieving widow, Nikki (Annette Bening), who was married to a successful architect, Garrett (Ed Harris). After Garrett’s sudden death, she meets Tom who looks exactly like him. The film as a whole is about a romance that provides a considerable challenge for subtle acting. A plot like this inevitably has its melodramatic moments, and the film shows shades of what happened in Alfred Hitchcock’s classic, *Vertigo* (1958), without the shocking ending.

The Trip to Italy. Starring Steve Coogan, Rob Brydon, Clair Keelan, Rosie Fellner. Directed by Michael Winterbottom. Madman Entertainment. 103 minutes. M (Coarse language).

A sequel to 2010’s *The Trip*, this feature too has been edited down from a three-hour TV program commissioned by the BBC. Which is surprising, because like the instalment before it, it is wonderfully acted, achingly funny, unexpectedly reflective and a foodie’s dream to boot. Both lightly sweet and brimming with rumination on life, this funny, heartfelt and well-acted odyssey is scrumptious from start to finish.

Under the Skin. Starring Scarlett Johansson, Jeremy McWilliams, Lynsey Taylor Mackay, Dougie McConnell, Kevin McAlinden, D Meade, Andrew Gorman, Joe Szula. Directed by Jonathan Glazer. Village Roadshow. 108 minutes. MA 15+.

Scarlett Johansson is, initially, a strange woman who seems to assume the identity of another and drives a van through the streets of Glasgow. She asks ordinary men in the street the way, some of whom respond, getting into the van with lustful intentions. They are destroyed. No explanations given. Under the skin is an alien woman. The film focuses on her predatory and destructive behaviour.

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Opening young hearts to the gospel message

Bring Forth Hope. Pope Francis Speaks to the Youth of the World by Christopher Ryan MGL. St Mary's Press. Christian Brothers Publications, USA 2014. \$16.95. Reviewer: Barbara Flynn.

Fr Chris Ryan invites young people into a guided faith experience developed over 52 weeks using as a focus messages given by Pope Francis to youth of the world. These messages are derived from homilies, general audiences and addresses at World Youth Day, Brazil 2013.

Some are catechetical in purpose, others offer words of affirmation and encouragement to youth while others invite youth into accepting that each person is loved by God and called into relationship with God particularly within the Church.

In the introduction to his work, Fr Ryan emphasises that readers are to

receive the Pope's messages as if having a personal conversation with each one. Additionally, the author provides an explanation of the strategies he suggests be used for deepening faith.

Nationally recognised as gifted in reaching the hearts of youth through extensive experiences in youth ministry in parishes and schools and in conducting retreat, Fr Ryan, now MGL seminary rector, shows deep understanding of the tensions, concerns, self-doubts, challenges, hopes and aspirations of youth in their walk of faith.

His dialogue with them in the three strategies he has developed for processing the content of the Pope's messages reveals a psychological appreciation of the complexities of individuals.

He speaks to each person in a conversational persuasive way offering ideas which respect individual differences.

Users of the material first read a brief scripture which is linked in essence to the Pope's message. The three strategies for processing the content of the Pope's message in the context of a person's lived experience are: reflect or contemplate; take appropriate action; talk to Jesus in conversational prayer honestly expressing personal feelings or raising issues.

Fr Ryan offers models of prayer encouraging youth to seek relationship with Jesus as friend and confidante and to speak their heart to Him in reality. The goal is an encounter with Jesus which affords confidence in God's unique love and regard for each person.

The reflection, action and prayer guidelines proposed for each week to process the Pope's 52 messages are developmental across the year. Incrementally, they draw the user into a realisation that God's love is for all

people and that each person, by virtue of their baptism, is called into mission.

Pope Francis frequently reminds young people of their value and urges them to witness by their lives to the "good news of salvation". They have a call to mission to share the "good news" in the environments of their lives.

Fr Ryan, too, encourages youth to recognise that they have an important role to bring forth renewal in the Church and in society.

Subtly built into Fr Ryan's conversations with youth is important catechesis on the sacraments. His material overall can be effective in opening the hearts of young people to the gospel message. This book offers a holistic approach to youth evangelisation.

Bring Forth Hope is available as an interactive edition on I-Tunes for I-Pads and Macs. The E-book has 52 reflections and 22 video clips.

The life of service of a larger-than-life missionary

From Journalism to Eternalism – Walter Patrick Fingleton, Priest of the Society of Mary by Mary J Connor. 2013, 218 pages. Reviewer: Myles Hannan.

Some readers of Catholic Voice would be familiar with the name Fingleton, because of Jack Fingleton, cricketer and journalist. Others may have met Father Wally, Jack's younger brother, during his six years as parish priest of Bribbaree, later administrator at Taralga, helping Fr Kevin Brannelly in North Goulburn, or during his retirement in the Taralga/Crookwell region.

Fr Wally's connection with the Canberra/ Goulburn region dates back to the 1880s when his father Jim was fostered by

Frank and Theresa Hannan at Cullerin, near Gunning.

Mary Connor's book traces the long life of Wally Fingleton from his birth in 1915 until his death in 2012.

A story from Wally's journalism days is how he was fired by Frank Packer for making a smart remark at Packer's expense. That didn't worry Wally; he had already been offered a job at The Sun, which he then accepted.

The author identifies the turning point in Wally's life in 1937 when he read a book entitled *Blazing the Trail in the Solomons*, a biography of New Zealand Marist missionary Emmet McHardy, written by Eileen Duggan. Wally immedi-

ately applied to join the Marist Fathers.

After final profession as a Marist in 1943, Wally was ordained in St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney, in 1944.

In recognition of the central importance of that event, the author refers to Wally for the rest of the book as Father Fingleton.

After two years teaching at Woodlawn College, Lismore, in 1948 the young missionary set out for Bougainville, which was to be his home and his apostolate for 25 years.

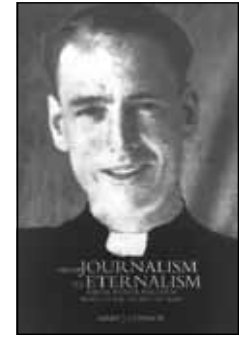
The significance of Fr Wally's years in Bougainville can be gauged by the presence at his funeral of John Momis, former priest and current president of Bougainville.

The author records many stories from the period Fr Wally spent in Bougainville, a very isolated area, in times when communications were painfully slow. For example, when his mother died in 1955, he did not receive the news of her death until after she had been buried. After their mother's death, Jack wrote a six-page letter to Fr Wally. It would have taken two weeks to reach Fr Wally, who treasured this letter from his elder brother.

Fr Wally's health did not allow him to continue his work in Bougainville, so in 1974 he returned to Australia, working in Sydney, before coming to the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn as parish priest of Bribbaree in 1982. Fr Wally was

a larger-than-life character, with a deep spirituality, a mischievous sense of humour and an infectious optimism. For many years Mary Connor was his devoted carer and she has succeeded in portraying his life as it was lived.

All proceeds from sales of the book (\$40 a copy) will go to the Marist Mission Centre, Gladesville, NSW. To obtain a copy, send a self-addressed prepaid satchel to M J Connor, Box 344, Townsville, Qld 4810.



A pilgrim's simple guide to prayer

The Way of a Pilgrim. Translated by Helen Bacovcin. New York: Image Books/Doubleday, pb, 207 pages, \$19.95. Reviewer: Margaret Ryan.

Have you found "the secret of prayer" yet?

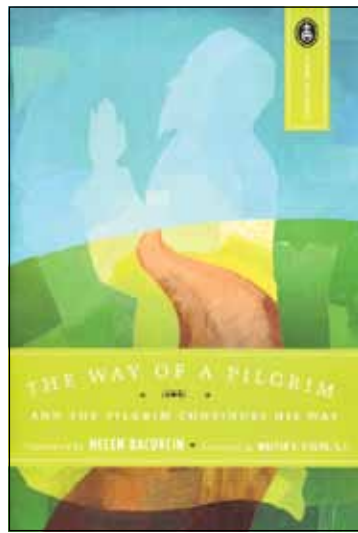
This anonymous spiritual classic is set in the 19th century in a society and culture literally poles apart from our modern techno-focussed environment.

The Pilgrim records decades of his spiritual and physical journey, seeking to understand and be faithful to Paul's exhortation to "pray continuously" (1 Thess 5: 17).

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Fathers' writings in his beloved Philokalia. He records that the fruits of the Jesus prayer are experienced in his spirit, in his emotions and in revelations.

While some characters the Pilgrim meets are trying to atone for their sins and live in harsh conditions, Pilgrim is more inclined to open himself to God's love and Word.

He strongly prefers solitude in his life, but at times is involved in others' lives, generosity, adventures, conversions and transformations.

The story is told simply, with a touch of wonder at and gratitude for God's beneficence.

Does he get to Jerusalem? Does it matter?

This edition has an appendix featuring some Eastern Fathers' writings on the prayer of the heart, and a study guide with excerpts for contemplation and questions for discussion.

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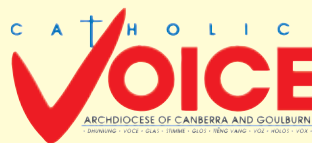
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BATEHAVEN RETREATS AND REFLECTION DAYS – 13 July-3 August, Retreat in Daily Life, Sr Carmel Drew RSJ. 26 July, Eucharist Give thanks to the Lord, Sr Mary Murphy RSJ. Inquiries: St Joseph's House of Spirituality and Hospitality, 12 David Ave, Batehaven NSW 2536, telephone 4472 4021, srjudith@bigpond.com.

CENTERING PRAYER RETREAT – 4pm, Tuesday, 4 November to after lunch Thursday, 6 November, St Clement's Monastery, Galong. With DVDs by Trappist monk Thomas Keating. Facilitator Sr Lorraine Cupitt RSM. Cost \$240, shared bathroom. Registration and inquiries, email info@stclement.com.au or telephone 6380 5222.

CHURCH CENTENARY – Sunday, 21 September, St Patrick's Church, Binalong. Mass 11am, then lunch 12.30pm. Old photographs or material send to jackie@ieu.asn.au.

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HESYCHIA SCHOOL OF SPIRITUAL DIRECTION – 5-17 October, St Clement's Retreat and Conference Centre, Galong. Redemptorists Fr Thomas Santa and Fr Paul Coury from Arizona, return to conduct workshop on the Hesychia School focusing on the ancient art of Christian spiritual direction. An ecumenical and inter-faith program. Inquiries, bookings: Sue Rolfe, retreat co-ordinator info@stclement.com.au or Fr Bill Goldman CSsR, telephone 6380 5222.

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Safe and sound

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Two AFP traffic officers on motorcycles accompanied the children and their parents and carers (pictured above) along the paths and ensured safe passage across busy roads.

Once delivered safely to school, the walkers were treated to a healthy snack and, memorably, the chance to perch on the officers' bikes and indulge in some strategic siren-sounding.

Glaswegian greetings

Catholics planning to be in Glasgow for the Commonwealth Games this month, whether as athletes, officials or spectators, can apparently expect a warm welcome from the local parishes.

The Archbishop of Glasgow Philip Tartaglia has dispersed a letter through the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, inviting visitors to attend Masses around the city and assuring them "the priests, religious and people of the Archdiocese will be at their service". The Archbishop will celebrate a special Mass to "mark the Games (starting on 24 July) and pray

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From near and far

for peace and the progress of peoples" at St Andrew's Cathedral on 27 July, and there will be a daily Mass in the athletes' village.

Mass times and locations can found on the Glasgow archdiocesan website at www.rcag.org.uk.

Casual credibility

When leading psychologist Dr Vernon Kelly, from the Silvan S Tomkins Institute in Philadelphia, came upon a group of shorts-and-thongs clad Aussies sitting by a beach during a conference on the Sunshine Coast a few years ago, he was surprised to hear what they were saying.

As archdiocesan professional standards officer and restorative practitioner Matt Casey, who was among the group, tells it, "He saw this scruffy collection of non-professionals sitting there discussing affect script psychology (a theory that physical changes turn on or amplify emotions) and describing it better than he had heard it described before."

The result of the professional respect that grew out of that encounter is a chapter in Dr Kelly's newly published book on The Psychology of Emotion in Restorative Practice.

Mr Casey and three colleagues contributed the chapter, A Necessary Discovery: Why Theory is Important, detailing how they have taken the original concept of restorative justice to a more holistic approach known as restorative practice.

"Not bad for our scruffy little group," Mr Casey said.

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High achiever

St John Vianney teacher Brittany Wood became the first university graduate in her family when she accepted her teaching degree at the Australian Catholic University's latest graduation ceremony.

And she did it in style, receiving four awards from the uni, including the highest achieving education graduate.

She then jetted off to Melbourne to be honoured as the most outstanding primary education graduate across Australia's seven ACU campuses.

Described as a "much loved teacher and highly respected colleague" at the Waramanga school, Mrs Wood (pictured with some of her students) also found time amid the study and awards ceremonies to marry Will a few months ago, which she would undoubtedly count as her biggest achievement of the year.



Catholic Mission's Propagation of the Faith Appeal is held in parishes during July. Having just celebrated the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul, the great Apostle propagators of faith and hope, the message they shared is still important today.

With the theme "Heal the Broken-hearted – Rwanda 20 years on", this year's appeal highlights that faith and mission are a journey with healing and transformation taking years and involving long-term service by Christians and their faith communities with whom, in Christ, we are one.

Edouard and Immaculee, of Nyamata parish in Rwanda, were married in a year when they lost their parents and 15 siblings to violence. The images are still fresh in their minds and hearts. Thanks to strong faith, support counselling healing classes and scripture teaching on forgiveness through their local faith community, Edouard feels he is almost healed, whilst Immaculee says, "I cannot forget what they did." Immaculee knows she has a long way to go to truly forgive and be healed. This life-giving work continues, so too their need to finish rebuilding their Church. Support this year's appeal. Your generosity allows lives to be healed and hope to flourish.

**God bless,
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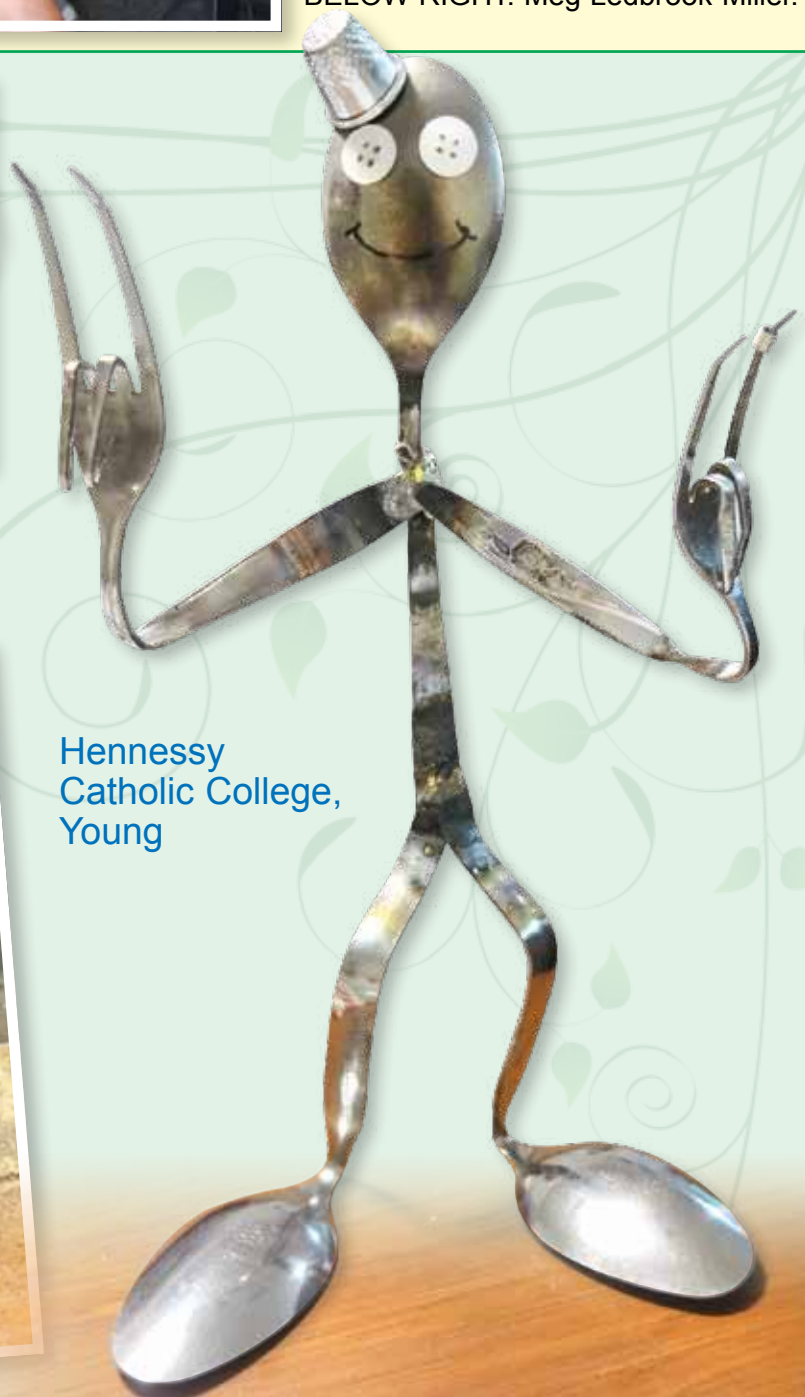
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