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Friendship the key to marriage

BY SIOBHAN REEVES

"It was love at first sight," Pat Nolen says when reflecting on the moment she met her husband Laurie at a Young Christian Workers meeting in 1948.

The Kambah couple celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on December 30 last year, commemorating the day they exchanged vows in the presence of Fr John Hanrahan at Sts Peter and Paul's Catholic Church in Tocumwal, NSW.

During Mass on January 2 at St Thomas the Apostle Church in Kambah – where the Nolens have been parishioners for 40 years – Fr Peter My gave the couple a special blessing in honour of their remarkable milestone.

After spending several years living in the Riverina region, where Laurie worked for various offices of the Postmaster-General's Department, Pat and Laurie moved

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Kambah couple Pat and Laurie Nolen celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary recently.

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Papal knighthood for loyal servant

Herbie O'Flynn honoured for three decades of service to the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn...

BY MATTHEW BIDDLE

FORMER Archdiocesan financial administrator Herbie O'Flynn says he's both honoured and humbled to be made a Knight of the Order of St Gregory the Great.

Archbishop Christopher Prowse announced the news on February 2, and will officially confer the knighthood on Mr O'Flynn during the 11am Mass at St Christopher's Cathedral on March 6.

Mr O'Flynn served in a variety of roles in the Archdiocese for almost 30 years. His first appointment was as executive director of

Pope John Paul II's visit to Canberra in 1986, before becoming the first general manager of the Archdiocesan Catholic Development Fund, a role he held for 19

years.

He served as the Archdiocesan financial administrator from 2004 to 2011, and played key roles in several pastoral initiatives such as the 1989 and 2004 Archdiocesan Synods.

Mr O'Flynn was involved with the development of the Cathedral precinct project until August 2015, when he relocated to Melbourne. He told *Catholic Voice* he was

greatly surprised to hear he had been chosen to receive the Papal honour.

"Initially you think 'Well, why me? There are so many other people that are so good who run the place,'" he said.

"It's quite an honour and very humbling."

Monsignor John Woods, who worked closely with Mr O'Flynn for many years, said he was a

worthy recipient of the Papal knighthood.

"Herbie is a genuine person who endeared himself to all manner of people in his work for the Archdiocese," Mgr Woods said.

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Herbie O'Flynn.

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ARCHBISHOP CHRISTOPHER'S DIARY

- March 1st**
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- March 2nd-4th**
Archdiocesan principal's retreat - Bowral
- March 4th**
5pm Man Overboard - Archbishop's House
- March 4th-5th**
24 Hours for the Lord - St Christopher's Cathedral
- March 5th**
12.15pm Mass - St Christopher's Cathedral
5.30pm Mass - St Raphael's Church, Queanbeyan
- March 6th**
11am Commissioning Mass for people in ministry - St Christopher's Cathedral
- March 9th**
10.30am Inter-religious leaders morning tea - Archbishop's House
- March 10th**
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- March 11th**
4.45pm Catholic schools awards Mass - St Christopher's Cathedral
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- March 13th**
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6pm Mass - St Bernard's Church, Batehaven
- March 18th**
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- March 19th**
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11am Mass - St Christopher's Cathedral

Child sexual abuse and the Catholic Church in Australia

Healing medicine: Collective responsibility



ARCHBISHOP'S MESSAGE

ARCHBISHOP CHRISTOPHER PROWSE

DEAR people of God in the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn.

The Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse is over its halfway mark. By 2017, after five years, it would have completed possibly 50 public hearings. It is estimated that about one third of these hearings would have examined Catholic schools, dioceses, parishes and other Catholic organisations.

I am grateful for the work of the Royal Commission. It has shone a bright light of truthful investigation into a shameful and disgraceful area of our shared Church life. Over a long period of perhaps 60-70 years, we are now aware and condemn the acts of some Church personnel against too many of society's most vulnerable children. Their actions sicken us. Their betrayal of the most basic of Gospel tenets is absolutely appalling. Humbly, once again, we ask for the forgiveness of the survivors, families and friends.

Indeed, the real heroes arising from this darkness are the survivors themselves. Over the years, sitting down and listening to many sad testimonies has been a most challenging experience. What has been revealed, however, is not simply their direct abuse by cowardly Church personnel. They have courageously spoken about the indirect re-traumatisation by the wider Church over the years. Some survivors have spoken most positively of Church officials once the abuse had been reported. Too many, regrettably, have spoken of being confronted by a brutal and defensive Church governance structure that refused to take responsibility. Some survivors have felt part of the problem by remote Church leaders, who have delegated responses to well resourced legal teams. Some survivors bemoan the Church's poorly managed follow-up that lacked any moral leadership. Rather than being subjects of Church healing, too many victims have spoken of feeling like objects of a powerful and closed Church culture that is prepared to go to extraordinary



The new IPSS team - from left to right, Helena Kesina, Meg Lillicrap, Jane Cronan and Matt Casey.

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lengths to protect its clergy and reputation.

However confronting it is for all of us to hear such comments, we thank these survivors for their truth-speaking and honesty. We believe what they are telling us. It is like an 'examination of conscience' for us all. It reveals an appalling recording of collective irresponsibility of the Church at various times and levels.

We need to reflect carefully and respond practically in the times ahead on the ethical/moral and theological implications for us of these distressing testimonies. All of us are involved in this. There is a kind of collective responsibility to help heal what in the past has been some sort of diseased social arrangements in regard to child sex abuse by Church personnel. Among so many other aspects, according to the above testimonies, it seems to have marginalised almost automatically many victims to the periphery of our pastoral care. This needs our most urgent and immediate attention and action.

In regard to the Catholic Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn, I wish to thank those responsible over many years for the enormous work done in the area of professional standards. In more recent times, I have instigated and wish to fully implement a governance structure that brings our survivors of sex abuse from the margins into the centre of our pastoral response. It is a whole of Archdiocese strategy. It will ensure we offer what the survivors are asking for: the reassurance that all our communities are safe, our children and vulnerable people

are truly cared for, and that the spiritual dimension of all we do is not compromised by unethical and criminal behaviour.

I have called this new structure our Institute for Professional Standards and Safeguarding. It is still a work in progress. In this edition of the *Catholic Voice*, you will read further details about this pastoral initiative. You may wish to contact my office (archbishop@cg.org.au), Matt Casey (matt.casey@cg.org.au) and Jane Cronan (jane.cronan@cg.org.au) with your feedback. I hope each one of us has learnt lessons from the Royal Commission so far, and are open to its future recommendations. Also, we are learning from other Australian and overseas protocols. My hope is that this new Institute will certainly respond to the needs of victims, their support and healing. It is liaising very closely with the police and governmental bodies set up to protect children. It will also ensure that all compliance issues regarding our personnel who work with children and vulnerable people are checked and verified. Also, and more broadly, the Institute will continue to highlight the faith dimension of victim support, as well as child protection, and lead the Archdiocese in the training and development of all of us in child safeguarding.

My prayer and determination, as this Institute for Professional Standards and Safeguarding establishes itself fully, is that it will be a genuine healing symbol with credibility and best practice of our taking up collective responsibility. The brutal facts of child sex abuse within our Church community over the years cannot be denied.

It is an abhorrent and shameful social sickness, which ought find no place in our midst. We rely on the healing medicine found only in our union with Jesus, our Saviour and merciful Lord, to carry out what is urgently required.

Archbishop Christopher Prowse
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Filipino community celebrate their patron

FILIPINOS from around the Archdiocese gathered at St Christopher's Cathedral on February 7 to celebrate their national feast day, that of the Santo Niño (the Infant Jesus).

During his homily for the occasion, Archbishop Christopher Prowse praised the generosity of the Filipino community and thanked them for their strong faith.

"I'm so happy to have so many Filipino people here today," he said.

"Wherever Filipino people are... that parish is well served."

I've always felt over the years as a priest, wherever Filipino people are in the parishes of Australia, that parish is well served. So I want to thank you, Filipino people. We love you so much."

The Santo Niño is a statue of the Child Jesus venerated by many Filipino Catholics who believe it to be miraculous.

Believed to be the oldest religious image in the Philippines, the statue was originally given as a baptismal gift by Portuguese explorer Ferdinand Magellan to the wife of Rajah Humabon, the ruler of Cebu, in 1521.

The Santo Niño image is seen in many homes and businesses, and is one of the most beloved and recognisable cultural icons in the Philippines, found in both religious and secular areas.

The Mass was also a special occasion for members of the Archdiocese's Italian community from the Venezia Giulia region of Italy, who honoured those of their region who died in World War II.



Above and below, members of the Archdiocese's Filipino community with Archbishop Christopher Prowse on February 7, after Mass in honour of their national feast day, that of the Santo Nino, or the Infant Jesus.
PHOTOS: MATTHEW BIDDLE



Volunteers ready and willing

WHILE Australia waits for an intake of Syrian refugees to arrive, practical preparations are continuing within the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn.

Victor Dunn from the Archbishop's Refugee Committee (ARC) said organisations responsible for the resettlement of refugees were working hard to finalise all arrangements.

"Whilst no Syrian refugees have yet arrived in our jurisdiction an announcement is expected from the authorities shortly," he said.

"In the interim... the Migrant and Refugee Settlement Services of the ACT (MARSS) and Marist

Youth are organising themselves by identifying suitable volunteers, seeking accommodation, donations of furniture, clothing, household goods and monetary contributions."

Mr Dunn suggested parishioners who wish to volunteer their services in any capacity should contact MARSS, and to ensure they have a current Working with Vulnerable People card.

Additionally, those able to offer accommodation to the refugees should provide as much detail as possible to MARSS, such as the type of dwelling, the number of rooms, and the distance to nearby facilities.

Last September it was announced that 12,000 Syrian refugees would be resettled in Australia, however, at a Senate estimates hearing in February, it was revealed that only 26 refugees had arrived in the country thus far.

NSW Refugee Resettlement coordinator Peter Shergold told *The Sunday Telegraph* in November the refugees would not start arriving until February at the earliest due to "extra robust" security and background checks.

Parishes and individuals wishing to assist or donate to the Archdiocesan refugee fund can contact the ARC: refugees@cg.org.au.

LOCAL NEWS

Pat and Laurie still best friends after 65 years of marriage

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to Canberra in 1974, settling in Kambah. The couple have two sons, Phillip and Mark, six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Aside from their involvement in their local parish over the years, Pat and Laurie have also been active members of the St Vincent de Paul Society, with Laurie completing 62 years of service before his retirement.

For the Nolens, the secrets to a good marriage are communication and friendship.

Laurie's advice is to always discuss problems when they arise and learn to listen, while Pat notes that when you are tempted to pick on your spouse's flaws, remember your own flaws first. Perhaps most importantly, they say husbands and wives should be truly best friends.

"You have to be real friends to live together so long," Pat says.

Their marriage is also grounded in their Catholic faith. "If you ever have any problems, ask Our Lady and she will help you," Laurie says.

While Pat believes questions and challenges are part of the journey, her hope and trust in God is unshakeable.

"We invited the Lord in, in the first place, and we are happy to stay with him forever," she says.

Part-time Parish Administrative Support Assistant

People are invited to apply for the position of 'Parish Administrative Support Assistant'. This is a part-time permanent position supporting parishes across the Catholic Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn with the inputting of financial data and reporting requirements.

Essential Requirements:

- Accurate data entry skills
- Strong communication and liaison skills
- Ability to work in a team environment and take direction.

Desirable Experience:

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- Awareness of GST legislation and reporting requirements.

Salary will be subject to qualifications and experience. The position will be based in Canberra. Position description is available from deborah.foote@cg.org.au. Applications addressed to Deborah Foote, Parish Support Manager, Archbishop's Office of Evangelisation, Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn, GPO Box 3089, Canberra City, ACT 2601, by COB 24 March 2016.



Talented youth team begin work

BY MATTHEW BIDDLE

FIVE enthusiastic young Catholics from near and far will form this year's National Evangelisation Team (NET) for the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn.

The new team arrived in the Archdiocese on February 22, after spending six weeks in Queensland with other members of NET who will serve in other dioceses around the country.

Twenty-year-old Victorian Andrew Lemalu and 23-year-old Carmel Bonaventura from Newcastle will be this year's team leaders.

They will be joined by 20-year-old Harmony Miller, from Melbourne; Daniel Bottesini, 18, from Brisbane; and 18-year-old Emily Milan, who hails from Ottawa, Canada.

Archdiocesan parish and school youth ministry liaison officer Joshua Goldsbrough told *Catholic Voice* the members of the new team were looking forward to beginning their work in the Archdiocese.

"This year's Canberra Goulburn team are super fun and friendly and they are also really talented, especially when it comes to music," he said.

"They all seem really excited and passionate about getting out and meeting all of our young people and sharing their story with them."

Mr Goldsbrough said the team's primary roles would include hosting retreats and activity sessions at schools and parishes around the Archdiocese, as well as working with youth groups.

"I am always looking for ways to utilise the team while they are here,



The Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn's National Evangelisation Team for 2016: back row, from left to right, Andrew Lemalu and Daniel Bottesini; front row, left to right, Carmel Bonaventura, Harmony Miller and Emily Milan. PHOTO: DAVID GEORGE

including some work in our public schools and supporting some of our catechists in primary schools," he said.

"Over the last couple of years we have also been working on a mentoring program to support some of schools that have youth

ministry teams or classes. Our NET team will also be available to support all of our Deanery Assemblies throughout the year."

Half a century of Project Compassion

ARCHBISHOP Christopher Prowse enjoyed some freshly made pancakes while launching Project Compassion at the Secretariat of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference (ACBC) on February 9.

The Archbishop was joined in the ACBC garden by students and staff from across the Archdiocese who will participate in Project Compassion, one of Australia's largest humanitarian fundraising campaigns during the six weeks of Lent. This year marks 50 years of Project Compassion and the theme is 'Learning more, creating change'.

"For us Catholics, creating change beings in the heart, it's not exterior," the Archbishop told those present.

"If you start on the outside and forget about the inside, you're a philanthropist. If you pray for those who need a bit of help around the world and leave it at



Archbishop Christopher Prowse with Caritas engagement coordinator Lulu Mitshabu during the launch of Project Compassion on February 9. PHOTO: ACBC

that, you're pietistic. So Catholics are neither pietistic nor are they philanthropists. We go outside

through the heart.

"The heart is very linked with the Year of Mercy. The Latin word

for mercy is *misericordia*, which means allowing the miseries of another person to come into your heart. That's why we always have the cross because it takes on the miseries and struggles of our world. Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy, so in giving we receive so much in our hearts. In giving, we are doing the work of the Lord. Project Compassion is a very practical way of giving."

Caritas Australia raised a record-breaking \$11.57 million last year, of which more than \$345,000 was raised by the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn.

During Lent, Australians are invited to support Project Compassion by donating, holding fundraising events or sharing the campaign resources.

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HOME BASE



Gerard Heffernan

New lender enters the broker market

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Josephites prepare for 150th celebration

MARCH 19 will mark the 150th anniversary of the founding of the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart in Penola, South Australia.

On St Joseph's Day in 1866 Mary MacKillop, with the direction and encouragement of Fr Julian Tenison Woods, began to live as a religious Sister under the patronage of St Joseph. On that day Mary wore a simple black dress and bonnet, attended Mass, taught the children and waited for God to show her the next step. Many have followed in her footsteps since then – Sisters, associates, co-workers – and all with a Josephite heart, carrying out the Josephite legacy to the present day.

The logo designed for the sesquicentenary year depicts the love of God and heartbeat of the world. At the centre of life God's creative energy and love continues to be born in all who live the Gospel. God calls all, just as surely as Mary MacKillop and Julian Tenison Woods were called, into passionate Gospel living and loving.

Events and commemorations are planned across the sesquicentenary year in Australia, New Zealand, Ireland, Scotland, Peru, Brazil and East Timor to give thanks to God for the blessings the Congregation has received, to



Above, Josephite Sisters during a Mass in North Goulburn in 2013 celebrating the merger of the Goulburn Sisters of St Joseph with the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart. Right, St Mary of the Cross MacKillop in 1890.



O'Connor, Page, Quandialla, Taralga, Temora, Ungarie, Wal-lendbeen and Wombat.

To mark the sesquicentenary of the founding of the Sisters of St Joseph there will be a Mass at 11.30am on Saturday, March 19 at St Joseph's Church, O'Connor. Archbishop Christopher Prowse will be the main celebrant. Refreshments will be served after Mass. For more information contact Sr Colleen Howe RSJ on (02) 6258 1563 or email colleen.howe@sosj.org.au.

honour those who over the past 150 years have dedicated their lives to furthering the reign of God wherever God's mission led them, and to reflect on how we might listen and respond to the heartbeat of the world today.

In the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn the Sisters of St Joseph have lived and ministered in Adaminaby, Adelong, Araluen, Ardlethan, Barellan, Barmedman, Bateman's Bay, Batlow, Bega, Bemboka, Binalong, Bombala,

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MANUKA PRECINCT UPDATE

Manuka precinct gathering speed

THE much-anticipated Manuka precinct project is progressing rapidly, with the external walls of both the administrative building and the independent living units (ILUs) set to be completed by the end of this month.

Archdiocesan financial manager Helen Delahunty told *Catholic Voice* Canberra's dry summer had enabled construction work to continue almost non-stop in the past two months.

"They're working six days a week and there's always 60 to 80 workers on the site," she said.

"We haven't had much rain since January, so there's been no hold-ups."

With the ground floor level complete, work on the second level of the administrative building is now well underway. Once the external walls are erected, work will begin on the internal aspects of the building.

With just over a year until the project's proposed completion date, one of the most pressing tasks is to finalise the details of the management of the ILUs, Ms Delahunty said.

"We'll be marketing the ILUs in the middle of this year, so we'll be giving out information to all the people who expressed interest, and after that process has been done and people have decided whether to buy them or not, we'll go out to the public," she explained.

"Between now and then there will be a lot of decision-making done on exactly how the ILUs are going to be structured and who's going to look after them."

The visual progress of the site since Christmas has been a source of great excitement for many, including Ms Delahunty.

"The site's really coming alive," she said. "You can start to see the building move out of the scaffolding."

"The most exciting thing about this project is the fact that the Cathedral is going to be a part of the community again. There's going to be pathways and access points for people to walk around it and through it, so it will feel like a part of the landscape again."

For more information about the ILUs contact Helen Delahunty on (02) 6201 9800.



Construction of the Manuka precinct buildings is progressing well, according to Archdiocesan financial manager Helen Delahunty, with work on track to finish in April 2017.
PHOTO: LOUI SESELJA



Herbie O'Flynn announces Pope John Paul II's visit to Canberra at an Archdiocesan pastoral council meeting on October 2, 1986.
PHOTO: LOUI SESELJA

Herbie's vital contribution recognised

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"There is no significant area of Archdiocesan life over the past three decades that has not been positively impacted by Herbie.

"He was a pleasure to work with, not least because of his sense of humour but above all because of his grounded Catholic faith. Herbie is counted as both colleague and friend by many."

Mr O'Flynn said he enjoyed working for the Archdiocese

immensely, particularly cherishing the friendships he made along the way.

"The real enjoyment has been working as a layman in the Archdiocese and collaborating with

"He was a pleasure to work with... above all because of his grounded Catholic faith."

the priests and religious and the hierarchy," he said.

"It's given me a great insight into the Church but I've also met a lot of wonderful people. It started with the Pope's visit in 1986, and

that sort of opened my eyes to the complexity of the Church, and yet its simplicity and its beauty.

"I miss the people. When you look back, it's not the big events like the Pope's visit and starting the CDF... it's the people you meet... so many priests and religious sisters I've worked with and all the wonderful lay people."

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Archbishop leads prayers for politicians

ARCHBISHOP Christopher Prowse urged Australian politicians to practice charity and honesty in their work, as Federal Parliament recommenced on February 2.

Speaking at an ecumenical service at Wesley Uniting Church in Forrest to mark the beginning of the parliamentary year, the Archbishop reminded those present, including Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull and Opposition Leader Bill Shorten, of the “golden rule”.

“In everything, do to others as you would have them do to you.”

“In everything, do to others as you would have them do to you,” the Archbishop said, quoting the Gospel for the day, from Matthew, chapter seven.

“In one form or another it is found in every major religion on the earth. It is a kind of universal ethic that people of any religion, or perhaps even no religion at all, might well agree upon.

“In a world of galloping diversity, to find the gold nugget of a universal solidarity ethic, is indeed, a ‘Eureka’ moment.

“This ‘golden rule’ is... a



Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull and wife Lucy, right, together with Opposition Leader Bill Shorten and wife Chloe Bryce, left, during the ecumenical prayer service at Wesley Uniting Church on February 2.

PHOTO:AAP IMAGE / MICK TSIKAS

universal ethic we all must commit to.”

One of the main challenges facing Australia’s parliamentarians today, the Archbishop said, is determining how long-held

religious and ethical anchorages can be lived out in an increasingly secular society.

“In a most particular way, our parliamentarians must carry special burdens of responsibilities,”

he said. “Hence our gathering now to pray for them, humbly and with respectful encouragement.

“In this regard, we apply to them, the wise counsel of St Paul to the Philippians, in today’s

second reading, ‘Let your minds be filled with everything that is true, everything that is honourable, everything that is upright and pure, everything that we love and admire’.”

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Adelong: Holy Thursday Adelong 7pm, Good Friday Stations of the Cross Batlow 10am, liturgy Adelong 3pm, Easter Vigil Adelong 6pm, Sunday Batlow 8.30am.

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

Batemans Bay: Holy Thursday 7.30pm, Good Friday liturgy 3pm, Easter Vigil 7pm, Sunday 9am.

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

Binalong: Sunday 9am.

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

Bungendore: Good Friday liturgy 3pm, Sunday 8.30am.

Campbell: Holy Thursday 7pm, Good Friday liturgy 3pm, Sunday 9.30am.

Cathedral: Holy Thursday 7.30pm, Good Friday Stations of the Cross Yarralumla 10am, Easter Vigil Yarralumla 6pm, Cathedral 7.30pm, Sunday Cathedral 8am, 11am, 5.30pm, Yarralumla 9.30am.

Central Canberra: Holy Thursday Dickson 6.30pm, Good Friday Stations of the Cross Braddon 11am, liturgy Dickson 3pm, Easter Vigil Dickson 6pm, Sunday Braddon 8am, Dickson 9.30am.

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

Cobargo: Good Friday Bermagui 3pm, Easter Vigil Cobargo 5pm, Sunday Bermagui 7.30am.

Cooma: Holy Thursday Cooma 6pm, Bombala 6pm, Good Friday Stations of the Cross Adaminaby 9am, Delegate 10am, Cooma 10am, Nimmitabel 11.30am, liturgy Bombala 3pm, Cooma 3pm, Easter Vigil Bombala 6pm, Cooma 6pm, Sunday Adaminaby 8am, Jerangle 8am, Cooma 10am, Nimmitabel 10am.

Cootamundra: Holy Thursday 7.30pm, Good Friday Stations of the Cross noon, liturgy 3pm, Easter Vigil 7.30pm, Sunday Stockinbingal 8am, Cootamundra 9.30am.

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

Evatt: Good Friday liturgy 3pm, Easter Vigil 7pm, Sunday 10am.

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

Gundagai: Easter Vigil 6pm, Sunday 8am.

Gungahlin: Holy Thursday 7.30pm, Good Friday Stations of the Cross 11am, Hall 11am, liturgy 3pm, Easter Vigil 7.30pm, Sunday 8am, 9.30am 5.30pm, Hall 8.30am.

Harden: Holy Thursday 5.30pm, Good Friday liturgy 3pm, Easter Vigil 7pm.

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

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

Kaleen: Holy Thursday 7pm, Good Friday Stations of the Cross 10am, Sunday 8am, no 5.30pm Mass.

Kippax: Holy Thursday 7pm, Good Friday Stations of the Cross 10am, liturgy 3pm, Easter Vigil 7.30pm, Sunday 8.30am, 10am, no evening Mass.

Lake Cargelligo: Holy Thursday 7pm, Good Friday liturgy 3pm, Easter Vigil 6pm, Sunday 9.30am.

Michelago: Easter Vigil 6pm.

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

Narooma: Holy Thursday 5.30pm, Good Friday 3pm, Easter Vigil 7pm, Sunday 9.30am.

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

North Woden: Holy Thursday Curtin 6pm, Good Friday Stations of the Cross Garran 10am, liturgy Curtin 3pm, Easter Vigil Curtin 6pm, Sunday

Garran 8.30am, Curtin 9.30am and 5.30pm.

O’Connor: Holy Thursday 7pm, Good Friday Stations of the Cross 11am, liturgy 3pm, Easter Vigil 6pm, Sunday 9am.

Page: Holy Thursday 7pm, Good Friday Stations of the Cross in the church 11am, liturgy 3pm, Easter Vigil 7pm, Sunday 8.30am.

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

Queanbeyan: Holy Thursday 7.30pm, Good Friday Stations of the Cross St Raphael’s 10am, liturgy 3pm, Easter Vigil Queanbeyan 7.30pm, Sunday 8am, 10am. “He is Risen” liturgy 7am, St Gregory’s School Hall.

South Tuggeranong: Holy Thursday Gowrie 7.30pm, Good Friday Stations of the Cross St Clare of Assisi School Conder 11am, liturgy Gowrie 3pm, Easter Vigil Gowrie 7.30pm, Sunday Gowrie 8am, 10am, no 6pm Mass.

South Woden (Pearce): Holy Thursday 7pm, Good Friday 3pm, Easter Vigil 7.30pm, Sunday 8.30am and 10am.

Taralga: Holy Thursday 7pm, Good Friday liturgy 3pm, Easter Vigil 7pm.

Temora: Holy Thursday Temora 6pm, Ardlethan 6pm, Good Friday Stations of the Cross Temora 10am, liturgy Temora 3pm, Barellan 3pm, Easter Vigil Temora 6pm, Ariah Park 6pm, Sunday Ardlethan 8am,

Barmedman 8am, Barellan 10am, Temora 10am.

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

Wanniassa: Holy Thursday 7pm, Good Friday Stations of the Cross 10am, liturgy 3pm, Easter Vigil 7pm, Sunday 9am, no 5.30pm Mass.

Watson: Holy Thursday 7.30pm, Good Friday Stations of the Cross 10am, liturgy 3pm, Easter Vigil 7.30pm, Sunday 8am, 10am, no 6pm Mass.

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

West Wyalong Mission: Holy Thursday West Wyalong 7pm, Good Friday West Wyalong 3pm, Easter Vigil West Wyalong 7pm, Sunday Ungarie 8am, West Wyalong 9.30am.

Yass: Holy Thursday Yass 7pm, Good Friday Stations of the Cross Gunning 10.30am, ecumenical Stations of the Cross Murrumbateman 10.30am, liturgy Yass 3pm, Easter Vigil Yass 7pm, Sunday Gunning 8.30am, Yass 10.15am.

Young Mission: Holy Thursday Boorowa 7pm, Young 7.30pm, Good Friday liturgy Boorowa 3pm, Young 3pm, Easter Vigil Grenfell 8pm, Young 8pm, Sunday Bribbaree 8am, Young 8.30am, Boorowa 8.30am.

* Parishes not included in this list were unable to confirm their Easter Mass schedule at the time of printing.

Australia's two Missionaries of Mercy

BY MATTHEW BIDDLE

TWO Australian priests were among the 1,071 clerics from around the world commissioned by Pope Francis on February 10 as Missionaries of Mercy.

Fr Richard Shortall SJ, from the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle and Fr Simon Ckuj, a Ukrainian Catholic priest based in Sydney, will have the capacity to forgive sins during the Year of Mercy usually only pardoned with permission from the Holy See.

Though there are several such sins, the Vatican has clarified that the faculties of the Missionaries of Mercy are limited to just four: profaning the Eucharistic species by taking them away or keeping them for a sacrilegious purpose; the use of physical force against the Roman Pontiff; the absolution of an accomplice in a sin against the sixth commandment ("Thou shalt not commit adultery") and a direct violation against the sacramental seal by a confessor.

The Vatican called for candidates to apply to be Missionaries of Mercy in August last year, and Fr Richard and Fr Simon were informed that they had been accepted for the service in mid-January.

Fr Richard, who travelled to Rome for the commissioning, has already planned a detailed schedule for the year in the hope of visiting as many parts of the diocese



as possible before the end of the Jubilee Year on November 20.

He intends to travel in a caravan to areas where Catholic churches and communities exist without a permanent resident priest, as well as to other places as required.

Fr Simon, who is the coordinator for the Year of Mercy for Australia's Ukrainian Eparchy, said he was greatly surprised to hear he had been accepted as a Missionary of Mercy.

"I wasn't actually nominated



Fr Simon Ckuj, left, and Fr Richard Shortall SJ, above, are the only two Missionaries of Mercy in Australia. PHOTOS: GIOVANNI PORTELLI; ONLINE

by my Bishop, I think I may have been nominated by someone from the Patriarch's office in Ukraine, so when it came through it was a bit of a surprise to me," he said.

Fr Simon explained that by providing the Missionaries of Mercy with the faculties to absolve the aforementioned sins, Pope Francis had made it much easier for penitents to be pardoned for such offenses.

"If anyone would ever confess one of those sins, the priest would normally have to write, normally via the Nuncio, to the Apostolic Signatura to receive the faculties to absolve a person from that sin," he said.

"The penitent would have

to wait for permission to come through and then go back to confession to that same priest."

Whether he will require the use of the special faculties is ultimately up to God, Fr Simon said.

"No privilege comes without responsibility, and I take the responsibility very seriously," he said. "If that means getting up at three in the morning because someone at that moment wants to have their confession heard, well, if that's the way the God of surprises is working, who am I to argue with that?"

"Anything that encourages people to avail themselves of the Sacrament of Penance is a good thing."

New resource to strengthen Church music

BY ADRIAN MIDDELDORP

AFTER almost a decade of work revising a resource more than 30 years old, a comprehensive new worship resource for the Catholic Church in Australia, *Catholic Worship Book II*, will be launched this Lent.

In layman's terms, *Catholic Worship Book II* is to Catholic musicians and liturgists what *The Force Awakens* is to Star Wars fans. In fact, *Catholic Worship Book II* (CWBII) took many more years of production than the epic film.

CWBII is a project of the National Liturgical Music Board, which is the consultative body on liturgical music to the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference.

It is the first monumental work of its kind in Australia to have been compiled by a group of musicians and consultants under the auspices of the Church, rather than a commercial publishing enterprise, for specific use in the Church.

The book encourages the vision of the Second Vatican Council that reaffirms music as an integral part of all liturgical rites and, therefore, proper worship of God.

It is a response to the 2001



Bernard Kirkpatrick has played a key role in the creation of a new liturgical resource for the Church. PHOTO: ELIZABETH MCFARLANE

Vatican document, *Liturgiam Authenticam*, which called for a more faithful translation of texts and clear guidelines for the establishment of sacred music repertoires within dioceses and local parishes.

CWBII consists of more than 650 musical items, explanatory notes on principles for choosing

and using liturgical music, and rubrical instructions.

It includes hymns, chants and other liturgical music from a variety of Australian and overseas composers, past and present. Taizé chants are well represented among plainchants along with more contemporary styles of music.

It contains not only music for Mass but also music for the Sacraments, with a comprehensive section for the stages of the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) and the Divine Office.

Each piece of music has been meticulously chosen; the essential selection criteria being: musical

quality, text quality and pastoral considerations.

The director of music at St Patrick's Cathedral in Parramatta, Bernard Kirkpatrick, was a key contributor to the creation of CWBII.

Mr Kirkpatrick hopes the book will be the beginning of a larger project to educate and strengthen Church music in Australia and beyond.

"The book itself is one aspect of the CWBII project," he said.

"It was felt that we needed to go down the track of first producing a hard copy resource, to be followed by a digital download facility, especially for the melody edition, for those places where data projection is used or special order of service booklets are required.

"After the book is released, we will have workshops and forums where the content of the book can be explored and demonstrated."

A longer-term project of the resource is to record and provide pre-recorded accompaniments of selected items, for those communities where musicians are scarce or unavailable.

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Pope: Abortion is evil, not the solution to Zika

ON his return flight from Mexico, Pope Francis strongly rejected abortion as a response to the fears surrounding the Zika virus outbreak.

“Abortion is not the lesser of two evils. It is a crime. It is to throw someone out in order to save another. That’s what the Mafia does. It is a crime, an absolute evil,” the Pope said on February 18.

A journalist had asked the Pope about authorities’ proposals to respond to the Zika virus infection through abortion or “avoiding pregnancy”.

“Don’t confuse the evil of avoiding pregnancy by itself, with abortion. Abortion is not a theological problem. It is a human problem, it is a medical problem. You kill one person to save another, in the best case scenario. Or to live comfortably, no?”

The Pope responded to questions from journalists on the return flight from Mexico. He had visited the country from February 12-17.

The Pontiff expanded on the evil of abortion.

“It’s against the Hippocratic oaths doctors must take. It is an evil in and of itself, but it is not a religious evil in the beginning, no, it’s a human evil. Then obviously, as with every human evil, each killing is condemned,” he said.

The Pope’s comments addressed a question from the journalist Paloma García Ovejero of the Spanish radio network Cadena COPE. She had noted the concern in Latin American and European countries regarding the Zika virus.

“The greatest risk would be



Pope Francis aboard the papal flight from Mexico to Rome on February 17, where he responded to questions from journalists, largely concerning responses to the Zika virus. PHOTO:ALAN HOLDREN / CNA

for pregnant women. There is anguish,” the journalist said.

“Some authorities have proposed abortion, or else to avoid

There is a major outbreak of the mosquito-borne Zika virus in Brazil and Latin America. The virus infection in pregnant

expansion of legislated abortion.

Pope Francis in his response also addressed avoiding pregnancy. He discussed it “in terms of the

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pregnancy. As regards avoiding pregnancy, on this issue, can the Church take into consideration the concept of ‘the lesser of two evils?’”

women may be linked to birth defects in unborn babies such as microcephaly. Some pro-abortion groups have used this possible link as a justification to push for an

conflict between the fifth and sixth commandment”.

The fifth commandment bars killing while the sixth bars adultery. The Catechism of the Catholic

Church addresses elective contraception in a marital union under the sixth commandment.

“Paul VI, a great man, in a difficult situation in Africa, permitted nuns to use contraceptives in cases of rape,” Pope Francis said. He added that avoiding pregnancy is “not an absolute evil”.

“In certain cases, as in this one, such as the one I mentioned of Blessed Paul VI, it was clear.”

The case he referenced took place in the early 1960s, when the Vatican granted a dispensation to religious sisters living in the Belgian Congo who were in grave danger of rape to use oral contraceptives.

The logic behind the decision was that while birth control is normally immoral because it attempts to separate the unitive and procreative aspects of the sexual act, the nuns were trying to resist the act altogether. Because rape is an act of violent aggression rather than a freely chosen act, the contraception was part of a legitimate attempt at self-defense.

Normally, if a married couple faces a serious reason to avoid pregnancy, the Church teaches that they may do so through Natural Family Planning, a process that involves identifying a woman’s fertile periods and abstaining from sexual activity during those times.

The Pope also called for stronger work to combat the mosquitoes and the Zika virus they spread.

“I would also urge doctors to do their utmost to find vaccines against these two mosquitoes that carry this disease,” he said. “This needs to be worked on.”

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EWTN founder in ‘delicate’ condition, needs prayers

THE nuns of Mother Angelica’s monastery have thanked those who have prayed for the EWTN founder and have asked continued prayers for the 92-year-old nun.

“Mother’s condition remains delicate and she receives devoted care day and night by her sisters and nurses,” the nuns of Our Lady of the Angels Monastery said in an update on February 22.

“Although she is most often sleeping, from time to time Mother will give a radiant smile. There is no doubt that her heart must be on things above.”

Mother Angelica founded Eternal Word Television Network in 1981. The organisation would later become EWTN Global Catholic Network.

She headed the organisation until 2000 and became one of the most influential Catholic women

in the USA.

Mother Angelica suffered a stroke in 2001, but continues to live at Our Lady of the Angels Monastery in Hanceville, Alabama.

“Mother herself is regularly fortified by the Sacraments... Each day is a gift.”

It was reported last November that Mother Angelica had been placed on a feeding tube.

“We want to extend a very special and heart-felt thank you to each of you who have been praying for Mother Angelica,” the nuns said.

“Mother herself is regularly fortified by the Sacraments. Please continue to keep her in your prayers. Each day is a gift.”

Mother Angelica was able to pass through one of the special Holy Doors designated for the Catholic Church’s Year of Mercy, according to the update.

Pope Francis recently sent greetings to Mother Angelica on February 12 while he was on the plane to Cuba.

Towards the end of last year, all the friars of the Franciscan Missionaries of the Eternal Word came to the monastery for the offering of a special Mass for Mother Angelica.

EWTN Global Catholic Network, which includes Catholic News Agency, is the largest religious media network in the world.

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EWTN founder Mother Angelica last appeared on the Catholic television network in 2001, after suffering several strokes. PHOTO: ONLINE

One of Australia's highest security prisons might just be the place

Where mercy is needed most

THE CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY: VISIT THE IMPRISONED

MANY inmates in one of Australia's highest security prisons have a strong relationship with God, according to Goulburn Correctional Centre chaplain Julie Kelly.

The mother-of-three has been working at the prison for almost two years, and says the level of faith she has witnessed growing in the hearts of some inmates has been extraordinary.

"The men here, although many of them do not believe it, are in such a state of grace," she says.

"It is an amazing, humbling experience to listen to them talk about their life experiences and where they have met God. In their wildest dreams, they cannot grasp how God could forgive them. It's a privilege for me to walk on a spiritual journey with these men."

Ms Kelly took up the position of full-time chaplain after spending more than 30 years working for the Church in a variety of roles. She says she was blissfully unaware of the demands of prison chaplaincy when she first applied, but trusted that God was calling her to this ministry.

"My constant prayer each day is that I will get out of the way and let the Holy Spirit work in the lives of these men," she says. "All I can do is provide a safe space so that the men can engage with God."

The Correctional Centre is divided into many areas with differing security needs, where men serve various times for a range of offences.

Each week Ms Kelly offers liturgical services for all inmates, sometimes in groups and sometimes individually. She also facilitates regular Scripture study groups.

As relationships build, inmates feel safe to speak with her privately, Ms Kelly says, allowing themselves to be vulnerable in such an intense setting.

"Many of the men start off coming to services only for the tea and biscuits," she says. "But we're now at the stage where if there's no food they come anyway."

"Recently, there's been a sudden increase in demand for Rosary

beads. There are now small groups forming across the Centre to pray the Rosary together."

Inmates of the Centre vary greatly in both their views regarding faith and their level of engagement, Ms Kelly says.

"As a prison chaplain I am there to meet the spiritual needs of all, regardless of their faith background, their depth of knowledge or the length of their spiritual journey," she says.

While not all of the men are comfortable talking about God and matters of faith, Ms Kelly says there is no inmate "who has not faced God".

"At one of our discussions, one man said, 'I used to shoot up outside a church when I knew everyone was inside for Mass, and I would think 'They don't know what they're missing out on'. Now I know I was the one missing out. If I had been in that church I wouldn't be in the state I am now and I wouldn't have wasted my life'," Ms Kelly recalls.

Although she is surrounded by some of Australia's most dangerous inmates, Ms Kelly says she has never felt afraid or unsafe when visiting the inmates.

"There's never a time when you're not being watched by an officer," she says.

"I'm very aware that I work with unpredictable people in a precarious, intense environment all day, every day, and if you ever forget that you put yourself and officers in danger."

There are other challenges to her role, such as various personal requests from inmates and staff and unexpected lock-downs.

"One of the hardest things for me to learn when I first started was that it can be unpredictable," Ms Kelly says. "I have learnt to be very flexible."

The Jubilee Year of Mercy, she says, is a wonderful opportunity for the men to experience the healing and forgiveness of God.

"I think the Year of Mercy is very exciting... and I think it can change the men's lives," she says.

"Many of them are having difficulty moving on. To accept forgiveness and to forgive themselves



Prison chaplain Julie Kelly says inmates of the Goulburn Correctional Centre, right, are excited about the Year of Mercy and the opportunities it presents them with. For many, learning to forgive themselves for their crimes and accepting the forgiveness of God is a long and difficult process.
PHOTOS: MATTHEW BIDDLE; iSTOCK; ONLINE

is the hardest thing.

"Many of these men have never known or experienced unconditional love."

For those outside the Correctional Centre wishing to practice the corporal work of mercy of visiting

in a variety of ways, apart from people coming into a Centre to visit," she says.

"Many of the housebound and elderly tell me they have taken these inmates into their hearts and pray for them regularly. Others send do-

outside just talking of ordinary, everyday life."

While she acknowledges that working as a prison chaplain has been a "steep learning curve", Ms Kelly believes the experience has taught her a lot about her own life

irrelevant... these men have given my own life perspective.

"And the Scriptures have become very real for me. Although I've worked with the Scriptures in various groups and contexts for many years, sharing the Gospel with these

"To listen to them talk to you about their experience reading Scripture, their experience trying to understand their guilt and why God, in their wildest dreams, would ever forgive them is amazing. It's a privilege for me to walk a spiritual journey with these men."

the imprisoned, Ms Kelly suggests a number of ways one can make a positive impact on the lives of the inmates.

"Prison chaplains can be assisted

nations of various items, like holy cards and prayer resources.

"Some inmates have no family or friends and they would love to receive a letter in the mail from the

and deepened her faith.

"It has brought me down to the most basic level of humanity," she says.

"The small things become

men has given a whole new dimension to the Word of God.

"I thank God every day for the opportunity to share life with these men. What a privilege."



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Aranda: Saturday 7pm-7.30pm
Batehaven: Saturday 5pm
Bega: Friday 5.30pm-6pm; Saturday 9.30am-10am
Boorowa: Saturday 5.30pm
Braddon: Friday 12pm-12.30pm
Campbell: Sunday 9am-9.20am
Cathedral: Thursday 6pm-6.30pm; Saturday 11am-12pm
Charnwood: Saturday 4.30pm
Cooma: Saturday 5pm-5.45pm
Cootamundra: Saturday 5pm-5.30pm
Crookwell: Saturday 5.30pm
Dickson: Saturday 9.30am
Evatt: Saturday 4.30pm-5.30pm
Gundagai: Sunday 5pm-5.45pm
Gungahlin: Saturday 5.15pm-5.45pm
Gunning: Sunday 8am-8.15am
Holder: Saturday 5pm-5.45pm
Kambah: Saturday 5pm-5.30pm
Kippax: Saturday 11am-11.30am
Latin Mass Community: Saturday 10am-10.30am; 7pm-8pm (Garran)
Merimbula: Saturday 9.30am-10.30am
Maruya: Saturday 10.30am-11am
Murrumburrah: Sunday 9.45am-9.55am
Narooma: Saturday 9.30am-10am
Narrabundah: Friday 6pm; Saturday 5pm-5.30pm
North Goulburn: Saturday 9.30am-10am
North Woden: Saturday 5pm-5.30pm (Curtin)
O'Connor: Saturday 4.30pm-5.30pm
Page: Saturday 11am-12pm
Queanbeyan: Friday 11:30am-11:50am; Saturday 4.30pm-5pm
South Tuggeranong: Saturday 10am-10.30; 5pm-5.30pm; Sunday 5pm-5.30pm
South Woden: Saturday 11am-12pm
Temora: Friday 5pm-5.50pm; Saturday 10am-10.45am
Turner: Saturday 5pm-5.45pm
Ukrainian Catholic Community: Saturday 8.30am (Lyneham)
Wanniasa: Saturday 9.30am-10am; 5pm-5.30pm
Waramanga: Saturday 11am-12pm
Watson: Saturday 12pm-12.30pm; 5pm-5.30pm
West Wyalong: Saturday 9.30am-10am
Yarralumla: Tuesday 6pm-6.30pm; Saturday 5.15pm-5.45pm
Yass: Saturday 10am; 5pm-5.15pm
Young: Saturday 10am

A new approach to safeguarding

The newly formed Institute for Professional Standards and Safeguarding hopes to be a national leader in its field, as Matthew Biddle explains...

THE Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn is taking a “revolutionary” approach to the way it manages the safety and well-being of children and vulnerable people, according to manager of the newly-formed Institute for Professional Standards and Safeguarding (IPSS) Jane Cronan.

The IPSS commenced its work in October 2015, and aims to ensure that the Archdiocese delivers a consistent, comprehensive and proactive approach to safeguarding across all its parishes and agencies.

Previously, individual agencies and organisations within the Archdiocese have managed their own safeguarding policies and procedures. Similar arrangements are in place in most other Australian dioceses.

“What Archbishop Christopher wants now is an Archdiocesan response to child protection and safeguarding, which is fairly revolutionary in Australia,” Mrs Cronan said. “This is an incredibly courageous decision.

“We’re hoping to lead Australia in these responses across all dioceses, because I think eventually every diocese is going to need something like this Institute.

“What we’re trying to do is bring consistency. We want to make sure that the policies, investigations and responses look similar in form, no matter what corner of the Archdiocese you’re in.”

Working closely with Mrs Cronan will be the IPSS’ director, and former Archdiocesan professional standards officer, Matt Casey.

Mr Casey said the Institute would handle everything related to child protection and safeguarding in the Archdiocese, including policy, training and formation, healing of victims, compliance, and investigations.

“We’re the people who will respond when somebody might bring a complaint, be it historical or current, about somebody associated with the Church,” he said.

“We will also be developing training and formation for every part of the Archdiocese, including the Archbishop’s Office of Evangelisation, all the parishes, Catholic Education, CatholicCare,



From left to right, Helena Kesina, Jane Cronan, Matt Casey and Meg Lillicrap, who together form the Archdiocese’s Institute for Professional Standards and Safeguarding. PHOTO: LOUI SESELIJA

and Marymead.”

The pair have extensive backgrounds working in the area of child protection. Mr Casey, who was a NSW detective for many years, first investigated a case of child abuse more than 40 years ago.

Mrs Cronan’s background is in law and education, having worked as an assistant Attorney-General and prosecutor for child sexual abuse in the USA and later as a teacher in the Archdiocese.

Despite the challenges involved in working in child protection, both Mr Casey and Mrs Cronan agree that the work is also highly rewarding.

“Working with the victims is both the hardest and the best thing,” Mr Casey said.

“You’ve got to look at some stuff that challenges you, and you have to keep your faith strong because you see some things that are absolutely heart-rendering.

“But I thank God for the opportunity for us to do this work. Being able to go out and do what you can to help someone is priceless.”

For Mrs Cronan, it’s the response from the victims that keeps her motivated each day.

“The hardest thing is the shame that you feel when you meet a victim and the harm that’s been caused, especially if it’s at the hands of the Church,” she said.

“But the best thing about this job is the offering of support and healing – listening to them, finding out what they need, and how we can respond to them.”

One of the major goals of the IPSS is to provide a safeguarding environment, by developing an “awareness of our theological mandate to respond to vulnerable people and keep them safe”, Mrs Cronan said.

“Hopefully by building and educating about a safeguarding

environment, people will know what to look for... and that is what we want,” she said.

“Often people will say ‘I didn’t think that felt right’ or ‘I didn’t think that should be happening’, and if people are feeling that way, they are thinking and responding.

“That’s how the ordinary person helps in safeguarding, they take the responsibility they have for their own children and move that on to all children in the parish. If they see something that doesn’t seem right, they talk about it and they bring it to attention. They have as much light as we do to shine in the dark corners.”

As part of the formation process, the IPSS will visit parishes and schools in the near future to speak about the components of a safeguarding environment, because, as Mr Casey points out, protection of vulnerable people is everyone’s responsibility.

“It’s not sufficient for people within the Church to stand back and say it’s all these dreadful priests and bishops’ fault,” he said.

“The responsibility rests not just with the Church leaders, for what has happened and for what needs to happen. The responsibility rests with everyone.”

While he acknowledges there will always be a need for improvement, Mr Casey said attitudes towards child protection have come a long way since his first case in the 1970s.

“When I first started, judges had to give a warning to juries that sexual assault complainants and children were unreliable witnesses,” he explained. “I can still remember even in the late ‘80s, talking to colleagues in the police force... people arguing that child abuse was not real crime. Even in those days there was no recognition of the long-term harm and damage that is done by sexual abuse.

“The big change has been that we’ve recognised that, and more importantly, we’ve recognised that not all people who abuse children are paedophiles.

“But when you’re dealing with paedophiles, they’re not going to change, they can’t change, so your response has to be far more decisive and long-term. We’ve now developed a fairly comprehensive understanding about it, but that simply wasn’t the case many years ago when I first started.

“Now people are far more conscious and the attitudes towards sexual abuse and the culture that is building around it is far more protective of children and vulnerable people.”

Although he believes the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse has been “painful”, Mr Casey said future generations would view it retrospectively as a defining moment in the history of Australian Catholicism.

“As a Church we’re going to be able to look back on this and say it has been a wonderful opportunity,” he said. “The Royal Commission has really been, and will prove to be, an absolute gift because it’s focused us as a Church, as a faith community across the country, on dark corners that perhaps we didn’t want to look at.”



Archbishop Christopher Prowse delivers his homily during Mass at St Christopher's Cathedral on February 14, surrounded by those preparing to enter the Church at Easter and their sponsors. PHOTO: MATTHEW BIDDLE

Twenty-five prepare to enter the Church

THE example of a faith-filled school community was the catalyst for Lee Anne and Damien Howse to decide to become full members of the Catholic Church.

As a catechumen – someone who has not yet received any of the Sacraments of Initiation – Mrs Howse will be baptised, receive Holy Communion and be confirmed at Easter.

Mr Howse, a candidate – someone who has been baptised and seeks to complete their sacramental initiation – will receive the Sacraments of the Eucharist and Confirmation at Easter.

Mrs Howse told *Catholic Voice* the family's involvement with Mother Teresa Catholic Primary School in Harrison had been instrumental in creating a desire to enter the Church in not only the hearts of the married couple, but also in the hearts of their children.

"Our twin girls, who turn 14 shortly, have always had an interest in religion since toddlers, and we enrolled the girls at Mother Teresa School for their education and found it was much more than just education but an all-round inclusive education of life," she explained.

"Mother Teresa School led us to attending Mass regularly and then the girls asking to be baptised.

"We had been attending Mass for around six years and last year... I decided I too wanted to go the next step and be a member of the Catholic faith, and now I can devote my full thoughts to learning and understanding the faith further."

Mr and Mrs Howse were among a group of 25 catechumens and candidates who took part in the Rite of Election at St Christopher's Cathedral on February 14.

Prior to the Mass, the individuals

each had the opportunity to speak with Archbishop Christopher Prowse about their motivations for entering the Church during a special gathering in the Cathedral crypt.

"I asked them the same question, 'What attracts you to the Catholic Church?'" Archbishop Christopher explained during his homily for the Mass. "I was really touched by their answers. I think the word I heard most was the word 'depth'; the depth of the Catholic faith attracts them.

"I pray that you will be good examples to us, that you will always

have Jesus as your guide, leading you on."

After speaking with the Archbishop in the crypt, the catechumens and candidates then signed their names in the Book of the Elect as a pledge of their fidelity and an affirmation of their intention to join the Church.

Archbishop Christopher will lead a series of formation evenings for parishes interested in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) program in May and June. The planned dates for the evenings are May 25, June 8 and June 29. For further information contact Sharon Brewer on (02) 6163 4300.

Below, catechumen Joanne Bird signs the Book of the Elect; right, Archbishop Christopher Prowse speaks with candidate Damien Howse. PHOTOS: SHARON BREWER



Heartbreaking steps toward healing

The recent film *Spotlight* is confronting and challenging, but necessary viewing for all Catholics...



BELOW THE SURFACE
BY BRIANNA THOMAS

WITH Hollywood recently trending in 'true story movies', critics have named *Spotlight* one of the best. Director Tom McCarthy, together with an all-star cast, including Rachel McAdams, Mark Ruffalo and Michael Keaton, created a retell more thrilling than an action, with more impact than a horror. Details were spot on, right down to the un-starched shirts, and the cinematic techniques met the tone. A pale colour wash (like an Instagram filter) even dulled the vibrancy of the picture to highlight the melancholy struggle. The story? Totally confronting.

The *Boston Globe* newspaper put their specialist reporter team, *Spotlight*, to work uncovering the sexual abuse scandal in the Catholic Church in Boston, 2001. What started as a hunch unrolled the enormous, treacherous scandal of child molesting by clergy. The culture in Boston was extremely Catholic and to oppose the Church was a social catastrophe. The team demonstrated their fierce



Spotlight recounts *The Boston Globe's* 2001 investigation into child abuse within the Catholic Church.

PHOTO: ONLINE

conviction to bring truth to the light, and kept working until they found evidence against more than 70 priests in their area, with corrupt involvement from Church hierarchy and legal authorities. And, sadly, it's a true story.

I was captivated by the smoothly unfolding moves and counter-moves played between characters, and the building momentum that led to victory. The film could be considered slow and without any real climax, but I think in that way

it replicates the painful and 'bitsy' process of how these things really unfold.

Every now and then I came out of the Hollywood scene where I'd been standing – outraged, heartbroken and distracted – and remembered it was in fact my Church in question. The evidence, stories and horror were my Church too.

A few years ago I was doing mission work in rural NSW with a friend. We found ourselves staying

with a farmer, his wife and their adult son. While the wife was Catholic, the men were explicitly not.

One night over dinner, the farmer started to grill my friend about the Church. She had limited answers to his unrelenting philosophical questions. Seeming pleased, he turned to me. I'd managed to keep quiet through the whole roast and dessert, but the farmer grunted, "So what about you?"

Social justice concerns us most of all



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WE are constantly reminded that we live in a society.

Whether it's the payment of tax or utility bills, we cannot escape the unpleasant fact that we have to contribute financially to help make the society work effectively. And when we are pulled over to prove we are driving with a blood alcohol level below a prescribed limit, we are reminded that the benefits of society bring obligations that are not merely financial.

We see, however, constant reminders that not all share equitably the benefits of the society to which they belong. Sometimes isolation or dispossession is due to personal

circumstances – illness, addiction, misfortune or crises in personal relationships. But sometimes many are caught in the same disadvantaged circumstances because of the policies or collective action or inaction of society.

It may be Aborigines who have been displaced from their traditional way of life. It may be migrants who have been forced to flee war or oppression and find

spirit of charity.

But there is also need to redress the attitudes of society in the way it handles or ignores the disadvantaged groups in its midst.

Social justice prevails when there is an ordering of society to give every person the means to develop their personal attributes and to become a full person, not held back by retarding forces that are changeable if society has the will.

Whatever the difficulties of reaching a common perspective, social justice must remain a Christian concern.

great difficulty in coping with unfamiliar languages and customs.

It may be the single income family struggling to survive because of wage or tax policies. It may be the unemployed who are required to live on a mere survival income because of a widespread attitude that being unemployed is a self-imposed situation.

In all such circumstances there is an abundant need for outreaching to the individual in a genuine

Social justice, of its very nature, calls for change in society. By that fact alone many can be disturbed. Those in better financial circumstances may be reluctant to further share their wealth beyond what society already demands of them (and unfortunately redistribution is sometimes marred by mismanagement and abuse).

Others may, in good conscience, believe that the proposals advanced by social justice activists

are impractical, unfair to the majority, or too disturbing to the overall good.

Christian activists in social justice, for their part, need to prayerfully decide their courses of action and recognise that they may run the risk of seeming to be at the fringe of society or politically motivated. That can be counterproductive to the cause of social justice.

They must also be mindful that those who love justice should not offend against justice, and with only good cause should they ascribe unworthy motivations to those of another persuasion. Many may sympathise with Aboriginal children who were removed from their parents in former times. But in doing so they should not, without good cause and sufficient knowledge of events, condemn those who received the children

I haven't studied theology and don't enjoy tricky arguments, so I only had my experience to offer.

I explained that I had every reason to hate the Church. I've seen pain from the topic I write about today. Effects from this type of tragedy don't end with a settlement or counselling. They are lasting and infiltrate every aspect of person and faith. I can't pretend to know what that feels like, but I know what the ripples look like.

Even having seen all this from the Church I called my own, I knew a God who is good, and who loves deeply. This God I wouldn't be separated from, no matter what.

The farmer said lightly, "So you're a Manly supporter, through and through. I respect that". He seemed genuinely intrigued that God could be bigger than the mess and confusion he'd seen and heard of.

The wife later told me that she saw her husband change after that meal, and hoped they might go to Church together. That's a win for honesty and vulnerability.

While *Spotlight* didn't offer any method towards healing, it showed the power of airing the truth, and validating the wounded.

I would encourage every Catholic to see this movie, and to receive it openly and humbly. It is one string in the very complicated tapestry of the truth, but is necessary to move forward towards hope and healing.

into care. Many probably had noble motivations according to their perspectives at the time.

Whatever the difficulties of reaching a common perspective, social justice must remain a Christian concern. Jesus taught us social justice with his story of the Good Samaritan who crossed a cultural divide to help his fellow man. The end of the story is that the Good Samaritan asked the innkeeper to look after the injured man – he used the rudimentary social structure of the times.

The Catholic Social Justice Commission of our Archdiocese wishes to make our own small contribution to the debate. Our intention is not to be directive, nor to suggest easy or single solutions to problems. But we hope that our comments will stir that reservoir of Christian concern among readers to seek social justice solutions to current issues.

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New Early Learning Centre opens

After more than two years of planning, Holy Spirit ELC welcomed its first 66 students in February...

BY MATTHEW BIDDLE

THE newest Early Learning Centre (ELC) in the Archdiocese opened its doors for the first time on February 1, with 66 children enrolled for the first school term.

Holy Spirit ELC in Nicholls will offer pre-school education for four-year-olds, as well as providing childcare before and after school hours.

Director of the new ELC Bronwyn Newth told *Catholic Voice* it had been an exciting first month for all involved.

"On our first day everyone arrived happy, excited and a little nervous, especially as the rain poured down right on 9am," she said.

"Our main hope is to establish a wonderful community of learning and support for all."

"Our part-time classes managed being moved to another building in the school as if it was any other day. Children are extremely resilient and always show us the best in every situation when given the chance."

There is one full-time class of students, and two part-time classes enrolled in 2016. A fully qualified teacher and an assistant lead each class.

The ELC program is both innovative and play-based, catering for the interests of all children, Ms Newth said.

"They come up with the rules, we don't tell them what they can and can't do," she said. "It's about



Above and below, students and staff enjoying the first days of the new Holy Spirit ELC in Nicholls.

PHOTOS: LOUI SESELJA

giving them confidence, and making them feel comfortable."

Plans for the new ELC began in 2014, when it became clear that demand in the Gungahlin area for pre-school education was far more than the Mother Teresa ELC in Harrison could handle alone.

Ms Newth said it was wonderful to see those plans finally come to fruition.

"Combining early childhood research, best practice, and

functionality is not always easy, however, we are very pleased with the results and are looking forward to a wonderful year ahead," she said.

"Throughout this year our main hope is to establish a wonderful community of learning and support for all.

"We wish to have the children build connections within the ELC and school, build friendships, challenge themselves and their thinking and to feel safe and secure."



Kathy's passion rekindled

BY JOHN MCCLAURIN

THE chance to return to the rural school environment is what enticed Kathy Holding to take up her new post as principal of St Anne's Central School in Temora.

Last year Ms Holding was employed as the secondary curriculum officer at Catholic Education based in Manuka and although she enjoyed her time there, the lure of the bush was too strong.

So when former St Anne's principal David Keenan departed for St Luke's in Shepparton, Victoria, Ms Holding answered the call.

Over the summer months, she took up the senior leadership position of the Western Deanery school of 240 students.

And it is a part of the world that she knows only too well.

Prior to her time working at Catholic Education, Ms Holding was the assistant principal at Hennessy College in Young, the second of her two stints in that position.

Before that she was assistant principal at Sacred Heart Central School in Cootamundra and she also spent some years teaching at what was Trinity Secondary School in Harden.



St Anne's Central School principal Kathy Holding.

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Although it's early on in her term as principal, Ms Holding likes what she sees at St Anne's, particularly the number of educational and extra-curricular opportunities afforded to the students.

"It is a very supportive school here," she said. "We don't go wanting for much. All students use an impressive range of ICT to enhance their learning. The students are wonderful and the staff have been simply amazing, enabling me settle in so well.

"I am very passionate about quality education for country kids. They can achieve just as much as their city cousins can and I

believe that our rural students are more resilient. This is something which I greatly admire and it was a reason why I returned to the country."

Having worked on both sides of the education system, Ms Holding's enthusiasm for delivering the best possible outcomes to all students is well and truly evident and if her time at Catholic Education has reinforced anything, it is the need for teachers to collaborate.

"Teaching can be a very isolating experience," she said.

"We need to share and learn from our colleagues much more than we do."

SFX students aiming to 'Be Merciful' in 2016

WITH the Year of Mercy underway, St Francis Xavier College (SFX) in Florey will focus on what it means to be compassionate, forgiving, kind and sympathetic in 2016.

The school's religious theme for the year is 'Be Merciful', and it is hoped that mercy will permeate the interactions of students with each other, their own families, and the wider community.

The opening year assembly served as a chance to introduce the school's new leadership team, led by Brianna Gibson and Aodhan Kirk (College Captains) with the assistance of Jake Braithwaite and Chantalle Lebutte (Vice-Captains).

Getting students involved in extra-curricular activities and encouraging them to embrace the opportunities presented to them at SFX are the key goals of the leadership team.

"I just want SFX to experience a breath of fresh air, resuscitate the morale, and get excited and proud about SFX... not just come to school because you have to, but because you want to," Brianna said.

"I'm really keen, in terms of leadership, to be really open to what God wants for us and be



SFX College Captains Aodhan Kirk and Brianna Gibson. PHOTOS: SUPPLIED

prompted by his spirit," Aodhan added. "I also just want to be able to foster a real culture of involvement and interaction, particularly between year groups."

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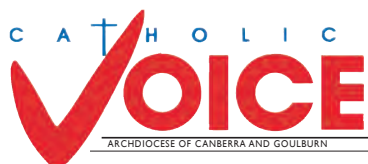
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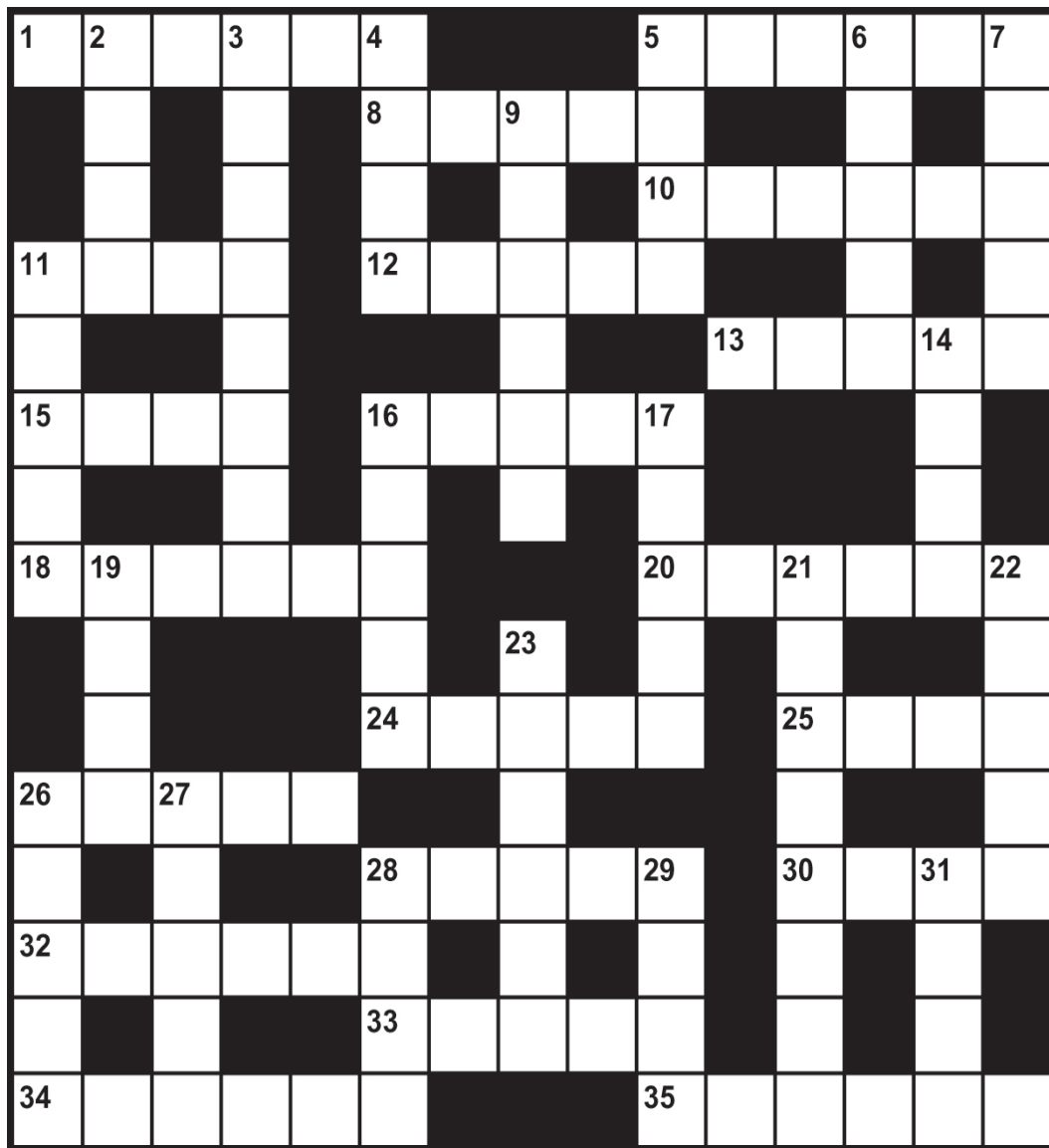
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- Member of a religious order
- John's symbol
- Office of the Pope
- He gave up his birthright to his brother
- Archdiocese in Morocco
- Parable of the ____ of great price
- The woman wiped Jesus' feet with hers (Lk 7:38)
- One of the seven deadly sins
- Biblical language
- Agatha is their patron saint
- One of the sons of Simon of Cyrene (Mk 15:21)
- Worn for First Holy Communion, wedding
- Blow on the cheek delivered by the bishop at Confirmation
- 72 Popes have been named this
- There was none at the inn
- Level of reverence reserved to God alone
- Prepare to pray
- ____ Creed
- Jacob's dream (Gen 28:12)

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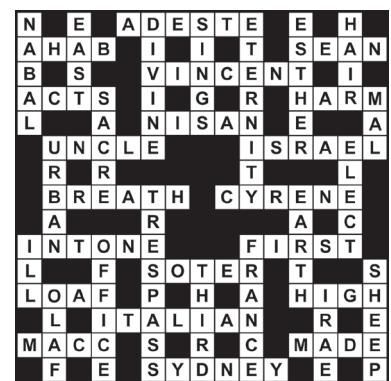
- Paul is the major character of this book
- Person in the first stage of the process of Christian initiation
- Liturgical ____
- Michaelmas month (abbr.)
- Symbol on the Papal flag
- "... a chosen race, a ____ priesthood" (1 Pet 2:9)
- Director of "The Passion of

the Christ," Mel ____

- Biblical measure
- "I have finished the ____" (2 Tim 4:7)
- Character in one of Jesus' parables
- Laying on of ____
- "I fear no ____; for thou art with me" (Ps 23:4)
- Title for clergy
- Melchizedek's domain (Gen 14:18)
- Eight hours of prayer
- Renowned Catholic American journalist, author John ____
- St Juan Diego, for example
- "For our ____, he was crucified..."
- "... and there was no man to ____ the ground" (Gen 2:5)
- The number of times you may receive a sacrament that has character

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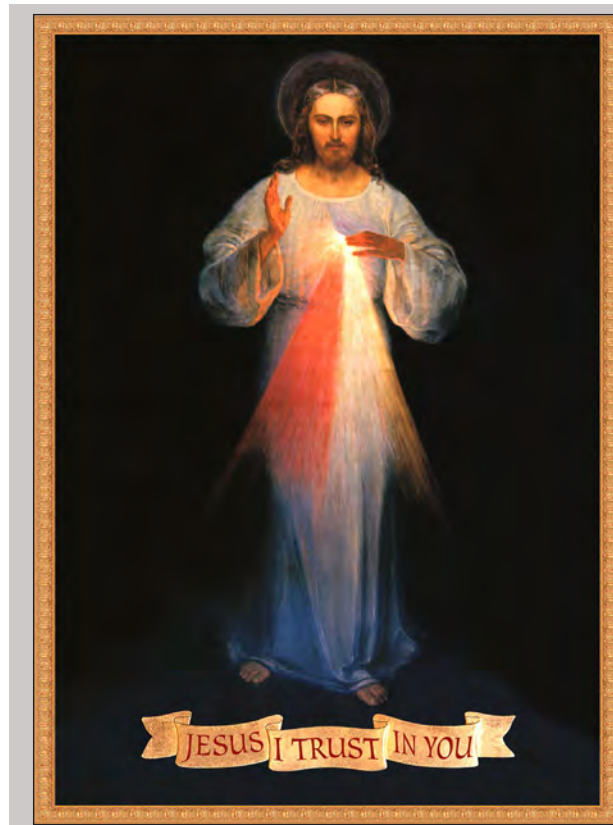
DAY: With the Irish community in Canberra. On Saturday March 12, a St Patrick's Day ecumenical service will take place from 12pm-1pm at the Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture, Barton, ACT. Irish-born Rev David Campbell, the senior minister at St Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Forrest will deliver the address. Representatives present will include Catholic, Unit- ing, and Anglican Churches, the Irish Embassy, the UK High Commission and ACT Irish organisations. Music will be performed by the Celtic Choir and traditional Irish musi- cians. Light refreshments will be available after the service. Inquiries: (02) 6251 4838 or 0451 175 728.

AMICUS: Sunday March 13. Meet at 2.45pm for a 3pm afternoon cruise on MV Southern Cross fol- lowed by an early twilight dinner at Snapper by the Lake rear of CSCC Yacht Club Yarralumla. Contact Enid (02) 6296 5592.

Sunday March 27. Meet at time TBA for a late afternoon walk and BYO twilight BBQ/picnic at Lake Tug- geranong Greenway (place TBC). Contact Enid (02) 6296 5592.

BATEHAVEN AND BE-

YOND: Presentation on 'Look at the birds of the air' on March 17 at the Church Hall, Yogoali, from 10am-3pm. BYO lunch, tea and coffee provided, cost by donation. Inquiries: Sr Mary Murphy: mary.murphy@ sosj.org.au or (02) 6978 2585.



FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY:

Sunday April 3 at St Clement's Monastery, Galong. Program:

- 2pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
 - 2.15pm Confessions - during recitation of the Rosary (as priests for confe- sion may be limited, all are urged to seek confession in their own parish prior to the feast)
 - 2.45pm Divine Mercy Chaplet
 - 2.55pm Veneration of the Divine Mercy image and blessing of personal Divine Mercy icons
 - 3pm Holy Mass.
- Afternoon tea will be held after Mass. Ladies are invited to please bring a plate. Inquiries telephone Gus or Ellen (02) 6385 5225.

During the course of Jesus' revelations to St Faustina in the 1930s, he asked that a feast day be dedicated to the Divine Mercy and that this feast be celebrated on the Sunday after Easter. On the occasion of the canonisation of St Faustina on April 30, 2000 in Rome, Pope St John Paul II granted the feast to the universal Church.

BARMEDMAN: St Joseph's Catholic Church turns 100 years. 10am Mass, Sunday March 13. Dinner Saturday March 12, Bowling Club 7pm. Former parishioners invited to attend. Contact Patricia Wells (02) 6976 2021, or mobile 0428 688 060.

MOTHERS PRAYERS

RETREAT: Mothers - both spiritual and natural - are invited to attend the Mothers Prayers Retreat from March 18-20, on the theme: "If you knew the gift of God," (John 4:10). The retreat begins with dinner at 6pm on 18 March and finishes by 4pm on Sunday afternoon (after 2pm Palm Sunday Mass). The retreat is at St Clement's Retreat Centre, Galong. Bookings and payments can be made by contacting St Clement's

on (02) 6380 5222 or by emailing info@stclement.com.au. General inquiries to Anne Hartwell (02) 6282 0874.

LISTENING TO THE HEARTBEAT OF THE

WORLD: Celebrate 150 years of the Sisters of St Joseph at St Joseph's Church, O'Connor, with Mass at 11.30am on March 19. Please join us in celebrating this wonderful occasion. Please bring a plate of light refreshments to share after Mass.

ST JOSEPH'S PRIMARY

SCHOOL FETE: Saturday March 19, from 3pm to 7pm at St Joseph's Primary, Boronia Drive, O'Connor. The fete will launch the school's 60th anniversary in 2016, and will feature family fun activities and

stalls selling a variety of items and foods. All welcome.

MEN'S CURSILLO: Please contact Alfred Bongi on (02) 6258 6545 or email readysetgo@live.com.au for inquiries about a Cursillo weekend at Warrambui Retreat Centre at Murrumbateman from the evening of April 28 to May 1. Cursillo is a short course in living the Christian life in today's world. All men in the Archdiocese are welcome.

REGULAR EVENTS

HOLY SPIRIT SECULAR FRANCISCAN FRATER- NITY: Third Friday of the month, 7.30pm, St John Vianney's, Waramanga. Secular Franciscans try to follow Christ in the footsteps

of St Francis. Inquiries: Tony 0407 072 139, Frank 0400 793 260, email sfo@fastmail.fm.

GOOD SHEPHERD PRAYER

GROUP: Meets Wednesdays from 7pm-9.30pm at the parish room, St Peter Chanel's Church, Yarralumla, ACT. Rosary, charismatic praise and worship, teachings, testimonies, prayer ministry, intercession and fellowship. Inquiries: Susanna, phone 0419 902 293, Neda 0415 266 019, Gabriel 0432 082 642.

MINISTRY TO THE NEWLY

MARRIED: A mentoring program for newly married couples, just married, or soon-to-be married. Contact Debbie and Brian, phone (02) 6231 3389 or 0414 878 167, email: mnm@grapevine.com.au.

ADORATION OF THE

BLESSED SACRAMENT: St Benedict's, Narrabundah, Monday 8am-10pm, Tuesday 12pm-10pm, Wednesday and Thursday 1pm-10pm and Friday 7am-Saturday 8am. All welcome.

COMMUNITY OF THE RISEN LORD CANBERRA:

Join us for a weekly charismatic praise and worship with an anointed sharing of the word every Friday at 7.30pm in the St Brigid's Church parish hall, 2 Bancroft Street, Dickson. Contact Shan 0412 310 364 or Sean 0448 510 237.

TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS

Ss Peter and Paul, Garran

Monday - Thursday - 7 am
Friday - 7 pm
Saturday - 9 am
Sunday - 11.30 am (sung)

St Thomas More, Campbell

Sunday - 7.45 am

FSSP Canberra: (02) 6161 5320
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Australian Catholic Historical Society

Religious life: Flight from, or race to reality?

Speaker: Dr Moira O'Sullivan RSC (Talk will follow the 2016 Annual General Meeting of the ACHS).
2.00pm, Sunday 20 March

Crypt Hall, St Patrick's, Church Hill (Grosvenor Street), The Rocks, Sydney

Meetings and afternoon tea conclude around 4.30pm

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