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Certainly one of the great highlights of the recent Australian Bishops' AD LIMINA APOSTOLORUM gathering in Rome was our time spent with Pope Francis.

It was both an informal and pastoral dialogue with the Pope. He so generously spent about two and a half hours with us. Present were the Pope and the 40 Australian Bishops. The Pope had a very capable translator. The Pope made it clear from the outset that there would be no formal speeches. He simply wished us to enter into a time of listening and dialogue on any topic we wished to address. Humbly, as any gracious host might do, he offered us water in small plastic bottles and even told us where the toilets could be found!

Quite apart from the pastoral discussions, so many of us were taken by the humility of the Pope – a sign of great leadership always! For example, as he talked with us, he would ensure personally that the glass of his hard working translator was filled with water – he did not seem concerned about his own glass.

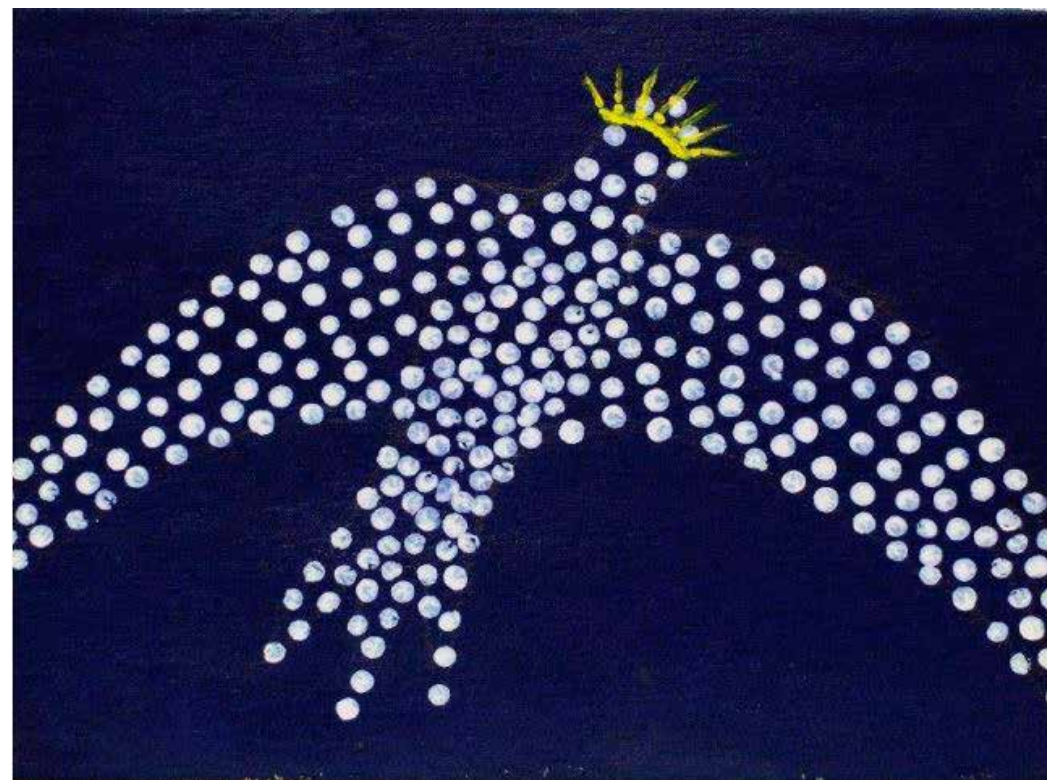
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This way of closeness and tenderness to all peoples is not the public perception that many in Australia have of the Catholic Church. That is why it is a missionary priority for the Church – to be who we are

called to be by Jesus. Too many Australians have a perception of us as being disinterested, aloof and even arrogant. Let us break down this perception by advancing our Gospel “culture of tenderness” – just like Jesus. This will take time and requires few words but humble actions. It suggests a dialogue of mutual respect and expressing “truth in love” (Ephesians 4/15).

All of this reminds me of the lovely story of the Aboriginal Elder of the Tiwi Islands – Marjorie Liddy – who died in recent years.

She was fishing with her son one evening. They were returning home when darkness came. The moon seemed strangely to disappear. She was astonished to see a strange arrangement of the stars. Her son noticed it too. I believe they were having a kind of apparition. Her son said the star arrangement looked like an enormous bird. “No, it is not a bird, son,” she said, “It is the Holy Spirit!”



Cover photo: International symbol, WYD 2008 'The Day The Holy Spirit Visited Marjorie And Her People' by Aboriginal Elder of the Tiwi Islands, Marjorie Liddy

“Pope Francis talked often about how Bishops are to be close to God, to their clergy, to their people and to the poor of the world.”

Encouraged by her priest and bishop, she painted what she saw in the sky that night. It became the international symbol, approved by the Vatican, of World Youth Day Sydney 2008.

As many people in Australia today say of the Catholic Church in one way or another, “Oh, It’s just a bird!”, we can imitate Marjorie Liddy and reply back, “Sons and daughters of Australia, she is not a bird, she is the Body of Christ, The Community of the Holy Spirit, Jesus among us!”

May this be our missionary priority – all done with tender “avvicinarsi”!

Prayer Intention for August - Pray with Pope Francis

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Lord God, from You every family in Heaven and on earth takes its name.

Father, You are love and life. Through Your Son, Jesus Christ, born of woman, and through the Holy Spirit, the fountain of divine charity, grant that every family on earth may become for each successive generation a true shrine of life and love.

Grant that Your grace may guide the thoughts and actions of husbands and wives for the good of their families and of all the families in the world.

Grant that the young may find in the family solid support for their human

dignity and for their growth in truth and love.

Grant that love, strengthened by the grace of the sacrament of marriage, may prove mightier than all the weaknesses and trials through which our families sometimes pass.

Through the intercession of the Holy Family of Nazareth, grant that the Church may fruitfully carry out her worldwide mission in the family and through the family.

We ask this of You, Who is life, truth and love with the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.



Prayer for the election of a Bishop

O God, eternal shepherd, who govern Your flock with unfailing care, grant in Your

boundless fatherly love a Bishop for the Diocese of Wagga Wagga who will please You by his holiness and to us show watchful care. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Final report captures the voices of 222,000 people

The National Centre for Pastoral Research has published the final report of the Listening and Dialogue phase of the Plenary Council, capturing the voices of more than 222,000 people.

The 314-page report provides insights into the 17,457 individual and group submissions received from May 2018 until March 2019. It also outlines the Listening and Dialogue process, including the questions asked, the research methodology and the preparation of the final report.

Perth Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB, president of the Plenary Council, said he hoped when people read the report they “will be encouraged by the passion and commitment which the invitation to enter the journey has generated in such an extraordinary way”.

“In the first phase of our journey, this listening has produced an extraordinary treasure of ideas and proposals which represents the heartfelt response of many people,” he said.

“The great challenge ahead of us now is to ‘catch’ the voice of the Holy Spirit within the passionate, hopeful but sometimes contradictory voices of God’s people.”

National Centre for Pastoral Research director Trudy Dantis said the Plenary Council has already been one of the most ambitious research projects the Church has ever undertaken.

“For the bishops to invite the people of God in Australia to respond to such a broad question was a courageous move and the response was overwhelming,” Dr Dantis said.

“We could not have predicted the number of voices from which we would hear, but we were able to use high-level research and analysis tools to understand the threads and topics on which people spoke.

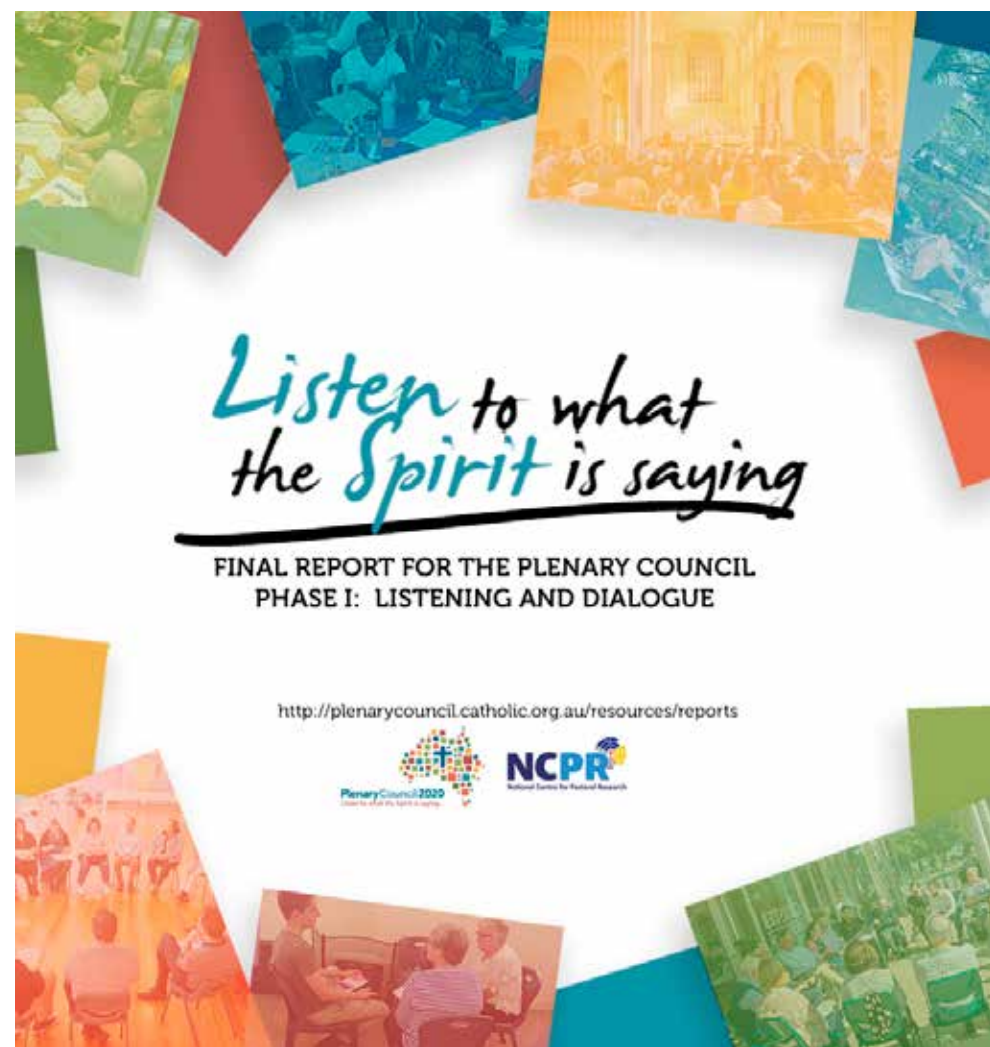
“This report is faithful to the stories told, the questions asked and the opinions shared.”

Archbishop Costelloe acknowledged that the invitation to open listening and dialogue, and the honest and open reporting of what arose from that, means that people “may be challenged, and even disturbed” by some of the responses.

“The ongoing journey of the Plenary Council provides us all with an opportunity to deepen our own reflection in the light of what other members of the Church have expressed, as together we now enter into the next phase of the journey: the Listening and Discernment phase,” he said.

Plenary Council facilitator Lana Turvey-Collins said the second phase of preparation – Listening and Discernment – will begin in earnest in August. It is after that time of discernment, which will run for several months, that the agenda for the Plenary Council will begin to emerge.

Archbishop Costelloe said the Plenary Council has been an exercise in being open to the guidance of the Holy Spirit, with the Council’s theme coming from



the Book of Revelation: “Listen to what the Spirit is Saying.”

That ought to continue in the coming months, he explained.

“As we now enter into the crucial phase of Listening and Discernment [...] may we be open to the wisdom of the Holy Spirit who will lead us into the fullness of the Truth (cf. Jn 16:13) and eager for that gift of humility which will equip us for the opportunities, the challenges and the joys which now lay ahead of us,” Archbishop Costelloe said.

The final report of the Listening and Dialogue phase can be found on the Plenary Council website: <http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/resources/reports/>

Plenary Council 2020
Listen to what the Spirit is saying...



CRA Vice President and Executive elected

A key moment at the first Catholic Religious Australia (CRA) National Council meeting after the National Assembly was the election of the new Executive: Patty Fawkner SGS as Vice President (VP) and Tom McDonough CP as Executive Member, who join the new President, Peter Carroll FMS, to complete the Executive of CRA Council.

Patty Fawkner, a native of Sydney, is the congregational leader of the Sisters of the Good Samaritan. Patty has tertiary qualifications in arts, education, theology and spirituality and has had diverse ministries as an educator, Religious Education consultant, Communications Officer, Director of Uniya Jesuit Social Justice Centre, writer and member of the Good Samaritan Council. Patty brings energy, broad experience and a commitment to collaboration to her new role at CRA.

“I’m honoured to be the Vice-President of CRA and look forward to working alongside Peter Carroll, our new President. Religious life in Australia continues to evolve and I’m excited about the prospect of embracing

God’s mission in communion with other congregational leaders. My hope is that we can find mutual and inclusive ways of being responsive to the needs of our Church and our world.”

Tom McDonough has been the Provincial Superior of the Passionist Fathers since 2012. Born in Sydney, he studied theology at the Catholic University of Leuven, Belgium and later lectured at Yarra Theological Union for 14 years, followed by various leadership positions. He has worked in parishes in Marrickville, Terrey Hills, and then in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea. Tom was a member of the Supervisory Group for the Truth Justice and Healing Council and is currently CRA’s representative on Catholic Professional Standards Ltd.

Tom brings history and continuity to his role, having been VP of CRA for the last three years and on the National Council for several more years. Tom is committed to leading the Church to its proper place of being transparent, accountable and loving.

“It gives me great pleasure to continue to serve on the Council’s Executive team and through the work of



CRA President and Vice President - Peter Carroll & Patty Fawkner

CRA, to represent leaders in the Australian Church and effect change within the Church and society - change which the people of God are hoping for in a range of areas,” he said.

CRA President, Peter Carroll FMS said, “I’m delighted to be working with Patty and Tom on the Executive. Their faith, special gifts, and commitment to collaborative discernment will help enrich the work of CRA and the life of the Church at this time.”

Dying To Know Day 2019

8th August marked Dying to Know Day which aims to raise awareness by activating conversations and curiosity to help people, families and community to do death better.

by Karene Eggleton

Too many of us are dying in a way not consistent with our values or wishes. Too often, we feel ill-equipped to support loved ones who are dying, caring or grieving.

Dying to Know Day is designed to change this by activating conversations and curiosity. By encouraging death literacy and providing a space to talk about end of life plans, we can help people, families and communities to do death better.

On 3rd August, Wagga Wagga hosted a multi-faith event to facilitate a conversation about caring for the dying with representatives from various faith and cultural groups including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander, Baha'i, Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism, Islam and Quakers.

The objectives of the conversation were three-fold: to provide an opportunity

for the community at large to learn about the cultural and spiritual needs of various faiths when caring for the dying; to advocate harmony in Wagga Wagga and Australia by promoting interfaith understanding and mutual respect among different faiths; and to allow key faith groups in Wagga Wagga to share common values and embrace differences in values of other faith groups.

Six main questions were presented:

1. Are there any end-of-life practices that we need to be aware of during caring and dying process?
2. As a carer, what can we do to help the patients and their families in maintaining peace and harmony during the caring process, dying process and after death?
3. What are some key strategies to enable people to engage in culturally appropriate mourning?

4. Is there beliefs we need to be aware of when viewing or touching the body?
 5. What religious practices are involved in the funeral/memorial service?
 6. How is the deceased remembered?
- Is it ok to talk with others about death or is this considered inappropriate within some cultures?

Rev Karen Kime from the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community spoke of mourning as 'Sorry Business' and how grieving is seen as a time of sharing the emotional, physical and spiritual with their community.

When an audience member asked what customs does each faith follow after death it was quite fascinating to learn of the differences yet similarities across faiths.

Rev Gavin Krebs, representing Christianity, spoke of the importance of prayer towards the end as well as encouraging the person to confess anything they needed and to anoint with oils.

Dr Ata-ur Rehman, representing Islam, spoke of the importance of having a burial within 24 hours.

The common thread was that death was a part of life and not to be feared. Colin

Wiese from the Bahai faith shared that death was seen as a joy of the life that God had created and that the body was the throne of the soul.

The event was livestreamed on Facebook and if you would like to watch it in full, you can visit Our Common Word - Harmony Through Unity on Facebook.

Dying to Know Day speaks of 'Death Literacy' which recognises the role that everyone has in end of life care and death care. Having knowledge helps us make informed decisions about the care, being able to act on that knowledge is empowering.

For example do you know:

- what an advance care plan is and how it is used?
 - how to access palliative care in your area?
 - about alternatives to traditional cremation/burial in your local area?
- Many of us are looking to build our death literacy so we can make informed decisions about our dying, end of life care and death.

The Dying To Know organisation encourage and promote collaboration in the end of life sector because this is the best way to create the systemic and long term change needed in our ageing society.

To find out more visit:
www.dyingtoknowday.org

Death:
it takes **all of us.**



From left: Colin Wiese (Bahai), Geshe Tenzin Zopa (Buddhism), Melanie Baulch (Quakers), Toni Coleman (Moderator), Dr Ata-ur Rehman (Islam), Rev Karen Kime (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander), Gaurav Bodar (Hinduism) and Rev Gavin Krebs (Christianity)

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Giving sorrow words

Felicity and Paul de Fombelle, parents of four, lost their youngest son Etienne in June. He was five. Here, Felicity shares with Together some reflections on his death.

by Felicity de Fombelle

Almost three weeks after I went to wake my sleeping five year old son from a mid-morning nap and found him dead, I see my eldest son asleep on the couch, and I am afraid to approach.

What if 10-year-old Arnaud has died, as well as Etienne? Fear grips me. Earlier that day, Arnaud had been unwell so my husband Paul had taken him to Canberra Hospital. We needed reassurance. While waiting at the hospital, Arnaud had asked Paul; “Am I going to die, Papa?”

Paul was in tears as he relayed the story to me. Our lives changed the day Etienne died; on Sunday June 23, 2019.

Two nights ago, while putting the boys to bed, our nine year old son Eric said, “Maman, are you 100 per cent sure that Etienne is dead?” How I longed to say No.

Last night, while tucking Arnaud into bed, he started crying and said, “I’m scared of dying Maman”. Arnaud also remarked, “We know that Jesus is so loving Maman, so how come he took Etienne away from us?”

It is a question I am also wrestling with, so how to respond? Given we are yet to know anything about how Etienne died, I am conscious I need to move to a position where the answer might never come. And it is dawning on me that, in life, often the answers do not come, because there is so much we simply don’t know.

I cannot even try to answer Arnaud’s question about why God ‘took’ Etienne, because I have no sense of that myself.

I can barely recall how I have got through these last few weeks, because it all seems so unreal. You never think about winning Tattsлото, because it will never happen to you. In the same way, you never think one of your children might die, because surely that would never happen to you. That’s something you read in the newspapers, about other families - and how devastating it is.

Well, my youngest child Etienne died, and we buried him at Woden Cemetery on Monday July 1, after a beautiful Funeral Mass at St Peter Chanel’s in Yarralumla celebrated by Fr Tony Percy, along with Fr Andrew Lotton, Fr Trenton Van Reesch and Fr Frank Brennan. All such wonderful men who I respect and admire. Gosh we are blessed to have our priests.

Eric and our third son Thibault, 7, were altar servers at the Funeral Mass, as they usually are at the Saturday evening Mass we attend. Arnaud, who thrives

“We come together in suffering - we reach out to those who are grieving and want to show our love and support. I have never been at ease with receiving, but receive I have, and I recognise in me an enormous growth in that respect.”

on being an altar boy, decided not to serve. I admired his maturity in making the decision. I expected Arnaud to sit between Paul and I in our usual spot in the first pew, but instead, he sat in front of us, next to four of his classmates. That felt right - Arnaud supported by his friends from school, which of course is such a big part of his life.

Etienne had made it to school, which is something I give thanks to God for. He was thriving in kinder, as any child should. Etienne caught the school bus with his three big brothers, who took it in turns each afternoon to fetch him from his classroom and walk him to the bus stop. Earlier in the year he had joined the French-speaking scout group that his brothers attended. Etienne relished being a “Joey” - he’d been canoeing and rockclimbing, and had enjoyed his first Joey sleepover in the Ainslie scout hall, toasting marshmallows and making craft which he presented to me the next day for Mother’s Day.

Life now is hard and heavy. It feels a tested life. Earlier this week, I sat down with a trauma counsellor and spoke about the huge role that Etienne had played in my life, and in our family life. Etienne was joy personified, and he lifted me - lifted me from the drudgery of parenting and housework. I needed him - his spirit - and now he has gone. The counsellor told me that Etienne can, and must, continue to play that key role in my life. I nodded understanding but, to be honest, I do not feel that in my heart. And that worries me. My desperate hope and prayer is that, with time, Etienne will again play that role, and help me to see the joy and light.

I worry that my three boys will forget about their younger brother. Paul and I met a SIDS grief specialist this week, who told me in a confident tone that the boys would never forget Etienne. I have to take her word on that. The boys will see the grief specialist next week. She also gave me information about a ‘bereaved siblings’ group that they run. I feel I have entered another world - one



Above: Etienne with his mother, Felicity.

Left: Etienne with his older brothers from left Thibault, Arnaud and Eric.

Below: The joy of Etienne.



that few enter, and no one would ever want to.

The other evening, Eric asked if he could use the computer to record a few memories of Etienne. My heart leapt - of course you can my darling. I will gently encourage his brothers to do the same. Thibault sometimes covers his ears when we talk about Etienne. They are so young and tender; each processing a story about their brother’s death and seeking information to fill in the pieces. At the cemetery, the three boys fired questions, walked around examining headstones and did everything short of jumping in the hole with their youngest brother. They were curious - “Who dug the hole?” “Where did the dirt come from?” and so on. Fr Tony stepped in. He was terrific; asking people to move on so that he could stay with the boys, answering their questions and supporting them.

We come together in suffering - we reach out to those who are grieving and want to show our love and support. I have never been at ease with receiving, but receive I have, and I recognise in me an

enormous growth in that respect. Just this evening at Mass, I broke down during the final hymn, Lord Be My Vision. A parishioner moved forward to hold me, and we sang the last three verses together. This was my parish enveloping me, and my family. Last week, a parishioner approached me after Mass and said, “Etienne’s death has lifted this parish”.

I have learned that Etienne - in his short, five and a half years on Earth - had a tremendous impact on people. And as I write this, I realise how proud that makes me, as his mother. We can often underestimate that power. So while I grieve, and feel such emptiness, I also thank God for the gift of my son, who Paul and I treasured and who absolutely knew the depth of our love for him.

As much as I cannot understand or fathom Etienne’s death, in these darkest of days, I still strongly believe that God is in control, and that our God is a loving and gentle and compassionate God.

My prayer is for healing and comfort, along with gratitude for the joy of a boy named Etienne.

New report shows path to more diverse school leadership

School authorities must deliberately target their diverse teaching ranks to identify and foster potential leaders from all cultural backgrounds and genders, a new report recommended.

Kelly Humphrey - formerly an Education Officer in the Wagga Wagga Catholic Schools Office and the recipient of the 2018 Brother John Taylor Fellowship – recently researched initiatives in the UK and Fortune 500 companies in the US to develop more diverse leaders.

Her report, *Diversity in Educational Leadership: Lessons from the Corporate World*, found school bodies needed to identify and nurture capable women and people of culturally diverse backgrounds, and create a more supportive workplace for them if they wanted to diversify their leadership profile.

“There is great diversity among teachers, but it is not translating to leadership under the current systems and structures,” said Ms Humphrey, a Gamilaroi woman who has held assistant and acting principal roles.

“Almost three-quarters of Australia’s schoolteachers are female and the highest proportion of female primary school teachers in NSW is in the Catholic sector, at 85.8 per cent.

“Catholic schools recognised all things come from God and we are therefore all connected.”

“Despite this, the proportion of female principals in NSW Catholic schools – which are predominantly primary schools – is just over 50 per cent.”

Ms Humphrey cited research by Victoria’s Department of Education that found males aspired to be principals while females tended to settle for assistant principal roles.

“The situation is more acute among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander staff; while 5.3 per cent of students identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander, only 1 per cent of the teaching workforce identifies as such. Of this 1 per cent, only 7 per cent are deputy principals and 3 per cent are principals.”

Ms Humphrey said similar cultural



Education officer Kelly Humphrey wrote the report (CSNSW)

barriers existed in the US and UK, where deliberate strategies are now used to address long-held perceptions and activate talented, diverse staff to become leaders.

Catholic schools recognised all things come from God and we are therefore all connected, she said.

“A positive way to embrace the connectedness of people is to support diverse leadership in education that reflects today’s society.”

The Brother John Taylor Fellowship is offered annually by Catholic Schools NSW to enable a Catholic educator to research an education-related challenge or issue.



MCC NAIDOC Week Assembly

What a way to finish a term. Marian Catholic College used their ‘voice’ and listened to the voices of others in a step towards a stronger future.

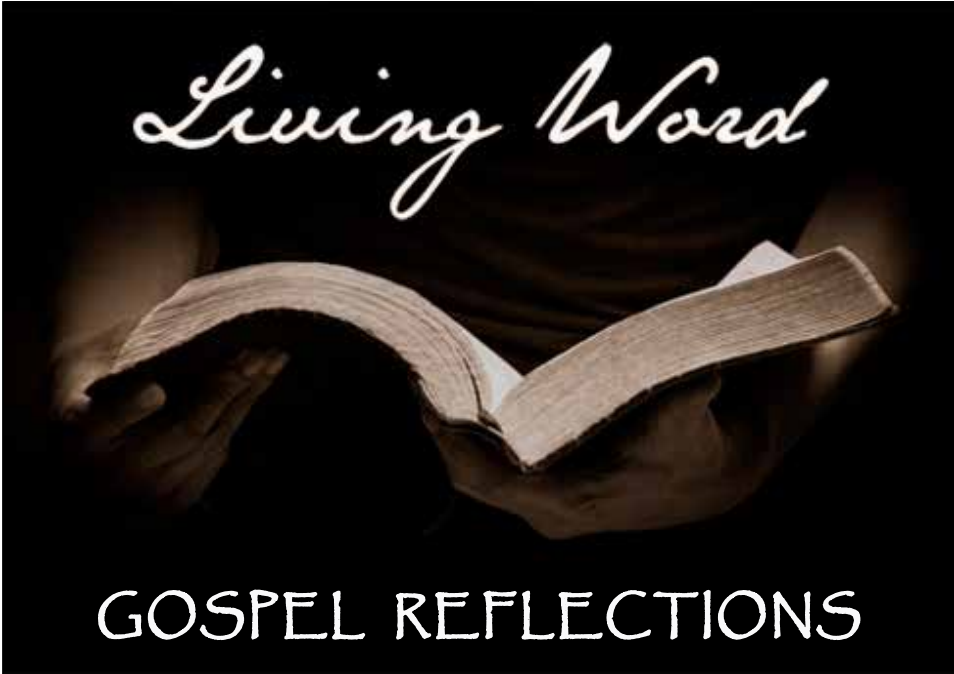
NAIDOC Week celebrations are held across Australia each July to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

NAIDOC is celebrated not only in Indigenous communities but by Australians from all walks of life. The week is a great opportunity to participate

in a range of activities and to support your local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community.

Marian celebrated in style, all starting with an assembly in front of our newly upgraded Reconciliation Garden. We welcomed special guests Jayde Warde, Kelly Humphrey, Luke Wighton, Annmaree Ingram and staff and students from St Patricks Primary School by lighting the fire pit in the middle of the garden. It was symbolising the ever-burning flame of reconciliation and we talked about its importance.





A woman for all seasons



In an age where many in the Western World are rejecting the faith of their forebears, it is possible for us to miss some truly wonderful signs never seen before.

One is the revolution in Jewish-Christian relations and another the realisation, in the words of Pope St John Paul II, of ‘the Genius of Women.’ Both sources of joy are exemplified in today’s saint, Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, aka Edith Stein.

Born into a German-Jewish family, Edith renounced her faith at 14 becoming an academic when such things were technically not possible for women. Edith volunteered as a nurse during World War I and was deeply impressed with the way the Christian faith of a young woman enabled her to endure her husband’s death on the battlefield.

Edith noticed too the devotion of a woman praying in Frankfurt cathedral, the passion for God that she found in St Teresa of Avila’s autobiography; of how her mother’s faith in God endured through mortal illness and of the mysticism of female philosopher who had converted to Christianity. Her delight in admirable women was never at the expense of warm engagement with men with many of her professors championing her academic career.

Edith finally surrendered to God and was baptised. Her desire to follow St Teresa into the Carmelites was delayed for a time as her intellectual gifts were put to good use by the Church. Edith wrote brilliantly of the distinct gifts that both genders bring to the world.

With war imminent, Edith spoke against the persecution of the Jewish people and believed that God was calling her to embrace their suffering. Her Mother Superior sent Edith to Holland but she was eventually arrested with her sister also a Carmelite. Offered the chance to escape Edith refused to abandon her people and was murdered in Auschwitz.

Like her Jewish ancestor, Esther in today’s first reading, Edith combined a fierce intelligence with great courage, deep empathy for others and absolute devotion to God. Although a consecrated woman, Edith’s daughters are many and they are leading the fight for the sanctity of human life from conception to natural death. They are at work in the media, in academia, in the Church and in the home building the new culture of life.

**Truly a woman for all seasons!
St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross,
Pray for us.**



Parents urged to speak up for the unborn

The Council of Catholic School Parents NSW/ACT (CCSP) is urging all parents, particularly parents of children in Catholic schools, to speak up in opposition to the bill passed in the Lower House of the NSW Parliament recently.

As the bill now moves to the Upper House for further debate, CCSP Chair, Narelle Burke, says that now is the time for all who have experienced the joy of being a parent to speak up to protect innocent unborn children.

“We lament the result delivered by the Legislative Assembly last week and feel betrayed by our Parliament. Not only was this bill sprung upon the people of NSW and passed without appropriate consultation, it is both ill-conceived and poorly drafted.

“We commend the 31 State MPs who voted to support life. We now call upon the members of the Legislative Council to do the right thing by ensuring that this bill does not become law.”

“We call upon our elected representatives to defend the most vulnerable and defenceless members of our human family, to be a voice for the voiceless, by doing what is right and voting against this bill,” Mrs Burke said.

CCSP Executive Director, Peter Grace, says that parents and all other people of good will who value human life need to let our parliamentarians know that this so-called Reproductive Health Care Reform Bill 2019 both de-values human life and infringes upon the fundamental rights of doctors who conscientiously object to abortion.

“I encouraged all parents to attend the Rally for Life held on Tuesday 20 August in Martin Place, Macquarie

Street, Sydney. We need to make sure our parliamentarians know that any law that gives a green light to abortion on demand up until birth is not good law. As it stands, this bill fails to protect our most vulnerable and defenceless precious little brothers and sisters.”

“Because all human beings are made in the image and likeness of God, we must vigorously defend the dignity of the human person and the sacredness of life from conception to natural death. In doing so, we stand in solidarity with both the unborn and with all pregnant women and offer them our support. We call upon our legislators and the wider community to extend to pregnant women facing difficult decisions the compassion and practical support they need.

“Let us stand up for truth, goodness and beauty. This bill is none of those things. We want our elected representatives to do what is decent and right. We have an opportunity to send them this message. Please join us in pray that our lawmakers will embrace a culture of life by voting against this bill,” Mr Grace said.



CEO of NSW Right to Life Rachel Carling addresses a rally on 1 August outside NSW Parliament House to oppose the abortion bill. Photo by Giovanni Portelli

Responding to trauma

According to consultant psychologist, Angela McCabe, trauma is something that can be experienced simply from listening to another person describing his or her own traumatic event. This is what is termed “vicarious trauma”.

by Catherine Sheehan

“If we sit and listen to traumatic stories over and over again or deal with people who are distressed it actually has an impact on us,” Ms. McCabe said. “That impact can affect your spiritual life quite deeply because you can feel a lot of distress yourself, and you can feel helpless to support the person in their pain. You may wonder if there is a loving God, for example, or you may question yourself, question your belief system.”

After working as a nurse for 12 years, Ms. McCabe became a registered psychologist in 1996. She specialises in the prevention of, and recovery from, betrayal of trust behaviours and traumatic injury.

She said the findings of the recent Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse had caused widespread trauma not just to victims and survivors but also to the Catholic Church as a whole, both laity and clergy, and to the wider community.

“I think a lot of people have had spiritual trauma. It’s rocked their faith,” she said. “It’s affected the whole community profoundly, not just the Church... It’s a community trauma.”

Risk management

As a member of the Canberra and Goulburn Archdiocese’s Professional Standards Advisory Panel, Ms. McCabe works in the area of risk management in respect to “betrayal of trust crimes”.

“One of the reasons that child sexual abuse is so heinous is it’s such a profound betrayal of trust and when a member of the clergy or someone in a trust position commits it, it is more than psychologically and physically violating. I would take the step of saying it’s spiritually violating. It’s a very, very profound injury.”

“The Church has learnt the hard way about failures of leadership on this issue and needs to be very proactive about identifying the risks, understanding the risks and managing the risks and working closely with the wider community, such as the police, in dealing with this.”

Like other traumatic events, sexual abuse may have permanent consequences for the victim, she added.

“I would say an assault of that type, you’re not going to recover from it as if

‘Mother Teresa said, ‘do small things well’. And that’s what I’m trying to do. So hopefully for the people that we do engage with, and have some contact with, their day is a little better because we tried. ’

it never happened. It cannot be undone but you can heal and find ways to live better with it with the right support. I am humbled by how so many survivors have found the courage to speak up and to use their experiences to help others and to ensure it never happens again.

“If healing is to take place, it will depend on many things. It will depend on whether we restore the protective factors for that person so they can regain some equilibrium in their life. It will depend on us hearing them and really trying to understand their perspective.”

Ms McCabe has also worked closely with priests in the Archdiocese, providing them with support and education around identifying signs of trauma in others and recognising vicarious trauma in themselves as well as self-care.

Vicarious trauma

Priests are at “high risk” of vicarious trauma, she said, because their ministry involves listening to the distress of others on a regular basis, making self-care vital to their welfare.

“For anyone who works in the humanitarian field, or works intensely with people who are distressed, it’s an important consideration.”

“You can’t look after anyone else if you can’t look after yourself. So the idea is if they’re in good shape both mentally and physically, they can provide more effective support to people who need them.”



Trauma psychologist, Angela McCabe, speaks about the impact that trauma can have on our lives.

At a recent clergy assembly, Ms. McCabe alerted priests to the signs of vicarious trauma—difficulty managing emotions, difficulty making decisions, problems managing boundaries, over or under responsibility, problems in relationships, physical problems including illness and accidents, and loss of meaning and hope. Listening to a distressed person can have a physiological impact, she said.

“If you’re sitting with me and crying, and I’m counseling you, I may not be crying too but my brain will be lighting up in the same place. This is because we have mirror neurons in our brain that enable us to feel empathy and respond to others with compassion.

“If a counsellor or carer is doing this all day, day after day it can have an impact. It’s really important when they go home at night to eat well, that they sleep well, that they do things that are soothing and comforting. It might be exercise, meditation or prayer, watching funny movies.”

The crimes of others

Men enter the priesthood because they have a vocation and love the Church, she said, and because they want to help others. It is therefore devastating for them to learn that fellow clergy have

committed heinous crimes.

“When you find out there are people doing the wrong thing under the same guise, it really shakes your foundations. It feels very personally hurtful.”

Ms. McCabe said it is important for compassion to also be shown towards clergy in light of the sex abuse crisis, and that investing in the welfare of priests was an investment in the welfare of every person in the Church. While the media focused predominantly on the Catholic Church throughout the Royal Commission, the sexual abuse of children is a widespread community problem and needs to be addressed as such, she said.

“It’s easier to focus on one institution. It’s more comfortable to think bad things only happen in a defined place. But all of us need to step back and to be thinking about how we take care of our children.”

“All human institutions have inherent flaws. Leaders and their teams need to self-reflect and work towards continuous improvement.”

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Members of the Wagga branch of the Council for Australian Catholic Women after a Women's Spirituality Day planning meeting at Lockhart in July
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- Senegal - Renovation of a house for a priest to be closer to his Parish
- Colombia - Courses in life skills for vulnerable young people
- Czech Republic - Help for the formation of 24 seminarians at the archdiocesan major seminary and for 11 students at the propedeutic seminary in Olomouc
- Success Story: Thanks to your generosity we were able to refurbish a motor boat for pastoral work in Papua New Guinea.



Children in the Diocese of Senegal. Photographer: Monika Sinzig
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Senegal - Renovation of a house for a priest

Over 90% of the population of Senegal, in West Africa, are Muslims. Christians make up a minority of just 5% or so among a total population of 15.6 million. The remaining 5% belong to traditional African religions.

The parish of St Charles Lwanga is based in Pandiènou in the town of Pambal, in the west of the country, to the northeast of the capital Dakar. The parish covers a very large area with numerous small towns and villages, and as a result it has been divided up into sectors. Since 2017 Fr Abbé Gabriel Pathé Faye has been responsible for the district of Yendane, which includes several large villages and also the town of Tivaouane. Altogether there are around 3000 Catholics living in the area. They represent only a tiny

minority of some 2% of the total population locally.

There is a growing attempt among some sections of the Muslim population to entice away the Christians and persuade them to convert to Islam. Hence it is clear to Fr Abbé Gabriel that he must help his Catholic faithful to remain firm in their faith. But to do this he needs to be close to the people, so that he can minister to them and accompany them more intensively. Above all it is vital to educate the children, so that they can be firmly grounded in their faith for the future.

However, Father Gabriel does not have a permanent residence within his pastoral sector, and this is a trial both for him and for his people, as he cannot minister to them as effectively as he would like to do. Yet, as he himself

write to us, “Despite all the difficulties, the faithful are still optimistic about the future. They do not feel alone, as though they were a small, abandoned flock, but instead they are looking to the support of partners such as you, for the glory of God.”

We would like to help him, with AUD \$16,400 so that he can renovate a small house in the area and so be able to be closer to his people.

Papua New Guinea - Success Story: refurbishment of a motor boat for pastoral work among the outlying islands

The diocese of Wewak lies on the

northern coast of Papua New Guinea. It covers an area of around 14,500 square miles (37,000 km²), making it almost the same size as Switzerland. Yet it has a total population of barely half a million souls, of whom roughly half are Catholics.

Its 48 parishes consequently cover vast areas. For example, the parish of Vokeo comprises eight separate islands, with a scattered population of around 50,000 Catholics. Father Dariusz Wozniak, the parish priest, has to cover long stretches by sea in order to reach his faithful. There is no other option: without a motorboat, his pastoral work would be

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Spiritual formation of young people, who are in danger because of the rebels in Colombia.
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impossible here.

For many years now his 9-metre motorboat, which he has named after Poland’s famous Black Madonna, has served him well. But over the course of time it has needed many repairs, which have by now practically exhausted his parish budget. Needless to say, there are no spare parts available in Papua New Guinea, and all such spares and other necessary materials have to be imported from abroad.

Happily, thanks to the generosity of our kind benefactors, we have been able to help Father Wozniak to refurbish his boat and make it seaworthy once again. So now his parishioners will no longer have to wait for him in vain. We pass on his heartfelt thanks to all who have helped for this.

Colombia - Courses in life skills for vulnerable young people

For 20 years now the Dominican sisters in Docordò have been trying to help young people, through educational work and intensive personal accompaniment, in order to stop them falling into the clutches of the armed gangs, which are very prevalent and active in the region. For many of these young people are easily manipulated

and exploited, often suffering from an inadequate upbringing, a difficult home background and a general aimlessness and lack of direction in life. As a result they can often endanger their own lives as well as the lives of their family members and fellow citizens, losing their sense of moral integrity and thereby becoming an obstacle to the peace and security which their country so desperately needs.

The sisters are trying to help them through educational courses which aim to strengthen these young people, both intellectually and spiritually, so that they can become stronger personalities, more able to tackle the problems of life and with a greater sense of self-confidence and maturity and stronger moral and ethical values. They want to inspire them to deepen their faith and be ready to commit themselves for the kingdom of God, rather than destroying their own lives and that of their fellow citizens. There is a vital need for a solid pastoral outreach in the country generally, in fact, since the population consists of roughly 60% descendants of African slaves and 40% people of indigenous extraction, and there is a widespread cultivation of superstitious and shamanistic practices.

We have supported the Dominican sisters in the past and we wish to help them once again this year in the excellent work they are doing in their educational centre in Docordò. Since the people attending these courses are generally from the poorest backgrounds, they not only cannot afford to pay the cost of these courses but even have to be provided with free board and lodging by the sisters.

We are planning to help with a contribution of AUD \$11,012.

Czech Republic - Help for the formation of 24 seminarians at the archdiocesan major seminary and for 11 students at the propedeutic seminary in Olomouc

The archdiocesan major seminary in Olomouc can look back on a history of almost 230 years – though for around 40 years this period was in fact brutally interrupted by the time of communist persecution. It was not until 1990, after the political upheavals in Eastern Europe, that the seminary was reopened – partly thanks to the help of ACN. By which time the seminary had been neglected and ravaged by the communists and needed to be renovated from top to bottom.

One of the great Church personalities to have emerged from this particular seminary was Cardinal Frantisek Tomášek, who was renowned for his fearless resistance to the communist oppressors. He trained for the priesthood here in Olomouc between 1918 and 1922. In 1951 he was arrested by the communist regime and condemned to forced labour in a quarry. It was not until the end of the Stalinist era, in 1954, that he was finally released.

From 1965 to 1977 he was apostolic administrator of Prague Archdiocese and from 1977 until 1991 Archbishop of Prague. One of the high points in his life was the moment when, at the age of 90, he was able to welcome Pope John Paul II to his country and accompany him on his visit there. Today there are 24 young men training at the major seminary of the archdiocese in

Olomouc, plus another 11 students who are currently attending the propedeutic pre-seminary, in preparation for entry to the major seminary. And seven students were also ordained to the diaconate this year, the last stage before ordination to the priesthood.

As it has in the past, ACN is again supporting the seminary for the formation of its 24 seminarians and also the 11 students at the pre-seminary; this year with a contribution of AUD \$28,800.

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Campion Women’s Lunch

On Wednesday 7th August 2019 Campion College opened its doors to welcome 80 women for the Campion Women’s lunch.

The aim of the lunch was to celebrate the achievements of Campion College and acknowledge those women who are excelling in their careers, family life and education. On arrival the women were welcomed by College president Dr Paul Morrissey and Director of Development Yvette Nehme.

The afternoon was a unique opportunity to network and meet women from all walks of life whilst sharing culinary delights. Current students Emelina Phillips, Bethany Marsh and our alumna Marie Yeo entertained guests with a choral performance of ‘Somewhere (from West Side Story Choral Suite)’. Emelina Phillips, in her final year at Campion, shared her testimony. “Campion has especially supported me in my passion for singing. I have been blessed to receive a Performing Arts Scholarship each year since

“The afternoon was a unique opportunity to network and meet women from all walks of life whilst sharing culinary delights.”

starting my degree. There have been many opportunities given to me to perform and grow: through talent nights, formal hall dinners, and fundraising events for the College. The encouragement and support I have received here from staff and students have assisted me in making the decision to pursue my dream of singing next year. I will be applying to study music theatre at the Australian Institute of Music in Sydney.”

The Guest speaker, the Honourable Senator Concetta Fierravanti-Wells, shared her story about growing up in a migrant family in Wollongong and what led her to pursue a career in politics. This was followed by a presentation from College President Dr Paul Morrissey about how individuals can support Campion, in its works and projects ensuring that it can continue to provide a foundational education in the Liberal Arts that integrates the insights of faith and reason.

The afternoon concluded with the drawing of a raffle, our sincere thanks to the generous supporters who donated prizes.

For further information on how you can support Campion College or if you would like to attend the event in 2020 please contact Yvette Nehme, Director of Development foundation@campion.edu.au or call 02 98969318.



Far left: Guest speaker, the Honourable Senator Concetta Fierravanti-Wells.

Left: MC of the event, Ms Sophie York.

Below: Campion Womens lunch gathering.





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In Sydney, Project Compassion kicked off with a mass at St Mary’s Cathedral on Tuesday March 5, attended by over 200 Catholic school teachers, students and parishioners, as well as Caritas Australia Lenten speaker, Super Dube, who is visiting Australia from Zimbabwe. Archbishop Anthony Fisher presided over the mass with the assistance of Bishop Terry Brady. In attendance was Mr Super Dube, Caritas Australia’s Lenten speaker and Diocesan Coordinator of Caritas Hwange, Zimbabwe.

Mr Dube also spoke at St Ursula’s College in Kingsgrove, to students from across the Archdiocese of Sydney highlighting the story of Thandolwayo, a young girl from the community of Hwange, in Zimbabwe who Mr Dube



saw transform and flourish as a result of Caritas Australia’s development programs there.

“The dignity of the community has been restored,” Mr Dube, Caritas Hwange’s Diocesan Coordinator, said.

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“Listen to the regions to close the Indigenous education gap in remote schools” says ACU researcher

Improving the education standards of Indigenous school children in remote parts of Australia is “not a mystery” and can “start now”, according to an Australian Catholic University researcher.

Across Australia, school attendance rates are 82.3% for Indigenous students and 92.5% for non-Indigenous students, representing a gap of 10.2 percentage points (source: ACARA).

The education gap is most prominent in very remote areas where the attendance rate for Indigenous students drops to about 65% (source: closingthegap.pmc.gov.au/education).

Australian Catholic University (ACU) Institute for Positive Psychology and Education researcher Dr Anthony Dillon said it was time for the “top-down” “city-led” approaches to end.

Dr Dillon visited remote communities last year and said, “Everyone agrees that education is the key to progress. We don’t need more reports telling us this – we need action.”

He continued that educators and policy makers should immediately tap into the rich experience of community elders and leaders if we are to see greater school engagement in remote communities.

“An understanding of the uniqueness of the Indigenous culture in question is paramount in remote communities. School staff need to employ and work with locals to understand this local culture,” Dr Dillon said.

“The school principals and teachers also have an incredible depth of work knowledge. These educators need to

“In addition to any program for improving school attendance and engagement should be programs that empower and support the parents.”

be considered as experts and treated as such.”

Dr Dillon added that school attendance rates need to be addressed in a two-pronged approach by focusing on issues inside the school gate (such as hiring good teachers who are supported by mentors) and outside the school gate (including community cohesion and employment opportunities for parents).

“When considering how best to recruit and retain the best teachers, a lot of care needs to be taken. It isn’t enough to pay them big dollars. Consideration needs to be given to their social and emotional needs—the educators’ workplace is the students’ learning space. The educators need support and mentoring”.

“Teaching in a remote community can be incredibly rewarding, but it does also carry challenges”.

“This is why it’s important for new teachers to be well-supported, receive peer mentoring, and be given opportunities to learn about local culture”.



ACU researcher Dr Anthony Dillon

“In addition to any program for improving school attendance and engagement should be programs that empower and support the parents.”

He added that overly negative, catastrophic-style language about current Indigenous education standards was not helpful. Problems can be discussed but community strengths should be acknowledged.

Dr Dillon’s recommendations based on consultation with community leaders and educators include but are not limited to:

- Installing, developing and adhering to a yearly school calendar that includes cultural and sporting events without belittling the importance, demand and significance of education;
- A minimum work placement of three years for educators hired for remote schools so they become part of the community;

- School nurses employed to improve attendance rates (skin infections, for example, are a common problem in some remote Indigenous schools);
- Educators communicate with the students’ parents to keep them fully-informed;
- Educators participating in Indigenous community events to improve cultural understanding and relationships;
- Taking the children out of the classroom occasionally to ‘go bush’ for outdoors learning and cultural experiences;
- Equipping new teachers with basic bush survival training (first aid, four-wheel driving), as well as a detailed briefing on their new environment.



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by Fr Marco Killingsworth - St Patrick's Albury

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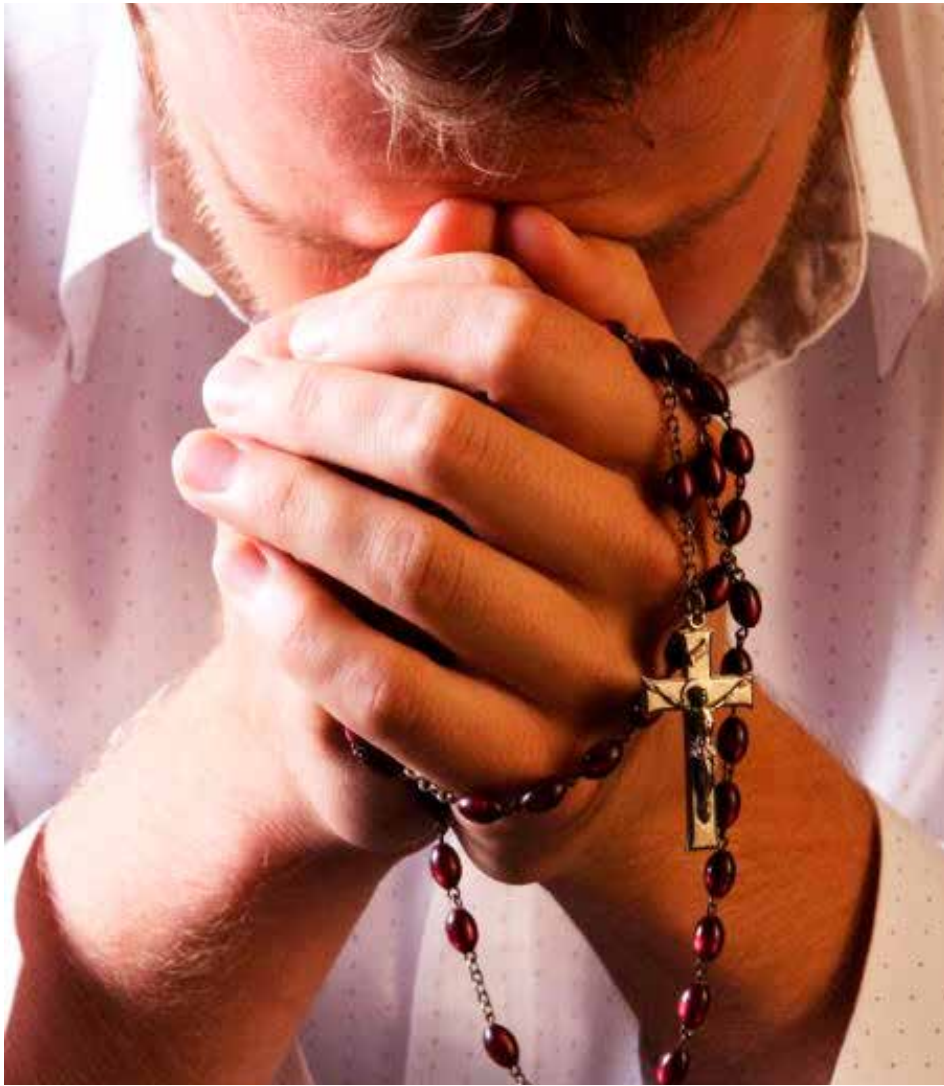
Thursday 12th September
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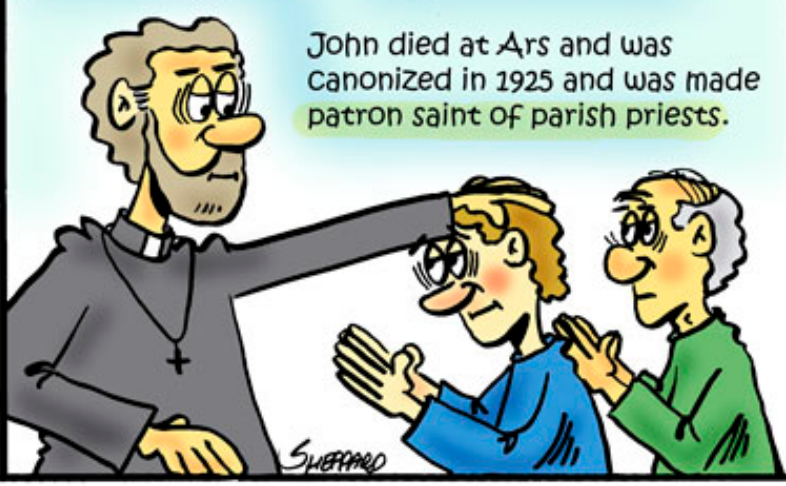
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by John Sheppard

St John Baptist Vianney was born in France in 1786. After being drafted into the Army, he deserted and returned home and entered the seminary in 1813.

He was assigned to Ecully and in 1818 he became Cure, as pastor of Ars. He worked 16 to 18 hours a day working in the confessional, administering the Sacrament of Penance, or Reconciliation.



John died at Ars and was canonized in 1925 and was made patron saint of parish priests.

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Saint John Vianney



Craft...

Father's Day: Ice block stick keys and coins box

This simple ice block stick craft is a great idea for Father's Day. Little kids will get a big sense of achievement from making Dad this box to keep his coins and keys in.



You'll need:

- approximately 50 coloured ice block sticks
- glue and paint



How to make:

- Paint the sticks and allow to dry or you can buy them already coloured.
- Start by laying 11 sticks, side by side.
- Put a row of glue across the top edge and stick another single ice block stick along the top edge of these to form a cross frame. Do this along the bottom as well.
- Now layer up the sides of the box the same way: placing a stick along each edge alternately to make a pattern.
- Keep going until you have about six or seven layers up.
- Perfect for keys and coins!

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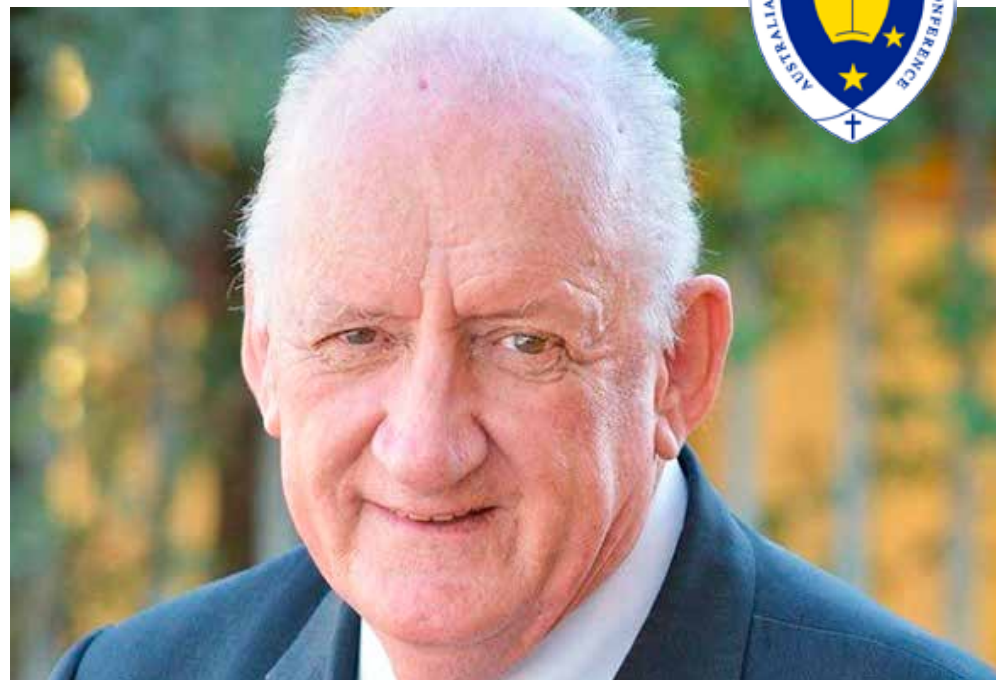
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Bishops pay tribute to Tim Fischer



Archbishop Mark Coleridge has paid tribute to former Ambassador to the Holy See Tim Fischer, who died today, saying he lived as a proud Catholic and a proud Australian.



Mr Fischer, who was educated by the Jesuits at Xavier College in Melbourne, had a long and distinguished career in the New South Wales and Australian Parliaments.

At the federal level, he served as leader of the National Party of Australia during the 1990s and Deputy Prime Minister and Trade Minister under John Howard between 1996 and 1999.

He had earlier served in the Australian Army during the Vietnam War.

Archbishop Coleridge, president of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, said Mr Fischer was a larger-than-life personality who throughout his career was genuinely dedicated to service.

"Tim was a man of many interests and

“Those of us who have known him will remember most his warmth, his humanity and his strong conviction to pursue what is right.”

with many talents, but those of us who have known him will remember most his warmth, his humanity and his strong conviction to pursue what is right,” he said.

In 2008, the Labor Government appointed Mr Fischer Australia's Ambassador to the Holy See. During his tenure from 2009-12, Australia's first saint, Mary of the Cross MacKillop, was

canonised.

In 2012, he was made a Knight Grand Cross in the Order of Pius IX, one of the Church's highest honours.

"Tim was very proud to be our man at the Vatican at the time and was a remarkable host and 'ambassador' for Church and country," Archbishop Coleridge said.

He noted that "Tim was renowned for

his love of trains and, even during his time representing Australia in Rome, he managed to reactivate the Vatican railway".

"He was loved by all who met him", the Archbishop said, "and we mourn his passing. But we also celebrate all that Tim gave to his family, his community, his Church and his country.

"May he rest in the peace of Christ."

Lay Franciscans in Albury

A group of enthusiastic Catholics in Albury-Wodonga have been discovering how each one of us can live the Franciscan spirit in our everyday lives. They are now on their journey to becoming lay Franciscans in the Secular Franciscan Order.



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The Franciscan Order is most often associated with friars, priests and nuns. When people hear of 'Franciscans' it is unlikely they think of people working in a construction site, teachers in schools, doctors, mums and dads with umpteen children. The truth is that the largest portion of the Franciscan family is actually made up by the laity.

“It is an order precisely for those who are married, single, those with professional careers, students, the retired, young and old, from eighteen years right up until 100 and beyond.”

The Church recognises that the spirituality of the saints is not just reserved for those who give up the 'world' and join monasteries as consecrated religious. The Church invites all people of faith to celebrate in the spirit of the saints and to live the charism of these remarkable people in our family lives, in the work place, and in all of secular society.

For almost 800 years now the Church has opened the door to everyday lay Catholics, allowing them to join an official Order of the Church and live the charism of St Francis of Assisi as

fully members of the Franciscan family, without giving up marriage, family life, careers and ambitions. It is known as the "Third Order", or "Secular Order." Today the Church recognises each one of these members as equally Franciscan as the friars and nuns – even though they are lay. The Secular Franciscan Order is recognised as the largest Order (religious or lay) in the Catholic Church today, with around 400,000 members world-wide. It is an order precisely for those who are married, single, those with professional careers, students, the retired, young and old, from eighteen years right up until 100 and beyond.

St Francis of Assisi himself founded the Secular Franciscan Order for lay members of the church who desired to follow Christ in his footsteps, however due to their marital vocations were not able to leave behind family life to join the first or second Franciscan orders (Friar Minors and Poor Clare nuns). In 1221 Francis wrote a Rule of Life for lay people to follow so as to live the Franciscan charism in the secular world.

Secular Franciscans today strive to live a life centered on Christ. By following in the footsteps of St Francis they seek to live the gospel life and the Franciscan charisms of simplicity, peace, respect for life, love of God's creation, humility, joy and fraternity.

The Secular Franciscan group in Albury meet on the first Saturday of the

month at 11am, next to the Adoration Chapel, Olive St. New members are most welcome.

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St Mary's Primary School, Yoogali



St Mary's Primary School's Kindergarten and Mrs Docherty created a beautiful Mary MacKillop liturgy on 8th August. Well done everyone.



St Brendan's Primary, Ganmain



St Brendan's Primary Year 5 students enjoyed their day experiencing life in secondary school at Mater Dei Catholic College.

All Saints Primary, Tumbarumba

The All Saints Primary chess team travelled to Wagga recently to compete against other primary school teams from around the region. There were over 150 children competing for the Championship trophy. All Saints took 4 teams of students on the day. By the end of the day Tumba A had fought to be equal first with Sturt A. In a tense playoff Tumba A won to finish as tournament champions. Tumba B were also very successful finishing a very respectable 5th! Well done to all who competed, all of your hard work paid off.

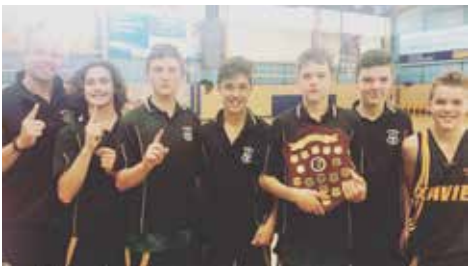


Xavier High School, Albury

Last week saw a number of students represent Xavier at the Diocesan Basketball Championships. Both their junior boys and girls teams walked away as winners on the day, as did the intermediate boys team while the intermediate girls narrowly placed second.



Congratulations to everyone, and the very best of luck to the teams as they head to Sydney for the NSWCCC Basketball later in the year.



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All schools enrolling now

St Joseph's Primary School, Culcairn

On July 4th St Joseph's Primary K/1/2 students enjoyed Story Time at the Culcairn Library.



St Joseph's School, Junee

St Joseph's Kindergarten and their Yr 6 buddies had lots of fun with their senses recently. They tasted, felt, saw, heard and smelt lots of different things. Some things were quite nice, others weren't so nice!



Mater Dei Catholic College, Wagga

Congratulations to all Mater Dei Music students who performed at the Wagga Eisteddfod recently.

The following accolades were achieved:

1st Place in the Vocal Duet Section

2nd Place in the Jazz

Ensemble Section

3rd Place in the Rock Band Section



St Mary's School, Corowa

St Mary's wishes good luck to Clodagh this week as she represents NSW in the School Sports Australia National Hockey Championship - 12 and Under Girls being played in Bendigo. Enjoy the experience.

St Mary's School created a beautiful celebration of St Mary MacKillop on 8th August.



St Patrick's School, Albury

St Patrick's School has some excited children who recently received their Kinder 2020 letters and t-shirts.



Supernova: Wagga Wagga's Mayoress' Charity Concert

On the 9th and 10th August, Wagga Wagga showcased a fantastic line-up of local talent for this years Supernova extravaganza for the Mayoress' Charity Concert.

by Karene Eggleton Editor

My family and I attended the Mayoress' Charity Concert, Supernova on Saturday evening and were absolutely in awe of the talent within our schools.

All schools across the Wagga Wagga region were united to bring together musical, vocal and dance performances for Mayoress Jenny Conkey's charity concert. Mrs Conkey regenerated the concept last year after a 14 year break.

"This is about our youth achieving good things in the

community. This is an opportunity to be entertained by some of the best young talent in the city whilst assisting a local project doing some outstanding charity work. "There are some brilliant young performers in our community and I saw this year's concert as an opportunity for them to take centre stage and show us their best. Opportunities to showcase their talents don't happen every day so I want the focus to be on them." Mrs Conkey said.

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Above: Mayoress, Jenny Conkey with students from Willans Hill.
Photo courtesy of Wagga Wagga City Council



Above: Combined schools practising their routine. Photo by Fi O'Shaughnessy.



Right: Students from Kildare Catholic College performing 'Run and Tell That'.
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Below left: Kildare Catholic College band performs 'Thriller' and 'Shut Up And Dance'.

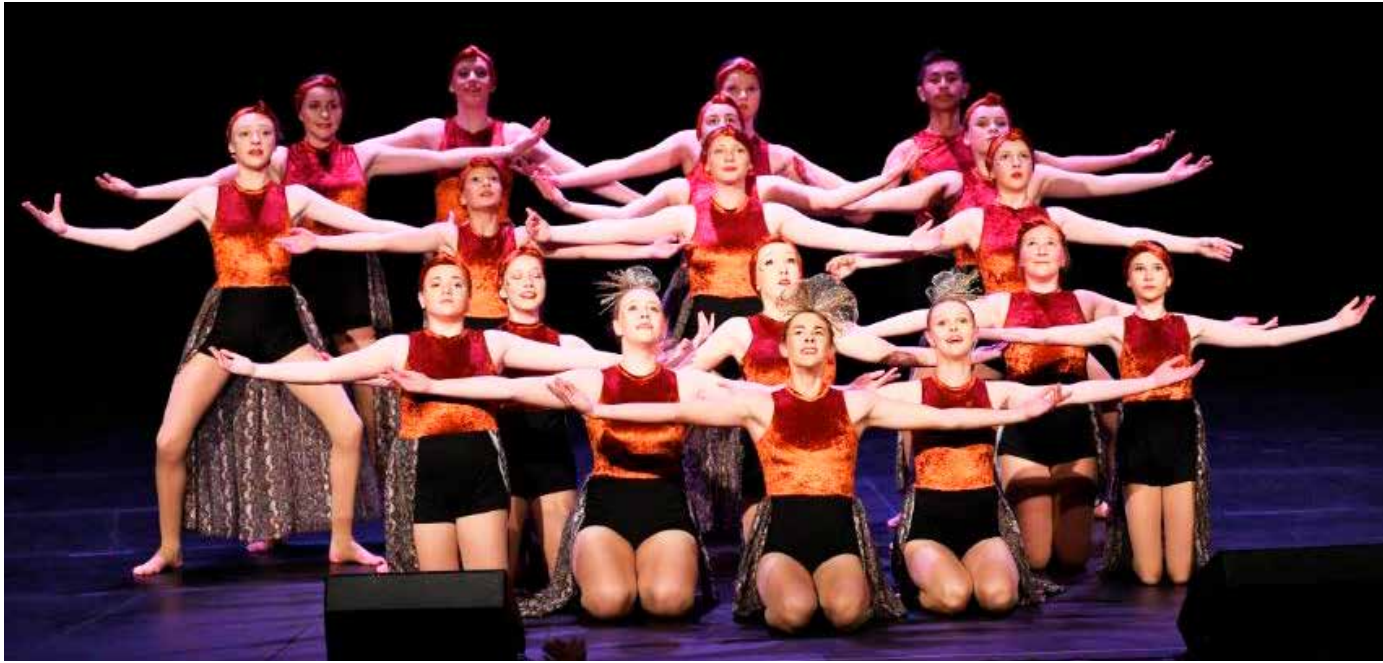
Below right: Mater Dei Catholic College vocalists waiting backstage.



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The concert was MC'd by Adam Drummond who provided many a comical moment. The schools that performed this year were: Kildare Catholic College, Koorinal High, Mater Dei Catholic College, Mount Austin High, Shepherds Park, The Riverina Anglican College, Wagga Christian College, Wagga High and Willans Hill School and Riverina Conservatorium of Music. It was wonderful to see Shepherd's Park School, located at the Juvenile Justice Centre, included. They provided the welcome to country and debuted their original song "My People" which had a powerful message that brought many in the audience to tears. The charity chosen to receive the proceeds of the concert was Carevan which provides nutritious meals to the needy and vulnerable in the Wagga community. They only began in February this year and have already served 2000 meals.

If you'd like to help or donate you can find them on Facebook at Carevan Wagga Inc. or on the web at www.carevanwagga.com



Top: Kildare Catholic College singers perform 'Shotgun'.

Above left: Adam Drummond hosted the night.

Above right: Wagga High School performing 'Rain Dance'.

Left: Students from Shepherd's Park perform 'My People'.

Bottom: Combined schools perform 'The Greatest Show'.



The Carevan Wagga Incorporated project seeks to address current community concerns about the level of homelessness, disadvantage and food insecurity in Australia, and especially in our community of Wagga Wagga. These problems have an on-going effect on the mental health and well-being of people, and the subsequent issues of social isolation, loneliness, depression and unfortunately, suicide. People, both individuals and in families, need to feel connected, valued and included, to be respected and given a sense of dignity and worth. Sharing a meal is a great way to do this.

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Seeing double to improve inclusivity in the classroom: new research

Well-intentioned people are failing to see the entire child and that child’s immense potential because they see the child’s disability first, according to an inclusive education researcher.

Dr Melissa Cain is an inclusive education researcher and lecturer at Australian Catholic University (ACU). She is also mother to a 12-year-old son with a rare genetic vision impairment.

Her son attends a mainstream high school which has taken positive and proactive measures to cater for his disability.

Remarkably, Cain’s research partner, Melissa Fanshawe, not only carries the name ‘Melissa’, she is also mother to a 12-year-old son, with the exact rare vision impairment.

Fanshawe, who is an inclusive education researcher and a maths lecturer at the University of Southern Queensland (USQ), said, “In my work with students with vision impairment, I have learnt that students are children first with their own talents, interests and passions. The vision impairment impacts the way they access things, not who they are.”

Vision impairment can be classified as damage or disease to the eye or visual system and is considered a disability when it cannot be corrected with the use of glasses or medication.

In Australia, it’s estimated there are around 3000 school-aged children with a vision impairment, and 300 have a severe vision impairment or blindness.

Although some children with vision impairment may have other disabilities and attend special education units, the majority of students with vision impairment attend mainstream schools throughout all geographical areas of Australia. Creating a culture of inclusive, safe, and supportive environments is not just best practice, it is now an ethical and legal requirement for all educational contexts in Australia.

Inspired to remove barriers, Cain and Fanshawe have quite literally doubled their efforts to research ways to improve the mainstream schooling experience for those students with a vision impairment.

It’s easy to imagine the boys’ disability could result in an over-protective parenting style but Cain and Fanshawe explain that developing the boys’ independence is key to a self-sufficient future.

“Parents of children with a vision impairment need to advocate for their children more than parents of sighted children but this approach is essential, particularly at the early childhood level. The parents’ advocacy builds confident

“The two researchers say that students with a vision impairment also find novel solutions to navigating the environment and are usually only hampered by others who place restrictions on them.”

children who are resilient and capable and they then learn to advocate for themselves,” Cain said.

The two experts agree that students with a vision impairment should be held to the same academic, social, and behavioural standards as students who are sighted. But they explain that vision impairment is a low-incidence disability which means many teachers are unaware of how to cater for these children’s needs.

Depending on their level of vision and their location within the classroom, students with vision impairments may find it difficult to see the whiteboard. Glare from the windows may impact their viewing of books, computers, or the whiteboard. Trip hazards may exist with chairs and bags that are in pathways and can’t be seen.

But for those with a vision impairment the future is actually looking very bright.

Due to technological advances on speech-text software, there are a range of software devices that are built-in to mainstream devices as well as specific tools to assist students with how to ‘read’ the documents on their screens.

The two researchers say that students with a vision impairment also find novel solutions to navigating the environment and are usually only hampered by others who place restrictions on them.

“With some assistance, children with a vision impairment can do everything that everybody else can,” Cain said. “However each student has individual needs, depending on their unique qualities and interests, and whether they were born blind or have acquired sight loss.”

Fanshawe concluded, “Ultimately we want parents to know that independence is the best skill you can give your child. It’s easy to want to do everything for them and have teachers provide everything, but for future employment



ACU's Dr Melissa Cain with her son Mikhail and USQ's Melissa Fanshawe with her son Oliver.

and interacting in the community, they need skills to access information through adaptive technology and play sport, travel independently and have social groups.”

“These skills take a lot of time, perseverance and some tears, but ultimately social and community participation and inclusion is the goal.”

Cain and Fanshawe have been researching the voices of students with vision impairment and their parents and teachers to see what works best in the classroom. The research is intended to

be used to assist teachers, preservice teachers and health professionals to embed evidence-based practice.

Students with a vision impairment, parents or teachers who would like to be involved in the research can email: melissa.cain@acu.edu.au



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If you are interested in being active in the pro-life apostolate and have hospitality experience then you may consider whether you are suited to volunteer work or if you are in the position to take on the responsibilities of management in the Esencia Cafe in Lavington.

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- Taking orders, cash and card handling
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- Cafe supplies - maintenance and ordering
- A desire to work within a pro-life team/apostolate - an understanding of abortion and related issues
- Merchandising of stock/sales of clothing, piety and books

Please feel free pass on this information to anyone you think may be interested in applying for the position.

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Mass times across our Diocese

Wagga Wagga - Cathedral

St Michael’s Cathedral
Church Street, Wagga Wagga
Monday - Friday 7:00am, 12:45pm
Weekend Masses
Saturday - 12:15pm
Saturday Vigil - 6:00pm
Sunday - 8:00am, 10:00am and 5:30pm
Confessions
Monday - Thursday 12:30pm - 12:40pm
Friday 12:00-12:40pm & 6:30pm-6:45pm
Saturday 11:00am-12:00noon & 4:30pm-5:30pm
Rosary times
Monday to Thursday 12:25pm and Saturday 11:55am (before Mass)
Carmelite Monastery
10 Morshead Street, Wagga Wagga
Monday - Friday - 7:30am
Saturday - 8:00am
Sunday - 9:30am
St Mary’s Chapel
Vianney College, 17 Durack Circuit
Sunday - 9:00am
Mt Erin Chapel
Kildare Catholic College
Edmondson Street, Wagga Wagga
Sunday - 10:00am (Extraordinary Form)

Wagga Wagga - Koorungal

Sacred Heart
Lake Albert Road, Koorungal
Weekend Masses
Saturday Vigil - 5:30pm
Sunday - 9:00am and 5:30pm
Children’s Liturgy during 9:00am Mass
Weekday Masses
Monday, Wednesday, Friday - 7:00am
Tuesday and Thursday - 5:45pm
Saturday - 9:30am
Confessions
Saturday - 10:00am - 10:30am

Wagga Wagga - South Wagga

Our Lady of Fatima
Bourke Street, Wagga Wagga
Weekend Masses
Saturday Vigil - 5:00pm
Sunday - 8:30am, 10:30am & 5:30pm (Syro-Malabar Rite)
St Patrick’s Uranquinty
Sunday - 8:30am
Weekday Masses - Our Lady of Fatima
Wednesday - 10:00am
Thursday - 11:00am (Ethel Forrest Centre)
Friday - 5:45pm
Anointing Mass
Marian Foyer, Henschke Hall
4th Tuesday of the month - 10:30am
Weekday Masses - Calvary Hospital
Monday-Friday - 8:00am (except public holidays)
Aged Care Facility Masses
Forrest Centre
Every Thursday - 11:00am
Nan Roberts Nursing Home
- The Haven
3rd Tuesday of the month - 10:30am
RSL Remembrance Village
2nd Tuesday of the month - 10:30am
Confessions
Saturday - 10:30-11:30am

Wagga Wagga - West Wagga

Holy Trinity Church
Bardia Street Ashmont
Monday-Saturday - 7:00am
Friday - 10:15am
Sunday - 9:00am and 5:30pm
Loreto Home of Compassion
Sunday - 10:30am
Monday - 5:45pm
Tuesday - 10:30am
Thursday - Eucharistic Adoration - 5:15pm
Thursday - 5:45pm
Our Lady of the Blessed Eucharist Church
Benedict Avenue San Isidore
Vigil Saturday - 6:00pm
Wednesday - Eucharistic Adoration - 5:15pm
Wednesday - 5:45pm

St Michael’s Church
Linton Street Collingullie
2nd Sunday - 9:30am (Christmas Day & Easter Sunday)
Confessions
Sacrament of Penance
Saturdays - 11:00am-12:00noon
Prior to weekend Masses or by request

Albury

St Patrick’s
515 Smollett St, Albury
Weekend Mass Times
Saturday - 9:30am
Vigil (Saturday) - 5:00pm
Sunday - 8:00am, 10:00am, and 5:30pm
Latin Mass - Sunday 12 noon
Weekday Mass Times
Monday to Friday - 7:00am
Tuesday & Thursday - 9:30am
Latin Mass Mondays - 7pm in the Adoration Chapel
First Friday - 5:30pm
Rosary before Mass
Saturday - 9.10am and 4.30pm
Sunday - 7.40am and 9.40am

Albury - North Albury

Sacred Heart Mate Street, North Albury
Saturday Vigil - 6.00 pm
Sunday - 9.30 am
Weekday Masses
Tuesday to Friday 9.30am or as printed in weekly newsletter
First Tuesday of month – Mercy Place 11.00am – Includes sacrament of anointing
Confessions
Saturday - 5.15 - 5.45 pm

Albury - Lavington

Holy Spirit
Saturday Vigil - 6.00pm
Sunday - 8.00am, 10.00am
St Mary’s Jindera - 9.00am
Weekday Masses
Monday - Friday - 7.00am
Saturday - 9.15am
Confessions
Saturday - 8.15am, 5.00pm
St Mary’s Jindera - Sunday 8.30am

Albury - Thurgoona

Immaculate Heart of Mary
Weekend Masses
Saturday - 8.00am
Saturday Vigil - 6.00pm
Sunday - 9.30am, 5.30pm
Weekday Masses
Monday - 8.00am
Tuesday - 7.00am (10.00am only on 2nd Tuesday of the month)
Wednesday - 7.00am
Thursday - 7.00pm (Mass Novena and Benediction)
Friday - 8.00am
Confessions
Prior to Masses
Saturday after 8.00am Mass, 5.30-6.00pm
Sunday - 5.00-5.30pm
Thursday - 7.00pm following Novena
Mass of the Immaculate Heart of Mary
Also by appointment

Berrigan

St Columba’s
4 Corcoran Street, Berrigan
1st, 3rd, 5th Sunday - 6:00pm
Saturday Vigil
2nd, 4th Sunday - 10:30am
Savernake
1st Sunday - 5:00pm
Weekday Masses are announced in the Sunday bulletin
Confessions before Saturday Vigil Masses

Coolamon

St Michael’s
Sunday - 9.00am
Confessions
Saturday - 4.45 - 5.15pm
Masses
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday - 7.30am

Thursday - 10.15am
Saturday - 9.00am
Marrar
Saturday Vigil - 6.00pm
Confessions
1st Saturday - 5.30pm
Allawah Village
First Thursday of each month.
Mass at 9.15am

Corowa

St Mary’s Star of the Sea
Saturday Vigil - 6:00pm
Sunday - 9:00am
Weekday Masses
Refer to Parish Bulletin available in the Church or on the parish website
Confessions/ Reconciliation
Saturday - 11:00am-12:00, 5:30-6:00pm
St Pius X, Coreen,
Urana Road.
1st, 3rd Sunday - 10:45am Mass

Culcairn

St Patrick’s Culcairn
1st, 4th Sunday - 8:00am
2nd, 3rd Sunday - 10:00am
5th Sunday - Vigil Mass 6:30pm (Saturday)
Henty
2nd, 4th Saturday Vigil - 6:30pm
1st Sunday - 10:00am
3rd, 5th Sunday - 8:00am
Walla Walla
1st & 4th Sunday - 6:00pm (Sunday)
Weekday Masses
Vary according to needs and are announced in the Sunday bulletin
Confessions
Before each weekend Mass

Darlington Point

Oliver Plunkett
Hay Road, Darlington Point
1st, 3rd, 5th Sunday - 8.30am
2nd, 4th Sunday - 6:00pm (Saturday Vigil)
Weekday Masses
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday - 8.30am - Darlington Point
St Peter’s
Cnr of Currawong Crescent and Kingfisher Avenue, Coleambally
1st, 3rd, 5th Sunday - 10.30am
2nd, 4th Sunday - 8.00am
Weekday Masses
Thursday - 8.00am Coleambally
Holy Hour - Friday 5.00pm - 6.00pm at Darlington Point
Confessions
15 minutes before 10.00 am Mass on Sunday or by request

Finley

St Mary’s
1 Denison Street Finley
Sunday - 10.15am
Weekday Masses
Are announced in the Sunday bulletin
Confessions
Saturday - 10.30 - 11.00am

Ganmain

St. Brendan’s Ganmain
Weekend Mass Times
6:00pm (Saturday Vigil); 10:00am
Weekday Masses
Monday to Friday:
December-February 7:30am (Tues., Thurs.) & 5:30pm (Mon., Wed., Fri.)
March-November 5:30pm
Sat.: 8:00am (usually in the convent except 1st Sat. in the church).
Confessions
30 min. before every Mass each day & 5:00pm-6:00pm Sat.
St. Patrick’s Matong
Sunday - 8:00am
Confessions 30 min before Sunday Mass

Griffith

Sacred Heart
Warrambool Street, Griffith
Saturday Vigil - 6.00pm
Saturday - 8.00am
Sunday - 7.30am, 9.00am, (Italian), 10.30am, 6.00pm

Weekday Masses
Monday - Friday - 7.00am, 5.30pm
Confessions
Friday - 4.30pm to 5.30pm
Saturday - 11.30am to 12.30pm
Marian Catholic College Chapel
185 Wakaden Street Griffith
Sunday - 9.00am

Holbrook

Our Lady of Sorrows
125 Albury Street, Holbrook
1st & 3rd Sunday - Saturday Vigil 6.30pm
2nd Sunday - 8.00 am
4th & 5th Sunday - 10.00am
Weekday Masses
Phone parish for details
Confessions
Before Mass on weekends
St Francis De Sales Church of the Pioneers
Hume Highway, Bowna
2nd Sunday - 11:30am

Howlong

St Brigid’s
Hovell St, Howlong
Church of the Good Shepherd
Queen Street, Walbundrie
Weekend Mass Times
Howlong
Saturday Vigil - 6:00pm
Walbundrie
Sunday - 9:00am
Masses
Howlong
1st & 3rd Tuesdays - Oolong Nursing Home 10:00 am
Saturday 9.00 am - Howlong
For other Masses during the week, see the parish website.
Reconciliation
Howlong
Saturdays 9:30am (after 9:00am Mass) 5:30pm - 5:55pm
Walbundrie
Sundays 8:30am - 8:55am

Jerilderie

St Joseph’s
Coreen Street, Jerilderie
1st, 3rd, 5th Saturday Vigil - 6:00pm
2nd, 4th Sunday - 10:30am
Weekday Masses
Are announced in the Sunday bulletin

Junee

St Joseph’s
21 Kitchener Street, Junee
Saturday Vigil - 6:00pm
Sunday - 9:30am
Weekday Masses
Monday - 9:00am
Tuesday - 7:00am
Wednesday - 9:00am
Thursday - 7:00am
Friday - 9:00am
Confessions
Saturday - 10:30-11:00am; 6:00-6:15pm or by appointment
Illabo and Junee Reefs
Alternate Sundays - 8:00am

Khancoban

Church of St Joseph the Worker
Sunday - 9.00 am
Weekday Masses
9.00 am
Confessions
Prior to Sunday Mass

Leeton

St Joseph’s Leeton
Wade Avenue, Leeton
Saturday Vigil - 6:00pm
Sunday - 10:00am (First Sunday of the month is Italian)
St Patrick’s Yanco
Sunday - 8:00am
Tuesday - 9:00am
Weekday Masses in Leeton
Monday - 9:00am
Tuesday (Yanco) - 9:00am
Wednesday - 9:00am

Thursday - 9:30am (Assumption Villa)
Friday - 9:15am and 5:30pm
Sacrament of Penance
Friday - 4:45-5:15pm
Saturday - 5:30-5:50pm
Eucharistic Adoration
St Joseph’s Church Leeton
Friday - 4:30pm

Lockhart

St Mary’s Church
55 Ferrier St, Lockhart
Weekend Masses
1st, 3rd & 5th Saturday (Vigil) - 6:00pm
2nd & 4th Sunday - 8:00am
Weekday Masses
Tuesday - 9:00am & Friday - 10:00am
Confessions Up to 5 mins before Mass.
Urangeline St Terence’s Church
Currently no Masses.

Mulwala

St Brigid’s
Havelock Street, Mulwala
Weekend Masses
1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday - 8:00am
2nd, 4th Sunday - 6:00pm
Saturday Vigil
Weekday Masses
Refer to parish notices
St Joseph’s
Barooga
Weekend Masses
1st, 3rd, 5th Sunday - 10:00am
2nd, 4th Sunday - 8:30am
Weekday Masses Refer to parish notices
Confessions Before weekend Masses

Narrandera

Narrandera
St Mel’s Church, Audley Street
Saturday Vigil - 6.00pm
Sunday - 9:30am
Weekday Masses
Tuesday - 5:30pm
Wednesday, Thursday - 7:30am
Friday - 5:30pm
(subject to changes announced in the Sunday bulletin)
Confessions
Friday - 4:30-5:20pm; Saturday - 9.30-10:00am and 5:00-5:45 pm
Grong Grong
1st, 3rd, 5th Sunday - 8.00am
Galore
St Kevin’s Church
2nd & 4th Sunday - 8:00am

Tarcutta

St Francis Xavier
Sydney Street, Tarcutta
Sunday - 8:30am
Ladysmith
Saturday Vigil - 6:00pm
Confessions
Before all Masses

The Rock

St Mary’s
102 Urana Street The Rock
Weekend Masses
Sunday - 8:00am (Extraordinary Form)
Sunday - 10:00am
Weekday Masses
Monday - 7:00am
Tuesday - 6:00pm
Wednesday - 7:00am (Extraordinary Form)
Thursday - 7:00am
Confessions
Up to 5 minutes before Mass.

Tocumwal

St Peter’s
Charlotte Street, Tocumwal
Saturday Vigil - 5.30pm
Sunday - 8.30am
Weekday Masses
Thursday - 9.30am
Confessions
Half an hour before weekend Masses

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Tumbarumba

All Saints'
40 Murray Street, Tumbarumba
Saturday 9.15am
Saturday Vigil - 6.00pm
Sunday - 9.00am
Weekday Masses
Monday - Friday - 5.30pm
Confessions
Friday 4.30pm - 5.15pm
Saturday - 8.00am - 9.00am
And 30 mins before weekend Holy Masses
Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Tooma
4th Sunday - 7.30am
Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday - 4.30pm & Saturday - 8.00am

Urana

St Fiacre's Church
5 End St, Urana
Weekend Masses
1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday - 8:00am
2nd & 4th Saturday (Vigil) - 6:00pm
Weekday Masses
Thursday - 12:30pm
Confessions Up to 5 mins before Mass.
Oaklands
1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday - 10:00am

Yenda - Yoogali - Hanwood

Our Lady of the Rosary of Pompeii
17 Edon Street, Yoogali
Sunday - 9:30am
St Anthony's - Hanwood
Saturday Vigil - 5.00pm
Sunday - 8.00am
St Therese's - Yenda
Saturday Vigil - 6:30pm
Weekday Masses
Tuesday - 5:30pm - Yoogali
Wednesday - 8.00am - Hanwood
Thursday - 5.00pm - Yenda
Friday - 9:30am - Yoogali
Confessions
Yenda - Thursday, before Mass
Yoogali - Sunday, before Mass
Hanwood - Saturday - 4:30pm
Or by arrangement with the priest.

Please note that Mass times were true and correct at the time of printing. For further clarification, please check parish bulletins and noticeboards closer to the date.



Please pray for those priests whose anniversary of death occurs in August:

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| 1 August 1995 | Mgr Michael Francis Lane |
| 2 August 1975 | Fr Norman Duck |
| 4 August 2012 | Fr Patrick O'Connell |
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| 9 August 2013 | Fr Fabian Duggan |
| 10 August 1972 | Fr Thomas Francis Shanley |
| 21 August 1909 | Fr Daniel Leahy |
| 22 August 1970 | Mgr Owen Clarke |
| 22 August 2014 | Mgr William Fulton |
| 27 August 1935 | Fr John J Curley CSsR |
| 29 August 2012 | Fr Francis Clune |
| 30 August 1974 | Fr Sylvester Ambrose Bongiorno |
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| 31 August 2013 | Most Rev William Brennan |

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Family reflections for: August

4th August - Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Family life helps us learn about the values of solidarity and the common good. As a family, we strive to respect the rights of each family member and make decisions that promote the common good of the family. Talk about what it would be like if the family ordered a pizza and then divided it unevenly, with some members getting as many pieces as they wanted while others got only a half slice. Talk about how you work to make sure that everyone in the family has his or her fair share. Talk about how your family is also a member of the human family, called to share the goods of creation fairly and justly. Explain that in this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus challenges us to remember that the goods of the world are intended to be shared by all. Read aloud Luke 12:13-21. Talk about the parable of the rich fool and ask family members to describe what they think he did wrong. Emphasize that although the man in the story doesn't seem bad, Jesus points out that this man's flaw was that he was thinking only about himself and his own comfort and security. Emphasize that when we fail to think about the needs of others, we call that a sin of omission.

Remind your children that each time we go to Mass, we ask forgiveness for what we have done and for what we have failed to do. We call this prayer the Confiteor. End this time together by praying the Confiteor ("I confess to almighty God...").

*Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23 Psalm 95:1-2,6-9
Colossians 3:1-5,9-11 Luke 12:13-21*

11th August - Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Years ago, most families had only one or two clocks in their home. Today, we have clocks everywhere—on our walls, on our microwave ovens, on our DVD players, on our cell phones, and so on. As a family, go through the house and count how many clocks (time-telling devices) your family has. Talk about important events for which family members need to be on time. Recall experiences of being late for something, either as individuals or as a family. Explain that in this Sunday's Gospel,

Jesus talks about how important it is for us to be aware and alert, otherwise, we will miss something. Read aloud Luke 12:32-48. Talk about the parable that Jesus told and discuss how the master will feel if he arrives to find his servant doing his job. Discuss what our job is as disciples of Jesus. Explain that, just as we need to be aware of the time so that we don't miss anything important, we also need to be alert and focused on our jobs, our responsibilities as followers of Jesus. Encourage each family member to place a sacred symbol near the clock that they use most in the house and to use the symbol and the clock as a reminder that it is always "time" for us to be acting like disciples of Christ.

*Wisdom 18:6-9 Psalm 33:1,12,18-22
Hebrews 11:1-2,8-19 Luke 12:32-48*

18th August - Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Families strive for unity and togetherness. Nobody enjoys occasions when divisions in family life become all too evident. Yet, in this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus says that he has come to bring division and that members of households will be divided. Talk as a family about the things that you do together to bring about family unity (togetherness), such as sharing meals, going to church together, celebrating special occasions, or sharing family traditions. Explain that all of these things are important and that Jesus wants families to show this kind of love for one another. Point out that this Sunday's Gospel sounds as though Jesus is saying something very different. Tell your children to listen closely as you read aloud Luke 12:49-53.

Explain that sometimes as parents, you have to make decisions that are unpopular with your children. You don't do it to divide the family but because it is the right thing to do. In the short run, such decisions may "divide" children from their parents. In the long run, however, doing the right thing will bring about a deeper unity. Talk to your children about decisions that they have to make that might be unpopular with

their friends and how these decisions may divide them from others. Encourage them to pray to the Holy Spirit for the gift of courage (fortitude) so that they may do the right thing even if unpopular. Conclude by praying a spontaneous prayer to the Holy Spirit, asking for the gift of courage (fortitude).

*Jeremiah 38:4-6,8-10 Psalm 40:2-4,18
Hebrews 12:1-4 Luke 12:49-53*

25th August - Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
Families take advantage of certain days throughout the year to celebrate individuals in the family and to make sure that they know that they are not taken for granted. As a family, recall all of the days that someone in the family was celebrated in the past year - birthdays, Mother's Day, Father's Day, anniversaries, graduations, and so on. Next, challenge each individual to recall what gifts were received on the day(s) on which he or she was celebrated.

Emphasize that these days are intended to express appreciation in a special way but are not meant to replace the appreciation that we should always show. Point out how, at times, families can take one another for granted. Explain that in this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells a story about some people who took something for granted and paid a price. Read aloud Luke 13:22-30. Explain that, in this story, some people took it for granted that they could enter the house whenever they wanted, but the master locked the gate and would not let them in after hours. Point out that Jesus was warning his listeners not to assume that they will have eternal life in heaven and not to take this invitation for granted.

As a family, commit to showing appreciation for one another in the days ahead, striving to not take for granted any of the many things that family members do in their roles as parents and children.

*Isaiah 66:18-21 Psalm 117:1-2
Hebrews 12:5-7,11-13 Luke 13:22-30*



St Vincent de Paul Society *good works* Vinnies Community Sleepout



There are more than 116,000 Australians experiencing homelessness. Alarming, approximately 60,000 of these are under the age of 35, and more than 17,000 children under the age of 12 don't have a stable place to call home.



The face of homelessness in Australia has changed. Across New South Wales, the high cost of living, stagnant wages and unsteady jobs can push anyone into crisis. Many families living on the edge are only a few pay packets away from homelessness, and the majority of people experiencing homelessness are in the prime of their lives. Your support is vital in helping us provide essential care and programs to those in our community who need it the

most. Register or sponsor a participant to help us change lives. **Why we need your support** The human reality of homelessness is told through the personal stories of the many people the St Vincent de Paul Society assists every day. Every night there are in excess of three hundred and fifty people across the Riverina who are experiencing homelessness with many of them being the youth of our community.

Young people experiencing homelessness find it more difficult to maintain support, connect with their community and participate in education, training and employment. Our youth who experience homelessness are at increased risk of experiencing ongoing homelessness as adults. It is critical that we provide people experiencing homelessness and those at risk of homelessness with the support to rebuild their

lives and reconnect with the community. It is also more important than ever that we prevent homelessness from occurring in the first place. **How can you help** You can help us reach our goal of seeing 100 sleepers raise \$100,000. Register today as a team or individual and start fundraising. The funds raised will help realise a new youth initiative program. This project aims to support young people who are experiencing homelessness

who have the desire to connect with education, employment and training, through personal development, skill development and work related activities. Participants will be assisted in activities to boost their confidence and motivation to more proactively seek to obtain competencies to advance training or employment opportunities and engage work related activities including work tasters.

Please consider participating or making a donation to the Vinnies Community Sleepout

Event details:

Where: Charles Sturt University, Wagga
Wagga Main Campus
When: Friday, 30 August 2019
Contact: Jacqui, Maree or Renee
Phone: 69 231 904
Email: svdpwagga@vinnies.org.au
Bring: Sleeping bag, pillow, a water bottle, wear warm clothing, and a blanket if you feel the cold!

